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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

- 2-3 Seacoast Bivouac
 - 3-4 A-E DAY Ctr. Strafford
 - 4 406 MHz Class 1800 CON
 - 17 SAR Training Concord
 - 21 Commander's Call 1900
 - 24 PAO Training NH Wing
0900
- Back up SAR Training

NOVEMBER

- 14 DR Training
Rocketry Competition
- 18 Commander's Call 1900
Wg Hq.
- 19 CON Aeroguidance Mtg.
- 21 Back Up DR Training

DECEMBER

- 16 Commander's Call 1900
- 26 Winter Encampment begins
Ft. Devens, MA through
Jan 2

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Dale V. Hardy, Interim NHW Commander

NH Wing members,

I am humbled and honored to be chosen as your commander for this period of transition. I do not plan to make any staff or command changes as I think the wing is functioning very well.

We can be proud of our accomplishments and standing in the region and nationally. This is due to all of you doing your jobs in an outstanding manner.

I would like to emphasize and ask that we continue our monthly safety briefings. I know they are not required for participation but risk management should be a part of every activity. The proper use and care of our people and equipment is most important.

As many of you know, this is not the first time I have commanded this wing. The reason I have accepted this position is to keep management local. We will now be starting the process of selecting our next wing commander. I urge anyone who is eligible and interested to polish up your resume and let your intentions be known. A selection board will be convened to look at the resumes, letters of recommendation, qualifications and to conduct an interview.

In the meantime, I ask that you continue to do the work you have been given to do so we can have a successful wing and perform our missions for America.

Thank you all for being on our NH Wing team. Together we can get through this transition and emerge stronger than ever.

Sincerely,
Col. Dale V Hardy, CAP
New Hampshire Wing Commander

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

MITCHELL AWARD

Matthew LaChance Manchester Sq.

EARHART AWARD

Brendan Drew Hawk Squadron

CONCORD

Peter Houle C/CMSgt
David Hurd C/CMSgt
Timothy Tokarz C/CMSgt
Kira Wood C/CMSgt
Joy Planchet C/SMSgt
Collin Alexander C/TSgt
Daniel Stone C/TSgt
Jeremy Gooden C/SrA
Adam Harlow C/SrA
Noah Ruff C/SrA
Hayden Decato C/A1C
Kole Owen C/A1C

GREATER NASHUA

Chance Lavoie C/CMSgt
Jeremy Ralls C/CMSgt
Preston Tang C/CMSgt
Timothy Morin C/SMSgt
Matthew Ladd C/MSgt
Daniel Mossey C/MSgt
Pedro Guerra C/TSgt
Andrew Crusan C/TSgt
Connor Hodgkins C/SrA
Thomas McGreevy C/Amn

HAWK

Bailey Harrington C/SSgt
Jon Panus C/SrA
Daniel Ellis C/Amn
Benjamin Hughes C/Amn
Zechariah Smith C/Amn
Reece Crawford C/Amn
Jonathan New C/Amn
Patrick White C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Nils Jobe C/CMSgt
Abigail Debow C/TSgt
Andrew Pincince C/SSgt
Erik Sigurdsson C/A1C
Steven McEwan C/Amn

LEBANON

Chloe White C/SMSgt
Zethan Moss C/TSgt
Matthew Dailey C/SrA

MANCHESTER

Matthew LaChance C/2Lt
Brandon Campbell C/CMSgt
Rachel Hennessey C/CMSgt
Isaac D'Sousa C/SMSgt
Ryan Rahilly C/SMSgt
Samuel Steiger C/SMSgt
Jonathan Rahilly C/MSgt
Marcus Barone C/TSgt
Alex Strobel C/TSgt
Nicholas Codner C/SSgt
Benjamin Templeton C/SSgt
Autumn St. Hillaire C/A1C
Brendan Russell C/A1C

MONADNOCK

Jacob Sanchez C/CMSgt
Jordan Seppala C/MSgt
Caleb Somero C/MSgt
Connor Ahern C/SSgt
Taylor Hennem C/SrA
Noah Weston C/SrA
Samuel Thompson C/Amn
Hunter Blanchette C/Amn

SEACOAST

Justin Snyder C/1Lt
Nicholas Lauer C/CMSgt
Katelen VanAken C/SMSgt
Adeline Nicholson C/SMSgt
Brennan VanAken C/MSgt
David Brackett C/TSgt
Brandon Weeks C/SSgt
Henry Wierda C/SSgt
David Brackett C/SSgt
Seth Cornell C/SrA
Kameron Virkaitis C/SrA
Jayne Brannan C/Amn
Samuel Hall C/Amn
Nicholas Denton C/Amn



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Thirteen cadets attended basic encampment, five attended NCOLS and three senior members assisted in staff positions. In August the squadron combined with Manchester to purchase and pack "Care Packages" for recently deployed 197th NH National Guard Military Police Unit. Twenty boxes were filled and shipped. The two squadrons had a cookout night to work on the project. At another event in August squadron members assisted with parking and had a recruiting table at the Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Days parade and fair.

The squadron had a Change of Command in Sept. with Maj. Anna Hullinger, a highly experienced former cadet, taking over command from Maj. Brian Riis. This was in conjunction with an Open House evening where over 100 members and guests received information, witnessed the Change of Command and promotions.



Maj. Anna Hullinger, Lt. Darin Niness, Maj. Brian Riis

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

New cadet commander is C/2Lt Drouin. A new deputy commander for Seniors is 2/Lt Richard Lavangie who was formerly in the US Coast Guard. Several members supported the Nashua Parks and Recreation Dept's Touch-A-Truck at Nashua Airport with a CAP aircraft which was very popular. The squadron will be supporting Young Eagles in October. A fall open house is planned for 22 October.

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

1/Lt John Leahy, a member of the Hawk Squadron and its former AE Officer was recently recognized as Teacher of the Year by the BG Harrison Thyng Chapter of the Air Force Association. The squadron marched in a 4th of July parade in Laconia.



Dan Caron, Col. Kevin Grady, John Leahy, Darlene Cray

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

The Highlanders are preparing for another fun filled fall/winter with the RC flying with the AFJROTC cadets from Spaulding High School. They will be flying electric RC aircraft as well as helicopters for about three hours on Sunday evenings. The cadets recently completed the Robotics STEM kit and plans are to have a flight against flight competition. They can also run the robot by computer. Fall open house is planned for October 8th. Several parents have volunteered to go the various schools and talk about putting up flyers and perhaps an information table at lunch time.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

An open house is planned for October 8th.

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

New cadet commander of the squadron is C/1Lt Gavell who took over from C/1Lt Moss. The squadron again assisted with the Prouty Bike/Walk race providing recovery vehicles for distressed riders, help with set-up, water stops and clean up. Cadet Moss received a donation from the Lebanon Police Association to help finance his IACE visit to the United Kingdom.



C/1Lt Moss receiving donation from Lebanon Police Assn.

MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members of the squadron participated in the NH Aviation Museum Car Show in August where they provided with parking and marshalling cars. They also manned a very busy information booth. Cadets Moser, Dionne and Finocchiaro received their first o’flights in September. Five others also got their second or other o’flight that day.



Information table at Museum Car Show

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Eleven members attended the basic encampment, NCOLS, or Honor Guard Academy and served on staff. Cadet Hughes attended the NER Glider Academy and was able to solo a glider while there. He is continuing with more glider flights in hopes of attaining his glider rating. Cadets Bean, Hughes and Sanchez performed a drill and rifle ceremony during a Fourth of July event. Cadets Hughes, Bean, Sanchez, and Somero were awarded NCSA ribbons. Cadet Solomonides received an achievement ribbon and a recruitment ribbon went to Cadet Hughes. The squadron has begun the Robotics STEM program with Capt. Hotin who is a STEM teacher at Brattleboro High School in VT. A presentation was made at the Keene Lion’s Club to thank them for their generous donation to support cadets attending summer activities.

A trip with Lebanon Squadron to the New England Air Museum in CT was being planned. The Color Guard will be presenting the colors at an upcoming race at the Monadnock Speedway. Two new Flight Officers have joined the squadron. They are FO Tyler Lewandowski and FO Erin Hughes.



Cadet Ethan Hughes Received Solo Wings at NER Glider Academy in VT

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron had two very successful fundraisers this quarter one at Applebee's and the other at Flatbread Pizza both in Portsmouth. Our thanks to both for their help raising funds for cadet programs. A very large group of squadron cadets and seniors attended the Encampment or NCOLS at Norwich University. Firearms training has resumed for the fall season twice monthly at Exeter Sportsman's Club. The fall Open House in Sept. saw a nice group of visitors both young people and older folks. The squadron hosted IACE visitors from Australia and Hong Kong in mid-summer. A group of squadron members along with those from other squadrons participated in the NH/UK exchange with Ltc Kelly and Lt Rose as escorts. (see related article) A bivouac is being planned for the first weekend in October with Concord Squadron. Two of our newest cadets got their first glider o'flights on Sept. 19th.



IACE Visitors with First Flight Certificates



C/Amn Sam Hall checks out the glider cockpit before his first glider flight at VSF

Congratulations to the following senior members who have moved up in rank!!!

Robert Fuller 2Lt; Jake Whitaker 2Lt; Susan Bishevsky-Weeks 2Lt;
Johna Therrien 1Lt; Randy Haight Capt;

NEW HAMPSHIRE/UNITED KINGDOM TRIP
by 1/Lt Bonnie Rose, escort

On Aug. 15th five cadets from Nashua, Manchester, Lebanon and Seacoast squadrons along with their two escorts from the Seacoast and Manchester squadrons left NH Wing HQ for the NH/UK Cadet Exchange program. We flew out of Boston's Logan International Airport to Manchester UK where we met our host unit Hull 152 of the Royal Air Cadet Program.

Over the next week we had the opportunity to visit historic landmarks – Castles, Roman Walls and beautiful Cathedrals. We toured museums such as the Duxford Air Museum offering the history of many different aircraft, Eden Camp – a WWII Prisoner of War camp and an aquarium known as “The Deep”. We also had the opportunity to spend a day in London where we visited well known landmarks such as the Tower of London, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

Cadets spent time with local cadets and their families to learn more about the culture of the English home. Cadets experienced a family reunion, a visit to a favorite Indian Restaurant, family pets and an evening of pizza and games. These occasions gave cadets from both countries the chance to learn both the similarities and the difference in their daily lives.

During all of the sightseeing trips we were accompanied by our hosts and their cadets. The cadets from both squadrons had a good time exchanging stories on how things differ between the two groups – from the way they drill, run meetings and the activities they enjoy. It was not all work the cadets had plenty of time during the ride to the locations to compare notes on music, movies & TV and favorite hobbies.

Our second week was spent at their summer encampment at the Royal Army Camp Altcar. Our cadets were assigned to various Royal Air Cadet Flights and participated in Drill, Sports and Field Craft. There was also time for fun activities such as boating, sightseeing in Liverpool and visiting an amusement park.

We returned home after 15 days of travel having experienced a new culture, foods and activities. Many of these friendships will last a lifetime.



UK and NH Cadets on a sightseeing trip

NH Wing Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) Schedule

Squadron	SUI Anniversary Date*	Next SUI Date**	Next SUI Date**	Next SUI Date**
NH010 - Seacoast	30-Apr-14	April 2016	April 2018	April 2020
NH014 - Lebanon *	31-Mar-14	March 2016	March 2018	March 2020
NH016 - Nashua	31-May-14	May 2016	May 2018	May 2020
NH032 - Concord *	30-Sep-14	September 2016	September 2017 *	September 2019
NH037 - Highlanders	31-Oct-13	3 October 2015	October 2017	October 2019
NH053 - Monadnock	30-Apr-14	April 2016	April 2018	April 2020
NH054 - Manchester *	31-May-14	May 2016	May 2017 *	May 2019
NH056 - Hawk *	31-Dec-13	12 December 2015	December 2017	December 2019
NH801 - Humphrey	31-Oct-14	October 2016	October 2018	October 2020

* Anniversary date is used to calculate future SUI dates (up to 24 months) - Dates may have changed

**Exact dates will be finalized 60 days prior

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