

**Niagara Falls, NY Trip
22 – 24 September 2006
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A trio of cadets from Squadron 902, Larry Patchell, Kelly Morris, and I were permitted to attend a trip that was sponsored by the PAWG and coordinated by Pilot/Captain Pompei. Our trip to Niagara Falls, NY started with our departure at Quakertown Airport in a CAP aircraft to Pittsburgh, PA where we met up with cadets from squadrons 603, 605, & 711 (total of 19 cadets) and proceeded to Niagara Falls in a 911TH Air Lift Wing USAF Reserve C-130 aircraft, with only one stop at McGuire AFB to pick up some medical reservists. The weekend tour included a visit to the Niagara Aviation Museum, a boat ride on the “Maid of Mist”

where we got soaked from viewing the falls and additionally, we did a walking tour of the Canadian side of the falls since the military vans were not allowed to leave the U.S.A. After a very long and fun weekend

of getting wet and seeing the sights, the cadets hopped back onto the C-130 with our souvenirs and pictures and returned home.

I will never forget that amazing trip since it



was my first flight on a military aircraft and meeting other cadets from the other part of the state. We also had the opportunity to swap squadron patches.

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