



C/Capt. MICHAEL R. MILLER MIWG Search and Rescue Academy Memorial Scholarship

The C/Capt. Michael R. Miller Search and Rescue Academy Memorial Scholarship was established to assist applicants with the opportunity to better themselves and make a difference in not only their lives, but those of the community. To know Michael was to know that he was a very outgoing, giving young man and his legacy of caring, sharing, and giving will hopefully continue through the works and good deeds of those that receive this scholarship. If you are interested in this scholarship, you are more than welcome to apply. Thank you!

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| Email Address: _____ |
| Squadron Name and Unit Number (GLR-MI-XXX): _____ |
| Years associated with Civil Air Patrol: _____ |
| Signature: _____ |
| Date: _____ |

The scholarship will cover your registration cost and your meals (MRE's) for the course you have been selected to attend. For example, if you attend the Basic Course in the summer of 2020, you would select Option C, which will provide you with the following: 24 MRE meals, AHA First Aid/CPR card, and a map tool. For those who graduate, you will also receive a t-shirt, SAR Academy patch, SAR Academy decal, and a metal GTM Badge. However, you will be responsible for any additional costs such as snacks and equipment.



C/Capt. Michael R. Miller

Biography

C/Captain Michael Miller couldn't wait to turn 12-years-old so he could join Civil Air Patrol. At a young age, he wanted to help others... CAP was the perfect fit. In eight years, Michael pushed himself and others to and past their potentials. He set high expectations for himself with a goal to motivate others to be their best. He was often heard saying, "You're stronger than you think... you can do it!" He was a hands-on leader with a love for teaching. His passion for serving is reflected in the leadership positions he held at the Squadron, Wing, and National levels. Michael jumped at any opportunity to lead, holding positions as: Element Leader, Flight Sergeant, Flight Commander, First Sergeant, Executive Officer, and Squadron Cadet Commander at both Hudsonville Cadet Squadron and Grand Rapids Cadet Metro Squadron. He also served as the MIWG SAR Academy Cadet Deputy Commander and Cadet Commander. C/Capt. Miller's leadership was noticed by the Wing Selection Board as they selected him for a second year as the SAR Academy Cadet Commander. He also earned one of the highest achievements in CAP, the Amelia Earhart Award. Only 5% of all cadets have achieved this award.

Michael's passion for adventure, learning, and preparedness had him in one summer attending Pararescue and Survival Orientation Course (PJOC) in New Mexico, Cadet Officer School (COS) in Alabama, Encampment in Alaska, and the Search and Rescue Academy in Michigan! That summer was filled with continued growth and development as well as making lifelong friendships. Above all, Michael had an infinite love for the MIWG Search and Rescue Academy. It was there that he and others (then C/Capt Max Onderik and Capt Richard Moore) saved the life of a 4-year-old girl that drifted to an isolated part of a nearby lake in an inflatable toy ring, thus earning the Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving Actions. At that point, the SAR Academy motto of "First There" was not merely a motto, it became an action.

Michael's life pursuit was to serve and help others. "First There" was echoed throughout his career path. He was licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and was accepted into the Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy. He believed and lived knowing that every call could potentially lead to a life being saved. Those close to him will never forget his infectious smile; his hilarious and witty sense of humor; and most importantly, his fierce, loving, and loyal friendship.