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“Semper Vigilans!”

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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

APRIL

- 2 Cyber Patriot Finals Balt., MD
- 8 TRAINEX Mt. Flying & tabletop w/ NHDOT-BOA and NHDS-EOC
- 15 Backup for Trainex
Walk of Service ceremony 1500 hrs. NHWG Hq.
- 19 Commander’s Call 1900 WgHq
- 22 Summer Leadership Academy
Staff Training 1st Baptist Church
- 24 Ardent Sentry RCC NhWg Hq

MAY

- 5-7 SAREX Whitefield
- 17 Commander’s Call 1900 WgHq
- 19-21 Backup SAREX date CON

JUNE

- 10 TRAINEX WgHqtrs.
- 17 Backup Trainex date
- 19 NER ES Academy Westover
Through July 1
- 21 Commander’s Call 1900 NhWg

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“SEMPERVIGILANS”

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

The last quarter saw us continuing to perform well as a wing. We have a few areas that we need to focus more closely on those being cadet orientation flights and managing aircraft operations at the unit level. We need to make sure we are getting our cadets flying. Do not worry about the budget. We will fly until national asks us to stop. Also, get your people involved in what is going on at the unit and at wing. Active members feel needed and are more likely to stay. Let’s see what we can do to help them become active. Remember, if they are showing up and sitting around a table chatting all meeting, that is not active, that would be socializing.

Our encampment went exceptionally well and a big thank you to all who helped make it great. This was our last year at Fort Devens. They are changing the structure there and the facility will no longer work for us. We will be moving back to Center Strafford for our Winter Academy. That said, we need more people to step up and help. We have the same core of individuals who work these activities almost year round. Without Senior Member support, these activities will simply not happen.

Bill Moran and I spent the first week of March in Washington DC visiting with our legislative members. The week went well and we made some great new contacts in those offices. The week finished up with the Executive Council meeting. Once the slides from the meeting come out, I will send them to the field. The Annual Safety Day provided great information to those who attended. Safety is not a buzzword, it is about professionalism. Professionalism is about attitude, and not about pay. The professional conducts themselves in a manner that by its very nature creates a high standard of safe operations.

We now have three aircraft equipped with VIRB camera mounts. The near term focus on our training will be towards getting crews trained on these systems so that we can provide the state with needed assessment tools. This is another opportunity for you to get involved in an important and needed mission. We need active aircrew to fulfill these missions. Stay involved, stay active.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

<p>EAKER AWARD Todd Hearn Highlanders</p> <p>EARHART AWARD Elizabeth Saucier Concord</p> <p>MITCHELL AWARD Marcus Barone Manchester Jonathan Rahilly Manchester</p> <p>CONCORD Danita Thibeault C/SMSgt Tyler Lawrence C/TSgt Mark Sommer C/TSgt Steven Butler C/SSgt Bethany Fulton C/SSgt Oscar Gamache C/SSgt Daniel Hoadley C/SSgt Caleb Paige C/SSgt Adrienne Saucier C/SSgt Shannon Tyrrell C/SSgt Andrew Planchet C/SrA Anthony Carlson C/A1C Josiah Hoadley C/Amn Cody Lucier C/Amn Zachary Perez C/Amn</p> <p>HIGHLANDERS Abigail DeBow C/1st Lt Andrew Pincince C/SMSgt James Kelley C/MSgt Lexus Freeman C/SSgt Zachary Helm C/SrA Ethan Kelly C/SrA Christian Johnson C/A1C</p> <p>LEBANON Luc Gauvin C/MSgt Luke Ouellette C/SrA</p> <p>MANCHESTER Mackenzie Finocchiaro C/CMSgt Nathan Steiger C/CMSgt Elizabeth Niven C/SrA Elijah Dionne C/A1C Aiden Mulready C/A1C Xavier Charles C/Amn</p>	<p>MONADNOCK Owen Greenwood C/SrA Liam Snowden C/Amn</p> <p>GREATER NASHUA Preston Tang C/CMSgt Christopher Kelly C/MSgt Joelle Choiniere C/SrA</p> <p>HAWK Hunter Martin C/Capt Daniel Ellis C/MSgt Wesley Sylvester C/TSgt Faith George C/TSgt Philip Martinez C/TSgt Evelyn Martinez C/TSgt Mckayla Sanborn C/TSgt Benjamin Hughes C/TSgt Gabriella Fox C/TSgt Eli Sylvester C/SSgt Kieran Cox C/SrA Koby Nadeau C/SrA Erin Haines C/A1C John Archibald C/Amn Brennan Bellville C/Amn Xiomara Head C/Amn Despina Kafanelis C/Amn</p> <p>HUMPHREY Denali Ferrero C/MSgt Mason McDonald C/MSgt Louis Vinton C/MSgt Simon Goryayinov C/TSgt Elizabeth Gratton C/SrA Bharat Choudhury C/Amn Connor MacFarland C/Amn Ryan Rubesh C/Amn</p> <p>SEACOAST Danielle Brackett C/!st Lt David Brackett C/1st Lt Brennan Van Aken C/CMSgt Seth Cornell C/SMSgt Jayme Brannan C/MSgt Samuel Hall C/MSgt Karl Shalitz C/TSgt Charles Discoe C/SSgt Nathanael Citarella C/A1C Grace Cornell C/A1C Liam Murphy C/Amn</p>
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SQUADRON NEWS
Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Senior members both attended and provided instruction for the SLS and CLC courses held at Wing Headquarters in January. With Squadron Commander Anna Hullinger relocating to Hawaii Lt. Col. Darin Ninness has accepted the Squadron Commander’s position. Lt. Col. Ninness has been the Concord Squadron Commander twice in past years. Senior members were tasked with organizing and planning the March TRAINEX. The targets and sorties were developed and organized to allow training between ground and flight crews. The VIRB camera system training was added as a goal as well. An Open House in March had good attendance and support. A new basic flight will be beginning their training and will aim for graduation before summer encampment. C/1st. Lt. Warren Quinlan the current cadet commander has been notified of his acceptance to the USAF Academy starting in the fall of 2017.



Cadet Elizabeth Saucier with her Amelia Earhart Award
Flanked by Maj. Hullinger and Capt. Saucier

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Greater Nashua Squadron has a new PAO Joseph Spear. He said that due to the winter storms a lot of their meetings were cancelled this quarter thus he had nothing to report.

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Cyber Patriot team “Hawkeyes” was first in the state competition, 10th in CAP and are aiming for one of two CAP slots for Nationals.



Hawk Cadets enjoying a game of Broom Hockey during PT

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

A recent Open House has brought the cadet ranks up to 30. Members attended the Great Balls of Fire exhibit at the Shepard-McAuliffe Discovery Center as well as Tonight’s Sky in the planetarium. C/LTC Todd Hearn received the Air Force Association Cadet of the Year Award.



Cadet LTC Hearn with his Eaker Award flanked by his parents and Capt. Branyen

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

Cadet Denali Ferrero volunteered on behalf of Humphrey Cadet Squadron at the Operation Care for Troops packing event. The Cyber Patriot teams “Phoenix” competed in the state rounds and both teams advanced to the Regional Round. They were awarded first place in the All Service Division Gold Tier Category Round. SM Brendan Harbison has taken the position of Deputy Commander and

SM Dalton Reynolds is the new AEO. Core value awards were as follows: Integrity: C/SMSgt Krishnan; Community Service: C/MSgt Ferrero; Excellence: C C/SrA Gratton; Respect: C/MSgt McDonald



C/CMSgt Lai with his AFA Outstanding Cadet Award

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members participated in the January SAREX in Etna. Attendees trained with map and compass, radios and LPers. A Cyber Patriot team is being formed and will meet at Dartmouth College. Color guard training is also ramping up ahead of the parade season. Cadet Luc Gauvin was recognized at Cadet of the Quarter at a recent meeting. LTC Barry McCabe has been recognized for 30 years as a member of CAP and LTC Charlie Freeman was recognized for 20 years of membership. The squadron had been invited to attend the West Point Camporee on 27-30 April. Many training opportunities will be offered during the Camporee.



Lebanon Basic Cadets learn the fine points of ironing their BDUs

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

The Manchester Cadet Squadron recently said farewell to two members who are moving on in their lives. They are C/2nd Lt. Mirabile and 1st Lt. Pierog. They will be missed.



Cadets receiving their promotions to C/2nd Lt. from Col. Harbison

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Two cadets participated in the Lyme SAREX and five senior members received Scanner Ground School training. The squadron visited the McAuliffe Discovery Center as part of the AEX program. Cadets finished the Astronomy STEM kit and will work on the Quad Copter Kit next. Seven new cadets joined in December.



Monadnock Cadets visit the Shepard-McAuliffe Discovery Center

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadets recently had a demo by Pease security on firearms and maintenance and received a tour of a KC-135 refueling tanker. One senior participated in the recent TRAINEX. Three seniors and two cadets participated in the Lebanon SAREX in January. A tour of Advance Technology and Academic

Center is planned for April 1st, and a carwash fundraiser for May 13th. Then Maj. and now LTC John Washington received his Level VI Paul Garber Award. The cadets enjoyed an evening of rock climbing back in the winter. The spring Open House was held at DES on March 16 with a small group of interested youngsters who hopefully will join the squadron. Two former cadets have become senior members.



Seacoast Cadets touring the cockpit of a KC-135 at Pease ANG Base

SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Paul Movizzo to LTC Lebanon Squadron

John Washington to LTC Seacoast Squadron

Janet Bloom to Major

Bruce Determann to Capt. Hawk Squadron

Charles Sayegh to 1st Lt Lebanon Squadron

WELCOME NHWG CHAPLAIN--- RABBI GARY ATKINS

Rabbi Gary Atkins was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1974 and has had a full and rewarding career of service as a chaplain, mohel (ritual circumcisor), and congregational rabbi.

Rabbi Atkins was born on December 19, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio. After college, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. During his military service, he became seriously interested in his Judaism and, after completing his service, studied and was ordained at the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He then returned to the Air Force as a chaplain and served as Area Jewish Chaplain for the Far East, stationed at Clark Air Base, Philippines. His responsibilities included traveling to bases in Thailand and Taiwan. In the chaplaincy, he developed and lived an outlook of interfaith cooperation, respect and sharing, which has been part of his life ever since.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he served pulpits in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. In both Connecticut and Florida, Rabbi Atkins has worked as a chaplain for Hospice organizations.

After his retirement from the pulpit, Rabbi Atkins and his wife Iris moved to Lee, New

Hampshire, to be both closer to family and the seacoast. Upon learning that there was a need for a chaplain in the New Hampshire wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and musing in his mind that there was a “specialness” to “bookending” his rabbinate with a connection to the Air Force, he has joined CAP and is happy to be a member of the Seacoast Composite Squadron. He prefers to be addressed as Rabbi Gary.



Rabbi Atkins in Israel

**FLYING IS MORE THAN A SPORT AND MORE THAN A JOB; FLYING IS
PURE PASSION AND DESIRE, WHICH FILL A LIFETIME.**

General Adolf Luftwaffe, German WWII pilot

**OURS IS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FLYING AGE, AND I AM HAPPY TO HAVE
POPPED INTO EXISTANCE AT A PERIOD SO INTERESTING.**

Amelia Earhart