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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

- 2 Cyber Patriot Mtg. 1830-2100 Wg.
Each Monday of month
- 13 RCC TRAEX 1600-1800 Wg.
- 14 RCC TRAEX 0800-1630 Wg.
- 15 RCC TRAEX 0800-1400 Wg..
- 18 Commander’s Call 1900 TBD
- 21 SLS 0800-1700 Wg. Hq.
Concord Aviation Day
- 28 Rocket Competition Ctr. Strafford
0800-1500

NOVEMBER

- 2 ICS 400 Nashua
- 3-4 LG Survey Audit
- 5 Daylight Saving Ends
- 6 Cyber Patriot Mtg. 1830
Each Monday of month
- 11 PAO Training Day 0900-1300
- 15 Commander’s Call 1900 TBD
- 17 Backup Trainex
Staff Assistance Visit (SAV)

DECEMBER

- 2 Corp. Learning Course 0800
- 4 Cyber Patriot Mtg. each Monday
- 15 Abenaki News deadline
- 16 Wreaths Across America
- 27-31 Cadet Leadership Academy

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“SEMPERVIGILANS”

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

As NHWG approaches the end of another quarter and the end of our fiscal year, I look back once again with both sadness and great pride in our wing. The sadness once again comes from the loss of a good friend and an amazing member of our wing. The loss of Major Preston Lawrance was sudden and certainly unexpected. He was an amazing ambassador for Civil Air Patrol. He was a respected man in the community and our organization. This is evidenced by the amazing presence at his funeral. He will certainly be missed by those who knew him.

My pride comes from the hard work and dedication that our members have shown over the past few months. We had a very successful Summer Academy at Norwich University. As part of that we once again flew cadets and introduced many to their first powered orientation flight or glider flight. Support of the Cadet Program is some of the most important work we do as Senior Members in Civil Air Patrol. In fact, nothing else we do will have such long lasting and significant impact on society and our country. The cadets we train and mentor will become the leaders of this country tomorrow. If you are not involved in mentoring cadets or working in the Cadet Program, you should be.

We sent 4 cadets and 2 Senior Members to the UK this year in our annual exchange program. This is a great program that gives our cadets the opportunity to experience cadet life in the UK as a unit. This was our year over there. Next year they will come here in July so we will be looking for host families again to help.

Our members also provided assistance to the mission efforts in Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey. Most of us were down in Texas for the conference and the mission base was in the hotel that we were all staying in. Two of our members stepped up to help.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

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| <p>EAKER AWARD Joah Moss Lebanon</p> <p>EARHART AWARD Ryan Santoro Greater Nashua</p> <p>MITCHELL AWARD Zethan Moss Lebanon</p> <p>CONCORD Tyler Lawrence C/CMSgt Mark Sommer C/CMSgt Oscar Gamache C/SMSgt Adrienne Saucier C/SMSgt Steven Butler C/MSgt Daniel Hoadley C/MSgt Shannon Tyrrell C/MSgt Jonathan Stark C/SSgt Cody Lucier C/A1C Nathan Peck C/A1C Zachary Perez C/A1C Nolan McKivergan C/A1C Adriaen Thibeault C/A1C Cole Weaver C/Amn</p> <p>GREATER NASHUA Levi Santoro C/SSgt Simon Hemenway C/SrA Kathleen Laramie C/Amn Lydia Palmer C/Amn</p> <p>HAWK Daniel Ellis C/CMSgt Faith George C/CMSgt Philip Martinez C/CMSgt Evelyn Martinez C/CMSgt Wesley Sylvester C/CMSgt Mckayla Sanborn C/CMSgt Alison Haight C/SMSgt Eli Sylvester C/SMSgt Benjamin Hughes C/MSgt Kieran Cox C/SSgt John Archibald C/SSgt Eric Haines C/SSgt Hope George C/SrA Aiden Streitenberger C/A1C Ethan Seeler C/A1C Cameron Hayward C/A1C Lucy Jude C/A1C Shain Osborn C/A1C Jordan Witham C/A1C</p> | <p>HAWK continued Benjamin Lyons C/Amn William Trousdale C/Amn Nathaniel Jude C/Amn</p> <p>HIGHLANDERS Andrew Pincince C/SMSgt Luke Abbett C/TSgt Zachary Helm C/TSgt Ethan Kelley C/TSgt Christian Johnson C/SSgt Ryan Thompson C/Amn</p> <p>LEBANON Brendan Freeman C/CMSgt Sachin Kamath C/A1C</p> <p>MANCHESTER Nicholas Mirabile C/Capt</p> <p>HUMPHREY Denali Ferrero C/CMSgt</p> <p>SEACOAST David Brackett C/Capt Kyle Schalitz C/SMSgt Charles Discoe C/TSgt Jacob Humphreys C/SSgt Morgan Laskiewicz C/Amn Rusty Cook C/Amn John Sullivan C/Amn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS</p> <p>Steve Tourangeau Lt. Col Gary Branyen Major Adam Behr Captain Alex Rose Captain Charles Donnelly 2nd Lt Jenifer Fisher 2nd Lt Ryan Stewart 2nd Lt Brian Bowen SSgt</p> |
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SQUADRON NEWS
Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Concord Squadron hiked Mt. Kearsarge over the summer and assisted with Pembroke Old Home Days. They plan to have a recruiting booth at the Concord Airport Day on Oct 21st. An Open House is planned for 28 September. The squadron will field a Cyber Patriot Team this year with cadets Hammond, Perez, Saucier, Schmidt, Thibeault and John-Zensky.



Pembroke Old Home Days

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Eight cadets recently got glider o'flights and one cadet was able to solo. The new cadet commander is C/1st Lt Lavoie. Ten Nashua teenagers participated in the Civil Air Patrol NH Wing Summer Academy Encampment at Norwich University Vermont in late July. Seven cadets, Melanie Baxter, Molly Blast, Joelle Choinere, Kathleen Laramie, and Levi Santoro, completed their basic encampment requirement. C/Capt Ryan Santoro and C/ 1Lt Chance Lavoie also served as squadron commanders at the encampment where Cadet Santoro also received the award for top cadet officer.



Glider Flights with Lt. Col. Costa

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Seven cadets attended summer encampment and eleven cadets completed Great Start. Faith George graduated NCOLS. Senior member ground team training will begin on Oct. 28th at New Hampton Fire Station. The unit will assist with parking for a Farm Day 5K/10K in Gilford on Sept. 30. There will be two Cyber Patriot teams in the competition again this year. Cadets and senior escorts participated in the Cadet Training Event and the 100 Nights of Remembrance at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery on Sept. 10th.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Squadron cadets and seniors enjoyed a trip to Battleship Cove on 23 September. A visit was also made to the Westfield International Air Show at Barnes Airport. They plan to be road marshalls for the Rochester John Foley Memorial 5K and the Dover Apple Harvest Day in October. C/LtCol Todd Hearn was recently sworn in to the USAF Reserves. Cadets continue to participate with Seacoast Squadron in marksmanship training at the Exeter Sportsman's Club.



Highlanders Cadets at Air Show

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

The following cadets were on staff at Norwich University Encampment. C/CMSgt Matthew Heiter, NCOLS flight monitor; C/CMSgt Isabella Wang, Charlie Flight Commander; C.MSgt Simon Goryayinov. Alpha Flight Sergeant. C/SMSgt Mason McDonald graduated from NCOLS. The squadron received the 2016-2017 Quality Cadet Unit Award. The squadron joined with the Nashua Squadron for some activities over the summer.

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A recruiting booth was set up for the Lebanon Airport Wings and Wheels event on September 23rd. Five cadets attended Norwich University Encampment and four others served as staff. For AE the cadets have used the Quad-Copters to learn about Aerospace Engineering. An Open House is planned for October 30 and the unit will also participate in the Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 16th.



Lebanon Cadets at Norwich Academy

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

Cadets Ermatinger, Gagnon, Moser, Gil and Xavier attended the Norwich University Encampment this summer and Cadet Xavier received the Cadet Leadership Award. Those who did not attend encampment took a tour of the Nashua Airport Tower. The squadron attended the NH Aviation Museum's Home Built Aircraft Show and assisted with marshalling aircraft. An annual event in Manchester, the Glendi Greek Festival was supported by members of the squadron.



NH Aviation Museum Home-Built Show

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members attended the Monadnock Rod and Gun Club Self-Reliance discovery day on 9/23. They will also be at the "Turkey Shoot" on November to promote it and help out and will receive the proceeds from the event. They will also camp overnight and work on ES training. Cadets Cushman, Snowden, Postrich, Hammann, J. Somero, Greenwood, Cheney and Thompson attended the summer encampment at Norwich University.



Monadnock Cadets at Encampment

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A very successful Open House was held on August 31, with 16 prospective members attending. Previous to that the squadron had a very successful summer academy with Lt.Col. Washington again being the commander. There were 4 encampment students, 1 NCOLS graduate, 4 cadet staff, 9 senior staff and 1 pilot. New member Robert Michalski who is Operations Manager for CHI Aerospace has invited the squadron to visit their facility and use the full motion and crosswind simulators and see their flight training aircraft. They are located conveniently at Pease Tradeport. Members supported the Run for the Fallen at Odiorne Park again this year. Cadets from Manchester and Seacoast had a joint meeting with Officer Mackenzie and the K9 team. C/CMSgt Seth Cornell has assumed command of the cadet ranks. Maj. Grayson Grantham will succeed LtCol Washington as squadron commander in January. A tour of Boston/Logan is planned for October with Jet Blue. The squadron will again place wreaths for Wreaths Across America at Exeter Cemetery and will be fundraising for sponsorships from the public for that event.



Guests check out the simulator at Open House in August

Commander's Corner cont.

We presently have two members in Florida working the response down there and one in Georgia. New Hampshire Wing continues to show its ability and willingness to help where ever we are needed.

As we move into the new quarter we will continue to grow as a wing. However, we are in desperate need of personnel at the wing level. We are looking at not holding our Winter Encampment due to a shortage of volunteers. If we do anything, it should be making sure we support our cadets. Several of the positions are extremely critical to the success of our members and the wing. Please look at these positions and see if you can help.

VISIT TO NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION

By Chaplain Atkins

I recently attended the CAP National Cadet Competition in Dayton, Ohio. Lt. Col Shaw of the New Hampshire wing, the NCC Director, agreed to have me attend as event chaplain... and also help out as needed. It was a very exciting experience. There were 96 CAP cadets, six each from 16 squadrons (two from each region) from all across the United States and Puerto Rico. All of them went through regional competitions to become selected to attend. There were two escorts for each squadron, along with a variety of staff people with whom to meet and interact. We were housed in a dormitory at Wright State University, near Wright-Patterson AFB, home of the Museum of the US Air Force, which we visited the last day of the competition (with one event held there as well). I ended up being one of three judges at both the Community Service competition (via video presentation) and the two Public Speaking competitions (one prepared, one impromptu) that each squadron competed in. I also was tasked to organize a voluntary interfaith worship service for those who might be motivated to attend. In addition, I also helped to proctor a written exam taken by all cadets. The latter (as well as a Jeopardy game contest with questions about CAP) required the cadets to have a great depth of knowledge of the history, regulations, procedures and values of the Civil Air Patrol. The video presentations showed the high degree of community service that the different squadrons provided, and the speaking presentations taught me a great deal about CAP which, as a new senior member, I was not aware of.

There was a great feeling of camaraderie amongst the cadets... everyone knew why they were there. Not everyone could win, but there was pride in both self and in representing their region. It was also personally meaningful to me to meet a few Jewish cadets, who were very happy to see a Jewish chaplain, and to provide counseling for both cadets and staff when asked to do so.

The competition ended Monday evening with the presentations of awards, both for each competition and then overall. It was most pleasurable witnessing the excitement on the part of the winning squadrons...and for those who did not win, I hope there was the feeling of having tried their best.

One can spend days trying to see everything at the Air Force Museum, and there were only a few hours to see what one could. It was a special moment for me, when while walking through one of the massive hangers (in uniform), one guide said, "Look up," and I saw a CAP airplane hanging on display.



AE WEEKEND ATTENDEES

The weekend, organized by LtCol Goupil saw 20 attendees.

NH/UK EXCHANGE 2017

By 2nd Lt. Jessica Brackett

The NH/UK 2017 has just completed a very successful fifth exchange with 152 (Hull) Squadron in the United Kingdom. Six participants from New Hampshire traveled to the United Kingdom from 11 August to 26 August 2017. Seacoast Cadet, 1st Lt David Brackett; Highlanders Cadet Lt Col Todd Hearn; Nashua Cadets SMSgt Christopher Kelly and Capt Ryan Santoro; escorted by Seacoast Senior Members Lt Col Keith Lauder and 2d Lt Jessica Brackett were selected to participate in the program this year. The group spent a week experiencing the culture and history of several areas of the UK including the cities of York, Whitby, London and Kingston-Upon Hull. They were able to explore the Elvington Air Museum, Whitby Lifeboat Station, The Deep Aquarium and Castle Howard along with several other museums and attractions. Further, the cadets participated in local 152 Squadron Royal Air Cadets meetings and activities as the cadets got to know each other and share the similarities and differences in their programs and culture.

The following week the group headed off to Altcar Training Camp in Liverpool to fully immerse themselves in a UK cadet camp program. Cadets were able to experience Fieldcraft exercises including concealment technique training and a capstone scenario; clay pigeon shooting; L89 Long Range shooting; and a high-ropes, climbing, abseiling and obstacle course activity center. The Senior Members served as flight staff getting to know both the youth and adults in a camp of 120 cadet participants. Both sides came away with excellent ideas for best practices in our respective programs. We look forward to hosting the UK contingent back here in New Hampshire in July 2018.



Visiting London with the UK Group

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IN MEMORIAM

Major Preston Lawrance
Former CDI Instructor and State Legislative Liaison

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Did you know that Abenaki means “ People of the Dawn”