

## Sawston Cadet Returns from IACE

Cadet Flight Sergeant James Pugh (18) from 2461 (Sawston) Squadron Air Training Corps recently returned from an International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) to the USA.

F/S Pugh was one of hundreds of UK air cadets to be selected to not only represent their Squadron but also the Air Cadet Organisation on an IACE visits to many different countries around the world.

F/S Pugh travelled to America with 23 other UK cadets arriving in Washington DC where they met up with other cadets from 19 different countries. The cadets spent the first 3 days of their trip visiting many well known monuments and museums in the capital.

From Washington DC FS Pugh travelled to Cleveland in Ohio with other cadets in his group. Whilst in Cleveland the cadets stayed with host families and spent a few days visiting places of interest before travelling on to Columbus on the next stage of his trip.

On arrival in Columbus FS Pugh met his second host family where he and the other cadets and host families spent their first evening together at a hot rod event.

During his visit to Columbus FS Pugh and the other IACE cadets visited an Amish Community where they met an Amish family and saw how they lived without Computers, TV's, Telephones. Washing Machines and no electricity and travelled about in a horse and buggy instead of a car.

One of the high lights of the trip for FS Pugh was visiting the Niagara Falls and going over to Canada to see the Canadian side of the falls.

For the final 3 days of the trip all the cadets returned to Washington DC where they visited the Pentagon before they left the USA to return to their home countries.

FS James Pugh said ' It was such a fantastic opportunity to be given a chance to meet so many great people from around the world. And to be able to visit so many places that I had only ever heard about before.'

WO Tim Barker Officer Commanding 2461 said' This is always a fantastic opportunity for a cadet and something that puts the icing on the cake to a very comprehensive cadet career for F/S Pugh. It shows just what can be achieved and gained from the Air Cadet Organisation.

The squadron meets every Monday and Thursday between 7pm-9.30pm at their HQ in Hayfield Avenue Sawston. If you are between the ages of 13-18 years and you wish to know more visit the squadron on any parade night or ring 01223 834585 at parade times.

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Photo NO1 FS Pugh with other Ohio IACE cadets  
Photo NO2 AT Niagara Falls

Notes to Editor

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