



Carroll Squadron Color Guard and Drill Team. L-R Front CadetMSgts Jonathan Yerger, Olivia Persing and Logan Parrish and CadetTSgt Aaron Scanlan. Rear LtCol Frank Jarosinski SQ Cmdr and Lt Tim Hamric, Cadet Cmdr. Photo credit 2ndLt A. Raatjes, Squadron POA

Carroll Squadron Color Guard and Drill Team is Number ONE. By 2ndLT Alice Raatjes, PAO Carroll Composite Squadron www.carrollcap.org

02/9/2013- Westminster, MD. An exceptional team of four Carroll Cadets dedicated to perfection and achievement placed FIRST in the Maryland Wing Color Guard and Drill Competition. Eight Maryland squadrons competed in the event with Bethesda Chevy Chase placing second and Mt. Airy placing third. The Carroll team, lead by Cadet Master Sergeant Olivia Persing, succeed in displaying their expertise, knowledge and military form. "I am very proud of the team and their dedication to each other and to Civil Air Patrol," remarked Cadet Persing. The team also includes Cadet Master Sergeants Jonathan Yerger, and Logan Parrish, and Cadet Technical Sergeant Aaron Scanlan. Although they have been together only 11 months, the Carroll team commitment to training is apparent in their accomplishments and their determination to achieve recognition for the Squadron. "I am honored that we demonstrated the talent and ability to become the Wing champions," Cadet Yerger declared.

The "Outstanding Cadet Award" which is given to the cadet who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and *esprit de corps* was presented to the Carroll team leader, CMSgt Olivia Persing. The Carroll Squadron is committed to a program of excellence and successful youth leadership development. "Our Cadets maintain an attitude of commitment and achievement in all that they do and we are extremely proud of their individual and team focused accomplishments," said LtCol Frank Jarosinski, Carroll Squadron Commander. The Carroll Color Guard team placed in several categories at this event including: First Place in Ranks Inspection (uniform inspection), First Place on the 50 Question Comprehensive Exam, First Place for the Panel Quiz, First Place for the Indoor Practical Drill (posting and retrieving the colors) and Second Place for the Standard Drill. The Carroll Team now progresses to the Regional Competition scheduled for March at Ft. Picket located in Blackstone, Virginia.

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 program. 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.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

Nearly 1,600 members of CAP serve in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 29 search and rescue missions and were credited with 13 finds saving three lives. Maryland Wing flew over 160 missions for the State of Maryland resulting in 2,222 hours flown. Volunteers contributed services estimated at \$4.2 million. For more information, contact the Maryland Wing at www.mdcap.org.

The Carroll Composite Squadron meets 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Hilltop Assembly of God Church Hall at 30 North Cranberry Road in Westminster, Maryland. Prospective cadets, ages 12-18, and their parents are always welcome. Adults seeking mentoring opportunities are invited as well. For more information e-mail carrollcomposite@yahoo.com or visit www.carrollcap.org.