Today was also the start of the standardization and evaluation tracking for the week. Throughout encampment, cadets are tested and evaluated on many different core parts of Civil Air Patrol such as knowledge, wear of the uniform, military drill, and military behavior. On Day Zero, cadets were tested as a starting evaluation. Today, on Day One, they are expected to start improving from the beginning evaluation. By the end of encampment, during their final evaluation, the Standardization and Evaluation team will evaluate the overall performance of each cadet and determine if the cadet meets the requirements to graduate encampment.

The goal is for every cadet to master the skills required to perform well during the Pass-In-Review at graduation.

Orientation Flights
Cadets received orientation flights from the airport here at Camp Atterbury.

The weather throughout the day was excellent for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight. Approximately 50 sorties were flown, with many cadets receiving both front and rear seat rides.

C/SSgt Nicholas Wright had two flights today. His first flight was his second “front seat” orientation flight. He flew the airplane in cruise once at 3,000 feet. He tried pitching the airplane up and down and enjoyed the positive and negative G-forces felt. He also worked on a standard rate turn -- and did well using visual references such as the horizon. When landed he said it was an “awesome” experience. He also said he is “thinking about a career in aviation”.

What are orientation flights?
Many of the cadets got the opportunity to take their Orientation Flights in CAP aircraft. Orientation flights are where the cadets get to go up in the air in CAP aircraft with CAP pilot and fly the aircraft. They receive some coaching on how the aircraft works in a hands on setting. Cadets in Civil Air Patrol are afforded five O-Flights in a powered aircraft and five flights in a non-powered aircraft, or glider. The cadets who did not get to take a flight today will get the opportunity to do so tomorrow; weather permitting.

Did you know?
Camp Atterbury has a long history dating back to 1942. In April of 1943, over 700 Italian POW’s were sent to Camp Atterbury. For more information check out Indiana Historical Society’s exhibit “You Are There 1943: Italian POWs at Atterbury”.

COMING UP:
Day two will bring:

- Academics
- Flights
- Leadership
- Rockets
- Drill

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