

# MAGNOLIA MESSENGER

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## Upcoming Cadet Retreat

Mississippi Wing's Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) is hosting the 2024 Cadet Retreat at Camp Yocona in Pontotoc, Mississippi, from September 13-15. This activity is designed to provide the Cadet Corp with a fun and exciting environment that allows the cadets to get to know each other and foster relationships while maintaining the highest level of mutual respect.

Activities include roasting s'mores, board and card games, a NERF war, canoe races, balsa glider and model rocketry competitions, glow-in-the-dark PT, swimming games, and more.

## Applications Open!

If you would like to represent Mississippi on the Southeast Region Cadet Advisory Council, apply here:

<https://forms.gle/mC7pKxS4upY2vZpy5>

We are currently looking for an editor to create this monthly newsletter. If that is something you would be interested in doing, please visit the link below:

<https://forms.gle/u6mLWC6zmaF5p76VA>

This position is open to all cadets in Mississippi!



## Wings Spotlight

Several cadets from the Mississippi Wing have earned their Private Pilot Certificate this year through the Civil Air Patrol. These cadets are Dylan Gannon, Jai Patel, and Grace Taylor.

Other cadets, including Grace Barton, Eli Richey, and Penn Croker, have completed their solo flight.

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Cadet Wings is a CAP program that assists cadets financially in getting their Private Pilot Certificates.

Information to apply can be found here:  
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest/cadet-wings>

Applications are due September 15th, but slots fill quickly. To be an ideal candidate, you should have soloed and passed your FAA Written.

**“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”**

- Jack Welch, former General Electric CEO

### Unit of the Month:

#### **Col Berta A. Edge Squadron**

SER-MS-048 has been keeping busy the past few months. With C/1st Lt Dylan Boone being accepted into the United States Air Force Academy, C/2d Lt Lydia Crepps took command of MS-048. She, along with the squadron's First Sergeant, C/CMSgt Eli Venning, are very proud of everything the squadron has accomplished. The ceremony was attended by Colonel Billy Pope, the Commander of the 81st Training Wing.

Our Color Guard, consisting of C/CMSgt Venning, C/MSgt Hutchins, C/SrA Venning, and C/SrA Dillman, presented the colors at the local Shuckers baseball game. We all had a wonderful time, and we are planning on inviting the whole squadron to the next event.

Very Respectfully,  
C/2d Lt Lydia Crepps, MS-048 Cadet Commander

# Looking Back...

The 2024 Mississippi Wing Summer Encampment at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center was a transformative journey for cadets, blending rigorous training with unforgettable experiences. For first-time students, the week was packed with thrilling activities such as Blackhawk helicopter rides, the opportunity to use night vision goggles, and engaging in competitive sports. They learned precision and discipline through drill practice, underwent thorough inspections, and took orientation flights that gave them a taste of aviation. The cadets bonded over shared challenges and victories, fostering a sense of camaraderie and teamwork.

A standout feature of this year's encampment was the Advanced Training Squadron (ATS), a program designed to provide seasoned cadets with specialized leadership opportunities and advanced training. ATS cadets embarked on an exciting trip to Pensacola, Florida, where they witnessed the Blue Angels in action, attended a USAF change of command ceremony, toured flight training squadrons at NAS Pensacola, and participated in hands-on drone flying sessions where they earned their recreational pilot ratings. Cadets also built and launched three different rockets to earn their rocketry badges, furthering their understanding of aerospace principles.

The success of the 2024 MSWG Summer Encampment was made possible by the dedicated line and support staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and enriching experience for all cadets. Line staff provided direct guidance and mentorship to the cadets, facilitating drill, classes, and daily activities with precision and discipline. Support staff handled logistics, meals, public affairs, and administrative tasks, ensuring that all operations ran seamlessly. Their combined efforts created a structured and supportive environment that allowed cadets to thrive and focus on their training and development, showcasing the true spirit of teamwork and leadership within CAP. The cadets' success were a testament to their hard work and commitment, and the culmination of the 2024 MSWG Summer Encampment was the Pass in Review ceremony, a proud moment showcasing their achievements and growth. The encampment was honored to host Maj. Gen. Boyles as the Reviewing Officer, whose attendance highlighted the significance of everything accomplished at this year's Encampment.







## On The Horizon...

**September 13th-15th:** Mississippi Wing Cadet Retreat, Camp Yocona

**November 15th-17th:** Black River Search and Rescue Academy

**TBD:** Wing Great Start Academy

**TBD:** Southeast Region Winter Encampment

### ***Have a story to submit?***

We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you! If you'd like to be featured in a future edition of the newsletter, fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/crazn1BgR8qWcQTV7>

If you would like to assist in creating future newsletters for the Wing, please reach out to [cadetactivities@mswg.cap.gov](mailto:cadetactivities@mswg.cap.gov), explaining your interest! Cadets are needed for photography, writing, styling, and more. We are also looking for a Head Editor.