



# Michigan Wing



## Heads Up

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### October Upcoming Events

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### General Cutler & Commanders Await Cadets Arrival for Pass In Review at GLR Graduation



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Seated on the graduation reviewing stand (left to right) GLR Commander, Col. William Webb, CAP-State Adjutant, Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, ANG - GLR Encampment Commander, Lt. Col. Pamela Saile, CAP - Cadet in background is General Cutler's Flag bearer



### Captain Becomes Orientation Pilot Awarded CAP Pilot Wings



### Special Award

**V**an Dyke squadron AEO, Captain Duncan Harper, CAP earned his CAP pilot wings after becoming an Orientation Pilot.

*Congratulations Captain Harper*

*on your accomplishments from Michigan Wing Staff. Well done!*

## Staff Corner



As Chief of Staff, part of my job is to make sure all of our paperwork flows smoothly and quickly through Wing Headquarters. I know that no one at Wing deliberately sits on paperwork. Wing staff personnel works diligently to process all paperwork in an efficient and timely manner. Each year, Wing staff processes thousands of pieces of paperwork. The majority of all paperwork received is actually processed and forwarded within one week. Please understand that your paperwork is very important to all of us at Wing however, obtaining required signatures and checking to ensure the qualifications required have been met is necessary to ensure accuracy. Promotions to Major and above or professional appointments, must be checked by personnel to ensure technical requirements have been met before action may be taken by the promotion board. Once approval has been obtained by the promotion board and signed by the Wing Commander, it is then forwarded to Region where the entire procedure is repeated again before being forwarded to National Headquarters. Problems that may arise anywhere in the process include insufficient members of the promotion board being present, the Wing or Region Commander out of town and unavailable for signature and occasionally not meeting the required technical qualification. We all take a vacation at times and if that person is not available then your paperwork may take an extra week to process. As you can see, we strive to process paperwork rapidly and accurately, but there are times we have no control over how timely the process is completed. If you are having any problems processing your paperwork, please do not hesitate to contact me, Lt. Col. Ron Padavan, Chief of Staff via email at [rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov](mailto:rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov). You have my promise that your concerns will receive my personal attention.

## SAFETY NOTES

Chesterfield County, only a few miles from Virginia Wing Headquarters, a white YMCA van suffered what police described as a 'tire blow-out'. The accident resulted in the death of a 13 year old girl. In addition to the fatality, several people were taken to area hospitals. "The VCU Medical Center reported treating five children, ages 13 to 15, and the van's driver. The adult was discharged. The four children had non-life threatening injuries, two were discharged. One boy was airlifted from Chippenham Medical Center to VCU, and was placed under observation. The other child at Chippenham had non-life-threatening injuries. Many names were fiction of the families involved. Po- whether these teens were wearing seat-

My first instinct when I saw this news feeds, being so close to VAWG was 'one of ours'. Fortunately for us in cally the lives of several families have ever.

Please take the time to inspect the of not only the wing vans but your own vehicles as well. Ensure that tire pressures are at what the vehicle manufacturer has listed for that vehicle and that all operators of CAP vehicles are familiar with how the vehicle handles and operates. Drive Safe.

**Source:** Charles W. Cranford, Capt, CAP  
HQ VAWG/Vehicle Maintenance Officer

2Lt.. Joe Buford, CAP (Safety Officer in training)



YMCA Van Accident 30 July 2003  
Chesterfield County Virginia

not released pending notice are looking into belts. "

white van on the live TV headquarters was that it CAP it was not, but tragically been sadly changed for-

tires



## Wing Commander Appoints New Director of Operations

**E**ffective immediately, **Major Mario Accardo** is appointed **Director of Operations**. Major Accardo has established a track record as an outstanding Squadron Commander and demonstrated exceptional leadership within the Wing. He is also a Mission Pilot with solid Emergency Services experience. I am sure he will be an asset to the Operations Department, providing strong leadership direction and initiating innovative ideas. Please join me in welcoming him to this new and challenging assignment.

I would also like to thank Major Craig Brown for his hard work, dedication and contributions to Operations over the past several years.

**A**dditional personnel announcements within the Operations Section will be forthcoming.

### ACTION NOTES:

- **MAJOR ACCARDO'S CONTACT INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION; HIS EMAIL ADDRESS AT WING HQ WILL BE: [maccardo@miwg.cap.gov](mailto:maccardo@miwg.cap.gov)**
- **ALL CAPF-108's AND OTHER MISSION RELATED PAPERWORK SHOULD NOW BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO WING HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: DO**
- **AIRCRAFT CUSTODIANS ARE TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN SUBMITTING CHECKS FOR AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION DIRECTLY TO WING HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: FM**

Announcement by: Colonel Gary Mayo, MIWG Commander

*P*ride  
Proficiency  
Professionalism

*U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, naturally!*



## *Promotions - Awards - Appointments*

*Mario Accardo, Major - Appointment - Director of Operations*

*Duncan Harper, Captain - Award - CAP Pilot Wings*

*William Welsing, SM - Promotion - Second Lieutenant*

*John Padavan, C/CMSgt - Promotion - C/Second Lieutenant*

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<http://www.capnhq.gov> & the Michigan Wing website at: <http://miwg.cap.gov/newsletter/> This publication is also available on-line on the Michigan Wing website.

### Editor's Note

The newsletter is up and running again. In order to ensure that all members are informed of Wing events and important information. We are asking all members to assist us. Members with articles, announcements, photographs, information on events, promotions, awards, new members or other forms of information of interest to Wing members are encouraged to submit their material for publication in the newsletter. Submit photos with full descriptions please.

Please send your submissions/questions via email to the Newsletter Editor, 2Lt. Joe Buford at [jbuford@miwg.cap.gov](mailto:jbuford@miwg.cap.gov) **no later than the 15th of the month** for inclusion in the next scheduled issue. Thank you.

## **Cadet Calendar**



## **Events and Activities**

**11 October 2003**

***Cadet Advisory Council - Location - TBD - POC - Lt. Col. Curt Boehmer***



### **October 2003 Calendar of Events**

- 5 - Form 99's due at Wing Headquarters**
- 7 - Monthly Vehicle Utilization Reports due at Wing**
- 10 - Quarterly Public Affairs Report due at Wing**
- 10 - Monthly Aircraft Utilization Reports due at Wing**
- 11 - Quarterly Wing Meeting - Location - TBD - POC - Lt. Col. Ron Padavan**
- 11 - Cadet Advisory Council - Location - TBD - POC - Lt. Col. Curt Boehmer**
- 25-26 - Corporate Learning Course - Location - Oakland County Sheriff - POC - Lt. Col. Pam Saile**
- 25-26 - Training for Cadet Leaders - Location - Oakland County Sheriff - POC - Lt. Col. Pam Saile**
- 26 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 30 - Unit Finance Reports due at Wing**

## *MI Wing's Newest Members*

This space has been reserved to welcome our new members to Michigan Wing. This month we welcome our newest members to

### Van Dyke Cadet Squadron MI-117

*Cadet Revon Yousif  
Cadet Revan Yousif  
Cadet Revana Yousif  
Cadet Steffan Hill*

### Selfridge Cadet Squadron MI-176

*Cadet Matt Moore  
Cadet Marisa Peck  
Cadet Johnny Fiore  
Cadet Dean Stewart  
Cadet Daniel DeMara  
Cadet Caitlin Hubbard*

***Welcome members to Michigan Wing!***

## **VACANT STAFF POSITIONS AT WING HEADQUARTERS**

Wing Headquarters is currently seeking personnel to fill the following staff positions:

***Wing Public Affairs Officer  
Plans and Programs Officer***

All interested members should contact

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Chief of Staff via email at

**[rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov](mailto:rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov)** or  
by phone at (586) 774-6644  
for further information.

## **Lapeer Composite Squadron Assists with Annual Fly-In at DuPont Airport**

**C**adets and seniors of the Lapeer Composite Squadron began their day on Sunday, 10 August by dawn's first light at 0700. CAP members sprung into action: parking cars in neat rows, assisting visitors with questions, and manning a CAP recruitment booth. Their day was spent at the Lapeer DuPont Airport helping to make the annual *fly-in* run as smooth and as flawless, as the Thunderbirds' graceful maneuvers. Diligent CAP cadets (C/CMSgt' Andrea and Jason Cook, C/TSgt Ben Haskins, C/A1C Mike Grondin, C/A1C Adam Judge, C/Amn Alex Grider, C/Amn Eric Liagre, and C/Amn Neil Liagre) and seniors (Capt. Tony Stitt, 1Lt. Kathy Haskins, 2Lt. Dave Payne, and 2Lt. Dennis Liagre) put in a full day's work, not daring to venture home until 1300. Great work Lapeer Composite Squadron!

## **Lapeer Composite Squadron Participates In Town Parade**

**S**aturday morning 16 August, the sound of a band, the cheers of a crowd, and the odor of fresh horse manure could only mean one thing: the ***Lapeer Days Parade***, in downtown Lapeer. Marching in the parade were none other than the members of the Lapeer Composite Squadron. Looking sharp in their blues and holding their heads up proudly. The flight of cadets stopped now and then to salute the crowd as they marched down the street. The cadets designed and built their own float for the parade. Riding atop the masterpiece, and smiling enthusiastically at the crowd, were senior members Capt. Tony Stitt and 1Lt. Kathy Haskins. The float was pulled by 2Lt. Dave Payne. C/TSgt Ben Haskins commanded the flight of seven cadets including C/CMSgt Jason Cook, C/TSgt Thomas Forrest, C/A1C Adam Judge, C/A1C Drew Payne, C/Amn Alex Grider, C/Amn Eric Liagre, and C/Amn Neil Liagre. Well done Lapeer Composite Squadron!

**Articles by:** C/2d Lt Andrea Cook of the Lapeer Composite Squadron

## **YOUR MIND SETS YOUR LIMITS**



**E**verything is possible when you believe it's possible. What you envision you can do, you can do. What your mind can conceive and believe, your mind can achieve.

**S**uccess is actually a state of mind. Start thinking of yourself as a success. Know in your heart that you can do the job you've set out to do.

**B**elieve in yourself. If you think you can, you can.

**Article by:** Motivation Mentor@aol.com ©2003

**Endorsed by:** Chaplain Richard Sample, Lt. Col., CAP MIWG Chief Chaplain



### **Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, CISM Special Advisor Comments on CAP's Largest Team In the Nation**



**I**n the last few years, ES personnel have become aware of the stressors unique to our ES/DR operations. These stressors have the ability to manifest themselves in physical and/or psychological symptoms that we may or may not be able to successfully work through on our own. Even individuals who have well-established coping and problem solving skills may experience a delay in resolution without intervention. The end result can be a decrease in the quality of our personal lives and professional abilities.

Assisting emergency service personnel to resolve stress related difficulty requires specialized skills and knowledge. GLR and MIWG have developed teams of dedicated and discriminatingly selected CAP members who have been trained in crisis management. Many interventions, all of which require discretion and confidentiality, may be conducted without your awareness unless you happen to be involved in them.

We are following the "ICISF" (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation) Model of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), which is a comprehensive, multi-component crisis intervention system. It is the standard of care, and we are pleased that Civil Air Patrol has designed a program to implement these services (CAPR 60-5).

Look among your ranks for qualified and interested members to help expand your CIS team, which is the largest CAP team in the country. If I can be of any assistance, please contact by phone or email: [cism@cap.gov](mailto:cism@cap.gov), H 586.773.2629, C 586.362.7437. Visit our Great Lakes Region CISM web site at <http://glr.cap.gov/cism>.

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# General Cutler Presents Awards to Top Cadets at GLR Encampment

★★ Major General Thomas Cutler, State Adjutant Presents Awards to Top Cadets During Graduation Ceremony ★★



*General Cutler awaits the next cadet*



**2003 Honor Cadet**  
*Cadet Jonathan Stec, Bluewater Cadet Squadron, Michigan Wing (Juliet Flight, Squadron 3)*



**2003 Outstanding Cadet NCO**  
*C/MSgt Tracey Lenzion, Livingston Composite Squadron, Michigan Wing (Echo Flight Sergeant, Squadron 2)*



**2003 Outstanding Cadet Officer**  
*C/CMSgt Jef Schultz, Oakland Composite Squadron, Michigan Wing (Alpha Flight Commander, Squadron 1)*

*Congratulations to Our Cadets  
On a job Outstandingly Well Done  
From All of Us In Michigan Wing  
We Are All Very Proud of You!*

**2003 Honor Flight**  
*Alpha Flight, Squadron 1  
C/CMSgt Jef Schultz, Commander  
C/TSgt Adam Essenmacher, Flight Sergeant  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Adam Besso, Tactical Officer*



## Canadian Neighbors Participate In Great Lakes Region Encampment Activities



Once again our neighbors across the border joined in with American cadets to participate in all the fun and activities at this years Great Lakes Region Encampment event.



C/Sgt Jakeb Laderoute with C/MSgt Walter Pyles,  
Mustang Squadron MI-271

Joining our cadets this year were C/Sgt Victoria Waterfield and C/Sgt Jakeb Laderoute from Squadron 826 of the Air Cadet League of Canada in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Their senior leader was Capt Clifford Dixon, RCAF.

Captain Dixon commented that he and his cadets had a great time and that he plans to return next year with eight cadets to experience learning with their American neighbors.



C/Sgt Jakeb Laderoute  
C/Sgt Victoria Waterfield



Capt. (Dix) Dixon

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines Reminder

The new Wing Newsletter "*Heads Up*", published monthly, is in its fifth month of publication. The newsletter staff is working diligently to make "*Heads Up*" one of the best and most informative vehicles of communication that Michigan Wing has to offer. The newsletter is distributed via Wing mail to all squadrons and is available on line on the MIWG website at <http://www.miwg.cap.gov/>. The newsletter advises all members of current news and events, Wing and squadron activities, senior and cadet promotions, awards, position appointments, as well as, information of particular interest to all members. The newsletter is starting to come alive with interesting photos and articles of our cadets and senior members in action, performing their duties and having fun.

As editor, I encourage all members, particularly PAO's, squadron commanders and directors to share with all Wing members, the activities and achievements of all of your unit members by contributing information of notability to the newsletter in an effort to maintain a smooth flow of information.

Current article submission guidelines are as follows:

1. **Submission deadline for article inclusion is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**
2. Name, rank, squadron and/or unit of member who is submitting or writing the article.
3. Name, rank, squadron and/or unit of photographer, if submitting photos.
4. Source of information, if applicable.
5. Name, rank, squadron and/or unit of all persons appearing in photos.  
(Please indicate who is who)
6. Description, date and location of event taking place in photo.
7. Conventional photos may be scanned - digital photos are preferred.

Through our combined efforts as a team, **we can**, as an organization publicly recognize and share the achievements of all our well deserving members that help to make Michigan Wing one of the best Wings in the nation!

*The mission of the newsletter is to inform, to recognize, create a historical document and to record activities, events and accomplishments on a Wing, Squadron and individual level.*

# Air Force New Battle Dress Uniform In Test Phase



The test uniform is blue, grey and green, and has the "tiger stripes" pattern instead of the woodland pattern. The uniform is designed to be worn tucked in or un-tucked. It also comes with a new three-button "Henley" tee-shirt, and a Marine-style six point cap.

Photos by: USAF (Official)  
Source: Air Force News Service  
Submitted by: David J. D'Arcy, GS-7/SSgt, MIANG

*Story continued on next page*



# Air Force New Battle Dress Uniform In Test Phase

## ***Air Force unveils plan to wear test new utility uniform***

WASHINGTON

*Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.*

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, officials said. Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality. "Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform," Jumper said. "In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance." Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform. "We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions," he added. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs. "I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape," he said. "This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward." A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said. "I believe it's a uniform fitting of the world's greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear," he said. "We want your feedback as well – not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment. "It's important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen's needs," Murray said. According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year. Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women. Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include: Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics; A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform, Recalling the "tiger stripe" camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage. Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts. The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

SIDEBAR ARTICLE

WASHINGTON— ***Airmen get sneak peek at new uniform***

A prototype of the new Air Force utility uniform was unveiled July 9 in various duty sections at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and Bolling AFB, D.C. Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, from the Air Force uniform board, enlisted the aid of eight airmen to demonstrate both the men's and women's version of the blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage uniform for photographers. Opinions varied, but were largely positive. Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force's special security office, tested the uniform in an entry-control-point environment at Andrews. "I like (the blouse) tucked in," she said. "It looks super." Miller said she also like the uniform's look and fit. "The color is different," she said. "I like it, it's comfortable and it's low-maintenance. It has a bunch of Air Force logos, and I like the rigger belt, and I love the black T-shirt – it's very professional looking." Senior Master Sgt. Vicky Jones, from Bolling AFB's 11<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, observed other security forces members in the uniform. "It's lightweight (and) it looks like it conforms better to the body. And it's Air Force blue, ooh-rah! It's good to be back in the Air Force."

The wear test period officially begins in January, when 300 uniforms will endure the rigors of Air Force life, indoor and out. Wearers and observers alike will be able to record their comments and observations on an Air Force Web site, noting the good, the bad and the ugly. Officials say production, if approved, could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, Air Force Print News

## Selfridge Cadets Help with Red Cross Support for Iraq Soldiers

### Detroit - Selfridge Cadets Help with Red Cross Support for Soldiers in Iraq

Cadets and senior members of the Selfridge Cadet Squadron in August helped the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter sort hundreds of pounds of items meant for desert-stationed soldiers deployed in Iraq. The items were donated by schools, church groups and social organizations over many months. Red Cross volunteers in Detroit have been sending boxes of the items to troops, but in late summer with some 850 boxes sent and another 700 or more to go, the task of sorting and selecting items was daunting.

Cadets were told that the outpouring of community support needed to meet strict military and Red Cross standards in order to be shipped. Among the requirements: Only bagged or packaged items may be sent. No religious material is allowed. Magazines must be culled to remove those that allude to war or violence. No salty items, spill-able liquids or alcohol-containing skin products may be sent. Anything with a name and address on it must be held back. That meant a careful separation of lovingly packaged bags and boxes, with an added twist: Since all the items are considered donations, nothing may be discarded without being carefully noted.

“We have 3,300 decks of mixed cards donated by a casino that all have to be sorted – it’s a nice gesture, but none of us have been willing to tackle that,” said Lesta Grear, Red Cross volunteer chairperson of the southeastern Michigan effort, as an example. Grear said troops who receive Red Cross parcels have sent letters saying they are grateful for the supplies, but are even more grateful to know that people at home are thinking of them and value their service.

In addition to their work, the cadet volunteers received a familiarization tour of Red Cross communications offices, and an explanation about how the Red Cross organization works together with military organizations to help when a family crisis or other unexpected event affects soldiers.

The 16 cadets and four senior members succeeded in sorting and classifying many cartons of hygiene products, stacks of magazines and piles of other items. Over a three-hour period cadets wrote shipping labels and helped get the supplies categorized and lined up for those who would be packing specialized boxes for shipping the next day. Nothing was wasted in the effort. Materials that could not be sent to the troops were set aside for distribution to programs and military families at U.S. bases. “This was really interesting. I could have been at my regular job working for money, but this turned out to be a lot better,” said C/Tsgt Sean Freeburn, one of the volunteers, after the event. Maj. Matt Butkis, who organized the Civil Air Patrol mission, said it helped cadets to see the physical signs of support from people who felt a need to help the morale of soldiers in the field. “In a way, this helps confirm the cadets in their own mission, to know how much people care about the service given to our country by men and women in the field,” he said. – 1Lt Tim Moran

**Article & Photos by:** 1Lt Tim Moran, Squadron PAO



**Cadets Martin Genter, Jr., Jake Milkovich and Nicholas Knaebel get information from American Red Cross crisis duty worker Carl Riley**



**Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Bell (left) and cadet Austin Eplett (right) pack troop support boxes while other Selfridge cadets work nearby**

## Van Dyke Cadet Squadron Members Participate in Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise

Members of Van Dyke Cadet Squadron MI-117, participated in the **Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise** held in Macomb County. The exercise was conducted by members of the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management, the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, and the police and fire departments of Mt. Clemens and Roseville .

Over one-hundred personnel were involved in the exercises, which included the attempted bombing of the Roseville District Court and the Macomb County Circuit Court. Civil Air Patrol members were utilized as civilians in the courts to conduct business while the incidents transpired. Law enforcement agencies conducted a building search, apprehension of the terrorists, and ensured the safety of the personnel inside the building.

It was a fantastic experience and even a little intimidating. Each of us had the opportunity of meeting one of the local bomb dogs, known as Harry, while he was in his full operational mode. We also learned first hand the operations of a SWAT team. The opportunity was educational, learning more about what occurs during these exercises. One of the major benefits for Civil Air Patrol, included securing a strong working relationship with the Macomb County Office of Emergency Services and the addition of two new recruits to our program.

**Article by:** Major Pamela Paulin, Squadron Commander MI-117

