Minnesota Wing's Slocumb Cited as 'Certified Innovator'



Maj. Marybeth Slocumb (pictured, at right) of the Minnesota Wing's North Hennepin Composite Squadron has recently achieved a significant milestone in her Civil Air Patrol career by completing the U.S. Air Force/-Innovatrium Project Mercury certification course.

This intensive 12-week program encompasses academic study, practical application of innovation concepts, and the opportunity to pitch an innovation to Air Force leadership. As a result of her work and dedication as a member of Cohort 9, Slocumb has earned Project Mercury's "Certified Innovator" credential.

During the course, members of Slocumb's team, known as the Wanderers, focused on tackling the issue of stress-related adverse outcomes that affect the Human Weapon System. Their goal was to develop an innovative solution that not only proactively meets the needs of military personnel but also ensures their mental, emotional, and physical readiness to perform their mission duties.

Impressed by Slocumb's exceptional performance, the Project Mercury team extended an invitation for her to serve as an innovation coach for new Project Mercury students (like the National Headquarters' students from Cohort 10 pictured with her during Project Mercury Jumpstart Week in Montgomery, Alabama — from left, Lt. Cols. Kimberly Carole and Austin Worcester and Mike Valdez, CAP's logistics chief). Slocumb expressed her enthusiasm for the invitation, stating, "I can take this experience back to my home unit and help drive innovative solutions for Civil Air Patrol."

Slocumb's achievement serves as a testament to the commitment and talent within CAP's membership, as well as the organization's dedication to fostering innovation and pushing the boundaries of excellence. "Her role as an innovation coach will undoubtedly inspire and empower future Project Mercury students and Civil Air Patrol members to explore creative solutions that address the evolving challenges faced by both organizations," said Kathy Conyers, CAP's information chief and a member of CAP's Innovation Team.

"With leaders like Maj. Slocumb at the forefront, Civil Air Patrol is poised to continue driving progress and achieving breakthroughs in the realm of innovation."

For more insight into Slocumb's innovation journey, check out this video on the Project Mercury YouTube Channel.