



Behind the 8 Ball

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Canadian Air Cadets Visit NBB Compound

Most CAP cadets think we are the only Air Force cadet program out there, but surprisingly we are not. Our neighbors to the north, Canada have their version as well. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets are very similar to our program in most aspects. They have powered and glider flight programs, they practice wilderness survival, and get chances to go on summer activities comparable to our National Activities. The one major difference is that all of this comes free of cost to the RCAC, in fact they are paid to attend! Tuesday morning the Canadian cadets came and toured the beret compound with Col. Peace leading the group. They asked many questions about our aerospace education program, uniforms, and emergency services programs. But what they were most intrigued by was the fact we were not getting paid. They were all very impressed with the NBB compound and mentioned how interesting it was that we slept in barracks and volunteered our time for an event like this. The following night, the RCAC returned to the beret compound in uniform to talk to the cadets about their program. Our cadets had the opportunity to ask questions and compare programs, and as mentioned, the biggest shock for CAP cadets was that the RCAC get paid. CAP cadets also got a chance to see the difference in the drill and ceremonies our programs have, such as the RCAC sings their command rather than the straight forward nature of our drill. Other opportunities that the RCAC gets that CAP does not is that most of their units have bands, which perform in parades. Overall, both the Canadian Cadets as well the Civil Air Patrol Cadets truly enjoyed talking with one another and learning about each other's differences and similarities.



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A Word from the Medical Staff



What's your problem? Your Blue Beret medics are ready to help. We can help with upset stomachs, blisters, muscle

cramps, achy joints, headaches, stuffy noses, -- you get the picture.

There are many things you can do to take care of yourself and avoid the medics. As you may have heard already, hydrate. Your body is primarily composed of water and needs to maintain a certain level of hydration in order to function properly. However, in addition to hydration, you need to eat as well. You have to maintain a balance of chemicals and electrolytes to keep your body working. That means you

have to do two things: eat and drink. Well, maybe three things:



eat, drink and sleep. We work long hours here, in the heat, humidity, and things we're just generally not used to at home. Staying alert is key to accomplishing the mission in this demanding environment. If you don't get rest when you have a chance, you are jeopardizing yourself and the mission. So remember to do three things: eat, drink and sleep.

Also watch out for your fellow Berets while you're here. That makes four things: eat, drink, sleep and watch out for your fellow Berets.

Keeping your fellow Beret functioning efficiently will improve safety and help accomplish the mission; help them successfully complete the Beret experience. Who knows, they could help keep you safe so you can graduate with the coveted Beret. Always remember the four things you need to do while you are here: eat, drink, sleep and watch out for your fellow Berets.

You may as well take care of yourself while you're at it. Watch for blisters, heat related illnesses, upset stomachs, sniffles, congestion, aches, pains, neuritis, neuralgia and other miseries. If you're not feeling too well, check the four things that you should be doing (see above) and see if you've done them first. If that hasn't helped, then come see your friendly neighborhood medical staff (after checking with your TAC Officer) so we can help you maintain your proper body functioning and get you back to accomplishing the mission. Keep the five things you should do on your mind while you are here: eat, drink, sleep, watch out for your fellow Berets, and take care of yourself.

That's all from your friendly neighborhood Beret Medical Staff for now. Just keep those, five things in mind and your Beret experience will be more rewarding. Maybe in another issue, we can give you two more things you should do to keep healthy and accomplish the mission while you are here.

-NBB Medical Staff 2012

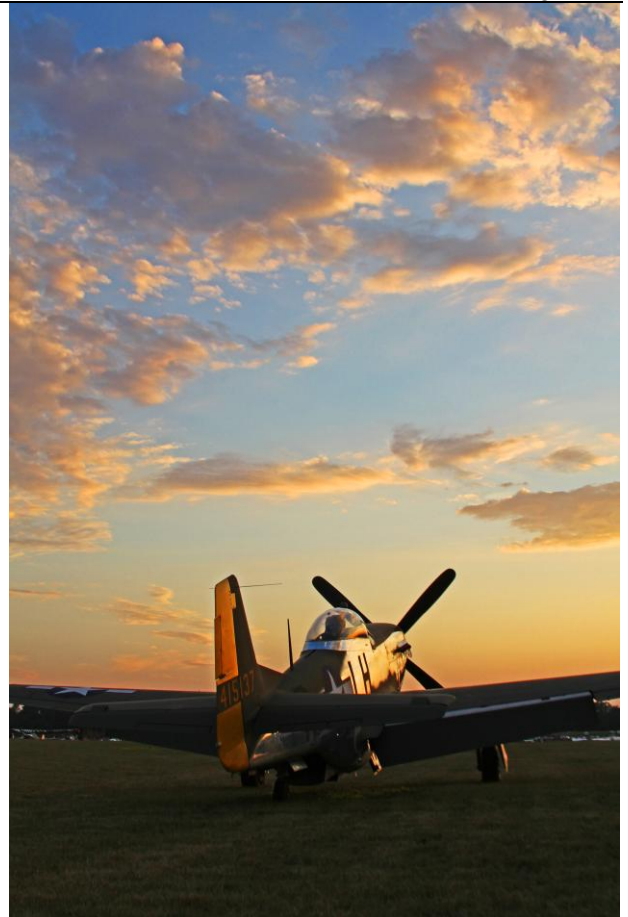


Fly Mart

Who likes cool stuff? You can find lots of cool stuff in the Flymart section of Airventure. Flymart is like an aviation themed flea-market or swap meet, and is one of the favorite attractions for cadets at Airventure. The vendors in Flymart carry everything from T-Shirts, military surplus items, little trinkets, and even actual airplane parts at reasonable prices. Many of the vendors know CAP well and donate items for the raffle at our banquet. Take a trip over to Flymart during their free time and check it out; you never know what you could find. Flymart is located just past the pavilion in the south-west area of the air show.



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AE Word Scramble

The scramble is based on an historical event that took place in 1947



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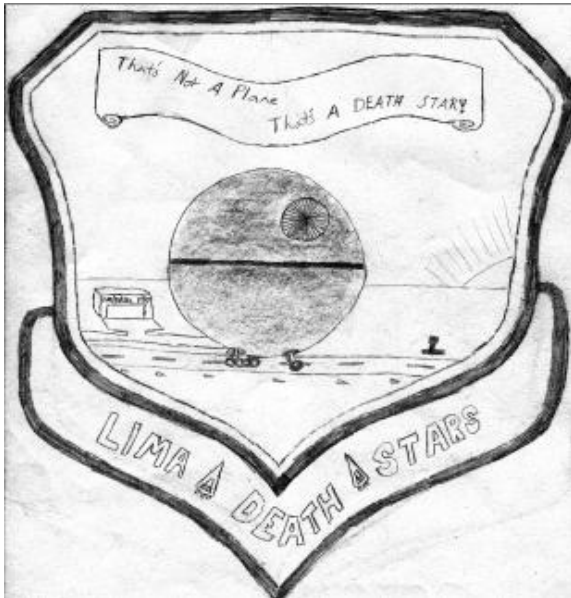
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The **FIRST** cadet at NBB 2012 to finish this word scramble on a separate piece of paper and turn it in to C/Maj Ehren Rauch at the PAO desk will receive a prize



Featured Flight: Lima



Flight Cmdr: C/2d Lt D. Rauch
 Flight Leader: C/Maj Heijsman
 TAC Officer: 1st Lt M. Denman



Featured Flight:



Flight Cmdr: C/Capt Imers
 Flight Leader: C/Lt Col Avery
 TAC Officer: Maj Fletcher Sharp

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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.