



# SEMPER VIGILANS

## TRI-COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON

### CONGRATULATIONS LT COL GENE VOELKER

Lt Col Gene Voelker was honored Monday night for outstanding service to The United States Air Force/Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Monday the 20th of February 2012, is an event of recognition and celebration at the Menominee hanger for a few of the members of the Tri-County Composite Squadron (TCCS). We gathered to honor Lt Col Voelker for his contribution and service for the last forty-one years in the CAP.

Joining in January 1971 Lt Col Voelker has held various position in CAP, today stepping down as Deputy Commander of Seniors. Lt Col Voelker will still remain as Personnel Officer and Unit Historian while enjoying the benefits of being a member with the CAP here in the TCCS.



Lt Col Gene Voelker receives certificate of appreciation from Captain Tom Mc Kay (right) and Marinette Mayor Robert Harbick (left).

#### COMING EVENTS

MONDAY—19 MAR, MEETING 6-8PM  
SATURDAY— 14 APR, MILITARY BALL  
WEEKEND OF 27-29 APR, WI WING CONFERENCE

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##### Special points of interest:

- \* Celebrates Forty-one years CAP.
- \* Captain Ciochetto takes over position.
- \* 1st Lt's Greg Paulson and Mike McMahon
- \* UCC, CLC, PAC & Camp Curry.

### CAPTAIN CIOCHETTO TAKES OVER AS SQUADRON DEPUTY COMMANDER

Captain Joe Ciochetto has been selected by Squadron Commander Thomas Mc Kay as Deputy Commander for Senior members. Captain Ciochetto has accepted this assignment along with the position of Logistics Officer and Public Affairs Officer and was sworn into the office from The Honorable Mayor of the City of Marinette, Robert Harbick. Capt Ciochetto is also a CAP & FAA Certified Flight Instructor—Instrument Airplane.

Captain Ciochetto and 1st Lt Paulson take the Oath of their respective office and rank.





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Website coming in the  
future!

## PROMOTIONS

The TCCS also got to enjoy having The honorable Robert Harbick, Mayor of Marinette, Wi. To administer oaths to newly promoted 1st Lt Greg Paulson and 1st Lt Mike McMahon. Unfortunately 1st Lt McMahon who serves as Administration Officer, was unable to attend.

1st Lieutenant Greg Paulson is the squadron's Transportation / Vehicle Maintenance Officer. He also attended the Professional Development Weekend at Volk Field on 17 FEB and completed the Corporate Learning Course.

1st Lt Paulson gets his silver bar by Mayor Harbick & Capt Mc Kay



## COMMANDERS CORNER

BY TOM MC KAY JR, CAPT, CAP

We join and remain in CAP for a reason. We add our reason to those of others in CAP, which necessarily means we change. As we change, CAP changes; sometimes from our perspective, Regulations and more. Consider this from General Eric Shinseki, former Chief of Staff, U S Army, "If you don't like change, you are really not going to like [obsolescence, per Col Leo Burke, CAP, MIWG/CC]." Consider reading more regarding change at the following: <http://creatingminds.org/quotes/change.htm>.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

It was an exciting weekend at the ANG's Volk Field as Captain Joe Ciochetto and 1st Lt. Greg Paulson attended the Unit Commanders Course (UCC) and Corporate Learning Course (CLC) respectively. Together they flew a Cessna 172 to Tomah's Bloyer Field and were escorted to Camp Douglas along with three other CAP members who flew a GA-8 from Minnesota.

The UCC directed by Lieutenant Colonel Greg Schulz, Wisconsin Wing Professional Development Officer. Commanders must know and understand all three missions of CAP as well as be able to manage their staff, know all of the regulations governing the organization, and be knowledgeable in problem solving.

The CLC directed by Major Ron Sorenson, Assistant Wisconsin Wing Professional Development Officer. The course discussed the relationship that a CAP squadron has with the next major echelon of command – the wing.

Wing staff officers man the breakfast, lunch and supper lines and did an excellent job with the logistics of having 140 CAP members attend including approximately 80 cadets for the Camp Curry training which is called that for the skills that are earned to merit the Curry Award.

The above descriptions of courses was copied from the Wisconsin Wing [website](#). (Below) Photo of static displays.

*Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit [www.civilairpatrol.com](http://www.civilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteer.com](http://www.capvolunteer.com) for more information. For Wisconsin Wing information, please visit <http://wicap.us>.*