



Billy Mitchell Chapter #247 Quarterly Newsletter

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Meeting schedule for 2016:

5 January, 2016

5 April, 2016

6 September, 2016

6 December, 2016 -

Christmas Party

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Mitchell Gallery of Flight
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<http://www.mitchellgallery.org>

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ROTC News

Chapter president Vic Johnson attended the Dining-in and presented an Outstanding Cadet Award to Detachment 930 Cadet, and to Detachment 925, Cadet Paige M Bernklau, on April 15th at 5:00PM, in the Varsity room, Union South, Madison.

Charles Scharf Squadron helped honor over 100 World War II and Korean War veterans on their return home from the Nation's Capital. The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Milwaukee honors all veterans by flying WWII, Korea, and terminally-ill veterans foremother conflicts to Washington, D.C. so they may see and experience the memorials that honor their heroic actions. Departing on two chartered Delta jets, these veterans and their supporting staff fly from Milwaukee to Washington for one full day of activities, memorials, and experiences that serve to honor their legacies. On their arrival home, dozens of current, retired, and former military men and women, along with hundreds of civilians celebrate their return in parade-like fashion. There were signs, music, and loved ones all together for a truly once in a life-time experience for these veterans. The Charles Scharf Squadron was proud to take part in this event for the fourth time this past year, to honor those veterans and carry out the very mission and purpose of this last year's Joint National Project.



Civil Air Patrol News

Vic and Kathy Johnson attended Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5's Change of Command for LtCol Steve Michaels, and Dining-in, on Thursday evening, May 12th at the Oak Creek Armory.

CAP Waukesha, although unable to present AFA Outstanding Cadet Award to C/2LT Cassandra Jehly, we wish to congratulate her for an outstanding job.

Chapter and State Teacher of the Year – Mrs Kathy Biernat – St Mary's Visitation

I do not have science students. I have student scientists. This is an important difference. One student explains, "A science student sounds like someone who is reading a textbook. A student scientist is someone who is doing science". I agree! I give students opportunities to be scientists as they learn problem solving skills, practice teamwork skills and think outside the box. I am a facilitator I help students make meaning out of their world and better understand nature, their bodies and the universe. I give students tools that they can use throughout their lives, no matter what direction or field they may enter. I strive to achieve a balance between engaging their hands to create and engineer and engaging their minds to hypothesize, analyze and conclude. Students must experience both success and failure and must have the time and freedom to find their strengths and the encouragement to overcome their weaknesses. Science doesn't always turn out the way you had hoped, but learning from a failure teaches students they don't have to be "right" to be learning. Problem and cased based learning and the engineering design process allow students a chance to see the application of content, not simply the content itself. Memorizing a list or a definition is not enough they can Google that on

When you are at the Mitchell Airport, please take time to see this wonderful exhibit!



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their phones. They need to learn to apply the content to new situations. Students use Chromebooks and microscopes, ipads and test tubes, and their creations cross the boundaries of Science. They write poems and songs about magnetism, paint pictures of the Northern Lights and do claymation mitosis videos. They study the weather and produce their own TV weather forecasts. They write formal research papers and make trifold poster boards for the yearly Science and Engineering Fair. They write articles for the local paper, and apply physics to field trips with snow tubing, bowling, ice skating and hockey. My involvement with the Air Force Association, Civil Air Patrol, NASA and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics has allowed me to provide excellent and engaging lessons in aerospace and to purchase a vast array of equipment for my classroom including telescopes, flight simulators and Lego robotics. Specifically, the four AFA grants I have received have purchased rockets for our Physics unit this includes not only the rocket kits and engines, but last year it purchased filament for our 3D printer which allowed the students to build and launch rockets they designed and printed in the printer. This year, the grant money was used to purchase a GoPro video camera and we are scheduled to launch it next month in a custom built rocket. These opportunities and lessons don't fit in a textbook, they, like science, fit in the real world.

Billy Mitchell Chapter Teacher of the Year
Chapter President Victor Johnson and
Mrs Kathy Biernat, during the Award Presentation.

Wisconsin Teacher of the Year,
Mrs Kathy Biernat with State Jacket,
Certificate, Check and Pin.



Honoring an American Hero, who has lain in an unmarked grave for over a century.



We are the members of Company F, 29th Infantry United States Colored Troops (USCT). We are a Civil war reenactment group that portrays the only all Black Unit from Milwaukee that fought in the Civil War. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a grave site ceremony for one of the actual members of the original Company F who is buried in Forest Home Cemetery. It came to our Unit's attention that Private William Reed not only lay in an unmarked grave for over a century, but was never afforded proper military honors due an American Serviceman. We embarked upon a campaign to get this original member of the unit we portray recognized with a proper military headstone. We were successful and we will dedicate the headstone with proper military honors on Memorial Day May 30th 2016 at 10:00 AM. Pvt. Reed is buried in Section D, Block 4 Lot 9 south of Cleveland Avenue.

Respectfully
Cpl. Rickey L. Townsell
Quartermaster,
Co F, 29th Inf. USCT

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MEMORIAL
October 2006

They're not as tall, nor fleet of foot.
Their hair no longer dark, has thinned
Or disappeared perhaps,
And yet the spark of who they were,
These warriors of old, radiates from each of them,
The skilled, the brave, the bold.

Long years ago when they were young
They flew through foreign skies
And fought for home and country,
For freedom and the lives
Of loved ones left behind.

These pilots, gunners, bombardiers,
Ground support and engineers
Fought valiantly a world away
Defending what we have today
Half a century later.

From all the missions that were flown
Too many never made it home.
Instead they sleep 'neath foreign soil
With fellow airmen—comrades all.
None will be forgotten.

To all who wore the Air Force blue,
To all the men and women who,
Though gone before us, live on still
In memory upon this hill.
We gratefully salute you.

Now spires of stainless steel curve high
And yonder pierce the wild blue sky,
A hilltop tribute all can see
A monument to victory
And heroes who secured it.

GOD BLESS THEM ALL

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