

JULY @ OCCS

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Change of Command

On July 12th, Cadet First Lieutenant Balog handed the position of Cadet Commander of OCCS back to Cadet First Lieutenant Abigail Ham. We would like to thank Lieutenant Balog for all of her hard work and devotion to the squadron!

Cadet of the Quarter

The Cadet Executive Staff of Orange County Composite Squadron select a cadet every 3 months as the face of the squadron—our honor cadet. We choose this cadet based on outstanding inspection scores, excellence in all they do, volunteer service within the squadron, and overall character. The April—June recipient is **Cadet Technical Sergeant Grayson Hodges**. Keep up the outstanding work!

2018 Summer Encampment

Several members of the Orange County Composite Squadron attended the NCWG Summer Encampment 2018 at Stanley County Air National Guard Base June 23-30. Encampment is an outstanding CAP experience for cadets and seniors of all ranks and ages; with lots of training opportunities, encampment also fulfills one of the requirements for the Billy Mitchell Award. Often the hardest thing a cadet has ever done, encampment will test cadets physically and mentally, pushing them to new heights in the CAP program. Orange County is thrilled to announce that our very own Cadet Wisnewski was awarded Honor Cadet of Encampment 2018; congratulations Cadet Wisnewski, we are very proud of you! To see the Encampment Facebook page and access pictures, videos, and more, [click here](#). To see a full article about this year's encampment written by NCWG's very own Public Affairs Officer, Capt Albert, [click here](#).



Squadron Trip to the Outer Banks

Several members of the Orange County Composite Squadron traveled approximately 4 hours to the outer banks, NC on Saturday, July 28th. We started off the trip by visiting Bodie Island Light Station, learning about the history of Bodie, and taking a peek within the lighthouse. From there, cadets and seniors found lunch on the island and made their way to the hotel. The afternoon was spent swimming the icy waves and enjoying sunshine on the beach.



That night, cadets and seniors had the option of watching the outdoor play about the Lost Colony & dinner or going to the arcade and then dinner. Both options were equally enjoyed; the Lost Colony play is the true story about 117 English men, women, and children who came ashore on Roanoke Island in 1587 to establish a permanent English settlement in the New World. But three years later in 1590, when English ships returned to bring supplies, they found the island deserted with no

sign of the colonists. After nearly 450 years, the mystery of what happened to the colonists remains unsolved. The play is performed each summer on the same site where these actual events occurred.

Sunday morning, July 29th, was spent at the Wright Brothers Memorial and even had the chance to perform the raising of the flag at 9am. From there, time was spent observing the landmarks where the first flights in history took place and walking to the memorial itself. We returned to the hotel to pack and enjoy the last of our beach time before traveling home to Hillsborough, NC. The trip was an enormous success and enjoyed immensely by all. We will definitely be back! Many thanks to those who made this trip possible.

