



Behind the 8 Ball

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A Word from the Cadet Commander

Hello and welcome again to the 2012 National Blue Beret, the only Civil Air Patrol national cadet special activity that operates under an active Air Force mission. You are here because you have proven yourself in your wing. Now that you are here at beret, you now have the unique opportunity to demonstrate your talents and abilities in front of hundreds of thousands of aviation professionals and air show attendees. Over the next few days some of the best emergency services instructors that the Civil Air Patrol has to offer will teach you some of the most advanced and proven emergency services techniques. It is essential that



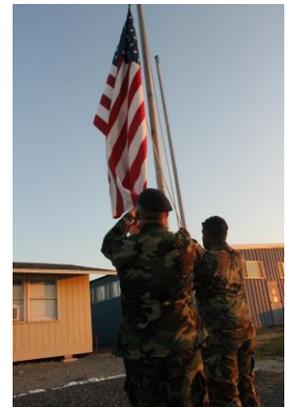
you pay careful attention to their instruction and be sure to ask questions if you need clarification on any of the presented material. Beginning this Friday, you will be assigned a tasking that will allow you to perform and exhibit the skills we have been teaching you from the minute you arrived. I see potential in each and every one of you. Now is the time to step up to the challenge and demonstrate your potential to us and the people we serve.

C/Lt Col Isaac Marble
NBB Cadet Commander



Color Guard Practice

Sound Reveille! Each sunrise and sunset cadets at NBB are given the task of raising and lowering our nation's colors. Cadets are selected from a different flight each day to form a Color Guard so that every flight has an opportunity to be involved. It is the Color Guard's duty to ensure their twice-daily undertaking is done professionally and efficiently. Cadets repeat the process of not only raising and lowering the flag, but also folding it many times, until it has been perfected. The flag should always be treated with the utmost respect and greatest of care. How each Color Guard executes this great responsibility is a reflection of their pride in our country and their respect for that symbol. We are all professionals and hold the flag in high esteem. Berets know it should always be handled with the greatest reverence and dignity. Sound Retreat!



1st Lt Alex Lewallen, Senior PAO





CQ (Charge of Quarters)

We have all done it and, if not, your time will come. CQ may not be one of the most enjoyable experiences at Beret, but it is one of the most important. No, I'm not talking about the latrine; I'm talking about verifying everyone coming through the gate is authorized to be on compound. CQ regulates traffic and visitors, just like a military base, we can't let anyone wander around the compound. There will be hundreds of thousands of people making their way around the air show, and some of them will be curious about what is happening on compound. It is your duty to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our personnel and assets. We are also on an assigned USAF

mission so we must maintain OPSEC (Operational Security). It is also your responsibility to be sure that anyone who isn't supposed to be here stays out of the facility. Another one of your jobs is to keep track of all the vehicles and flights arriving on and leaving compound. Knowing where everyone is at all times is crucial to mission success and it all rests on your shoulders! In order to ensure you have a safe and more enjoyable experience just follow these four simple steps:

- 1) Mosquitoes are plentiful, especially at night. Be sure to carry bug spray on you for the duration of your shift.
- 2) Be sure to take all of your gear with you. Rain storms tend to appear out of nowhere; running out to get gear is not fun when the rain is coming down in sheets.
- 3) Make use of your Alpha; working as a team is the key to a successful guard shift.
- 4) Make sure you follow the procedures to the letter; skipping steps can lead to problems with mission success.

1st Lt Alex Lewallen
Senior PAO

Basler FBO ... Fill-it Up!

National Blue Beret cadets experienced an exclusive tour of Basler FBO (Fixed Base Operator). FBOs operate on airports and provide services such as refueling, tie downs, aircraft rentals, etc. The staff at Basler gladly showed the cadets their refueling equipment and the differences in Jet Fuel and Avgas. They were also briefed on what to do if they see a safety violation during a refueling. Cadets got an even bigger treat when a World War II C-47 belonging to the Yankee Air Force arrived at Basler. The pilot was more than happy to allow the cadets to go into the cockpit for a quick tour of the aircraft. Basler FBO is



a necessary component to AirVenture and cadets were given a great opportunity to get a glimpse into their side of operations.

C/1st Lt Lauren Smith,
Cadet PAO



DFAC Staff

Beret is a two week long, strenuous activity and the DFAC staff is here to help you fuel up and keep you in peak shape. 0530 is early for cadets to wake up, but the DFAC staff has already been in the kitchen for an hour or more. They spend all day working in the kitchen to make sure you get the nutrients you need to carry out your daily assignments.



Lt. Christina Varner said, "It's a wonderful opportunity to work with the cadets here because these are the best cadets from wings all over the nation." Seeing the respect we get from the cadets, there is no question about returning that respect tenfold." Be sure to say thank you to the wonderful DFAC staff that provides the nourishment that keeps you going.



1st Lt. Alex Lewallen
Assistant PAO

Transportation

Transportation is one of the most important things here at NBB. The activity would most likely not be able to function, and the



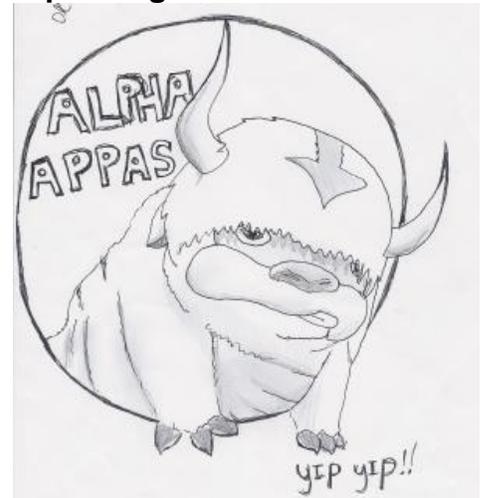
mission would be nearly impossible to accomplish if the driving staff was not around to assist. From driving cadets to and from the airport at early morning hours and late nights, delivering cadets out onto the flight line, and even fueling and repairing vans; the job of transportation officer is very critical to the safe and efficient operations that NBB must accomplish. But the drivers need your help to make their job easier; Col. Franz states "Stay seated, and listen to instructions." This allows the drivers to safely and quickly transport cadets. So the next time you ride in a van, or are driven anywhere during the activity, please use your customs and courtesies as always, and thank the driver for volunteering their time to this amazing activity, and making it a much more effective operation.



C/Maj Ehren Rauch
Chief Cadet PAO

Featured Flights:

Alpha Flight



TAC: 1st Lt Michael Reed

Alpha Flight Commander:
C/1st Dillan Binner

Alpha Flight Leader:
C/Capt Villa

Hotel Flight:



TAC: 1st Lt D. Crockett

Hotel Flight Commander:
C/2d Lt M. Rogovin

Hotel Flight Commander:
C/Capt J. Stanley



Aerospace: L-39 Albatross

At National Blue Beret there are many opportunities to see rare aircraft. The L-39 Albatross in the light blue and red color scheme displayed at Warbirds alley is no exception. The aircraft paint scheme is modeled after a famous L-39 Albatross that used to fly with the Biele Albatrosy Demonstration Team in the Czech Republic. The team was disbanded in 2004 but its legacy lives on. Cadets got the chance to talk to the friendly and knowledgeable crew chiefs of the L-39 and while cadets were talking a quiet and inconspicuous man walked up and said “I was the crew chief on the original aircraft back in what was known as the Soviet Union.” Both the cadets and crew chiefs were shocked but later excited to talk to someone who actually worked with the legendary aircraft. The overall experience was very cheerful, everyone had a good time, and much was learned from both crew chiefs. Go down to the Warbirds area and see the various aircraft that are being displayed and realize each aircraft has a unique history and has its own personal story.

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