



Deputy First Class Fitzgerald (center) stands between new Cadet Second Lieutenants Joseph Mack (center left) and Matthew Fassett (center right), joined by Carroll Squadron Commander Major Frank Jarosinski (left), and Deputy Commander for Cadets Second Lieutenant Tim Hamric (right).

**Carroll Squadron's Mack and Fassett earn CAP's Mitchell Award 4/17/2011** - 2nd Lt Elizabeth Hamric, CAP - Public Affairs Officer - Carroll Composite Squadron, MD

Carroll Composite Squadron Members, Cadets Joseph Mack and Matthew Fassett were promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenants, on 5 April 2011, after completing the requirements for the Major General William "Billy" Mitchell Award. This is the highest honor achieved in the Leadership Phase of a cadet's career with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and is a culmination of all the Aerospace and Leadership knowledge they have acquired from the grade of Airman to Chief Master Sergeant. The award was presented by Deputy First Class Fitzgerald of the Carroll County Office of the

Sheriff, at the Maryland National Guard Armory on Hahn Road in Westminster. Major General "Billy" Mitchell was the former Deputy Chief of the U.S. Army Air Service and a military aviation visionary.



Cadet Joseph Mack (center) stands at attention as his father, Ken Mack (right), joins Deputy First Class Fitzgerald (left) in the pinning of his son's newly earned Cadet Second Lieutenant grade.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Mack joined CAP in October 2007. He has participated in the following distinguished CAP activities: National Emergency Services Academy Advanced and Basic Ground Search and Rescue Courses at Camp Atterbury, IN; Space Command Familiarization Course at Patterson Air Force Base, CO; Security Forces Familiarization in Las Vegas, NV; Massachusetts Wing Encampment at Fort Devens, MA; Tri-Wing Encampment at Camp Fretterd, MD; and the Maryland Wing (MDWG) Aerospace Academy, at Ft. Detrick, MD. He has held numerous leadership roles such as Flight Sergeant at Tri-Wing

Encampment, Team Leader at Basic Encampment, Squadron First Sergeant, Alpha & Bravo Flight Commander & Flight Sergeant, and Cadet Basic Training Flight Commander & Flight Sergeant. His Search and Rescue skills include serving as

a Ground Team Member Level 1, and acquiring Urban Direction Finding (UDF) certification. He is also a recipient of CAP's "Find" ribbon.

Mack has a fully rounded schedule as a junior at Westminster High School where he is Vice President of the German Club, a three-year participant in Varsity Track and Field, and a distinguished member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend college through the Air Force ROTC Scholarship and wishes to major in Arabic.



Cadet Matthew Fassett (left) receives his Cadet Officer epaulets from his mother, Karen Fassett (center), and Deputy First Class Fitzgerald (right) during the pinning portion of the ceremony.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Matthew Fassett joined CAP in May 2007 and has also participated in numerous CAP activities and leadership courses such as the West Virginia Wing Encampment at Camp Dawson, WV and the MDWG Aerospace Academy. He has been active in all squadron level events such as "The Bomber Fly-In" by the Collings Foundation, Carroll Squadron's Search and Rescue Exercises, and CAP's

Aerospace training events. Holding numerous leadership positions, he has most recently served as Bravo Flight Commander since 2010.

Fassett is 18 years old, a senior at Westminster High School and currently resides in Westminster, Maryland, where he splits his schedule between soccer, concerts, and fellowship with friends. He plans to join the military after graduation and become a U.S. Marshal upon completing his military service.

In addition to the Mitchell honorees, the following Cadets received promotions during the ceremony: Christian Hamric was promoted to Cadet Technical Sergeant, Griffin Delisle and Nicholas Roche to Cadet Staff Sergeant, Ryan Zamecki to Cadet Senior Airman, Sam Franzese and Logan Parrish to Cadet Airman First Class, and Katelyn Davis to Cadet Airman.

The Carroll Composite Squadron is Maryland Wing's fourth largest squadron with more than 80 members and was named the Maryland Wing Squadron of the Year 2010 at the Wing Conference in November 2010. The Squadron meets at the Henry Evans National Guard Armory on Hahn Road in Westminster, MD, on Tuesday evenings. Prospective member and their families, ages 12 through adult are always welcome. Additional information can be found on the Squadron's website: [www.carrollcap.org](http://www.carrollcap.org).

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide. 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 113 lives in fiscal year 2010. 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 the more than 26,000 young people currently participating in CAP Cadet Program. CAP has been performing missions for America for nearly 70 years. It is the largest sponsor annually of the "Wreaths Across America", an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veteran. For more information on Civil Air Patrol, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com)

More than 1,500 CAP members serve in Maryland. Last fiscal year, Wing members flew 42 Search and Rescue missions and were credited with 31 finds. For more information, visit [www.mdcap.org](http://www.mdcap.org).

Photos courtesy of First Lieutenant Stacey Bowen, CAP