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Local Cadet Color Guard Presents Colors for Saint Paul Saints Baseball Opener

DATELINE Northfield, MN

In a normal year, the Color Guard of the Civil Air Patrol's Stanton Composite Squadron MN-136 would have a full schedule, presenting the colors for local high school sporting events and ceremonies held by organizations like the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Additionally, the team had been preparing to participate in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Color Guard competition held each Fall. But this is not a normal year.

When the invitation to present the colors at the long-delayed home opening game of the St. Paul Saints baseball team came, the Stanton Composite Squadron's Color Guard jumped at the opportunity. Though lightly attended, Tuesday, August 4, 2020, was a beautiful evening for baseball. CHS Stadium is the largest venue in which the Color Guard has performed and their first time being featured on a jumbotron screen.

Cadet Staff Sergeant William Argabright, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Braeden Kluzak, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Laura Rezak, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Rylan Rimpila, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Emma Scholes, and Cadet Technical Sergeant August Wagner comprise the Color Guard of the Civil Air Patrol's Stanton Squadron.

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Color Guard is a specialized team assigned to the protection of the National Ensign and Civil Air Force organizational colors of the Squadron. The Color Guard trains extensively in the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol Manual of Arms/Colors. The Color Guard consists of a minimum of four cadets and is commanded by the Color Guard Commander, who carries the National Ensign and gives the necessary commands for movements and rendering honors during drill exercises or ceremonies.

Being assigned to the Squadron's Color Guard is considered an honor, and those Cadets are held to the highest of standards since they represent the Squadron's Mission and Core Values.

Youth ages 12 through 18 are eligible to participate as Cadets in the Civil Air Patrol. The Civil Air Patrol's cadet program transforms youth into dynamic Americans and aerospace leaders through a curriculum that focuses on leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. As cadets participate in these four elements, they advance through a series of achievements, earning

honors and increased responsibilities along the way. Many of the nation's astronauts, pilots, engineers and scientists first explored their careers through the Civil Air Patrol.

The Stanton Composite Squadron meets at the historic Stanton Airfield every Tuesday from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. To learn more, please visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [stanton.cap.gov](http://stanton.cap.gov).