

Kansas Wing honors Spaatz recipient

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KANSAS -- Cadet Col. Aaron Lindemann of Kansas Wing's New Century Composite Squadron was awarded the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet award.

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Award #1582 was presented to Lindemann by retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Jim Folsom during a recent ceremony at the Olathe Kansas Army National Guard Armory.

"My Civil Patrol cadet years provided many opportunities to experience life building skills that have shaped my character and future goals," said Lindemann.

The Olathe, Kan., student was home-schooled until 11th grade, and then attended Johnson County Community College in Olathe. He is now at Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College in Lexington, Mo., on a U.S. Army ROTC Early Commissioning scholarship. He will graduate in December 2006 and earn a 2nd lieutenant commission in the Missouri National Guard.

Lindemann attended U.S. Army Infantry School and Airborne School and was deployed to Afghanistan. His awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, U.S. Parachutist Wings, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and Air Force Association Cadet Officer of the Year.

Lindeman served as cadet squadron commander. He attended several national cadet special activities during summer breaks, including Oshkosh Blue Beret, Pararescue Orientation Course and basic encampments, where he held leadership positions.

Lindemann is the son of Brian and Lee Lindemann, now of Center, Mo. His mother, Lee, commented at the ceremony, "Aaron can credit Civil Air Patrol for his current writing skills." His father, Brian, said, "I am so very proud of what my son has accomplished so far in his young life."

Upon graduation from Wentworth, Lindemann plans to finish his undergraduate studies at Kansas State University, majoring in mechanical engineering. He then wants to pursue a career in Army Intelligence and complete ranger school.

The presentation event was hosted by Lt. Col. John Marek, the squadron's former deputy commander of cadets. In attendance was current Kansas Wing Commander Bernard King, past wing commanders Col. Jerome Hanson and Burgess Rennels, Jr., and New Century Composite Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Dominick Italiano.