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To: Col. Maurice Givens, Commander, Illinois Wing

From: John Brendel, Capt, CAP

Subject: Request for approval of Squadron Patch

Sir,

In an effort to promote unit cohesiveness and in keeping with the tradition of the United States Air Force and Civil Air Patrol, I am submitting the following hierarchy for the objective of approval for a unit patch for Scott Composite Squadron. Scott Composite Squadron has been a significant contributor toward the missions and history of Illinois Wing. The following hierarchy reflects this history and is representative of the mission goals and traditions of the Squadron. Therefore, our unit formally requests that approval be granted for this patch for the objective of wear on our BDU and Utility uniforms in accordance with CAPR 39-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commander, Scott Composite Squadron

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Commander, Group 19

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Commander, Illinois Wing

Hierarchy for Scott Composite Squadron Patch



- The circle with two rockers represents that we are a squadron: part of a whole force.
- The black background represents integrity. We always strive to do what needs to be done, in the right way. We undertake this even when times are dark and even when no one is watching.
- The red outline illustrates that we put our heart and soul into the work that we do, and that we care about our missions, especially our commitment to supporting our emergency services missions. It also represents the blood shed by those who have gone before us.
- The CAP emblem in the center represents that we are part of Civil Air Patrol - the auxiliary of the Air Force. We are proud to put this emblem on our patch.
- The Air Mobility Command (AMC) globe demonstrates where we are located. AMC is a major command with global reach. Since we are situated at Scott Air Force Base, the Air Mobility Command Headquarters, it is appropriate to recognize them. It represents that we are part of the Scott Air Force Base community.
- The silver arch also demonstrates where we are located. Our squadron is located 20 miles east of St. Louis – “The Gateway to the West”. We perform community service for the St. Louis Metropolitan area in the forms of crowd control, parking, and color guard during sporting events and parades. The shine of the silver represents the image we always strive for in the tradition of the military.

- The golden wings describe our interest in aviation and commitment to Aerospace Education.
- The white rifles specify excellence in the Cadet Programs mission. In 2005 and 2006, Scott Composite Squadron participated in the National Color Guard competition as Great Lakes Region Champions. The rifles are representative of the traditions exemplified by our color guard and our cadet corps. The squadron is extremely proud of our cadets, and knows that they represent excellence.
- The arrows represent direction. Scott Composite Squadron always aims high, on every goal. They are pointed upwards, because we are constantly improving, and raising the bar.
- The green color in general represents safety. Safety is not a goal: it is a requirement for Scott Composite Squadron.
- The green "WILD CARDS" represents our squadron mascot. (history follows)

Scott Composite Squadron Mascot History

The mascot name "Wildcards" came to a senior cadet that was looking for something to define, give meaning, and establish unit cohesiveness. The idea was inspired from the series Space Above and Beyond. The series is about 5 space marines that have to rely on one another to survive. In spite of making many mistakes, these marines carried out their missions displaying integrity, honor, and pride no matter what happened. The show also showed how people from all walks of life can be gathered ending in a strong force dedicated to what the uniform represents. Their unit was the 58th Fighter Wing "Wildcards". In the tradition of Civil Air Patrol, we consist of a wide variety of volunteers that must work together. We are willing to go above and beyond. Also note we often include new individuals in our teams so we always have wild cards.

The Scott Composite Squadron Color Guard Competition Team adopted the name "Wild Cards" because they felt the same way the TV show "Wildcards" felt. The team felt they we're up against the wall with little hope of winning and yet they kept going. They kept going and improving until they made it all the way to the National Cadet Competition.

After the Color Guard's achievements, the Scott Composite Squadron members adopted the name "Wildcards" as it's own to motivate them and to be reminded that hard work and perseverance pays off.