

# At Ease!

The daily newsletter of the GLR-N Michigan Wing Encampment

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## Welcome To Encampment!



Maj. Jonathan Reid, Vice Commander

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." -- Sir Winston Churchill

It is always amazing to me how different people can come together for a common purpose and goal. Here we are, over 200 cadets and officers that have gathered from across the country. We each have a different background, a different history, and different personal goals for the week - yet we gather on the common values that we all share: integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect.

Believe it or not, we are changing the world in a small way. Gathering as individuals who share common beliefs, we organize into a cohesive unit that we call encampment. When we do this, we can accomplish things far greater than we could as individuals. Whether we have come to Alpena just having joined CAP, or whether we have been involved in the organization for decades, we are experiencing something new, and we are creating something special. Your presence here makes a difference and will affect many people.

That is what makes Encampment so awesome! Individuals gather, units are formed, objectives are set, and things happen. You will not leave this place the same person as when you came.

This week will have ups and downs as individuals and as units -- that I can guarantee you! But, I want you to remember that you and your unit are a part of the great potential that will make this week a success. Keep positive, rely on each other, focus on the goal, and we will succeed!

## Senior Member Training!

By 1st Lt. Mark L. Curtis, Director, PAO



## Squadron Leadership School



## Corporate Learning Course

Senior Members who are here to serve on encampment staff took the time out of their busy lives this past weekend to complete training courses that fall in line with their own Professional Development progression tracks.

Maj. Andy De Kraker conducted a **Squadron Leadership School** for officers working towards Phase II.

Capt. Jennifer Gorman, Professional Development Officer for this years encampment conducted a **Corporate Learning Course** or those seniors advancing towards Phase III.

Capt. Gorman is planning a **Training Leaders of Cadets** class for Thursday and Friday of this week. This is a relatively new course for the CAP and it's geared towards the Senior Members who work with cadets at the unit level but is also very highly recommended for anyone who works with cadets at events such as encampment.

## FIRE! FIRE!

By 1st Lt. Bill Carson, Asst. Director, PAO

**Newsflash!** Every barracks in encampment suddenly erupted in flames Sunday night forcing evacuation of all cadets and senior members from what would have surely been a peaceful and relaxing evening of shining boots and ironing BDUs. The cause of the *fire* was a required drill to ensure everyone knows what to do in case of a real emergency.

Cadet staff managed to safely evacuate and account for every cadet from their barracks within just over two minutes, a little slower than targeted but still a "very good job" according to Encampment Safety Officer, Maj. Walt Rutherford.

Maj. Rutherford told "At Ease!" a fire doubles in size every two minutes and to make sure everyone survives we need to be ready to get out as quickly as possible. Maj. Rutherford's advice is simple. If there is fire, real or otherwise, use the buddy system and make sure your bunkmate is awake and headed out, grab your fire blanket and **GET OUT**. The building will fill with smoke quickly so get down low



and head for an exit. Do not try to take anything else or go back for anything. And never go back into the building once you're out - even if you think someone is still in there. Leave it to the firefighters who have the proper equipment.

Maj. Rutherford would not say whether this will happen again but if you hear the word "FIRE," remember to get out and be safe.

## Show a little Respect!

By 1st Lt. Bill Carson, Asst. Director, PAO

Customs and Courtesies. It's a phrase you hear around your weekly CAP meetings but is it important to you as a cadet? The simple answer is YES.

The CAP program is built on a military style. Not just because you get to wear the really neat uniform, but because the organizational style works. Military tradition builds teams and multiplies the results of the efforts put in by each member. In a way, the whole is greater than its parts. To build this "machine" takes adherence to both customs and courtesies.

Part of what you're experiencing this week revolves around customs and courtesies. When should you (or shouldn't you) salute another member of CAP or the military? If you haven't read CAP Pamphlet (CAPP) 151, "Standards, Customs, Courtesies" yet, take a few minutes to become familiar with it. There you will find a short summary of what CAP requires from every member to show respect for the flag, members of the military and each other.

Did you know the salute is the oldest custom in the military? A soldier would open his armor's visor to expose his face as a show trust of another soldier. Don't think of a salute as showing weakness, it is a sign of respect for another person.

When you come up to an officer you show your respect for him or her by rendering a



salute paired up with a "Hello Sir," or "Good evening, Ma'am." Hold the salute until the salute is returned to you. If you're indoors, involved in a class, or your hands are tied up carrying something heavy, there is no reason to salute another person but a "Good Afternoon Sir" or "Good Afternoon Ma'am" shows the officer that you see them and are offering a sign of respect to them.

Please take the time to read the pamphlet and learn the material. If you don't understand something or have a question about what you should do, ask your flight for help.

Over the next couple of days, look for more hints on using customs and courtesies.

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## In the Woodwork

By C/SSgt Erik Vingness, Cadet PAO



Once again, thanks to the staff volunteers who made this summer's encampment possible.

They can be found running around, hard at work, at all hours, day and night. Their efforts to plan and implement daily activities are nothing short of stupendous. All of them deserve your respect, so don't forget to salute!

The highly recognizable command staff do indeed garner due respect. However, many other groups should be given credit as well. Behind the scenes, people in Air Operations, Transportation and Medical, keep things running smoothly. Completing all sorts of legwork to make your basic year the best it can be.

Air Ops are unsung heroes. This year they intend to assemble gliders and give dozens of orientation flights, all while keeping your planes in working order. Weather permitting, all cadets will fly in both powered and unpowered aircraft. They'll have a busy week on the flight line!

Medical and Transportation have been a big help. Getting cadets to church, moving and treating the injured; together they make a great team. You won't get hurt, but we are well prepared for such an event.

On a closing note, thanks to Communications for preventing chaos. And if you see Public Affairs give a shout. Or just smile for the camera.

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