



Behind the 8 Ball



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Tuskegee Airman Visits NBB

The Tuskegee Airmen are heroes of World War II that fought on two fronts; the axis powers abroad, and racism at home. Through hard work, many trials and determination, they secured their mark in history. National Blue Beret was honored to host Col. Boyd, a Tuskegee Airman and former Civil Air Patrol Kansas Wing Commander, who came to share his experience with aspiring cadets.



Col. Boyd had a simple but profound message, "Do your best. No matter what you are doing, no matter how simple, do your best." He is also very humble; when a cadet asked what his favorite plane is, he jokingly replied "the last one I got out of." The jovial Tuskegee Airman was completely at ease with the cadets and answered all of their questions. Col. Boyd overcame numerous challenges in order to succeed and become a Tuskegee Airman. The belief at the time was that African-

Americans were physically and mentally incapable of becoming pilots, Col. Boyd overcame that mentality and proved the country wrong; African- Americans can be pilots with the ability to perform exceptionally in combat. Col. Boyd is an American hero who overcame the odds to achieve great things. No matter what endeavor you decide to embark on you can do it despite any obstacles; do your best and you will succeed.



C/1st Lt Lauren Smith
Cadet PAO

Four Kansas Wing Commanders

A rare opportunity presented itself today when four Colonels from KSWG were present for NBB: From left to right Col. Rick Franz, Col. Burgess Rennels, Col. Terry Boyd, and Col. Tim Hansen. Each of these leaders has left an indelible mark on the Kansas Wing and their legacy will be felt by future generations.



Tuskegee Airmen

Walking through the crowd C/Maj Ehren Rauch and 1st Lt Alex Lewallen heard someone calling them over. They were overjoyed to see that it was one of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was sitting at a booth located in Hangar D and shared several stories about his experience. Be ready because you never know when an opportunity like this will knock!



Radio Operations

"Attention all stations, attention all stations, stand by for traffic...." Whether you are on a golf cart, walking, or



at north or south tower, when you hear that on the radio, your alert is elevated. Important information will follow. It takes training to effectively run a radio in any situation, and running communication at NBB is definitely a challenging operation. Communications is about accountability and coordination between all the stations so the entire activity runs smoothly. NBB communications is quite complex and extensive as it operates on several different bands; UHF, VHF, HF and iCom radios. Working the Base Operations Communications station in ES can be fun and stressful in many ways, but is always a great learning experience for every cadet.

**-1st Lt Alex Lewallen
Senior PAO**

You Have The Power To Stop Bullying

According to recent studies, peers can stop bullying in 10 seconds or less. A true Beret would never tolerate a bully and would have the courage to speak up when they see it happening. Bullying is a serious offense that is not taken lightly and is often considered a form of hazing. It destroys morale, steps on self-esteem, and can tear a team apart. At Beret positions are chosen based on someone’s character and demeanor; not the rank on their uniform. A Beret is a professional at all times, even when they are facing a challenging obstacle. Missions are stressful and how you react to that stress says a lot about who you really are inside. There will always be tasks that no one likes to do and decisions that you may not like. But a Beret has the confidence to pull the team together in a positive way to accomplish the mission and put a stop to anything that undermines the cadre. A Beret takes inventory of the diverse talents that each member brings to the team. A Beret does not need a title or position in the flight because they can lead from anywhere. Bullying is against everything that is in the Beret Creed. If you come across someone being bullied or you being bullied yourself, stay vigilant and speak up.



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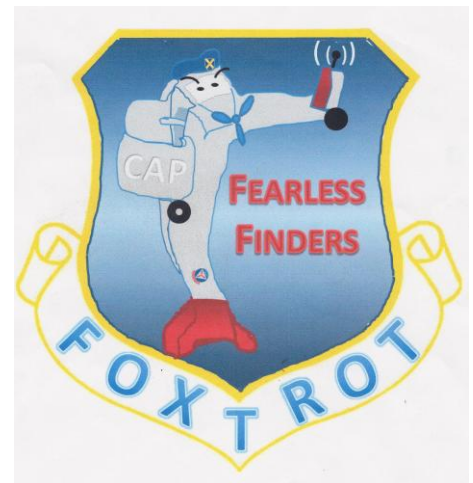


Featured Flight:

TAC:
2nd Lt Lisa Collum

Flight Commander:
C/2nd Lt E. Berg

Flight Leader:
C/CMsgt A. Teel



Tower Watch

Civil Air Patrol has MANY different missions at Airventure. One of the jobs cadets are tasked with during their shift on emergency services is manning the North and South towers on the field. At these posts, two or three cadets are assigned to watch landing aircraft through a pair of binoculars and record the tail numbers on a clip board. CAP is tasked with this each year at Airventure because it is very difficult for the EAA and FAA to count and record each and every one of the over 10,000 aircraft that land during this massive event. The list is also helpful because if a pilot fails to close his flight plan with the FAA when they land, the list can be checked to confirm that the aircraft did indeed land safely. This is an important mission and cadets should be vigilant at all times while on this station.



Featured Flight: Kilo



Flight Commander: C/2nd Lt. J. Reiss

Flight Leader: C/CMSgt A. Gunner

TAC Officer: Capt. Kyle Vernon

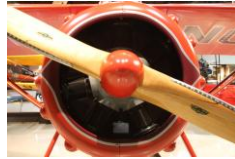


C/Maj Ehren Rauch
Chief Cadet PAO



EAA Museum

Take a step through time at the EAA museum. National Blue Beret annually visits the fascinating Experimental Aircraft Association Aviation Museum which features timeless aircraft varying from a Wright Brothers Army Flyer to the Virgin Galactic Spacecraft.



Cadets have the opportunity to get an insight into the advances in general aviation that has led to numerous breakthroughs. The motion simulator is always a big hit with the cadets and they come out of the simulator with a large smile on their face. The F-22 Raptor mockup inside the museum is another huge favorite with cadets. Cadet First Lieutenant Salvato got the chance to get up close and personal with his favorite airplane, the F-4U Corsair, "I like the EAA Museum because it shows where we've come from and where we have tried to go. Plus my favorite plane is here, so this place is awesome." The EAA Museum is a window into the past, and cadets love to mingle with all the aircraft. The museum is a great place to have a good time, get an exclusive glimpse into aviation, and learn about all kinds of aircraft.

**C/1st Lt Lauren Smith,
Cadet PAO**

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Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a non-profit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.