



# Capitol City Composite Squadron NEWSLETTER



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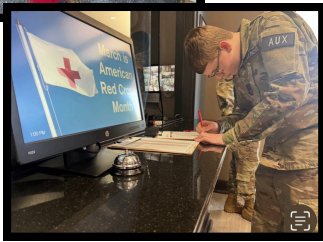
## Wreaths Across America Cleanup

Cadets and senior members from the squadron recently volunteered at the Wreaths Across America cleanup at the Baton Rouge National Cemetery. A team of seven cadets and four senior members worked together to help collect and properly remove over 4,000 wreaths placed in honor of our nation's veterans. The event, sponsored by Blue Star Mothers of America, brought together multiple organizations committed to service and remembrance. Participants demonstrated teamwork, respect, and dedication throughout the cleanup effort. Their hard work ensured the cemetery remained a place of honor and dignity for those who serve



## American Red Cross Training

Cadets recently completed shelter management training with the American Red Cross, gaining valuable disaster response skills. Over two meetings, they learned the requirements for opening, maintaining, and closing a Red Cross shelter. The training culminated in a Saturday visit to the American Red Cross Baton Rouge Area Chapter facility, where cadets explored feeding operations, communications, and shelter setup. Cadets then competed in a hands-on challenge to properly set up and operate a shelter, showcasing their teamwork and knowledge. Special thanks to Burk Hughes and Sandy Joslyn for preparing our cadets to serve their community in times of disaster.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

11 April	NASA/Skywatch Mission #1/BR	6 June	SAREX #1/BTR
18/19 April	Wing Academy/Lake Charles	13-21 June	LAWG Encampment/Keesler AFB
25 April	Model Rocketry Day/LSU	4 July	Independence Day Parade
16 May	NASA/Skywatch Mission #2/BR	17-19 July	Squadron Activity
22-27 May	End of Year Trip/Georgia	1 August	Cadet Planning Meeting
1 June	Sqd. Awards Ceremoney/BR	22 August	Squadron Activity



Mark your calendars for **June 1** as we celebrate our Annual Squadron Awards Ceremony and Cadet Change of Command. This special event honors cadets and senior members who have earned recognition in leadership, emergency services, physical fitness, drill, and aerospace. Cadets will also receive achievement certificates and promotions as we recognize their hard work and dedication. We will proudly celebrate our squadron's accomplishments, including earning Squadron of the Year and Composite Squadron of the Year. Invitations will be sent out in May—please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible.

## SARX TRAINING

A SAREX training event was held on March 6 at the squadron building in Baton Rouge. Twenty-six cadets and senior members participated in hands-on activities designed to strengthen their emergency services skills. The training focused on building a strong foundation in search and rescue procedures, teamwork, and mission readiness. Participants worked through practical scenarios that reinforced communication and problem-solving in real-world situations. It was a valuable and engaging experience that prepared members to better serve during actual missions.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Cadets and senior members stepped in to help out our squadron support organization CAPAW by volunteering at the Wearing of the Green St. Patrick's Day Parade in Baton Rouge. Volunteers worked the check-in booth, ensured floats were ready, and monitored the parade as it progressed along the route. Their efforts helped keep the event organized, safe, and running smoothly. After the parade, volunteers were treated to snacks, drinks, and jambalaya as a thank-you for their hard work. It was a fun and rewarding day that also helped raise funds to support the squadron. Thank you to all who volunteered! If you would like to volunteer next year please let us know.

## ENCAMPMENT 2026

Cadets are invited to attend the upcoming Louisiana Wing Encampment at Keesler Air Force Base, taking place June 13–21. Applications are due by May 1 and must include both the online portion completed through Registration Zone and the required paper application mailed to Wing Headquarters. In addition, all cadets must have their eServices Civil Air Patrol health information completed in order to attend. Encampment is a valuable opportunity for cadets to grow in leadership, teamwork, and discipline. If these dates do not work, cadets can explore other encampment offerings nationwide through the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters website and choose the one that fits their schedule—please reach out if you have any questions. The cost for encampment this year is \$225. Please apply ASAP - slots are limited!



# Congratulations CCCS!

*Composite Squadron of the Year*



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