

Cadet Receives General Ira C. Eaker Award



Congressman Chris Collins, Cadet Lt Col Meghan Duell and NYW Commander Colonel Steven Perta

On 26 February, Cadet Lt Col Duell received her Gen. Ira C. Eaker award from Congressman Chris Collins during a visit to his office in Washington, DC.

The General Ira C. Eaker award is earned by a cadet by completing all 16 achievements of the cadet program. Most achievement consists of completing a leadership exam, aerospace education exam, a physical fitness test and participating actively in the program. Once a cadet reaches an officer rank, they must complete a write up of each of duty positions in a unit.

Less than 1% of all cadets earn the Eaker award and on average only 200 cadets earn this award in a year.

Cadet Duell was in Washington DC along with other members of Civil Air Patrol to participate in Legislative Day on the Hill. Members from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico meet in Arlington VA on Wednesday evening, and then on Thursday visit their congressman/women and Senators.

Members get a chance to meet with either the congress person or a member of their staff during which information about Civil Air Patrol programs are explained and members look to get congressional support for CAP.

In years prior, one of the main topics was the Congressional Gold Medal, which was announced in May 2014 and handed out in December 2014 to members of CAP during the WWII period.