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CHAPTER 3—SQUADRON COMMANDER BIOGRAPHIES

IA-002 Des Moines Senior Squadron

Commander: Captain Ron P. Mutchler

Location: Des Moines, IA

IA-003 Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron

Commander: Captain Jason S. Erickson

Location: Red Oak, IA

IA-005 Burlington Composite Squadron

Commander: Captain John D. Ellis, Jr.

Location: Burlington, IA

IA-007 Northwest Iowa Composite Squadron

Commander: Major Jim M. Currie

Location: Fort Dodge, IA

IA-041 Davenport Composite Squadron

Commander: Major John M. McDermott

Location: Davenport, IA

IA-043 Dubuque Composite Squadron

Commander: Lieutenant Colonel William F. Mausser

Location: Dubuque, IA

IA-072 Des Moines Metro Cadet Squadron

Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Anita S. Elliott

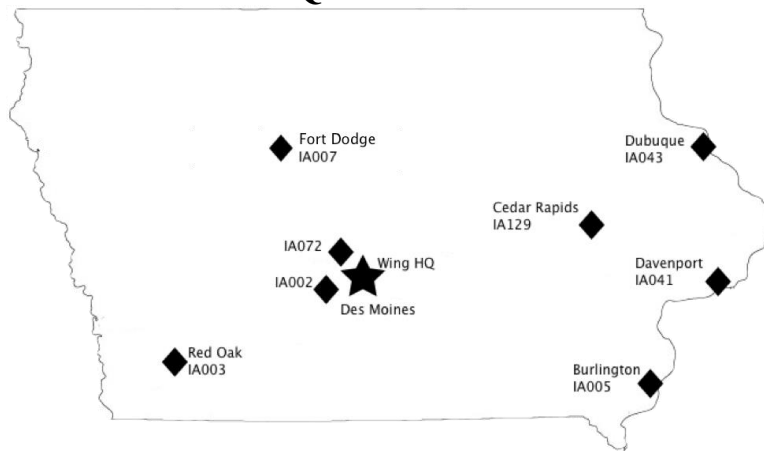
Location: Des Moines, IA

IA-129 Cedar Rapids Composite Squadron

Commander: Major Heidi C. Kim

Location: Cedar Rapids, IA

CHAPTER 14—SQUADRONS/UNITS



The squadrons provided all information in this chapter.

IA-002 DES MOINES SENIOR SQUADRON



Figure 4: IA-002 Patch

Des Moines Senior Squadron underwent a change of command ceremony on 16 April 2013. Captain Ed Spoelstra relinquished command after four years to 1st Lt Ron Mutchler. Captain Spoelstra's leadership allowed the squadron to increase its capabilities. Presiding over the change of command was the Iowa Wing Chief of Staff Lt Col Roger Elliott. Under the guidance of 1st Lt Mutchler, the Des Moines Senior Squadron received a \$2,500 grant from Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program. This program is affiliated with Prairie Meadows Racetrack, Casino, and Hotel located in Altoona, Iowa. The squadron will be using the grant funds to provide pilot proficiency training in aerial search and rescue as well as provide flight time for aircrew personnel. The squadron currently has 8 active pilots and 10 support members for air and ground operations in its membership. Des Moines Senior Squadron was tasked in June to participate in mission 13-1-5939 tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for flood duties. In July, 1st Lt Mutchler was promoted to captain. July saw another emergency services tasking with the ELT mission 13M-0397 at the Grinnell Airport (GGI).

In September, Des Moines Senior Squadron paired up with the Des Moines Metro Cadet Squadron to provide orientation rides to the cadets (pictured right). The squadron launched five powered and nine glider flights from the Boone Municipal Airport. Several cadets experienced their first flights in a Cessna and a glider. Pilots included Capt Darrel Mullins (powered), Capt Kim Kirschman (tow pilot), Capt Paul Kaufmann (glider pilot), and Capt Jay Newell (glider pilot). Ground support included 1st Lt Richard Couch and Capt Ron Mutchler.

IA-003 SOUTHWEST IOWA COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Figure 5: IA-003 Patch

The squadron continues to actively support wing activities despite being located on the western side of the state. The most notable activity was helping to host the 2013 Iowa Wing Encampment. Cadets continue to progress through the cadet milestones as the squadron awarded the Wright Brothers Award, General Billy Mitchell Award, and the Amelia Earhart Award this year. Southwest Iowa continues to support the local community by volunteering support to the annual Red Oak Fly-Inn. Although, no aircraft attended due to poor weather, over 300 people turned out for the breakfast. The squadron ended the year with 31 members (17 senior members and 14 cadets). The squadron looks forward to the 2014 year.

IA-005 BURLINGTON COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Figure 6: IA-005 Patch

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND PROGRESS:

One senior member and six cadets joined IA-005 this year. One member transitioned from the cadet corps and was promoted to second lieutenant. Another senior member was promoted to the rank of captain. Several members earned the recruiter and red service ribbons. The squadron ended the year with 18 members (10 senior members and 8 cadets).

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING:

Emergency Services and Agency Relationships: The year started off with three seniors and one cadet participating in a tabletop emergency services exercise in Ankeny in January. Because of that training, one senior member completed all the training requirements for the Ground Branch Director specialty. In March, another senior member finished the course work needed for the Ground Branch Director specialty. The Burlington Fire Department presented classes for our members during regular meetings.

Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs: The squadron completed the application process for a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) kit and was selected by National Headquarters to receive this special training kit. After the kit arrived, the cadets received an orientation on the kit equipment and the procedures needed for its operation. During June, two cadets completed the Iowa Wing Encampment at Camp Dodge, IA. In addition, two senior members served on staff of this important cadet activity. Following the encampment, five squadron members provided flight line marshaling during the Quad Cities Air Show in Davenport, IA. In October, the squadron began the Drug Demand Reduction exercises (DDRX) that promote members staying drug free. Cadets completed Phase 2 of the Model Rocketry program.

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

A severe windstorm that damaged the airport buildings and hangars also damaged the doors on our squadron headquarters' building as well as took down the radio antenna. Through the efforts of several members, the antenna was repaired so that IowaCAP160 could return to its normal operation. Through a donation, the squadron was able to replace the storm doors. One member spent many hours organizing the supply room, and general cleanup activities were conducted before the squadron inspection in November by the Iowa Wing SUI Team.

The squadron ended the year with a total of 19 members (10 seniors and 9 cadets).

IA-007 NORTHWEST IOWA COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Figure 7: IA-007 Patch

Northwest Iowa Composite Squadron (NWICS) year in review in recognition of their dedication to the three missions of Civil Air Patrol.

Aerospace Education: For the second year in a row, NWICS has earned the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Excellence Award (2011-2012 and 2012-2013). The AE portion is a highlight of the squadron meetings with the hands-on and cadet directed activities facilitated by 1Lt Harry Bockoven. He was able to apply and receive STEM kit activities that have also added to the AE experiences. The cadets have participated in O-ride opportunities as they are available. The members have also flight line marshalled at various places in Iowa.

Cadet Programs: A main focus of our Cadet Programs mission has been to have the cadets lead, thus learning the responsibilities that will help them in their CAP careers and in life. The cadets provide the safety brief at each squadron meeting under the supervision of our squadron's safety officer. The core values of Excellence, Integrity, Volunteer Service, and Respect are encouraged in all activities. The Character Development Instruction time has been a great opportunity to have the cadets share about real issues and discuss how to maintain the core values both in and out of CAP. Under Cadet Programs, the squadron regularly participates in activities/discussions that promote the Drug Demand Reduction Program's mission to promote a drug free lifestyle. NWICS cadets have provided Color Guard at Honor Flights, graduation ceremonies, a funeral and when asked. Several cadets staffed the 2013 IAWG Encampment and NWICS cadets completed their basic at that same encampment. For the second year in a row NWICS had a coach/team participate in the Cyber Patrol competition. In September the squadron hosted a "Family Day Picnic" at a park and thus family members were able to watch their CAP'ers doing some ground team training and learn a bit more about squadron meeting events.

Emergency Services: Members of the NWICS participate in training activities that the Wing/Squadron provide. Several members of the NWICS are CERT trained and qualified. The IAWG Tabletop exercises had good representation by members from NWICS. Classes outside of CAP were taken in the area of pipeline safety and also a presentation by a SAR dog handler and dog.

NWICS members are continually training to support the missions of CAP and to be prepared for service when needed. The squadron ended the year with a total of 20 members (9 senior members and 11 cadets)

IA-041 DAVENPORT COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Figure 8: IA-041 Patch

The squadron continues to enthusiastically support wing activities as it has done through its long history. The Cadet Program continues to be strong for the squadron as cadets continue to progress through the milestones. Davenport Composite remains to support the local community by volunteering support to the annual Quad Cities Airshow. The liaison work between the airshow coordinators and the squadron continues to be a healthy relationship. In addition, we hosted the annual Squadron Dining Out. Col. Scott Lofreddo, Army Sustainment Command chief of staff, addressed a gathering of 60 Davenport Civil Air Patrol cadets and guests. Weekly meetings consist of the required cadet program elements and emergency services training. The squadron ended the year with 51 members (22 senior members and 29 cadets).

IA-043 DUBUQUE COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Figure 9: IA-043 Patch

In January of 2013, C/Col Jacob Napp was awarded the Carl A. Spaatz Award. At the Wisconsin Encampment, C/Capt Isaac Schuetz was awarded the “Wisconsin Wing Encampment Honor Squadron Commander Award”. C/SrA Rebecca Harkness was awarded the “Wisconsin Wing Drill and Ceremonies Honor Cadet”. In August 2013, the unit was awarded its first Aerospace AEX Award. In November of 2013, 1st Lt Jean Napp began the first CAP initiated STEM Program in the Iowa Wing by teaching astronomy to the squadron. The squadron ended the year with 25 members (11 senior members and 14 cadets).

IA-072 DES MOINES METRO CADET SQUADRON



Figure 10: IA-072 Patch

In September, Des Moines Metro Cadet Squadron paired up with the Des Moines Senior Squadron to provide orientation rides to the cadets. The squadron launched five powered and nine glider flights from the Boone Municipal Airport. Several cadets experienced their first flights in a Cessna and/or a glider. The following cadets participated in powered orientation flights: Cadet J. Lagomarcino, Cadet S. Elliott, C. Pieper, Cadet A. Cox, Cadet M. Cox and Cadet D. Doom. The following cadets participated in glider orientation flights: Cadet J. Lagomarcino, Cadet A. Cox, Cadet J. Cox, Cadet M. Cox, Cadet S. Elliott, C. Pieper, and Cadet D. Doremus. For Veteran's Day, 11 November, the squadron was invited to present the Colors at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. The following cadets (pictured) participated: C/Amn M. Cox, C/SSgt J. Cox, C/TSgt Mat Cox, C/SrA A. Cox, and C/TSgt S. Strohmeyer. In addition, Lt Col Chilcote and 2d Lt Mutchler were in attendance. The cadets listened to Governor Terry E. Branstad (Iowa—Republican) speak about his own experiences as an Army Military Police veteran. After the ceremony, Governor Branstad visited with the cadets personally.

IA-129 CEDAR RAPIDS COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cedar Rapids Composite Squadron started the year on a good step. We received a \$250 winter grant from the Air Force Association. We used this grant to take a trip to the Palisades Keppler Observatory and the Grout Science Museum. The squadron continued supporting the Aerospace Education Program by enrolling into the STEM program, which we received the Flight Simulator toolkit. The squadron supported the DDRx program by attending a training event hosted by the Cedar Rapids Police Department. The cadets were given a presentation that involved the CRPD drug dog. This year's summer weather allowed for a great squadron picnic at Lake MacBride State Park near Iowa City, Iowa. All cadets and seniors that attended had fun. Colonel Mouw presented squadron awards to our members and two General Billy Mitchell Awards. The squadron represented the Iowa Wing at the NCR Color Guard Competition held in Salina, Kansas. The cadets performed admirably and earned the 2nd place position. Cedar Rapids Composite Squadron supported several operational training events. We provided a strong member support to the FlyIowa Airshow in Perry, Iowa. In addition, we hosted an Urban Direction Finding Team school for cadets and senior members to become trained and certified in UDF. For our efforts, the Cedar Rapids Composite Squadron was presented with the 2012-2013 Quality Cadet Unit Award. We bid farewell to the 2013-year and hope the 2014-year will present more great opportunities. The squadron ended the year with 69 members (50 senior members and 19 cadets)

APPENDIX 1: IOWA WING PATCH HERALDRY



Figure 11: Iowa Wing Patch

Designer: Unknown

Date Approved: 27 June 1949

Approved by: CAP National Headquarters / USAF

Previous patches: No other patches exist for this unit

Heraldry:

The dark blue represents the affiliation with the USAF. The hawk represents the state's nickname: The Hawkeye State. This nickname was chosen as a tribute to Indian leader Chief Black Hawk. The ear of corn represents the state as "The Corn State". The hawk is reversed since the patch was designed to be worn on the right shoulder (1945). When the CAP emblem was removed from the left shoulder and wing patches moved to the left shoulder, the hawk was never reversed. The shape of the hawk's wings (a V-shape) is to represent "Victory".