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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

- 1 Mt. Fury Ground School 9-12 Wg.
- 8 PAO Training Day 0900-1300 Wg.
- 15 Communications Mtg. 0900 to 1200
- 19 Commander’s Call 1900 Wg.Hq.
- 21-23 SAR Training Whitefield
- 29 Rocket Competition Ctr. Strafford
RCC TRAEX webinar 1800-2000
- 30 Wing Commander’s Course—
Maxwell AFB, AL

NOVEMBER

- 13 RCC TRAEX webinar 1800
- 16 Commander’s Call 1900 Wing

DECEMBER

- 10 RCC TRAEX 8-4:30 Wg. Hq.
- 15 Abenaki News deadline
- 17 Wreaths Across America
Ceremony- Boscawen
- 21 Commander’s Call

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COMMANDER’S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, Commander

Well, another quarter has slipped away and what a quarter it has been. Our newest squadron opened up in Whitefield with the charter of NER-NH-075. The new commander Allen Strasser comes with significant Air Force and commercial experience. The unit is truly blessed to have him as a commander. We will hold the official opening for the unit at our TRAINEX at Whitefield in October. I look forward to many years of great thing happening in the North Country.

We continued our great relationship with Norwich University with the successful running of our Summer Academy. This year we added Region Honor Guard Academy to the mix. Thank you to all who helped to make the event a great success. It is only with the efforts of the dedicated Senior Members and Cadet Staff that we are able to put on these great events. We graduated 80 cadets from our Encampment, 20 from NCOLS and 15 from the NER Honor Guard Academy. We continued our flying of cadets at our academies with great success. Our pilots were able to give first flights to many new cadets. This is a critical element in cadet retention.

This summer also saw the addition of our joint program with Norwich University’s Future Leaders Camp (FLC) program. NHWG provided tuition offsets to five cadets who attended the experience. This event will become a regular NHWG/Norwich event that will focus on leadership and emergency services training. Future tuition assistance will be on an as available basis.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

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| <p>. EARHART AWARD Ethan Cray Hawk</p> <p>MITCHELL AWARD John DeBow Highlanders Abigail DeBow Highlanders Jacob Sanchez Monadnock</p> <p>CONCORD Noah Ruff C/TSgt Steven Butler C/SrA Adrienne Saucier C/SrA Mark Sommer C/SrA Oscar Gamache C/A1C Daniel Hoadley C/A1C Tyler Lawrence C/A1C Andrew Planchet C/A1C Timothy Stohrer C/A1C Shannon Tyrrell C/A1C Marco Rinciari C/Amn</p> <p>HAWK Bailey Harrington C/SMSgt Jon Panus C/SMSgt Alison Haight C/MSgt Daniel Ellis C/TSgt Benjamin Vachon C/TSgt Zechariah Smith C/TSgt Eli Sylvester C/SrA Wesley Sylvester C/SrA Kieran Cox C/A1C Faith George C/A1C Mckayla Sanborn C/A1C Jayson Anderson C/A1C Robert Vanlaarhoven C/A1C Evelyn Martinez C/A1C Phillip Martinez C/A1C Ethan Fogg C/Amn John Martin C/Amn</p> <p>HUMPHREY Michael Lai C/CMSgt Isabella Wang C/SMSgt Matthew Heiter C/MSgt Maya Krishman C/MSgt Louis Vinton C/TSgt Denali Ferrero C/SSgt Simon Goryayinov C/SSgt Mason McDonald C/SSgt Roy Hill C/SrA Asash Pillai C/A1C Elizabeth Gratton C/A1C</p> | <p>HIGHLANDERS Todd Hearn C/ Major John DeBow C/2nd Lt. Abigail DeBow C/2nd Lt Zachary Helm C/Amn</p> <p>LEBANON Joah Moss C/Maj Brendan Freeman C/SSgt Luc Gauvin C/SrA Luke Ouelette C/A1C</p> <p>MANCHESTER Nicholas Codner C/CMSgt Isaac D'Sousa C/CMSgt Mackenzie Finocchiaro C/TSgt Garrett Gagne C/SrA Josh Moser C/SrA Elizabeth Niven C/A1C Benjamin Hardy C/Amn Aiden Mulready C/Amn Nolan McKivergan C/Amn Nicholas Mecum C/Amn</p> <p>MONADNOCK Jacob Sanchez C/2Lt Sam Thompson C/SSgt Owen Greenwood C/Amn</p> <p>SEACOAST Henry Wierda C/MSgt Adam Crampsey C/TSgt Samuel Hall C/TSgt</p> <p>SENIOR MEMBERS AWARDS Gill Robb Wilson Diane Lambert Yeager Award Johna Therrien Liam Smedley Garber Award Dana Hysten</p> <p>SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS Troy Brackett 1st Lt. Jessica Brackett 2nd Lt.</p> |
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SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A large group of cadets and senior members attended the summer academies at Norwich University. They participated in all phases of the program: basic encampment, RCLS and Honor Guard academy. Over 1/3 of the squadron actively participated in some aspect of the program. The first week of August the squadron along with local civic organizations gathered in Rollins Park for the Nat'l. Night Out program. The event was used as recruiting and informational outreach. Late in August 15 members provided security and parking detail for the Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Days event. Due to their excellent work a sizable donation was sent to the squadron and they were asked to return again next year. The squadron's three Cyber Patriot teams supervised by Capt. JR Stephens have conducted training and practice sessions throughout the summer. The SUI was completed with zero discrepancies in early September. A first for the squadron was an opportunity to assist a local veteran with relocating some household goods. The same day a group of cadets and seniors went to Wing Hq. to assist with a clean out and rearrangement of the facilities in the basement. C/2Lt. Kira Wood attended a PA wing STEM Academy. Cadets Warren Quinlan and Emilee Harlow attended the NCSA ParaRescue/Survival Course. Three of the five cadets chosen for the Norwich Future Leaders Camp were from Concord Squadron. They were: 1st Sgt. Caleb Planchet, TSgt Taylor Owen and SRA Steven Butler.



Concord Cadets helping with Headquarters Basement Cleanout

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Thirteen members of Hawk Squadron attended the summer encampment. Ethan Cray was awarded a Find Ribbon. The fall Open House was held on 22 September. "Hawkeyes" the Cyber Patriot team now has five veterans and five apprentices which should give them some clout in the upcoming competition. Ethan Cray, Brendan Drew, Bailey Harrington and Darlene Cray(staff) all earned NCSA ribbons this past summer.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

The squadron had a first as three members of the same family were all promoted to Cadet Airman. They are Jared, Caleb and David Schag who have been members of the squadron for two months. Also promoted were brother and sister, John and Abigail DeBow who are now C/2nd Lts. The fourth STEM kit, a quad copter, has arrived and the cadets will begin practicing with it to be ready for the winter Sunday event that takes place with Spaulding High School's AFJROTC. They practice by flying them in the gym every Sunday night for three hours.



Recently Promoted Cadets from Highlanders

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

2nd Lt. Mari-Allysa Ferrero has taken command of the squadron from Lt. Michelle Kavanagh. Three cadets attended this summer's basic encampment, three attended NCOLS and two cadets served as staff. The Cyber Patriot competition has two teams from Humphrey that took part in the exhibition rounds 1, 2 and 3. Cadet Denali Ferrero assisted with the Operation Care for the Troops in packing and shipping 925 care packages to our deployed troops. He has participated in this event several times in the past year. A large contingent of cadets and seniors toured the Manchester Airport Fire Department and received information and demonstrations about the gear the firefighters use and the fire trucks unique features which help them put out aircraft fires. An Open House is planned for October 13.



HUMPHREY CADETS VISIT THE MANCHESTER AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron will be having a change of command with Maj. Moss taking over from LTC McGary. Cadet Brendan Freeman received his glider pre-solo wings at the Glider Academy in Springfield, VT. A group of members attended the movie “Sully” which was enjoyed by all. Squadron members had an Open House with the Wings and Wheels event at Lebanon Airport on Saturday September 24th. It was a great day and a chance for recruiting new members.



LTC Barry McCabe Showing a visitor to Wings and Wheels the CAP aircraft cockpit



C/SSgt Brendan Freeman receiving his Glider Pre-Solo Wings from his father LTC Charlie Freeman and his grandfather Frank Freeman who was a pilot during WWII.

MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

2nd Lt. Carboni attended the National ES Academy at Camp Atterbury, ID where he learned basic search and rescue techniques and became qualified as GT Level 3. The squadron volunteers parked cars at the Homebuilt Aviation Fly In at MHT/Boston Regional Airport in July. This event was also a chance to visit the Aviation Museum of NH and to also see a variety of homebuilt aircraft. In early September the squadron was visited by the Manchester Chief of Police, Nick Willard, who emphasized integrity, honesty and being non-judgmental as his and CAPs goals. He also talked about why he became a police officer. On 21 September squadron members visited the National Flight Simulator at Manchester Airport, got a tour of the simulators and facility and held their regular meeting there. The unit is preparing for cadets to get instruction and be able to use these simulators.



Manchester Squadron cadets at the Homebuilt Fly-In

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Monadnock Squadron constructed a RC motor glider as part of its STEM program and has begun work on its newly received astronomy kits.

Cadets John Thompson, Owen Greenwood, John Cheney, Parker Hammann and Jethro Somero received their first flights. Seven cadets also received their first glider flights in September.

Cadets Sam Thompson and Justin Borden graduated from basic encampment while Cadet Connor Ahern graduated from NCOLS.

Cadet 2d Lt Jacob Sanchez served on this summer's encampment staff as the Flight "B" commander. He also received a Daedalian flight scholarship to attend the NER Glider Academy in August where he earned his pre-solo wings. He was formally presented with his Mitchell Award by State Representative Jim McConnell.

Second Lieutenant Erin Hughes earned her IT specialty badge and Captain Liam Smedley earned his Davis award, as well as, senior rating in the cadet specialty track. In addition, Capt Smedley earned his Yeager award as part of his Spaatz achievement. A formal pin-on ceremony will take place in October.

Upcoming activities include the fall open house, wing rocket competition and Veteran's Day parades and ceremonies.



Monadnock Cadets with their recently assembled RC Motor Glider

Mt Washington Composite Squadron

The Mt. Washington Squadron has resurfaced once again with 32 cadets enrolled, 10 of which took their first powered o'flight in either a Cessna 172 or 182. There was much enthusiasm among the cadets who got to fly. Nine cadets also took flight in a glider at Springfield, VT in late September. Squadron commander Allen Strasser a former USAF pilot has taken the reins with much support from others in the area to get the squadron up and running again after a long hiatus. The squadron will be formally welcomed at the upcoming SAREX in Whitefield.

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Seacoast Squadron sent six cadets to encampment and two as staff. The fall open house led to 10 interested cadets coming back for more information. The marksmanship training has resumed at the Exeter Sportsman's Club on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Members assisted with the Run for the Fallen at Odiorne St. Park. A very successful carwash was held at the Sunoco Station in Exeter back in August. A number of members assisted as greeters and flow control monitors during a recent Public Health Drill staged at Raymond High School. The squadron along with Highlanders hosted the members of the NH/UK exchange this year and all had a blast. C/2Lt. Danielle Brackett attended a National Flight Academy this past summer and was featured in a recent issue of Smithsonian's Air and Space magazine. The squadron will again plan to hold a ceremony at the Exeter Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. This year's goal is to obtain 150 sponsored wreaths to place at veteran's graves in the Exeter Cemetery.



United Kingdom Cadets rehashing their experiences in NH

Commander's Corner cont.

Participation in Green Flag and the MQ9 escort mission continued also. The MQ9 mission is a new mission that we are supporting in upstate New York. With all the flying we have done we are looking very hard at setting a record year for flying in NHWG. Presently we are second in the nation in both aircraft hours at 268 per aircraft and pilot hours at 334 per aircraft. This is a significant accomplishment and reflects the hard work by our aircrews and operations staff.

As we move into the new quarter we will continue to grow as a wing and as professional volunteers. We finish off the year with a great conference and camaraderie. Many of our members received Of the Year Awards at the conference due to their excellent work in their specialties. I am excited about the future of New Hampshire Wing and look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

At our recent NH/VT Wing Conference one last Congressional Gold Medal was given out to Katrina Fowler, daughter of Richard Fowler. Richard served in the Epsom Detached Flight while in High School. He was part of a group who dug a road into the site of a crashed B-24 bomber that had taken off from Grenier Field in Manchester (now Manchester/Boston Airport). He was a lifelong resident of Epsom and graduated from Pembroke Academy and the University of New Hampshire.



M.G. REDDEL, COL HARBISON, Ms. FOWLER, AYOTTE REP., COL LECLAIR



Attendees at VT Glider Instructor Training

CFI-G Applicants were: Maj. Wayne Henderson, SER-FL; Ltc James Mackay NHQ; Ltc Mark Farley, NER-NH; Maj. Paulo Costa, NER-NH; Col. Mike Flynn, NER-NJ

NEW HAMPSHIRE WING OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Cadet - C/Maj. Joah Moss

Senior – Maj. Sandra Riis

Squadron – Hawk Composite Squadron

Squadron Commander - Maj. John Washington-Seacoast

AEO - Capt. Johnny Stephens

Logistician - Lt Col Paul Kelly

Cadet Programs Officer – Capt. Darlene Cray

ES Officer – Maj. Scott Davis

Ground Team Member – Maj. Ann Brechbühl

Public Affairs Officer – Capt. James Orgettas

Aircrew - 2nd Lt Heidi Salvail

Pilot – Maj. Brian Riis

Operations Officer - 1st Lt Bruce Determann

Holmes Leadership - Cadet - C/Capt Brendan Drew

Holmes Leadership - Senior – Capt. Darlene Cray

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

STILL FLYING!!!



1963 Lebanon Squadron Commander Cliff Henderson