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Winchester Cadets have a Blast at Museum Air and Scare

Winchester, VA – “More children and adults learned about Air in Motion with our Ghostblaster activity this year than any of the past years,” said Major CJ Muncy, Deputy Commander of Cadets for the Winchester Composite Squadron. “I’m proud of the cadets who gave their time to teach the visitors to the museum about aerospace education with practical, hands-on activities.”

Visitors to Air and Scare were treated to trick-or-treating, costume parades and trick-or-truth information stations where they found out if Area 51 exists, whether there is an alien spaceship in the museum collection and most importantly why someone would fly with a lion in the backseat of a plane.

“The Winchester squadron always is a bright star in the constellation of activities that make up Air and Scare,” said Jennifer McIntosh, Discovery Station Program Coordinator at the Steven F Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum. “They were and are critical in developing and manning a station called Ghostblasters. This is one of the most popular activities of the night where visitors can try their hand at using air pressure via air cannons to knock about tissue paper ghosts.”

While Cadet Airman Basic Watkins was tired at the end of the day, it was an experience he won’t soon forget. “I had a lot of fun and the museum was really cool,” he said. “We worked hard and met some members from other squadron who stopped by. I think the best part of the day seeing the kids eyes light up when they were using the Ghostblaster to move the ghosts.”

“The squadron always gives the visitors an informative and high energy experience—and working with them is always a blast! They are an integral part of the night, said McIntosh.

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The Winchester Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with members from the surrounding counties. Resources include qualified ground and air crews, CAP aircraft, ground vehicles and communication equipment, distributed across the Greater Winchester Area for immediate deployment. CAP volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The squadron also performs other community service such as providing Color Guard for ceremonies, sports events and parades, help at community events and with parking control at festivals. The Squadron also educates groups and schools in drug free activities for a better way of life.

For more information about the Winchester Composite Squadron, please visit merva040.org.

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