



News Release

Cadets Day and Hull Promoted to Officer Ranks

Azle, TX. (February 7, 2023) – Grant Day of Springtown and Jacob Hull of Azle, both members of the Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), have been awarded the official cadet rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant, the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award.

Distinguished guests in attendance from CAP were the Texas Wing Commander, Colonel William Schroder and Texas Group VI Commander, Major Jason Quick.

Squadron Commander, Major Brian Kilian, proudly swore in the cadet officers and explained to the audience how these cadets along with the other cadet officers, are an integral part of the cadet program. Kilian shared, "Cadet Grant Day and Jacob Hull are shining examples of well-rounded youth preparing for bright futures as America's next generation of leaders. They exemplify servant leadership in their roles, unselfishly teaching and mentoring younger cadets."

Cadet 2nd Lt. Day has been in CAP just over 2 years. He joined CAP after attending the Cadet Great Start Class thinking it was a fun weekly activity to attend, but found it was so much more. His favorite aspect of CAP has been learning more about himself and how to be a leader. He is currently a freshman in high school and plans to continue working to achieve higher ranks in CAP and is considering a career in public service as a firefighter and paramedic after graduation.

When asked about earning the Mitchell, Day stated, "It feels really good! When I joined, I had no expectations to reach Mitchell. It means a lot to me because I dedicated myself from the point of joining, and continue to apply myself."

Cadet Day's parents, 1st Lt. Tracy and Adrian Day, both members of CAP, reflected upon the occasion with, *"We are incredibly proud of Grant. He has worked very hard to achieve his Mitchell, to see his success in two difficult exams and graduating from Encampment, this was no walk in the park. We have seen him change and grow in so many ways. He has a pride/confidence in the way he carries himself, in his appearance both in and out of uniform and has become more of an instructor/leader with his sitters (and sometimes us). There have been so many positive changes. He has learned so much and keeps him room so organized. He takes the time to not just learn new things but to really understand them. He has made great friends and has become a great friend. We cannot put into words how great CAP has been for him. We are so thankful for this program."*

Cadet 2nd Lt. Hull has been in CAP almost 2 years. He was inspired to join CAP to pursue his pilot's license. He enjoys the discipline and structure of the program and as his next step, has his sights set on earning the rank of Cadet Captain which is the Amelia Earhart Award. Ultimately, he intends to pursue the rank of Cadet Colonel, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award, the highest cadet rank in CAP.

Cadet Hull is currently in the 10th grade and is working to attend the United States Air Force Academy after graduation.

In earning this award, Hull stated, "Receiving the Mitchell and becoming an officer means you have a higher responsibility and it requires you demonstrate a higher level of core values." His advice to others, "Never do just the minimum required - always Dare Mighty Things!. In CAP, you learn valuable leadership skills that will help you for the rest of your life."

Cadet Hull's father, 2nd Lt Joe Hull, also a member of CAP, added, "*We are proud of the effort that Jake has made to earn the Mitchell Award. He has earned this on his own with support from CAP leadership. We have watched him take ownership of his progression through the ranks, identifying next steps, making goals, and following through on his plan for completing the requirements. Working toward this goal has helped to focus his time and energy toward preparation and training for his desired future. Along the way he has learned valuable skills including: mature communication with peers and leaders, time management, and a servant leadership mindset for those under his stewardship. We look forward to his continued development as he works toward his goal of earning the Spaatz award.*"

Capt Remy Range, Deputy Commander for Cadets, leads the cadet program for the squadron and works closely with each cadet. He expressed, "Cadet Day is excellent at focusing on cadets within his command with individual attention and mentorship. Cadets under his leadership witness firsthand what it is to be a servant leader. Cadet Hull is excellent at maintaining a positive spirit throughout all evolutions within the squadron, he finds the positives in all leadership opportunities. Cadets under his leadership witness what it means to maintain a positive leadership spirit."

The **Gen. Billy Mitchell Award** became part of CAP in 1964. The award honors the late Brigadier General Billy Mitchell, an aviation pioneer and advocate for military airpower. Only about 15% of CAP cadets earn this award. To earn this award, a cadet must complete not only the first eight achievements of the cadet program, but also pass an intensive examination of leadership theory and aerospace topics. In addition, to achieve this award, a cadet must also possess a positive attitude, be an encouragement to others, display the CAP Core Values, be proficient in informal speaking, be trustworthy in supervising and leading a team of cadets, and guide/coach junior cadets. This award is a noteworthy achievement that earns a recipient eligibility for a variety of scholarships and CAP special activities. The military also looks favorably on Mitchell Award recipients when evaluating AFROTC and Academy applicants and if they choose to enlist in the Air Force, they enter at the grade of E-3

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