

128th Air Refueling Wing, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin team up for a one-of-a-kind wish fulfillment

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Members of the 128th Air Refueling Wing stand in formation as the honor guard posts the colors at the beginning of the honorary commander ceremony for Caleb Zimmet at 128th Air Refueling Wing, Milwaukee, on Aug. 3, 2022. The 128th Air Refueling Wing and Make-A-Wish Wisconsin teamed up to fulfill the wish of Caleb Zimmet to become a pilot for a day.

Capt. Justin Gruber, a pilot with the 128th Air Refueling Wing. "Caleb and his family are amazing people," said Gruber. "It was a humbling experience to be a part of this event for someone who has been through so much at such a young age."

newly minted commander broke for chow, and invited the entire wing to join him for pizza and ice cream in Sijan Hall.

Following along the entire day was Jennilyn Parulski, Director of Volunteer Services for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, admiring Caleb as he took to his new role as honorary commander.

"When we talk about wish ideas and a child determining what will be the one they wish for, we use the phrase of getting to the heart of the child — what makes that child unique, what is special about their personality, what is at the center of who they are — and we utilize these details within the creation and design of that wish for our wish child," said Parulski.

Caleb finished up his first day as an honorary commander with a visit to the flight and boom simulators, which for anyone that likes video games, was a great deal of fun.

Before finishing his first day as an honorary commander, Caleb and his family met back at Sijan Hall to be presented with a few more gifts and to say goodbye to his wing escorts.

"The Airmen at the 128th provided a day that not only fulfilled his wish of the pilot experience, but one that was filled with so many personal touches, all tailored to Caleb's likes and favorites, and his unique-self," said Parulski. "The 128th provided a one-of-a-kind wish for Caleb for which we are extremely grateful. You could see the joy radiating from Caleb's face throughout the day, and it was clear his parents felt that this wish had a significant impact on all of their lives."

The Airmen of the 128th Air Refueling Wing were beyond honored to make this wish happen for Caleb.



Caleb Zimmet stands before members of the 128th Air Refueling Wing as the honor guard posts the colors at the beginning of his honorary commander ceremony at 128th Air Refueling Wing, Milwaukee. The 128th Air Refueling Wing and Make-A-Wish Wisconsin teamed up to fulfill the wish of Caleb Zimmet to become a pilot for a day.

Green among 5 counties add 'Clean Water Now' to Nov. ballots

WISCONSIN — The deadline for counties to add referendum questions to local ballots is complete and Adams, Bayfield, Juneau, Green and Outagamie Counties will offer advisory referendum questions on clean water protection in the fall elections.

The question on the ballot will read: "Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin?"

The Clean Water Now advisory referendum gives Wisconsinites a direct

opportunity to express their support for more action by state government and elected officials to protect drinking water and groundwater across Wisconsin.

"What we hear from Wisconsinites all across the state is that they are frustrated with the lack of significant action from state leaders to make water protection a priority," said River Alliance of Wisconsin Water Advocates Organizer Johnson Bridgwater. "Another year has passed, and tens of thousands of Wisconsinites are still unable to drink their own water, and that is not accept-

able. Wisconsin's greatest asset is and will always be our water. Voters will agree by voting 'yes' to Clean Water Now on November 8."

In spring 2021 elections, voters in Marquette County (73%), Portage County (77%) and Wood County (76%) approved referendum questions. In spring 2022 elections, Eau Claire (79%) and La Crosse (86%) Counties approved the question. Also this spring, Monroe County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution committing to conserving, protecting, and restoring clean water.

Meet Susan, Pleasant View's mascot



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CAN Susan welcoming Pleasant View's new 2022 Oversight Committee members: Joan Rufenacht, Dave Bristow, Paul Roemer, Todd Larson, Linda Boll.

MONROE — CNA Susan is the new mascot for Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe. She has been traveling around Green County meeting people and visiting the great places that make up the local community.

Every Tuesday a picture of CNA Susan in a specific Green County location is posted on Facebook for people to guess where she is; on Thursday is the reveal. So far, she stopped by a car show in the Town of Exeter, enjoyed a hike in Browntown, got ice cream in Brodhead, went fishing in Monticello, checked out the shops in New Glarus, and made some friends on the ATV trail in Monroe.

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME Janelle Rucker



Janelle Rucker is the new Business Banking Development Officer with Woodford State Bank! Janelle comes with over 10 years of banking experience and over three years in retail banking and operations. She is the Administrator for the Brodhead Chamber and a Monroe Chamber Ambassador! She loves spending time outdoors and traveling with her husband, Derek and kids Caston, Keegan, and fur babies.

Janelle can help make your business successful by setting up services like ACH Services, Merchant Remote Deposit, Positive Pay, & Merchant Services.

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