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Gettysburg National Historical Park

Staff Ride to Gettysburg National Military Park

Building upon its success in 2022, Massachusetts Wing again offered a leadership training opportunity for its cadet officers and upper echelon NCOs, as well as for its senior member Cadet Programs officers.

Thirteen cadets and ten senior members departed for Gettysburg on Thursday afternoon, November 9, 2024. After dining in the rail car at Clinton Station Diner in Clinton, New Jersey, we traveled as a convoy to U.S. Army Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. One of the oldest military installations in our nation, this location is both historical and serene. Home to the U.S. Army War College since 1951, it has served as a leadership training facility for senior officers from all branches of the U.S. military.

A military staff ride, properly conducted, requires advanced preparation. First, under the guidance of a lead facilitator, the stage is set by discussing concepts of leadership and decision-mak-

ing. The emphasis is on interactive learning and the expectation is that all participants will contribute to the discussion.

For our Gettysburg staff ride, the preliminary discussion took place during breakfast on the grounds of Carlisle Barracks on Friday, November 10th.

The next phase, the staff ride or field study, takes place on the actual terrain where a historic battle or campaign took place. An excellent facilitator uses vivid language to describe what took place at the site, discussing not only the key players but the men under their command. Questions are raised, and a lively discussion ensues.

At our Gettysburg National Military Park staff ride, the cadets were given center stage, providing a wonderful blend of inquiries and insights.

History is brought to life during a staff ride! The lessons of the past, both successes and failures, are applicable in today's world. Such concepts as leadership, duty to act, loyalty, effective communication, tactical planning, and ethical conduct are as important today as they were in the past. Furthermore, lessons learned on the battlefield can be woven into the fabric of our individual and group conduct.

At the end of the staff ride, after a period of rest and rejuvenation, the participants gather together to debrief. What lessons were learned? How could these lessons be inculcated into planning and procedures?

Our contingent gathered together back at Carlisle Barracks. Was this journey to Gettysburg worth the time and expense? Were there lessons learned that could be brought back to the squadrons within Massachusetts Wng? How could we improve upon this experience? Would it be worth it to return again in 2024?

Massachusetts Wing has a wonderful gift, an individual who gives of his time and experience to enhance the lives of those around him. CAP Lt Col Thomas Williams, also Colonel Thomas Williams, U.S. Army, retired, joined CAP in January 2006. During his military career, this gentleman has served as a staff ride facilitator

at the U.S. Army War College for decades. In his CAP role, he serves at the Deputy Commander for Cadets at the Brigadier General Arthur J. Pierce Cadet Squadron in Amherst. At the Wing level, he served as the Commandant of Cadets at the 2023 Massachusetts Wing Encampment and will do so again this summer.

Thank you, Sir!

**Here are a few photos
from our
November 2023 journey
to
Gettysburg National Historical Park...**



Thank the Lord for small blessings, We had a deluge in November 2022. This year, it was just a drizzle, but still chilly!

Goddard Squadron's fearless friend, Captain Kathy Cambra, Commander of Coastal Patrol 18.





Lt Col Thomas Williams is our Massachusetts Wing's treasure. Knowledgeable and experienced, he strives to facilitate, through interactive dialogue, an in-depth understanding of the complexities of leadership.



A staff ride has many components. Here, the facilitator is discussing the upcoming battle, comparing and contrasting the perspectives of the opposing forces.

**Chief Master Sergeant Craig “Woody” Niemann,
Coastal Patrol 18**



**Lieutenant Colonel Brian McCaffrey,
Goddard Cadet Squadron**





**Captain Loren Herren,
Bridgewater State University
Composite Squadron**



**Captain Kerry Vigevani,
Bridgewater State University
Composite Squadron**



The elusive yet incredibly dedicated Major Brian Silva, Massachusetts Wing Staff.



First Lieutenant Kevin Wilson & Captain Cambra, Coastal Patrol 18 with sidekick First Lieutenant Noah Bell, Hanscom Composite Squadron



Best buddies Alexandra Belliveau & Rebecca Singley, Goddard Cadet Squadron



**Isabella Niemann,
Coastal Patrol 18**



**Hillel Kofsky of Westover
Composite Squadron, and
James Niall of Goddard
Cadet Squadron**

**Isaac Brown, Bridgewater State University
Composite Squadron**



**Alex Gladkowski of Coastal Patrol 18 with Ryan Tracy
of Hanscom Composite Squadron**



**Ethan Martin of Coastal Patrol 18 is standing
in the foreground while James Niall looks on.**



James Niall



**Maryelizabeth Methot,
Westover Composite Squadron**







**Thomas DeSanto,
Westover Composite Squadron**



Alex Gladkowski

Andrew Buck of Plymouth Composite Squadron with Lily Gladkowski



Hillel Kofsky





Ethan Martin of Coastal Patrol 18 with Ryan Tracy



**Isaac Brown, Bridgewater State University Squadron,
and Lily Gladkowski of Coastal Patrol 18**

From left to right: Cadets James Niall, Andrew Buck, Thomas DeSanto, AJ Gladkowski, Ryan Tracy, Lily Gladkowski, Isaac Brown, Isabella Niemann, Ethan Martin, Lt Col Thomas William, Cadets Hillel Kofsky, Maryelizabeth Methot, Becca Singley, and Alex Belliveau. **What a marvelous journey!**



An Aerial Adventure

On Saturday, November 18th, Coastal Patrol 18 and Goddard Squadrons joined together in Berlin, Massachusetts to zip line through an aerial challenge course. The zip lining portion is a blast! However, climbing ladders, balancing on narrow wires, and trying to trek over moving objects can be not only challenging but downright scary!

What made this extra special was Adam Rosado's birthday. His family chose to spend it with us! We had pizza, bread sticks, beverages and cake. What a wonderful repast on a chilly autumn night. Thank you!

There are very few photos as it was DARK outside and dimly lit to boot! So, enjoy the few that we have.



Adam Rosado



Joel Bischoff

Riley Manchester



Alexandra Belliveau





Phelix Lafleur



Henry O'Brien



Keith Reid



Ryan McAuliffe, Coastal Patrol 18. He successfully completed Basic Military Training (Boot Camp) at Lackland Air Force Base. **Congratulations!**



*Padmashree
Malladi*



Anna Petracca



Joshua Sallet and Liam Vosnakis



SNACK PACKS

Goddard Squadron has had the privilege of meeting at a Massachusetts Army National Guard base for some time now. We understand that our base is home to a storied infantry regiment, with its roots dating back to 1636.

During spring 2023, when we learned about an upcoming month-long training mission C/1st Lt Alexandra Belliveau came up with the idea of making up “snack packs” for the soldiers. The cadets came up with items such as Zest™ bars, Kind™ bars and beef jerky. 2d Lt Lydia Reid made up small cards, one per pack, wishing them well. It was a way to show our respect.

Fast forward several months later, and we learned that a much larger contingent of soldiers would be deploying. A survey was sent out to both cadets and senior members asking how we could best support these troops. The answers ranged from food and beverage powders to stationary, notepads, and games such as Yahtze™

Finances did come into play with such a large number of soldiers. How could we make up gift packs that had an interesting content yet were also affordable. That is where C/SMSgt Hari Koornala came in. Much like a bridal registry, he suggested that we set up an Amazon Wish List, providing a variety of bulk selections from which families could choose. We would need a central shipping address, a location where donated items could be sorted and packaged. Ah, where could that be?

Fast forward to Christmas at Six South Barn Road. Amidst all of the festivities, the living room was filling up with items ranging from peanuts and popcorn and Cracker Jacks™ to a variety of healthy foods, chocolates, and powdered beverage packs. The pièce de résistance were the playing cards made in China. We could not afford to purchase high quality American-made card decks so settled for the knock off alternative. Let’s just say that the package design was quite humorous!

Our prized living room was now becoming a warehouse of sorts. At first the boxes trickled in. Then, deliveries ramped up. One evening, I asked my oldest child, visiting from Minnesota, to see if there were any stray packages on the porch. “Mom, you need to get out here!” she exclaimed. Here is one night’s delivery!



By January 10th, all of the orders had arrived. On the 14th, after our trip to the New England Aquarium, an assembly line of sorts was set up by the Reid and O'Brien families to assist with making up individual soldiers' bags. This was followed by compactly packing these bags into moving boxes to facilitate delivery to Guard base. I could see my living room furniture again!



Technical Sergeant Pauline O'Brien, Cadet Captain Henry O'Brien, and 1st Lt Lydia Reid: part of the "Snack Pack Assembly Line" at 6 South Barn Road!

Thanks to all of the families who contributed either in spirit and/or financially to make this happen. In the interest of the soldiers' security, only a few senior members and cadets were selected to spend several early mornings handing out "snack packs" to the troops. We wish them a safe journey and a welcome return to their families.

HOLIDAY PARTY







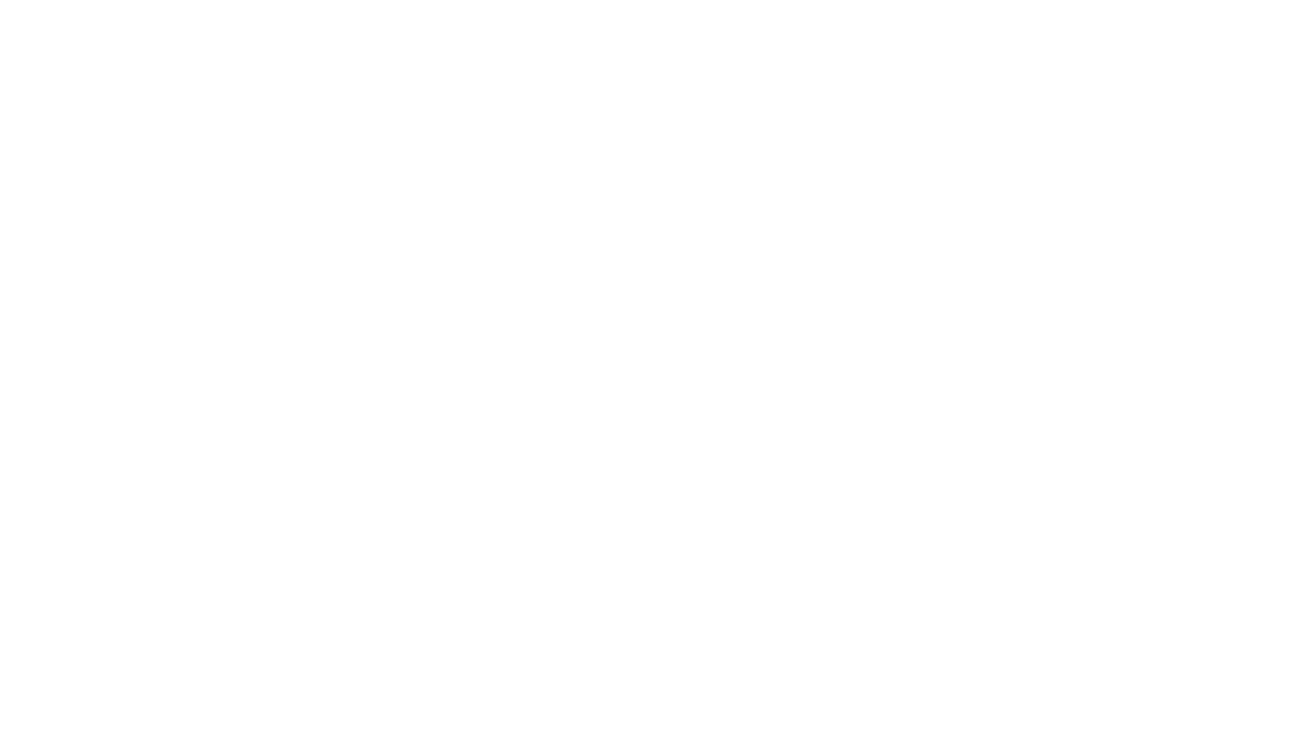
CAP Cadet First Lieutenant Sweta Chandra Mohan, in her first year at the United States Air Force Academy, came in to speak with the cadets.



CAP Captain Maya Belliveau, former Cadet Commander of Goddard Cadet Squadron, is a sophomore majoring in Psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

More games
are about
to ensue!







Chilling in preparation for a
Goddard Tradition





Yes, Musical Chairs is an annual Healthy Fitness Zone Activity at Goddard's holiday party!



Lydia Reid's famous cookies!



Treats for the Sweet!



GODDARD'S OWN SPECIAL ELF?
CADET CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ARIANA WARD



Incredibly DELICIOUS cupcakes!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA





Left to Right, Rear: Anna Petracca, Joel Bischoff, Aabed Selva
Vinothe, James & Thomas Niall
Front Row: Ariana Ward & Nicholas McCaffrey



Rear row, left to right: Anna Petracca, Aabed Selva
Vinothe, Joel Bischoff, James Niall, Brian McCaffrey,
Henry O'Brien, Pauline O'Brien
Front row, left to right: Thomas Niall, Nicholas
McCaffrey, Ariana Ward



Joint Trip to the New England Aquarium and Dining in Boston's North End

On January 14, 2024, 39 members of Coastal Patrol 18 and Goddard Cadet Squadron met up in Boston to enjoy a spectacular day!

After spending several hours at the Aquarium, we watched an awesome movie selected by none other than Capt Kathy Cambra: **Secrets of the Sea 3D.**

Despite the wind and chill, we then trekked to Trattoria il Panino in Boston's North End. The food is freshly-cooked and served to you in the pan! This annual winter feast is a tradition, and is ALWAYS followed by a chocolate chip cannoli courtesy of the Modern Pastry Shop!

WE HAD A JOYOUS DAY!





Cadets looking down from the top of the tank.
This is my favorite viewing spot!

C/1st Lt Alex Belliveau takes second stage to the beauty of the sea!



C/SSgt Lily Rydlak with C/A1Cs Pad Malladi & Anna Petracca



C/CMSgt Adam Rosado with C/SMSgt George MacPherson. Such a beautiful place to visit!



Lt Col Brian McCaffrey, Goddard Squadron



Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park: Welcome to Boston's North End!



Italian Pastries, anyone?





We are approaching this writer's favorite haunt in Boston ...



Fine dining at Trattoria il Panino in Boston's North End.

Mangia Bene! (Eat Well!)



AIR & SPACE FORCE ASSOCIATION'S CYBERPATRIOT COMPETITION

The Air & Space Force Association has sponsored this cybersecurity competition since 2009. Our squadron began to compete at the high school level in 2010 and has consistently managed, over the years, to attain Gold or even Platinum tier status at the State level. For the first time this autumn 2023, we hosted a middle school team as well.

Practice sessions were intense this year, beginning in September 2023 and continuing on a weekly or biweekly basis through December. There were practice rounds in September and October 2023. Monthly competition rounds began in October and continued into December 2023.



The State Competition was held in December 2023, and the winning team from each state was entitled to advance to the Regional Competition. Our high school team did not advance to the Regional competition this year. However, Goddard's high school team was the recipient of Gold Tier status at the State level.

Our middle school team won first place in their division in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts! **Remarkable!**

StellarXplorers

Sponsored by the Air Force Association, the focus of this National High School challenge is to design space systems for spacecraft. Teams are expected to delve into all aspects of system development and operations. Competing teams are provided with an online textbook, study resources, and are trained in the use of system stimulation software.

■ The actual competition is accomplished from the team's home location. Teams are given a scenario describing the system's mission and constraints and they provide a solution to a typical space design problem, such as orbit determination, satellite component selection, and launch vehicle planning. Practice Rounds begin in October with Qualification Rounds in November and December that determine which teams advance to the Quarter-Final or Prestige Round in January and Semi-Finals in February. The top 10 teams from the Semi-Finals will receive an all-expense-paid trip the National Finals in April 2019." https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Fact_Sheet_for_CAP_10A1882AD3238.pdf



This was the first year that Goddard Cadet Squadron registered for Stellar Xplorers. Here is the composition of Goddard's 2023-2024 team:

MENTORS:

2d Lt Jasmine Randhawa & Mr. Giridhar Jonnalagadda

TEAM MEMBERS:

Cadets Bhavya Jonnalagadda, Shriya Jonnalagadda, Benjamin Marjault, Luke Marjault

Here is a note from 2d Lt Randhawa dated January 5, 2024, shortly after competing in Round 2 of the national competition:

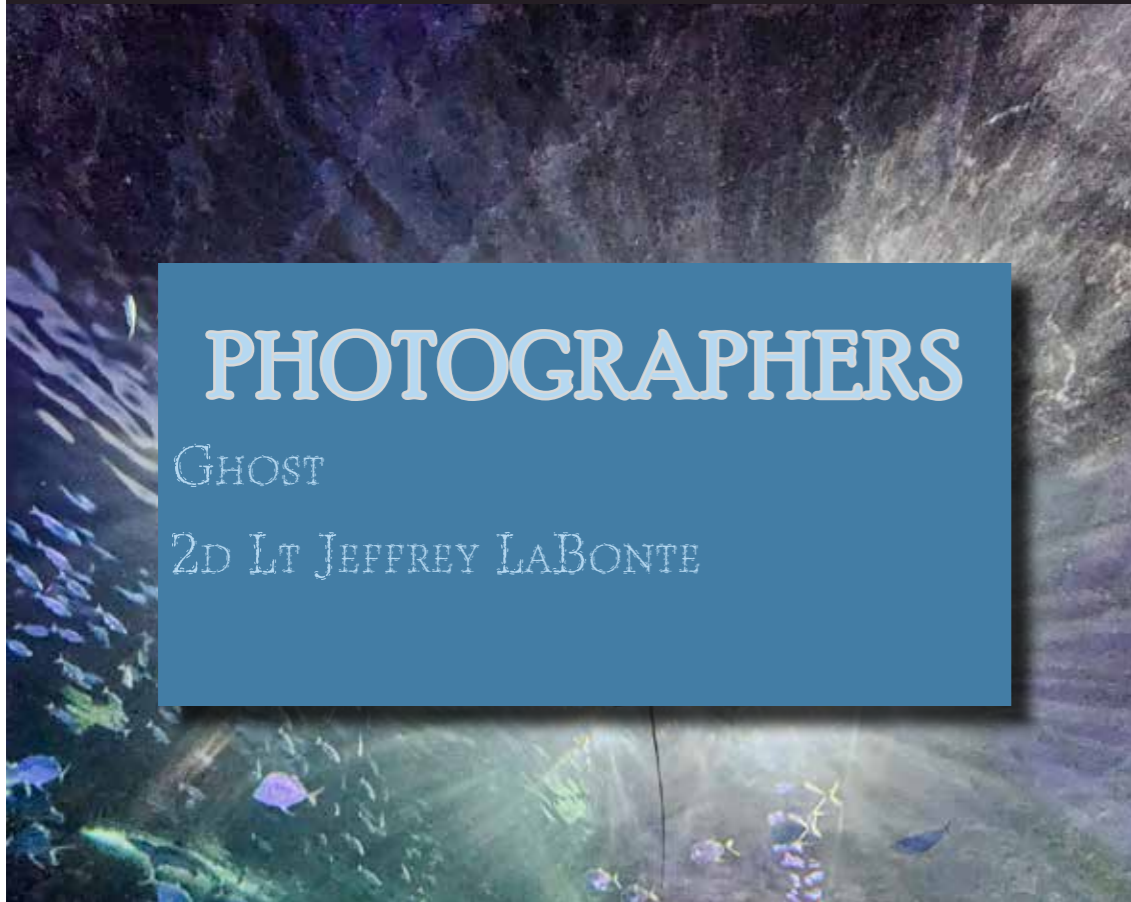
■ Though Goddard is auditing the competition with no pressure or expectations for a stellar performance, we are incredibly pleased with the hard work and capabilities of the participating cadets. This is not an easy competition, it is VERY VERY science and math intensive, and all four cadets have stepped up to the challenge admirably with their logical and computational skills and almost no preparation"

The task in Round 2 was to select the best set of equipment that meets the customer's requirements (collect as much data as possible and send it to the ground station) against the capability of the launch vehicle to lift the satellite into orbit and the program's budget.

In this case, selecting the highest performing equipment for the satellite made the spacecraft too heavy to launch and exceeded the program budget. Our team scored well enough to qualify for Round 3.



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PHOTOGRAPHERS

GHOST

2D Lt JEFFREY LABONTE



WHO IS THIS COLORFUL MAN?



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