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“Semper Vigilans!”

SPRING 2018

WING CALENDAR

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CAP Wing Administrator

APRIL

13-14 Mt. Flying Trainex NHWG
18 Commander’s Call
20-21 Backup date
21 Summer Academy staff Tng.
28 Squadron Leadership School
0800-1630 NHWg. Hq.
28-29 Aerospace Weekend Ctr.
Strafford

MAY

4-6 Whitefield SAR EVAL
16 Commander’s Call
18-20 Backup date for SAR EVAL
28 Memorial Day celebrated

JUNE

1-2 Trainex Concord Sq. NHWg.
8-9 Backup date
9 Corporate Learning Course
0800-1630 Wg. Hq.
15 Abenaki News deadline
20 Commander’s Call

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“SEMPERVIGILANS”

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, Commander

This quarter has seen us moving forward in expanding the recognition of Civil Air Patrol in New Hampshire. We are continuing our outreach to the local communities and continuing to work with state agencies so that they have a better understanding of our capabilities. A large part of this is the positive growth of the State Legislative Squadron. This group is critical in getting our story told in the halls of the capitol. Bill Moran is also working very hard to make sure that our state agreements are written so that the citizens of New Hampshire can best be served. We are again at the top of the heap for flying this year. Keep up the great work.

We have the USAF Operations Evaluation coming at the first weekend in May. This year we are doing the mission out of Whitefield. This will be our chance to take a good hard look at how we do business in the Emergency Services realm. The purpose of these evaluations is never to find fault, but see and identify problem areas that are reducing our effectiveness. Once identified we will work as a team to make the needed improvements. No one unit is perfect, and I do not expect or ask for perfection. What I expect is a professional approach to mission accomplishment. Professionalism dictates that we pay attention to even the mundane items, or those items that are repetitive in nature. Many accidents or casualties in emergency services start with the comment “it was an ordinary job”. Remember, we are part of the Air Force team, and the inspectors that will be there are on our side. Communicate with them. Ask them questions. Get to know them. They really are nice folks.

Our cadets have been very busy over the past few months. NHWG ran a great Winter Academy which included Honor Guard Academy and NCO Leadership School. Many of our squadrons competed in Cyber Patriot meets through the winter. These teams placed in the top three in each of their divisions within the state. We will once again be hosting the NH/UK exchange group. Cadets from the UK will be in NH during the month of July. We will be looking for host families to help out with housing. This is an amazing opportunity to meet some great cadets from the UK. We will have our Rocketry Weekend at the end of April and our Summer Academies in July. Lastly, we host the UK exchange cadets in July.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

EARHART

Chance Lavoie Nashua

MITCHELL

Brendan Freeman Lebanon
 Luc Gauvin Lebanon
 Seth Cornell Seacoast

CONCORD

Adrienne Saucier C/CMSgt
 Daniel Hoadley C/SMSgt
 Nolan McKivergan C/SSgt
 Haylee-Lynn Parr C/SSgt
 Adeesh Cooper C/A1C
 Josiah Hoadley C/A1C
 Jaiziah Hooper C/A1C
 Samantha Lemay C/A1C
 Wyatt Schmidt C/A1C
 Phoebe Slayton C/A1C
 Cole Weaver C/A1C

HUMPHREY

Simon Goryayinov C/CMSgt
 Roy Hill C/SMSgt

GREATER NASHUA

Lydia Palmer C/SrA

LEBANON

Sachin Kamath C/TSgt
 Nicholas Brock C/SrA
 Adam Scheller C/SrA
 Raven Bryant C/Amn
 Michael Copp C/Amn
 Piper Keen C/Amn
 Graham Kitchin C/Amn
 Anna Numme C/Amn
 Joshua Richards C/Amn
 Brianna Wilkinson C/Amn

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 Valerie Mitchell C/1stLt
 Charles Discoe C/SMSgt
 Samuel Humphreys C/SMSgt
 Nathanael Citarella C/TSgt
 Meredith Madden C/SrA
 Anna Madden C/SrA
 Brianna Browning C/A1C
 Russell Browning C/A1C
 Ethan Downs C/A1C
 Ayla Mckean C/A1C
 Annalie Lewis C/A1C
 Mickayla Hartman C/A1C
 Jack Hatfield C/A1C
 Noah Robinson C/A1C
 John Sullivan C/A1C

Senior Member Promotions

Ann Brechbuhl Lt.Col.
 Steven Negron Major
 Glen Mott Captain
 Julie Panus Captain
 Johna Therrien Captain
 Olivia Ceresa 2nd Lt
 Rosemarie Therrien 2nd Lt.
 Christian Fiore 2nd Lt
 Adam Wachsman 2nd Lt
 Brendan Drew 2nd Lt
 Richard Cooper 2nd Lt
 Robert Michalski 2nd Lt
 Andrew Ervin 2nd Lt



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A change of command for Concord was held recently with Capt. Geoffrey Saucier taking over the leadership from LTC Ninness. The squadron plans to have an information and recruiting table at Aerospacefest at the Shepard/McAuliffe Discovery Center on 5 May. The squadron participated in the Cyber Patriot Competition again this year. The team came in first place in Gold Tier of the All Services Division. Team members were: Cadets Hammond, John-Zensky, Saucier, Schmidt and Thibeault.

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron Color Guard team won second place in the recent Wing Cadet Competition. An Open House is planned for 3 May at 1st Church in Nashua. Several members received awards at the recent wing awards event. They were Vanderberg for participation in Homeland Security sorties, Dutton, Immorlica and Madore received Find ribbons. Cadet Choiniere was selected as Squadron Cadet NCO of the Year. Cadet Santoro was chosen Squadron Cadet Officer of the Year. Cadet Croteau was a Great Start Honor Graduate and Cadet Kelly was chosen Honor Cadet Staff member. An interesting side to a recent ES event was the participation of Majestic Motors in the search. They had a cockpit section of a DC-10 on their property.



Nashua Squadron members "find" at Majestic Motors

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron conducts monthly ES training for ground teams and will start monthly ES training for aircrews in June. A First Aid class is planned for 31 March. Squadron Open House will be on 18 April at their meeting place. Their Cyber Patriot teams competed again this year in state competitions.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Five new cadets from Spaulding High School JROTC have joined the squadron. Members will be participating in the Wings and Wheels event at Skyhaven Airport in Rochester on 2 June. A field trip is planned to the Air Show at Westover ARB on 14 June.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

Cadet CMSgt. Denali Ferrero again participated in the Care for Troops packing event to send needed items to the troops stationed overseas. The squadron Cyber Patriot team received a Certificate of Excellence and second place in the State All Service Platinum Tier Division. Four new cadets have begun Great Start. Recent NCOLS graduates are C/MSgt Hill, C/TSgt Moran and C/SSgt Nino. Dan Bennison, VISTA AmeriCorps Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Nashua and his team gave an educational and fun presentation on disaster preparedness and an introduction to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the cadets to take part in. The city will be presenting various topics to the squadron in the coming months. A possible sleepover and ES training event with Monadnock Squadron is planned at Beaver Brook State Park. The squadron is researching an opportunity for a firearms safety course and training. A STEM kit is on order.



Humphrey Cyber Patriot Team Phoenix

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A group of squadron members participated in the Lyme SAREX. They also visited the New England Air Museum and the Shepard/McAuliffe Discovery Center recently on field trips. A great educational time was had by all. The squadron plans to attend the West Point Camporee in April again this year. A practice for this will be held prior to heading for West Point with full pack and a short hike. Recent topics at meetings have included driving impairment, ES, AE Wind Tunnel and team building.

MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron is working with National Simulator on a Young Eagles event for spring. The cadets have been given access to the simulators and instructors. The company is planning to open a flight school and there is a possibility of discounts for cadets.

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Several seniors were involved in the flying portion of the February Trainex. O'Flights are beginning again with improving weather. There are several new GTM3 cadets on board and several others almost qualified. A major focus in coming months is ES training.

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Major Grayson Grantham has accepted command of the squadron from LTC John Washington who is now the wing cadet programs director. A few meetings and O'flights were cancelled due to the recent snowstorms. A field trip to Advanced Composites in Rochester was planned for 24 March. Cadets Hatfield, T. Mitchell, M. Hartmann, R. Browning recently took their first flights. Cadet Sam Hall has received his 2 yr. Red Service Ribbon. The Boston/Logan Jet Blue tour has been rescheduled to 24 April. Major Justin LaFrance CAP/USAF wing coordinator was a recent visitor to the squadron. Safety Down Day for the squadron was held on 1 March. Character development emphasis was on self-care and situational awareness. A later briefing will cover active shooter/situational awareness and psychological first aid. Open House is planned for 19 April at Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover. Marksmanship is continuing at the Exeter Sportsman's Club on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month



Major Grayson Grantham Accepts Command of Seacoast Squadron

MT. WASHINGTON FLIGHT

The unit expects to have 2 or 3 new senior members shortly, one of whom has an aircraft hangered at Whitefield. They are trying to get some o'flights with the National Guard along with those being given to JROTC.

NH LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON NH-999

The recently established legislative squadron now has 20 members. Many of them have chosen to upgrade their membership to become full senior members and have just completed Level 1 training. The members are free to participate with any or all of the local squadrons, likely on an informal basis. The squadron has already enhanced the visibility of NHWG/CAP to the NH Legislature and the State of NH. An opportunity for one of our cadets to become Page-for-a-Day at an upcoming session is on the docket. Several other events such as presenting Mitchell Awards will occur from time to time. A new Legislator recruiting package is currently being produced under guidance of LTC Ninness with the goal of recruiting even more members. Wing PAO Lt. Charlie Sayegh is preparing and sending out press releases for the new members if they wish to have that done. Legislative Orientation Flights will be starting soon in CAP aircraft.

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The challenges of leading New Hampshire Wing are far out shadowed by the spirit and tenacity of the membership in this wing. Very much like a sports team, we are successful as a group by the professional and dedicated actions of individuals. If I started to name each one, the list would stretch on for several pages. I know together we will do great things, just look what has already been done. As always be professional in everything you do, but don't forget to find some room to have fun.

ANNUAL NHWG AWARDS FOR 2017

Cadet of the Year	C/Capt. Elizabeth Saucier
Senior of the Year	1 st Lt. Mark Cray
Professional Development	LTC Kenneth Peperissa
Logistics Officer	2 nd Lt Jennifer Stringer
Cadet Programs Officer	1 st Lt. Michael Rizzi
IC Staff of the Year	LTC Bruce Determann
Squadron of the Year	Concord Composite Squadron
Squadron CC of the Year	LTC Darin Ninness
Jeffery Holmes Cadet Leadership-Senior Maj. Sandy Riis	
Air Force Sergeants Assn. Cadet NCO of the Year	C/CMSgt Bethan Fulton
Paul Garber Award	Maj. Ann Brechbuhl
Commanders Commendations	Maj. Brian Riis, Maj. Sandy Riis
Life Saving Award	LTC John Washington

CAP LOCATES CRITICALLY HYPOTHERMIC HIKER

Back in May of 2017 marooned aside a rockslide on Mt. Lincoln a hiker was in trouble. He had called 911, but had no idea where he was or how much longer he could survive. He had heard a small plane passing repeatedly over the crevasse he had taken shelter in. He was plucked from the mountain by a National Guard helicopter hours before he would have died from hypothermia. Members of the search team received a Find ribbon for their assistance in locating the hiker. They were: LTC Bruce Determann, Capt. Darlene Cray, Lt Donald Medine, LTC Hank Dahlquist, Lt. Eric Tierno, Col. Bill Moran and Capt. Bruce Neff.

NO RELIGION IS AN ISLAND

For my interim pulpit in Manchester this year, I have scheduled a pulpit exchange with a church near my synagogue. It is an excellent way of developing interfaith relations and understanding... which has been an essential part of my outlook for over 40 years. I learned this from one of my teachers, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who wrote a well-known prayer, entitled "No Religion Is An Island." Let me share just a few lines of this prayer.....

No religion is an island
There is no monopoly on holiness

We are companions of all who revere God
We rejoice when God's name is praised

No religion is an island
We share the kinship of humanity,
The capacity for compassion

The hand of God is extended to all who seek God.
God is near to all who call upon God in truth.

God's spirit rests upon all, Jew or Gentile.
Man or woman, in consonance with their deeds.

The creation of one Adam promotes peace.
No one can claim: my ancestry is nobler than yours.

With wishes for interfaith shalom,
Chaplain Gary Atkins