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"Semper Vigilans!"

SUMMER 2016

WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

JULY

4 Independence Day
8-9-10 Prouty Race Lebanon
15-17 TRANEX Full Scale Ex.
17-24 Encampment, NCOLS,
Honor Guard and Color Guard Academies
20 Commander's Call 1900
30 Backup DR training
31 NER Glider Academy I VSF
Last week of July restart CG tng.

AUGUST

6 SAR Training aircrews
7 Glider Academy graduation
17 Commander's Call 1900
14-21 NER Glider Academy 2

SEPTEMBER

9-11 SAR Training Whitefield
15 ABENAKI NEWS deadline
17 NH/VT Conference Lebanon
24 RCC
29 Gr. Nashua Open House

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHW Commander

This past quarter saw New Hampshire Wing active in a great many areas of our mission. New Hampshire continues to work hard and make sure that our operations are done professionally and safely. We have been working to add several new squadrons up in the north country, flying fire patrols, orientation rides and many other activities.

We had two significant events over the last quarter. Very probably the single largest one was the USAF Operations Evaluation. Some members of the wing were working this evaluation all week long between 25 April and 1 May. Others were here for one or both of the two operational days. While the evaluation was challenging, we were still able to safely and successfully pass. A big thank you goes out to our mission base staff headed up by Scott Davis on day one and Bruce Determann on day 2. Their leadership was instrumental in our wing earning a passing grade.

The next event was our weekend SAREX in Whitefield. This was put together by Scott and went off extremely well. Thank you to Don Davidson, Bill Moran, Sandy Riis and Grayson Grantham for keeping everything on track. We had every aircraft flying and ground operations going. The ground and aircrews were able to conduct communications training to aid in improving that aspect of our operation. All in all, a great weekend and I look forward to the next one in October.

We were able to host a rocketry competition at Center Strafford over the Memorial Day weekend. Thank you Nic Goupil for making that happen. Great job to all who came. We have a new Spatz Cadet in our wing. Please take time to congratulate Cadet Alex Rose on his accomplishment. This is a significant event and very few cadets ever get the chance to even attempt the test. We will hold a promotion ceremony in the near future.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

<p>MITCHELL AWARD C/2Lt Shane Plantier C/2Lt. Olivia Ceresia C/2Lt. Nathan Strysko C/2Lt Kira Woods C/2Lt Jeremy Ralls</p> <p>CONCORD Grant Mangan C/SMSGt Jeremy Gooden C/MSGt Caitlynn Hammond C/MSGt Emily Harlow C/MSGt Marcus Drew C/TSgt Jonathan Stark C/SrA Samuel Booker C/A1C Thomas Donovan C/A1C Damien McRae C/A1C Caleb Paige C/A1C Adrienne Saucier C/A1C Kayleigh Burns C/Amn Anthony Carlson C/Amn James Elder C/Amn Matthew Flanders C/Amn Logan Forcier C/Amn Bethany Fulton C/Amn Oscar Gamache C/Amn Evan Gregson C/Amn Daniel Hoadley C/Amn Xander Hupfer C/Amn Jarret Lamoureaux C/Amn Christopher Lasalle C/Amn Parker Lavallee C/Amn Tyler Lawrence C/Amn Andrew Planchet C/Amn Dylan Shedd C/Amn Mark Sommer C/Amn Timothy Stohrer C/Amn Aiden Streitenberger C/Amn Shannon Tyrrell C/Amn Joseph Waniski C/Amn Ryan Young C/Amn</p> <p>HIGHLANDERS Todd Hearn C/Major James Kelly C/MSGt Lexus Freeman C/SrA</p> <p>LEBANON Nicholas Brock C/Amn Luc Gauvin C/Amn</p> <p>MANCHESTER Nicholas Codmer C/SMSGt Marcus Barone C/CMSGt Nathan Steiger C/CMSGt</p>	<p>GREATER NASHUA Evan Platteel C/SrA Joelle Choiniere C/Amn Carolyn Coviello C/Amn Sebastian Daly C/Amn John Elias, Jr. C/Amn Jasmine Gagnon C/Amn Mackenzie Lafond C/Amn Alex Peik C/Amn Teresa Peik C/Amn Alexander Scovill C/Amn Lucas Smith C/Amn Benjamin Thibodeau C/Amn</p> <p>HAWK Rosemarie Therrien C/CMSGt Jon Panus C/MSGt Gabriella Fox C/TSgt Alison Haight C/TSgt Daniel Ellis C/SrA Benjamin Vachon C/A1C Zechariah Smith C/A1C Eli Sylvester C/A1C Wesley Sylvester C/A1C</p> <p>HUMPHREY Brendan Corban C/TSgt Maya Krishnan C/TSgt Isabella Wang C/TSgt Matthew Heiter C/TSgt Simon Goryaynov C/SrA Roy Hill C/A1C Mason McDonald C/A1C Elizabeth Gratton C/Amn</p> <p>MONADNOCK Taylor Hennem C/MSGt Samuel Thompson C/SrA Aaron Moore C/A1C</p> <p>SEACOAST Alex Rose C/Col Brennan Van Aken C/CMSGt Seth Cornell C/MSGt Christopher Furmanick C/TSgt Jayme Brannan C/SSgt Kyle Schalitz C/SrA Charles Discoe C/A1C Sonia Cardeiro C/Amn Emma Gasior C/Amn Ethan Gasior C/Amn Samuel Humphreys C/Amn Charles Wheeler C/Amn</p>
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SQUADRON NEWS
Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Squadron members participated in Relay for Life at the Merrimack Valley High School in May. The squadron participated in the Concord Memorial Day parade then went on to the NH State Veteran’s Cemetery in Boscawen to help with parking and raising and lowering flags. They also attended the Global War on Terrorism monument dedication after the cemetery celebrations. Ideas are being solicited for a new unit patch. Cadets 2Lt. Quinlan and TSgt. Harlow will be attending the NCSA Pararescue Orientation Course this summer. In support of the Concord Veteran’s Council squadron members and family members assisted with replacement of over 1400 flags at Blossom Hill Cemetery prior to Memorial Day.



Flag Replacement at Blossom Hill Cemetery

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A very successful Open House yielded 11 new cadets. All completed the Great Start program and nine of those got their first flight three days later. The cadets are working on their rocketry badge and getting ready for encampment and NCSAs.



Greater Nashua Cadets Taking Orientation Flights

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Several cadets visited the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton where they talked to the veterans there and demonstrated how to shine shoes. The spring Open House was well attended and yielded new cadets all of which completed the Great Start Program. Mr. James Brough from the FAA and a former CAP cadet visited and talked about his career and his time as a cadet. Several cadets attended the New Hampton Fire House Open House. The Laconia Memorial Day parade saw a group of members marching. The Cyber Patriot IX team "Hawkeyes" has been practicing for the 2017 competition. A trip to Odiorne State Park is planned for this summer.



NH Wing Cadets with Rocketry Certificates from AE Day

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Highlander's members supported the Wings and Wheels airshow sponsored by the EAA at Skyhaven Airport. They helped unload vendors wares and equipment, assisted with parking and had a recruiting booth where they signed up two senior members and three new cadets. The wing supplied a Cessna 182 for static display. C.2Lt Nils Jobe received a Daedalian flight scholarship. Cadets Hearn, Debow and Mitchell will be serving on staff at the upcoming encampment. Cadet Jobe will be attending Hawk Mt. Ranger School and a NER Glider Academy in Springfield, VT this summer. New Cadet Commander is C/Major Todd Hearn. C/2Lt Matthew Pincince who served almost two years at that position will attend Air Force BMT then will join the NH Air National Guard. After Tech school at Keesler AFB, MS, he will attend UNH in the fall of 2017.

Capt Gary Branyen has taken command of the squadron from Maj. Bob Gilbert who will continue in several staff positions within the squadron.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

The squadron color guard carried the color for the Disabled American Veterans in the Nashua Memorial Day parade. The commander is working to recruit more senior staff and cadets to help keep the squadron viable for the future. The Cyber Patriot IX team "Cyber Phoenix" has formed and is beginning to work towards participation in the 2017 event. C/SrA Denali Ferrero participated as a volunteer in the Operation Care for Troops packing care packages for deployed personnel worldwide. 1,065 packages were prepared and shipped. The squadron is looking for a new commander.



Humphrey Cadet Denali Ferrero with volunteer Operation Care for Troops packers

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Squadron cadets and seniors made a visit to the Lebanon Fire Dept. and got to look over all the fire equipment and try out the fire extinguishers. The unit also participated in both the Lebanon, NH and Norwich, VT Memorial Day parades. They are gearing up for assisting with the annual Prouty Bike/Walk race to benefit the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. During this event they will help with water stops, assist with bike breakdowns and general crowd control. They will hold an Open House on 11 July at the Granite Aviation building at Lebanon Airport.



LEBANON VISIT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

The squadron recently held an Open House and demonstration of hot air balloons at its meeting place at the Founder's Academy in Manchester. Eric Nicholson an FAA certified LTA pilot since 1985 did a presentation on the history of ballooning prior to the balloon launches. His company Liberty Flights in in Milford, NH. Several of the cadets worked as crew and will get a free balloon ride if they help crew for three flights. Cadet Rachael Hennessey has been promoted to Flt. Commander.

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadets have completed the robotics STEM kit and plan to try the Astronomy STEM kit next. Two cadets who attend the Keene Middle School were able to travel to Arlington National Cemetery with their 8th grade class. They assisted with a wreath placement at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Cadets Seppala and Sanchez took part in the annual wing rocket competition along with Concord Squadron and took first place in the spot landing event. The color guard led off the Swanzey Memorial Day parade. The also participated in the Keene parade. Taylor Hennem was Cadet of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2016



Monadnock Cadets Ready for Orientation Flights

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron was selected to receive the Squadron of Merit award for 2015. Congratulations to all squadron members were relayed by Commander John Washington. The color guard and other unit members marched in the Exeter Memorial Day parade. Plans are in the works for a trip to the New Boston Tracking Station. The squadron's SUI went well and all discrepancies were cleared. Several senior members are working on a new Level 1 training matrix. A great group of members traveled to Cape Cod courtesy of Maj. Barrington for ES Training and a fun weekend at his camp. A fundraiser was held back in April at Flatbread Pizza in Portsmouth. Five new basic cadets received their Curry award. Marksmanship training is continuing at the Exeter Sportsman's Club twice a month. Last week five cadets and four senior members participated in a flag retirement ceremony at the ESC while there for marksmanship training. A fun night was held at Funspot on June 23. Senior members Carter and Rose received their Yeager Award. Cadets Crampsey, Nicholson, B. Van Aken and K. Van Aken received Red Service ribbons.



Seacoast Awarded Squadron of Merit and Flag Streamer



Seacoast Squadron Cadets prepare for Flag Retirement
At Exeter Sportsman's Club



IG COLLEGE GRADUATES
NH Wing IG Major Dana Hylen (fifth from left in front row)

The CAP Inspector General College is a requirement for appointed Inspectors General to attend and the last training requirement towards attaining a Master Rating in the Inspector General Specialty Track. It is currently held every two years; this year in Peach Tree City, Georgia from 13-17 June. The American Council on Education through sponsorship of AF-Air University has accredited the CAP Inspector General College so it was an intense course packed into only 5 days. There were 50 students in the class, including the CAP National Vice Commander, the Rocky Mt. Region Commander and several former Wing Commanders.

Commanders Corner continued

I said this in the last newsletter, and it warrants stating again so I left it in. Through all these activities we continue to move closer to the ACC/1st AF merger. Some of us have already experienced the challenges that this move presents. There is a lot of good coming out of this merger, including significant recognition and increased funding by the Air Force. However, we need to get used to doing things the Air Force way. It is different in many respects to how we used to operate. In fact, the phrase “that is not how we have always done it” needs to be removed as an argument for not doing something correctly. These changes are only bad, if you look at them with negative eyes. Look to the positive, view them as a challenge to rise up to and meet, then rise up and meet them head on. Most importantly, if something does not make sense, ask questions. Keep asking questions until it makes sense.

In closing. New Hampshire Wing continues to excel in so many areas because of the efforts of our membership. It takes a great deal of work and effort on the part of the members of wing staff and squadrons to make all these great things happen. There are 560 members in New Hampshire Wing. I ask you to look at what you’re doing for the wing/squadron to support our missions. Some people are quite busy and can only give a little, others have more time to give. Please consider jumping in on wing/squadron staff and helping out. Many of our sections are one person deep and this creates a single point of failure. It also creates staff burn out which leads to things not happening anymore. If you find yourself asking “why don’t we do that anymore?” Most likely the staff member who did it became burned out and left.

SENIOR PROMOTIONS

TFO Tyler Lewandowski
2Lt. Erin Hughes--Monadnock
2Lt. Heidi Salvail—Lebanon
1Lt. Michelle Wegner—Seacoast
Capt. Mark Seppala—Monadnock



C/2Lt Olivia Ceresa with Billy Mitchell Award
L-R Maj. Hullinger, Cadet Ceresa, SPC Rob Lowe



Cadet Encampment Staff Training Day



Cadets Planning and Training Day for Encampment Staff

Flying is more than a sport, and more than a job, flying is pure passion and desire, which fill a lifetime.

* General Adolf Galland, German fighter pilot in WWII *

Son, you're going to have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a Pilot. You can't do both!

Author Unknown