ABENAKI NEWS

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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

6 Senior Member AE Day Ctr.Strafford
7 Trainex Nashua
12-14 NER/CT Conference
17 Commander's Call 1900 Conference Call format
27 CLC NHWG Hdqtrs. 0800-1630

NOVEMBER

11 Veteran's Day ceremonies
21 Commander's Call 1900 Conference Call format
22 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

15 WAA Ceremony 12 noon NHSVC Abenaki News 4th quarter
19 Commander's Call 1900
25 Christmas holiday

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

I felt, in consideration of the recent loss of Lt Col Paul Mondoux, I would share with you a short bio of him. From my standpoint, the wing has lost yet another person that was always willing to step up to the plate and at least take a swing to help the team. I am blessed with many of these types of people. This wing simply could not function without them. So when you lose one, it hits hard and close. Paul was a friend to many of us and someone we always knew was working to better the organization and our program. Especially with our cadets. He willingly stepped up to help out with several struggling squadrons. Whenever I saw him, his first question was "What can I do to help?" He will be greatly missed.

Lt Col Mondoux joined CAP many years ago as a cadet in Nashua NH in the Col Benjamin Thyng Cadet Squadron. He returned to CAP in 2000 joining as a senior member with the Amitrano Senior Squadron NER-NH-016 located in Nashua NH. He very quickly assumed the position of Deputy Commander of the Squadron and then Commander of the Squadron and remained as Commander for 6 1/2 years. In 2005 the Squadron merged with the Nashua Cadet Squadron and Lt. Col. Mondoux remained as Commander of the composite squadron. During the same period he held the position of professional development officer at NH Wing and in late 2000 he was appointed Director of Safety for the NH Wing, retaining and keeping this until May of 2008. He has also been the director for Squadron Leadership School, the Corporate Learning Course and the Unit Commanders course multiple times.

He was a qualified Incident Commander Level I and held ratings in almost all ES qualifications.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

MITCHELL AWARD

Matthew Heiter	Humphrey
Mark Sommer	Concord
Pedro Guerra	Nashua

CONCORD

Bethany Fulton	C/CMSgt
Nolan McKivergan	C/TSgt
Samantha Lemay	C/SrA
Phoebe Slayton	C/SrA
Cole Weaver	C/SrA
Ryan Wood	C/A1C

GREATER NASHUA

Lydia Palmer	C/SMSgt
Molly Blast	C/TSgt
Joelle Choiniere	C/TSgt
Andrea White	C/SrA
Kathleen Laramie	C/SrA
Aidan Fournier	C/SrA
Kenneth Depasacreta	C/SrA
Andrea White	C/SrA
Michael Gagnon	C/A1C
Nehemiah Groder	C/A1C
Mishka Allam	C/Amn
Andrew Bates	C/Amn
Amelia Collard	C/Amn
Hunter Collard	C/Amn
John Duggan	C/Amn
Devon Edney	C/Amn
Andrew Gesel	C/Amn
Alexander McKinney	C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Luke Abbett	C/SMSgt
Christian Johnson	C/SMSgt
Gavin Hunt	C/MSgt
Zachary Schraier	C/SrA
Sheighlynn Folger	C/Amn
Emmalie Kelley	C/Amn

LEBANON

Adam Scheller	C/TSgt
Brianna Wilkinson	C/SSgt
Anna Nume	C/SrA
Graham Kitchin	C/SrA

MANCHESTER

Josh Moser	C/CMSgt
… St. HIllaire	C/CMSgt
Jack Foley	C/SMSgt
Willis Freeman	C/TSgt
Ethan Hughes	C/SrA
…Connolly	C/A1C
Seairah Demers	C/A1C

MONADNOCK

Liam Snowdon	C/MSgt
Jethro Somero	C/TSgt
Michael Monaghan	C/A1C
Darius Miles	C/Amn

HUMPHREY

Denali Ferrero	Armstrong

SEACOAST

Charles Discoe	C/CMSgt
Samuel Hall	C/CMSgt
Grace Cornell	C/SMSgt
Meredith Madden	C/SMSgt
Anna Madden	C/MSgt
Noah Robinson	C/TSgt
Ayla McKean	C/SSgt
McKayla Hartman	C/SSgt
Ethan Downs	C/SSgt
Robert Jurus	C/SSgt
Christian Filteau	C/SrA
Nathan Haddad	C/A1C
Madison Brannan	C/Amn

SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units

CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron's fall Open House was held on 20 September. The squadron had a recruiting booth at the Aviation Day event at Concord Airport, also assisted the Concord Police Dept. with National Night Out and had a table and talked about CAP. Sixteen cadets recently had o'flights during the 1st Father's Day O'flight day. A good group of cadets were able to attend the encampment at Norwich University this past summer.

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Plans are set for the squadron Open House on 27 September. A First Aid class is planned for 11 November for all interested members. The squadron has recently absorbed the Humphrey Cadet Squadron which closed for lack of members.

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron had a seminar from Toastmasters on public speaking. Parking support was provided for Ramblin Vewe bike and road race this past summer. The Cyber Patriot teams are working on joining with Lakes Region Community College. Squadron Open House was held on 20 September with the new STEM night pilot. Cadets toured a hangar at KCLI where an experimental aircraft (flying boat) for search and rescue is being built.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Trauma first Aid training was provided in August by Frisbee Memorial Hospital EMS on how to stop bleeding. Recent o'flights saw eight cadets get to fly at Fryeburg Airport. Those receiving first time flights were cadets H. DeBow, E. Kelley, S. Folger and S. Johnson. C/SMSgt Ethan Kelley attended Hawk Mt. Ranger School in July. Several cadets attended the Wing Cadet Banquet which C/Maj Abigail DeBow helped plan. Six cadets attended the AE Weekend and earned Rocketry Badges.

Highlanders cadets enjoying recent o'flights at Fryeburg Airport.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

Sadly the Humphrey Cadet Squadron has had to close due to lack of members interested in helping staff the squadron. Current members were transferred to either Great Nashua or other units nearer their home. Thanks to Lt Ferrero for serving as commander for the past few years. Cadet Imbimbo attended the summer encampment and Cadets Heiter and Goryayinov served on cadet staff.

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron provided support for the annual Prouty Walk/Bike Race again this year. They also had a recruiting table at the Lebanon Airport Wings and Wheels event. Seven members worked at the recent NER Glider Academy at Springfield, VT. A member visited the ACE Academy in Laconia. The squadron is planning an Open House for late October.

SM Heidi Salvail NH-014 after her Solo Flight

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

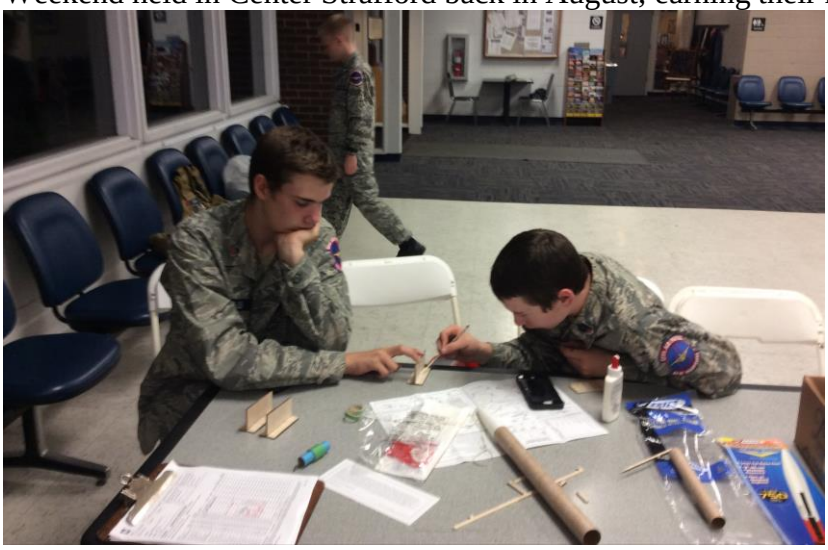
The Manchester Squadron supported the Glendi Greek Festival again this year by picking up trash, cleaning trays and maintaining road blocks. They did a great job. On a PT night the cadets worked with the Marines and afterwards they ate MREs. If you don't know what they are they are freeze-dried food packets which can be kept for long periods of time without refrigeration or cooking. The cadets rather enjoyed them and one said all it needed was salt. A recent meeting night saw Cadet First Sargent Mulready fly a private plane from Nashua to the unit's location at MHT airport so that cadets could get a feel for what you can do if you earn your PPL. He answered questions and another person who is training as a tower controller explained what that job is like.

Doing PT with the Marines

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Monadnock Composite Squadron (NH-053) has participated in numerous activities and events within the Wing and beyond. Our cadets have been involved in a variety activities ranging from the weekly meetings all the way to Basic Encampment and NCOA. With these activities came a great opportunity to meet new cadets and seniors alike and to learn new things to better them in life and Civil Air Patrol.

Recently, NH-053 has undergone an expansion in our Emergency Services division; with more of a focus in recent months and a few certifications of both cadets and seniors. Gliders and orientation flights were also present in our pursuit of aerospace education and participation. Cadets Snowden, Somero and Monaghan were the lucky cadets to get glider flights at Springfield, VT. Aside from wing-wide-activities, we joined in the celebration of Memorial Day in our communities. During Memorial Day, cadets from the squadron marched in both the Keene and Swanzey parades. In addition to the parades, our squadron was fortunate enough to attend a luncheon and present the colors at the Keene American Legion. Finally, a few of our cadets and senior members also participated in the Aerospace Weekend held in Center Strafford back in August; earning their rocketry badges.



Monadnock Cadets Snowdon and Greenwood Assembling Rockets for Upcoming Competition

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron has had a busy summer season with many attending or staffing the encampment at Norwich University. In addition they hosted a group of four cadets and an escort from the UK. The UK folks attended the encampment and then spent time with host families for a second week. Fundraisers were held at PNSY where the squadron sold sodas and bottled water and at Flatbread Pizza in Portsmouth where they received a percentage of the sales for that evening. The squadron also supported the NH Run for the Fallen in Rye and will be supporting the NHANG at Seacoast Salutes on 30 September. Marksmanship has started up again and is planned for two Tuesdays each month at the Exeter Sportsman's Club. C/Major David Brackett is the squadron's new Cadet Commander. Cadets A. Madden, C. Discoe, G. Gornell and D. Brackett enjoyed glider flying at Brunswick, ME. A family BBQ and bonfire are planned for October. Cadets Robinson, M. Madden, Jurus and Discoe attended the AE Weekend.

Seacoast Cadets Readying for Glider Flights at Brunswick

WHITEFIELD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Things are looking up for the Whitefield Squadron which had a recruiting table at the Lancaster Fair. Five new pilot recruits are working on Level I. Members from Hawk were there as well. Visitors were also interested in Lebanon Squadron besides the 5-6 who were interested in Whitefield.

NH LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON

Two members of NH-999 failed to get re-elected in the recent primary and two additional members chose not to run again. The remaining members needed to be re-elected in November to remain members of the squadron. Both members who did not get re-elected had previously completed the process to become full senior members and can transfer to a regular squadron, if they choose to do so. Squadron CCs need to monitor the November elections and reach out to new legislators in their districts about joining CAP.

Commander's Corner cont.

Lt. Col. Mondoux additionally completed Level IV of the professional development curriculum and held multiple Master Level specialties including Safety. He had recently been appointed executive Level Mentor and the primary IC for the NH Wing. He received multiple Awards, including the National Safety Officer of the year 2002, the Northeast Region Safety officer of the year in 2003, 2005 and Wing level twice. Lt. Col. Mondoux had also been the PAO, Lantern Editor and lecturer for the Northeast Region Staff College for the past 5 years.

Besides his role as Director of Safety for the Region he held the positions of Director of Emergency Services for the NH Wing, IT Officer and Web Master for the NH Wing website.

Professionally, He holds several college degrees - in Computer Science plus multiple professional certifications in IT. He had been employed full time for 27 years as a Sr. Staff Systems Integration Analyst in Systems Engineering division for Lockheed Martin Corporation. He was the EMS Support Lieutenant for Merrimack Fire Rescue in the EMS Division serving on the Advanced Life Support Ambulance service in the town in which he lived. He had many outside activities including First Responder/CPR-FPR instructor and a Wilderness First Aid Instructor. Although he was not a pilot he was a FAASTeam member from the Portland Office.

On a personal note Lt. Col. Mondoux was married to Luane going on 37 years. Luane is a Major in CAP and a former squadron Deputy Commander of Cadets. They have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Our cadets have been very busy over the past few months. We hosted the NH/UK exchange group. Cadets from the UK were here in NH during the month of July. They participated in our encampment and also had the chance to spend time with local families. Thank you to all who made that happen.

Once again, NHWG accrued more than 200 flying hours per aircraft. At last look we are the number 2 wing in the nation in pilot hours and 5th for aircraft utilization. We have had over 200 hours per aircraft for well over 10 continuous years. This is no small undertaking and reflects the hard work that is done by aircrews and mission base staff to keep us flying.

Thank you for your service to CAP.

SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

LTC Robert Fuller Lebanon
Major Robert Darnall Lebanon
Capt. Justin Garden Lebanon
1st Lt. Shawn Carboni Manchester
2nd Lt. Travis Beeson, Megan Kitchin, Richard Cooper Lebanon
Genna Chick, Stephen Chick Manchester
Mark Donovan Hawk

AE WEEKEND ATTENDEES

A very successful AE Weekend with great weather saw 26 cadets learning how to build and fire various types of rockets. Lt Col. Goupil was the lead instructor for the event which was held at the National Guard training site in Ctr. Strafford.

Checking a rocket before firing it off!

Seacoast Squadron Cadet Attends Space Camp

Huntsville, AL – C/SSgt McKayla Hartman of Newmarket, NH recently attended Advanced Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp®, Space Camp® Robotics™, Aviation Challenge® and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center. The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving. This program is specifically designed for trainees who have a particular interest in space exploration. Hartman spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Once aboard the ISS, the crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk. Hartman was the commander of the Mars Mission and she as well as her crew returned to earth in time to graduate with honors. Hartman says, "Space Camp is an out of this world experience which inspired her to continue working towards her dream of becoming an astronaut!" Hartman plans to attend the Elite Space Camp in the summer of 2019.

Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville, Alabama, and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

More than 750,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its inception in Huntsville, Alabama in 1982, including European Space Agency astronaut, Samantha Cristoforetti and NASA astronauts Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, Dr. Kate Rubins and Dr. Serena Auñón, who recently launched to the International Space Station. Children and teachers from all 50 states and 69 international locations have attended a Space Camp® program.

C/SSgt Hartman at Space Camp

Chaplain Gary Notes:

I attended the ChESS mission chaplain school at NESA last July. "ChESS" is an abbreviation for "Chaplain Emergency Services School" and NESA is, as many of us know, the National Emergency Services Academy where training for many Emergency Services ratings take place over the summer.

Why this new program? Why did I attend? Senior CAP chaplains are training chaplain volunteers to become "mission certified" for participating in both training exercises and as an integral part of actual emergency and natural disaster relief missions.

Civil Air Patrol has been tasked by the Air Force to involve CAP chaplains in supporting "disaster" deployments in a professional and certifiable way since 2013. The Air Force recognizes that chaplain support for both emergency service personnel and those affected

by the disaster should be an essential part of the mission. Being a chaplain means more than giving a blessing at a meeting or a values lesson to cadets, as meaningful as these may be.

The program is in the process of developing SQTR parameters and recognizable specialty insignia as part of their professionalism.

If (unfortunately “when” is the actual term), a disaster strikes, trained, eligible chaplains and support specialists will be asked to volunteer to deploy... We are supposed to have a 72-hour supply bag ready with clothing, personal items, field supplies, and religious material… all to be part of the deployment team.

I am told that approximately 80 chaplains throughout CAP have taken this training. I found the training to be most worthwhile and am proud to join the ranks of my fellow chaplains fulfilling this vital purpose of Civil Air Patrol. *A chaplain should be with the men and women that he or she has pledged to serve.*

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