

National ACE Plus Adopt Spirit Award:

Ms Lindsay Ames and CMSgt Cory Felts

**5th Grade Teacher at Tates Creek Elementary School, Lexington, KY
and**

**GLR-KY-001 KY Wing Director of AE (at the time of the program),
Bowling Green, KY**

Ms Lindsay Ames got more than she bargained for when her class of 5th graders was adopted by CMSgt Cory Felts. CMSgt Felts, the recent KY Wing Director of AE, enlisted the assistance of two other CAP members- Maj Nick Burt, KY Wing Director of Cadet Programs, and Capt AJ Felts, Asst AE Officer with the GLR-KY-300 Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron.

Ms Ames was pleased with the topics and hands-on activities to which the students were exposed by the CAP team. The squadron not only did the ACE lessons, but brought in drones for the students to observe in flight and learn how they operate. Then, students were able to go outside and fly the drones with the adults guiding them along the way.

Stated Ms Ames, "I am so impressed with the knowledge and skills of Cory and Nick. They were amazing when they came into my classroom. They started with CAP lessons and expanded them to drones. I have three SPED students in my class and the look on their faces when they were completing the activities is something I will never forget!! Those students don't get to participate in a lot of activities like the other students but not only did they participate with the CAP activities, they excelled! Being able to bring these activities to them and allow them to participate is beyond what I could ever dream of. Working at a Title 1 school, our students don't receive many opportunities to complete activities like this and I am so thankful we were able to participate!! One of my students was very interested in the program and I believe he is one that would pursue joining CAP. Thank you so much to Cory and Nick and the CAP team for wonderful lessons and I can't wait to invite them into my classroom again!!!"

"The students had a great time with Nick and Cory when they came to visit! They loved the program. I loved this program, also, and hope to be a part of it next year!"

CMSgt Felts felt very satisfied with the program, as well. The three separate unit members worked together to complete the minimum three lessons with the students and then expanded the lessons with a practical, hands-on opportunity of demonstrating the flying of a sUAS / STEM Kit Outdoor Quadcopter with every student gaining a novice understanding of these programs / kits. He feels the KY Wing can continue to expand this adopt program by working together and planning even more additional programs for the youth. The best thing to Felts is that students are asking to visit their local squadron to find out more about joining the Cadet Program!

Deep appreciation to the three CAP squadron members and Ms Ames for taking a leap of faith to try this new ACE Plus Adopt program in the midst of a pandemic with classroom visits uncertain. Entering this collaboration with a positive attitude and spirit of working as a team, several units worked together to support Ms Ames. This entire team is congratulated for earning this recognition!!!



