

At Ease!

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ENCAMPMENT COMMANDER'S WELCOME!

Daily Safety Moment...



Good Morning! It is such a pleasure and privilege to have watched each of you over the last day and a half... what started with 250 people massing together has now developed into well-organized machine. Sure, there are still parts of our machine that need fine tuning, but it's been assembled and it's working – We're officially the 2009 Encampment!

So don't be afraid to make mistakes. Learn from them. Use this opportunity to advance yourself and develop those skills that will allow you to excel in your CAP career! Take the opportunities and challenges, and use them to learn for the future.

There is a phrase I teach all of my flight students. "STOP LEARNING – STOP FLYING." Simply stated, I believe that if a pilot ever comes to the point where he or she believes that they know all that there is to know about aviation, that is the same time that they should hand in their wings and stop flying. Why? Because when the mind is closed, our eyes are closed as well. There is *always* more to learn! When we close our minds to learning something new, we become stale, rigid, and out of date.

So, keep learning. The destination has been set, and it's up to you to learn and achieve the goal!

Regards,

Jonathan Reid, Lt Col, CAP
Commander

So That Others May Live... literally and figuratively! Being conscience of Safety saves lives, and your mother will like to know her "little cadet" is keeping safe!

Today's Safety Moment involves Road Guards. "Road Guards Out..." I heard this said all over the base today, except one flight added something important as a reply. The Flight Commander gave the command and the flight added "So we will live!" in unison as a reply. Great and practical reminder!

Road Guards IN, Roads Guard OUT. You've heard this all day, each day this weekend, and no doubt you'll hear this each day this week. Road guards are essential for the safety of your flights; they protect the flight from the back and front by stopping traffic so it can move safely through intersections.

A few tips for our members marching in a flight: Use your road guards! (This would be an obvious "Duh" moment here.)

Flights don't march without a road guard (to ensure that there aren't any accidents)

It only takes a second for one driver to not pay attention and cause an accident!

Orange Vests. Flights don't march without them!

Seniors driving on the base watch for the Orange Vests! Also, remember that the speed limit is only 25 MPH and the base is being patrolled by the County Sheriff Department, and they ticket!



Greetings from Facebook

Candace Murray — Thanks for posting the pics, Couldn't make the encampment this year, hoping for next year. Work hard Cadets and make your Squadrons proud.

Joseph A. Montana - Hi Cadets, Keep up the good work and have fun ----- especially you, Anthony Montana. Have a great day.

Rosemary Bartolotta Montana — Have a great day everyone!! Hello to Anthony Montana

James Maciag — Using my son's Facebook to follow the fun! Thanks for the updates! - Mom

Kristen Nihranz Curtis—Tell Airman Curtis her mom is hoping she is having a great time at Encampment. Tell Chief Roney that I am very proud of him for being on staff. Say Hi to Lt Curtis...hope you are hanging in there!!!

Sue Herman Koons — I don't know if I'm doing this right, but I want to say hi to Airman Koons, and his dad Tom. We miss you already! Love, Mom and Adam

Shannon Funkhouser — Hi to my boys Cadet Airman 2nd Class Kelly (Mike) Funkhouser and Cadet Airman Derek Funkhouser. Words fall short on how proud we all are here of you both.

Sharon Orzechowski Weil — Could you please post the snail-mail address we use to send letters to our cadets? Mine had such a fantastic experience last year in Basic that this year they couldn't wait to go back, one in CLS and one on Staff.

Kristen Nihranz Curtis — Hope everyone is keeping warm up there!!! Have lots of fun! Take lots of pictures and be safe!

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Cadet O-Flight Experiences



C/Amn Paige Barden, Delta Flight.

I've been on four O-Flights total, not including the O-flight I was on today. The experience I had here at Encampment was beyond remarkable. It was astounding. The feeling of being up in the air and looking down, of being in control of the plane even if for a moment or so, is absolutely amazing. This experience here, was unlike any other, no doubt in my mind. The pilot was great, he helped me learn the things that will most likely come in handy with my future career. The experience all together was one I will never forget. Every sound of a plane engine starting will make me think of my time here in Alpena. I hope that one day I too will be a pilot taking up a new cadet as myself on an O-flight and letting them enjoy what I have enjoyed today. This feeling, I will never forget.



C/SSgt Brianna Green, Delta Flight

My experience with the O-flights was quite a remarkable one. We started off with the pre-flight checklist and ensured that the aircraft was prepared for take-off. After checking over the plane, we climbed aboard and carried on with the pre-flight. Finally, we were ready to hit the skies. Our pilot taxied the plane over to the runway and not long after we were headed up. Once we were in the air, Cadet Shields and myself had a beautiful view of the Alpena area. Things such as trees, farms, and cars looked like toys on the ground. We did, however, run into some rain. I found it interesting that you could see the rain as a haze above the trees. When everything was situated, the pilot handed the controls over to me and allowed me to fly the plane. I got the opportunity to practice a few turns and learned how to handle the plane. Unfortunately, our fun was short-lived due to the impending rain. It was a lot a fun and a great learning opportunity. This was an experience I will never forget.

Cadets! Don't let your opportunity to fly slip past you!