



CIVIL AIR PATROL MINNESOTA WING



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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MINNESOTA WING CONFERENCE



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April 24-25, 2026
Crown Plaza Minneapolis West

This event brings together emerging leaders, educators, emergency responders, and aviation professionals from across Minnesota and the North Central Region.

FRIDAY

Adult and Cadet Welcome Receptions

SATURDAY

Breakfast
Opening Session & Morning Awards
Cadet/Senior General Assemblies
Lunch
Breakout Sessions / Exhibit Hall
Social Hour
Awards Banquet & Military Ball





CONFERENCE DETAILS

Saturday Conference Registration \$160:



Meals, Snacks and Beverages all day

Breakfast buffet, Lunch buffet, Morning and Afternoon Snack Breaks, Signature Dinner Banquet



Training Materials, General Sessions, Learning Lab Breakout Sessions, Networking and Awards



Awards Night, Military Ball and Cadet Activities



Friday Night Social \$10

Optional opportunity for casual networking with cadets from around the Minnesota Wing. Light appetizers included.

Deadline to Register: April 17

This is the deadline Anoka leadership requires you to register. It allows us a full week to prepare to help you have the most fun and successful Wing Conference experience.

Note for Parents and Cadets

Though the registration system is broken out by line item, Anoka wants parents to be informed that we expect all cadet conference attendees to attend the entirety of the onsite program on Saturday. This approach delivers an exceptional training and networking conference experience that equally provides a safe and fun experience for cadets.

Register using this link: <https://bit.ly/4vcyjXC>

CADET BREAKOUT SESSIONS

How to Get Your Pilot's License in CAP

Learn about the paths available to you to get your Pilot's License in Civil Air Patrol including how to leverage your orientation flights, learn about CAP scholarship programs and how to secure a CAP Flight Instructor.

Preparing for a Successful CAP Cadet Career

Begin your cadet career with confidence. This breakout session is designed for Phase I and Phase II cadets who want to build a strong foundation for success early on. Whether you've already held staff positions or are preparing to apply for your first, if you're ready to invest in a meaningful cadet career, this class is for you. With practical guidance on exploring early staff opportunities, crafting a standout résumé, and developing sustainable confidence amid other topics, instructors will equip you with the tools and mindset to thrive.

Have fun with Radios! Description coming soon.

Start Your Rocketry Badge

The beginning of the Model Rocketry Program in CAP is the Redstone Phase. Come build your Goddard rocket and learn the fundamentals of rocketry. This will get you started on earning your rocketry badge!

Writing for Cadet NCOs and Officers

How to write SDAs that will pass every time, impressive LOIs, and writing successfully in memorandum form. Impressive writing is a life skill, not just a CAP skill.

Study Tips to Achieve Your Milestone Awards

Using established study guides and flashcards, creating a mentor group in your squadron, setting realistic goals, and breaking bad habits; learn about an array of tips and tricks to decide what works best for you.

National Cadet Special Activities (NCSAs): What's New and How to Apply

NCSAs offer unique experiences outside of the ever-so-popular flight academies and Blue Beret. What else is out there? Learn from cadets who have ventured into the less known.

Uniform Class: How to Wear OCPs and Blues

Are you excited for the OCPs but have questions about what patches can be worn on them or where to put them, and find CAPR 39-1 a little confusing? Let's take the mystery out of it and get everyone in regs! Seniors are welcome to attend.



CONFERENCE FAQs

What is Wing Conference and why should I go?

Each year, every Wing has a conference with:

- General Sessions for announcements and wing-wide recognition
- Learning Sessions across all topics - for seniors and cadets
- Networking - meet others from across the wing
- Awards Banquet
- Military Ball and Cadet Activities

Many Anoka cadets and seniors who have been nominated for Wing Awards.

It's a great time to attend and support your fellow wingmen.

Every year, many VIPs attend the Minnesota Wing Conference. Stay tuned for the VIP announcements.

What do you do at Wing Conference?

Below is the tentative agenda from a past conference.

We'll share more updates as they are announced

Friday

1300 - 1800 Pre-Conference Training for Senior Members

1600 - 2000 Registration

1830 - 2130 Cadet/Senior Social

Saturday

0600 - 0745 Registration Open

0800 - 0930 All Hands General Assembly-Awards

0930 - 1130 Cadet/Senior General Assembly

1130 - 1300 Lunch

1300 - 1700 Cadet/Senior Break Out Sessions

1700 - 1730 Non-Denominational Service

1730 - 1800 Pre Banquet Social Gathering

1800 - 2130 Banquet & Premier Awards Presentations

2130 - 2300 Military Ball

What is the dress code for this event?

Friday Social - casual

Saturday Conference - Blues/White Aviator for the morning and afternoon schedule.

Saturday Banquet: This is a formal banquet and awards event

- Male members - Blues, Corporate Service Dress or civilian jacket and tie or shirt and tie
- Female members - Blues, Corporate Service Dress or evening wear



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EXPECTATIONS AND WHAT TO BRING

Your Squadron Senior Member Points of Contact for Wing Conference:
Friday: MSgt Dinneen 763.443.0563 Saturday: Lt Col Albright 763.300.1584

This year's Wing Conference will be at the Crown Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, MN.

This location makes it cost-effective and convenient for Anoka members to be day participants at the Wing Conference! Anoka cadets are encouraged to attend the Friday night social and all Saturday conference events. Per 2026 MNWG Conference Guidelines, Anoka cadets may not stay overnight at the Wing Conference hotel.

Required In-Person Check Ins:

Fri PM 1815-1830: In-person check in w/MSgt Dinneen near Registration.

Fri PM 2130-2145: Check out w/MSgt Dinneen confirming your departure from the hotel

Sat AM 0645-0700: In-person check in w/Lt Col Albright near Registration. This timing is required so everyone has time to eat breakfast and get to the General Assembly area by the 0755 deadline. We must have accountability for all registered cadets. Please do not be late.

Sat PM NLT 2315: Check out w/Lt Col Albright confirming your departure from the hotel

Expectations

- No funny business/shenanigans (you are representing our squadron)
- Do not leave the property
- If your cadet peers have a hotel room, males and females are not allowed in each other's hotel rooms at any time
- Wingman system when going from the conference area to/from other hotel spaces (groups of 3 preferred)
- During the afternoon Saturday, cadets do not need to stay with a wingman as long as they are in the conference center area where all the learning sessions are.
- You are free to attend any learning session you want individually
- You **MUST** check in with your senior point of contact at the designated times above
- For emergencies at any time, contact Lt Col Albright. If you cannot reach her, call **SECOND PERSON**
- Call 911 first if true medical emergency

Follow the cardinal rule of CAP – Don't be stupid

Don't do anything that reflects poorly on you, your unit or Civil Air Patrol

If your grandmother wouldn't approve, we won't either. Don't do it.

What is the cadet dress code for Wing Conference?

- Friday Social: Appropriate civilian attire
- Saturday morning/afternoon: Blues (short-sleeve or class As)
- Saturday Banquet & Military Ball: Class A Blues (short-sleeve blues is ok) or Civilian Semi-Formal Wear
 - (Example: jacket and tie or shirt and tie for males; semi-formal gown for females)

What you should bring to Wing Conference:

- Arrive in your Blues uniform (you will be wearing this all day Saturday) We all need to look sharp.
- Pen or pencil plus a notebook or Laptop/Tablet to take notes
- All needed medication for the day
- Phone/Charger



CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

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| Fri. April 24 | (Optional) |
| 1830-2130 | Friday Cadet Social |
| Sat April 25 | |
| 0600-0700 | Registration Check In |
| 0645-0700 | Required Cadet Check In with Lt Col Albright |
| 0755 | All members must be seated for General Assembly |
| 0800-0920 | General Assembly Opening Session Welcome from Wing Leadership/Morning Award Presentations |
| 0920-0930 | Morning Break: Snacks and Beverages available |
| 0930-1130 | Cadet General Assembly led by Director of Cadet Programs 1stLt Wyatt |
| 1130-1300 | Lunch |
| 1300-1650 | Learning Lab Sessions/Flight Simulator Competition/Exhibit Hall |
| 1650-1800 | Break |
| 1800-2100 | Awards Banquet: Dinner, Keynote Speaker, Premier Award Presentations |
| 2100-2300 | Military Ball and Cadet Activities |
| 2300 | Cadet Check Out and Departure |