

**Group 3  
Annual Awards Banquet**



**6 January 2018  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



**National Commander**

Major General Mark E. Smith

**Regional Commander**

Colonel Jack J. Ozer

**Wing Commander**

Colonel Gary L. Fleming

**Group Commander**

Major Victor S. McBeth

**Deputy Commander**

Major Eugene Suplee

**Chief of Staff**

Major Leslie Herr

**Group Staff**

Lt. Col. Stanton Altzman

Maj. Anthony Kearse

Lt. Col. Walter Cornett

Maj. Carl Kelley

Lt. Col. Stephen Fortin

Maj. Andrew Notafrancesco

Lt. Col. Douglas Glantz

Capt. James Teal

Lt. Col. Ryan Kelly

1st Lt. Javier Cruz

Lt. Col. Gary Metz

1st Lt. Wayne Gotlieb

Lt. Col. Bruce Thompson

1st Lt. Christopher Onesti

Lt. Col. James Weller

C/Col Matthew Chirik

Maj. Timothy Case

C/Major Brandon Webber

Maj. Keith Elliott

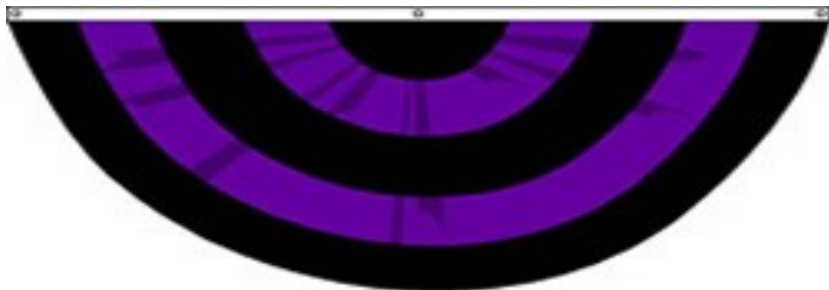
On Behalf of Group 3 Members



Thank you for your support

# In Memoriam

Dedicated to the  
memory of the  
Group 3 Members who have come  
before.



## A Message from the Commander:

Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of the membership of Group 3, Pennsylvania Wing, Civil Air Patrol, I am privileged to welcome you to the 2nd Annual Group 3 Conference & Banquet. Our intent is to honor our members and their accomplishments in service to not only our local communities and the commonwealth, but to our country as a whole; spread the word regarding some of the most recent and important changes in the CAP program; and to expose our cadets to newly developing opportunities, NCSA, and "Gold Bar Recruiting".

I has been an honor to serve as the Commander of Group 3 for the last several years and you can be sure, I will remain an active member of the Group. Thank you for your support and please continue to support the CAP and it's leadership.

Maj. Victor Mc Beth  
Group 3 Commander





# Squadron Commanders



## Quality Cadet Unit Award

Northeast Philadelphia Composite Squadron 104  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Squadron Commander: Maj. Notafrancesco



## Quality Cadet Unit Award

General Carl A. Spaatz Composite Squadron 812  
Limerick, Pennsylvania  
Squadron Commander: 1st Lt. Wilfong



## Quality Cadet Unit Award

Chester County Composite Squadron 1008  
Chester, Pennsylvania  
Squadron Commander: Maj. Leslie Herr



SQUADRON 101  
NER-PA-102  
BRSTOL, PA

Captain Terry Loughlin



SQUADRON 103  
NER-PA-048  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Major Eugene Suplee



SQUADRON 104  
NER-PA-214  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Major Notafrancesco



SQUADRON 902  
NER-PA-160  
HORSHAM, PA

Lt. Col. James Weller



SQUADRON 812  
NER-PA-018  
LIMERICK, PA

1st Lt. William Wilfong, IV



SQUADRON 1007  
NER-PA-105  
EAST LANSDOWNE, PA

Captain John O'Meara

SQUADRON 1006  
NER-PA-301  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Captain James-Booker



SQUADRON 1008  
NER-PA-080  
DOWNINGTOWN, PA

Major Leslie Herr



SQUADRON 102  
NER-PA-049  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Captain Cheryl Bates

## **From the Wing Commander Colonel Gary Fleming**

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pa Wing Group Three Conference and Awards Banquet. The Group Three Conference committee worked very hard to make today a learning experience as well as an enjoyable day for everyone.

As we have just entered into 2018 the winds of change have come across the Pa Wing starting today with the appointment of a new Group Three Commander. I want to congratulate Major Leslie Herr on being appointed the Group Three Commander. She comes well qualified to command Group Three. Major Herr is working on comprising a strong Group staff. The amount of experience they each will bring to their new positions ensures that the Group Three is in good hands and will have an exciting 3 years ahead of us all.

I want to thank Major Victor McBeth for serving the past 2 plus years as the Group Three Commander. He has made such a difference in Group Three, even thru some personal adversity. Major McBeth and the Group staff worked hard to assist the Squadrons of Group Three. There were several command changes and today several more will take place as we move forward. Major McBeth is a key member in our cadet program and thru his leadership a number of our cadets are highly recognized from his mentorship over the past 4 years. Thank you for serving as Group Three Commander!

Over the past year, Group Three has had a great year and I wish to thank all our members for their commitment to the Civil Air Patrol, the Pa Wing and especially to Group Three and their Squadrons. We had a number of live missions and all of you stepped up and performed your missions for America with professionalism and skill. We had a large number of members that attended and completed training in Emergency Services as well as their Professional Development. Today, we will recognize those members for their earning different levels of training.

Our cadets have had a wonderful year and continue to amaze me every day. When I hear many in our communities say our children are not committed to the future I think of our cadets and know that they are very wrong. Every time I visit with the cadets of the Pa Wing and especially Group Three it renews my commitment as to why I joined the Civil Air Patrol.

Again, I am looking forward to spending the day with each of you. I believe the Group Three Conference committee has put together a great Seminars and Awards Banquet.

Thank you all for all you do for the Civil Air Patrol, the Pa Wing and Group Three!

# **GROUP 3 AWARDS**



**Incident Staff Officer of the Year**  
C/Col Matthew Chirik  
Squadron 103



**Pilot of the Year**  
Major Timothy Case  
Squadron 1008



**Aircraft Member of the Year**  
Captain John O'Meara  
Squadron 1007



**Ground Team Leader of the Year**  
C/Major Brandon Webber  
Squadron 104

# SQUADRON AWARDS

## Squadron of the Year

General Carl A. Spaatz Composite  
Squadron 812

Limerick, Pennsylvania

Squadron Commander: 1st Lt. Wilfong



## Ground Teams of the Year

Philadelphia Composite Squadron 103

Squadron Commander: Maj. E. Suplee

Northeast Philadelphia Composite Squadron 104

Squadron Commander: Maj. A. Notafrancesco

# Distinguished Guest

**BRIGADIER GENERAL BRUCE THOMPSON, (Ret.)**

**Chief of Staff, Delaware National Guard**



Retired Brigadier General Bruce Thompson was the Chief of Staff, Delaware Air National Guard. He served as the principle advisor to the Commander of the Delaware Air National Guard for all Air National Guard issues. He was responsible for assisting the planning, directing and administering programs for approximately 1,100 Air National Guard personnel within the state. He was further responsible for providing trained, equipped and mission ready forces in support of federal mobilization requirements and state emergency operations. He developed plans, programs and policies in support of the Delaware C-130 Wing and maintained liaison with major commands and the National Guard Bureau. General Thompson received his commission through the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science in 1980. He earned his pilot wings in 1981 from Reese Air Force Base, Texas. General Thompson was an Instructor and Standardization/Evaluation Pilot for the C-130 Aircraft with 32 combat sorties and 197 combat support sorties. He served as Commander, 166th Airlift Wing and is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. General Thompson is a command pilot with over 4,500 hours in the C-130A, C-130H2, T-37 and T-38.

# **Distinguished Guests**

**Colonel Mark Lee**  
**Northeast Region Chief of Staff**



# **Colonel Joe Abegg**

**New Jersey Wing Commander**



# **GROUP 3 AWARDS**

## **Senior Member of the Year**

**1st Lt. Christopher Onesti**  
**Squadron 1007**

## **NCO of the Year**

**TSgt Bradley Kenny**  
**Squadron 1007**

## **Cadet of the Year**

**C/Col Matthew Chirik**  
**Squadron 103**

## **Cadet NCO of the Year**

**C/CMSgt Marc Mangiaruga**  
**Squadron 902**

## **Cadet Airmen of the Year**

**C/A1C Cassandra Savuikinas**  
**Squadron 1007**

## **Group Staff Officer of the Year**

**Major Carl Kelley**  
**Group 3**

## **Squadron Commander of the Year**

**1st Lt. William Wilfong**  
**Squadron 812**



# GROUP 3 AWARDS



## Administrative Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Melody Teal  
Squadron 101



## Aerospace Education Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Jerome Weiss  
Squadron 812



## Cadet Programs Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. Bruce Thompson  
Squadron 1008



## Chaplain of the Year

Chaplain Captain Lucy Pierre  
Squadron 103



## Communications Officer of the Year

Captain James Teal  
Squadron 101



## Emergency Services Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Javier Cruz  
Squadron 104



## Finance Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Altzman  
Squadron 1007



## Personnel Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Wayne Gotlieb  
Squadron 1007



## Professional Development Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Wayne Gotlieb  
Squadron 1007



## Safety Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. Stanton Altzman  
Group 3

# Distinguished Guests

Lt. Col. Kevin Berry  
Vice Wing Commander

Lt. Col. Suzanne McBride  
Wing Chief of Staff

Maj. Dane Carroll  
Wing Asst. Dir. Of Emergency Services

Lt. Col. Wayne Toughill  
Wing Inspector General

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Altzman  
Wing Communications Officer

Col. Fred Weiss  
Former PA Wing Commander

Col. M. Allen Applebaum  
Former PA Wing Commander

Councilman Al Taubenberger  
Philadelphia City Council

# Service Awards

## 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Altzman, Stanton**

## 55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gibbons, William

Shore, Irving

## 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Camenzind, Fredrick

## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

El, Albert

Metz, Gary

Fortin, Stephen

Suplee, Robert

Gibbons, William

Thompson, Bruce

Grill, Donald

Weller, James

Willis, Joel

## 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cornett, Walter

Johnson, Conway

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gibbons, Anne

Kelly, Joseph

Goetz, John

Orr, Stanley

Weisman, Francine

# Cadet Promotions

Addalli, Danielle NER-PA-018

Avellino, Isaac Silverio NER-PA-160

Baer, Maxwell Isaac NER-PA-049

Bowe, Eric Francis NER-PA-018

Burkhimer, Matthew NER-PA-214

Busby, Matthew NER-PA-080

Cantor, Samantha NER-PA-080

Colon, Dominick J NER-PA-301

Corson, Brinton Clark NER-PA-018

Day, Nathan Michael NER-PA-049

Dinando, Cassandra NER-PA-080

James-Weatherbe, Nastasha NER-PA-301

Jefferson, Reese N NER-PA-048

Leonard, Olivia NER-PA-105

Loebe, Robert NER-PA-080

Macdonald, Garrett NER-PA-102

Maddux, Julia NER-PA-105

Maksym, Zabigaliuk NER-PA-214

Marwaha, Chirayu NER-PA-301

Masciulli, Samantha NER-PA-102

Metzler, Joy Jin NER-PA-080

Panaitescu, Ana M NER-PA-160

Pote, Kieran Charels NER-PA-102

Schaefer, Trinity NER-PA-301

Sears, Diana May NER-PA-080

Shatson, Zachary NER-PA-049

Sims, William NER-PA-301

Traore, Oumare NER-PA-105



# Cadet Promotions



Alfred, Neil  
 Burns, Alexander R  
 Burt, Owen D  
 Davis, Mikhail Joseph  
 Elder, Immanuel J  
 Raccagno, Dominick  
 Wilfong, Sharon E

NER-PA-018  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-018  
 NER-PA-160  
 NER-PA-214  
 NER-PA-102  
 NER-PA-018



Farley, Ryan E  
 Kelly, Nicholas James  
 Krishan, Akash  
 Marlowe, Maximus Evan  
 Saini, Kavish V  
 Srinivasan, Rishab  
 Woodruff, Andrew R

NER-PA-018  
 NER-PA-160  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-018  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-160

Brower, Kyle  
 Butler, Victoria  
 Canete, Elijah D  
 Elder, Tru Faith  
 Goudy, Dustin  
 Haraburda, Robert  
 Kao, Caleb David  
 Martin, Isaiah  
 McNamee, Cole  
 Nolan, Timothy  
 Parrish, Kimberly  
 Patterson, Laura  
 Paul, Joshua  
 Robinson, Isaiah  
 Savukinas, Cassandra  
 Shatson, Zachary  
 Simpson, Adam  
 Stites, Judah F  
 Thompson, Tephion

NER-PA-102  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-080  
 NER-PA-214  
 NER-PA-102  
 NER-PA-102  
 NER-PA-018  
 NER-PA-049  
 NER-PA-160  
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 NER-PA-049  
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 NER-PA-102  
 NER-PA-301  
 NER-PA-105  
 NER-PA-301  
 NER-PA-160  
 NER-PA-160  
 NER-PA-080



# Service Awards

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Conteantine, Josphe  
 Putnam, Gregory  
 Teal, James

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ewing, David  
 Hathaway, Michael  
 Jones, Nolan  
 Pierre, Lucy  
 Graves, Curtis  
 Hornbach, Elizabeth  
 Klaene, Michael  
 Shields, William  
 Weiss, Jerome

## 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Bubb, Andrew  
 Elliott, Keith  
 Morgan, Joyce  
 Damle, Ratnadeep  
 Kohler, Philip  
 Postupack, Postupack  
 Freda Townsend

## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Adams, Leander  
 Brocken Borough, Van  
 Rodriguez, Joseph  
 Berky, Jeffery  
 Corsi, Brandon  
 Notafrancesco, Andrew  
 Weiss, Kenneth

## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ahadi, Cyrus Michael	DuKhin, Oleg	O'Meara, John G
Bahal, Vidur	Hanson, Robert W	Orr, Douglas A
Bartle, Brian K	Hawley, Nikolas A	Prato, Anthony C
Bates, Cheryl L	James-Booker, Patricia A	Rabenau, Allan H
Bates, Cimone	Kimbro, Malachi Alan	Roth, Martin D
Bates, Damon C	Kramer, Charles W	Schetman, Matthew B
Beckary, Peter M	Lazaro, Dominick R	Selby, Rodger P
Berring, Daniel P	Long, Michael A	Smolij, Adam B
Case, Timothy W	Maddux, Charles D	Stevens, Jeffery Q
Chaudhry, Wahab A	Mathur, Ezekiel I	Teagarden, Robin D
Chirik, Matthew J	McBeth, Victor S	Torres, Robin G
Collins, Peter	Meed, Mitchell J	Turnbull, Stephen
Cruz, Javier	Minton, Robert R	Webber, Brandon M
Damle, Akash R	Montgomery, Robert	White, Anthony J

# Service Awards

## 2 YEARS OF SERVICE

Adams, Jordan L  
Alfred, Neil Lyoad  
Brown, Sean E  
Burns, Alexander Richard  
Burt, Miles G  
Burt, Owen D  
Calvert, Brendan Thomas  
Campayo, Damian M  
Cantor, Marissa Kaylee  
Carrio, Nathan L  
Caruth, Richard M  
Cavanaugh, Daniel Isaac  
Chirik, Garrett James  
Christ, Nelly A  
Corbin, Tyler F  
Davis, Najaye R  
DiStefano, Dante  
Douglas, Herman Trevante  
Durivage, Gerald J  
Durivage, Jacob Davis  
Evasew, Lillian Rose  
Farley, Jackson C  
Farley, Ryan E  
Foland, Dominic A  
Gilroy, Kevin D  
Givens, Ryan Kristopher  
Gotlieb, Wayne S  
Guarini, Luca M  
Keates, Jacob A  
Kenny, Bradley D  
Kraft, Andrew H  
Kretschmar, Paul D  
Laskowski, Richard P  
Lichmira, Waldemar A  
Lopez, Luis

Mandolesi, Daniel M  
Mandolesi, Daniel N  
Mangiaruga, Gabriel  
Miller, Jacob Scott  
Mohanranga, Likhit  
Osorio, Amsell J  
Panaitescu, Tudor G  
Parker, Sanai K  
Parrish, Kimberly M  
Paski, Christina M  
Pignone, Aaron J  
Pignone, Miki W  
Reiland, Adam C  
Rice, Tyler J  
Rickards, Lisa M  
Rivera, Zaeleem  
Roberts, Deja  
Robinson, Isaiah Leslie  
Saini, Avnish Vijay  
Saini, Vijay  
Slick, Charles  
Sobolewski, Connor S  
Spain, Derrick R  
Stites, Judah F  
Symes, Elizabeth Gloria  
Teal, Melody I  
Wilfong, Sharon E  
Wilfong, William T  
Wilfong, William T  
Zagame, Anthony J  
Zanolli, Evan J.P.

# Cadet Promotions



Calvert, Brendan	NER-PA-018
Christ, Nelly A	NER-PA-080
Durivage, Jacob Davis	NER-PA-080
Evasew, Lillian Rose	NER-PA-018
Guarini, Luca M	NER-PA-160
Mangiaruga, Gabriel	NER-PA-160
Miller, Jacob Scott	NER-PA-160
Parker, Sanai	NER-PA-301
Paski, Christina M	NER-PA-018
Pignone, Aaron J	NER-PA-018
Rice, Tyler J	NER-PA-102
Spain, Derrick R	NER-PA-048



Burt, Miles G	NER-PA-018
Carrio, Nathan L	NER-PA-018
Givens, Ryan	NER-PA-080
Keates, Jacob A	NER-PA-080
Orr, Douglas A	NER-PA-105
Parker, Sanai K	NER-PA-301



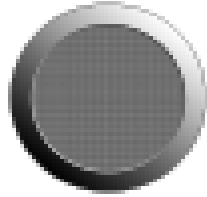
Cantor, Marissa K	NER-PA-080
Farley, Jackson C	NER-PA-018
Mandolesi, Daniel M	NER-PA-049



Adams, Jordan L	NER-PA-048
Ahadi, Cyrus Michael	NER-PA-080
McGill, Eoin Joseph	NER-PA-080
Rodgers, Eric James	NER-PA-080
Schnepp, Shaylen Robert	NER-PA-102

# Cadet Promotions

## BILLY MITCHELL AWARD



C/2LT	Daniel P Berring	NER-PA-160
C/2LT	Garrett James Chirik	NER-PA-048
C/2LT	Mitchell J Meed	NER-PA-160
C/2LT	William T Wilfong	NER-PA-018

## WRIGHT BROTHERS AWARD



C/TSgt	Adams, Jordan	NER-PA-048
C/SSgt	Alfred, Neil	NER-PA-018
C/SSgt	Burns, Alexander	NER-PA-080
C/SSgt	Burt, Owen	NER-PA-018
C/SMSgt	Calvert, Brendan	NER-PA-018
C/SSgt	Davis, Mikhail	NER-PA-160
C/SSgt	Elder, Immanuel	NER-PA-214
C/MSgt	Farley, Jackson	NER-PA-018
C/SSgt	Kelly, Nicholas	NER-PA-160
C/Tsgt	McGill, Eoin	NER-PA-080
C/SSgt	Raccagno, Dominick	NER-PA-102
C/Tsgt	Rodgers, Eric	NER-PA-080
C/SSgt	Wilfong, Sharon	NER-PA-018

# CHANGE IN COMMAND



**Outgoing Commander**  
Major Victor Mc Beth

**Incoming Commander**  
Major Leslie Herr



**Outgoing Commander**

**Incoming Commander**

## SQUADRON 101

Capt. Terry Loughlin

Capt. James Teal

## SQUADRON 1006

Capt. Patricia James-Booker

Major Victor Mc Beth

## SQUADRON 1007

Capt. John O'Meara

1st Lt. Christopher Onesti

## SQUADRON 1008

Major Leslie Herr

Major Timothy Case

## From the New Group 3 Commander Maj. Leslie Herr

Thank you for attending Group 3's second annual conference. This is a chance for us to bond as a community of friends, neighbors, and fellow volunteers. Our activities today deepen our understanding of CAP's current situation and path into the future. To move forward, we will rely on everybody from the youngest cadet to the most experienced senior. I hope each of you works toward improvement by choosing a few goals for 2018 – perhaps to gain a new qualification, try out a new activity, or recruit a new member.

Our dynamic community has been very busy this year – 37 cadets attended encampment and 13 attended NCSAs, 13 pilots flew over 320 hours, 3 squadrons attained Quality Cadet Unit Awards, and of course there was untold effort devoted to meetings and weekend activities. In all we include 16 cadet officers, 7 current pilots, over 2,000 emergency service qualifications, and 46 master-level specialties. This hard work justifies a lot of pride, and with that we've recruited over 100 new members, giving us a nearly 10% growth rate.

It's often said that the squadron is the heart of CAP, and nowhere is this clearer than in reviewing achievements such as the ones you've done this year. Supporting you in your efforts is the job of those at the group level and above.

When you need guidance, resources, or extra help we can help clear the way, but you are the ones who get the job done. I hope each squadron works toward an additional goal – perhaps to undertake a different type of activity, work more closely with a neighboring squadron, pass a self-inspection with no deficiencies, or improve contacts with your legislators.

It's an honor to accept command from Major McBeth, who has dedicated himself to our welfare and set us on the road to a bright future. We wish him many thanks, and to him and Squadron 1006 the best in the coming years. To Squadron 1008 and so many other CAP members, as well as my family and friends, I offer thanks for what you've given to prepare me for this responsibility. If I succeed it is in no small part to these fine people.



Webber, Brandon M

NER-PA-214

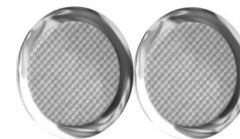
## AMELIA EARHART AWARD



C/Capt  
C/Capt

Damle, Akash  
Minton, Robert

NER-PA-080  
NER-PA-102



Sobolewski, Connor S

NER-PA-080

Zanolli, Evan J.P.

NER-PA-080

## Group 3 Spatz Award Recipients

Award Number	Name	Year
10	Hanford, Michael	1966
104	Draper, Paul	1970
105	Mertz, Harry	1970
171	Stutz, Marie	1972
480	Magners, Richard	1978
495	Kraftchak, James	1979
510	Snee, William	1979
534	Hawes, Terry	1979
558	Hawes, Tim	1980
583	Rickert, Steven	1981
626	Sodano, Anthony	1982
691	Cornett, Walter	1984
889	Angeny, John	1988
1101	Szewczyk, Nathaniel	1992
1236	Rivera, Julian	1995
1282	Armstrong, Julius	1995
1287	Jones, Broderick	1995
1662	Postupack, Matthew	2007
1767	Carroll, Dane	2010
2135	Chirik, Matthew	2017

## SENIOR PROMOTIONS



**Major**

Case, Timothy W  
Hathaway, Michael J  
Walters, Nathaniel W

NER-PA-080  
NER-PA-048  
NER-PA-105



Lipareli, Michael A  
Tso, Jeannie L

NER-PA-048  
NER-PA-048



**2nd Lt.**

Cruz, Javier  
DuKhin, Oleg  
Gotlieb, Wayne S  
Onesti, Christopher F  
Panaitescu, Tudor G  
Selby, Rodger P  
Teal, Melody I  
Weiss, Jerome M  
Wilfong, William T

NER-PA-214  
NER-PA-214  
NER-PA-105  
NER-PA-105  
NER-PA-160  
NER-PA-301  
NER-PA-102  
NER-PA-018  
NER-PA-018



**3rd Lt.**

Berky, Kathryn F  
Canete, Fernando I  
Desanto, Derek J  
Edwards, Steven A  
Evasew, Kimberly A  
Maddux, Charles D  
Saini, Vijay  
Sarker, Saurabh K

NER-PA-102  
NER-PA-080  
NER-PA-160  
NER-PA-080  
NER-PA-018  
NER-PA-105  
NER-PA-080  
NER-PA-080

## FLIGHT OFFICER PROMOTIONS



Hanson, Robert W NER-PA-105

## NCO PROMOTIONS



Kenny, Brad NER-PA-105

# Cadet Promotions

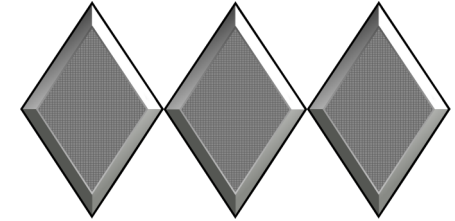
## SPAATZ AWARD



THE GENERAL CARL A. SPAATZ AWARD is Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet honor. It is presented to cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education. Cadets qualify for this prestigious award after devoting an average of five years to progress through sixteen achievements in the CAP Cadet Program. Along the way they develop self-discipline, a strong sense of personal responsibility, the ability to lead and persuade, and the foundation necessary for pursuing a career in aviation, space, or technology. The final step a cadet must complete to earn the Spaatz Award is a rigorous four-part exam consisting of a challenging physical fitness test, an essay exam testing their moral reasoning, a comprehensive written exam on leadership, and a comprehensive written exam on aerospace education. Upon passing the Spaatz Award exams, the cadet is promoted to the grade of cadet colonel. The Spaatz Award is named in honor of Carl "Tooey" Spaatz, the first Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. One of the giants in the history of airpower, in 1929 Spaatz, together with another pilot, set an important flight endurance record of 150 hours and 40 minutes in the early days of aviation. During World War II, he commanded the Allied air campaign against the Nazis. In the Pacific Theater, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place under his command. After retiring from the Air Force, General Spaatz served as the first chairman of the Civil Air Patrol National Board

## SPAATZ AWARD RECIPIENT

### CICOL MATTHEW J. CHIRIK



#2135

C/Col Matthew J. Chirik lives at his family home in Warrington, PA with his parents, Christine and Joseph, and his brother, C/2Lt Garrett. Matt is a graduate of Central Bucks High School South and is a junior at Temple University, majoring in Strategic Communications

His CAP career is quite interesting - has been affiliated with numerous squadrons - 902, 102, 104 and 103. Attended Encampment, Hawk Mt Ranger School, National Blue Beret, Region Cadet Leadership School, North-east Region Emergency Services Academy. He staffed the first three, generally bringing his expertise in Public Affairs to the forefront, and served as the Cadet Commander of the last two. He has also been active in the Legislative Days sponsored by CAP. He is a graduate of the Basic Inland Search School and the National Search & Rescue School, taught by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

In his spare time he is a member of the Army ROTC Battalion at Temple University as well as Greater Philadelphia Search & Rescue Organization. Currently he is an intern for Philadelphia Councilman-At-Large Al Taubenberger.