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WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

JULY

6-7 Mt. Flying Clinic Laconia
14 Prouty Walk/Bike Race Lebanon
13-14 Backup Mt. Flying Clinic
14 Tabletop Exercise 0900-1300
15-22 Summer Academy Norwich U.
13-22 NH/UK Visit at Norwich
22-27 NH/UK visit Seacoast area
28 Training Leaders of Cadets 0800

AUGUST

3-4 SAR/DR Aerial Photography
Nashua
22 Commander’s Call 1900
23-25 CAP National Conference
Anaheim, CA
25-26 AE Weekend Ctr. Strafford
0830-1630
25 TLC Intermediate Ctr. Strafford

SEPTEMBER

15 Abenaki News deadline
15 Wing CC Round Table 0900
19 Commander’s Call 1900

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“SEMPERVIGILANS”

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

This quarter we are continuing to make great strides moving toward expanding the recognition of Civil Air Patrol in New Hampshire. We are improving our outreach to the local communities and working with state agencies so that they have a better understanding of our capabilities. Our legislative squadron is critical in getting our story told in the halls of the capital. Make sure to invite them to your squadron activities. 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 met this quarter with the Air National Guard Commander, Brig Gen Farris, and her staff. The meeting went very well and we have identified several areas of synergy the will help both organizations as “Team Air Force”.

The USAF Operations Evaluation occurred in Whitefield this past May. We tried something new this year in that we split the command section between Concord and Whitefield. The Incident Command and Planning Sections were both in Concord while the operations portions was at our forward operating area at Whitefield Airport. We always need to remember that the purpose of these evaluations is never to find fault, but to see and identify problem areas that are reducing our effectiveness. Once identified we work as a team to make the needed improvements. No one unit is perfect, and I did not expect or ask for perfection. What I expected was 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. In the end, we got that result in spades. We received an **OUTSTANDING** rating from the Air Force. It was our second one in 4 years and we are one of two wings to receive one in the past 3 years. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this happen, especially Bill Moran, who I am sure lost some sleep with all the pieces we had in motion.

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

MITCHELL AWARD

John Archibald Hawk Squadron
 Alison Haight Hawk Squadron

CONCORD

Daniel Hoadley C/CMSgt
 Oscar Gamache C/CMSgt
 Shannon Tyrrell C/SMSgt
 Adeesh Cooper C/SrA
 Nathan Peck C/SrA
 Jonathan Whitney C/SrA
 Samantha Lemay C/A1C
 Bernice Chhetri C/A1C
 Elijah Riehl C/A1C
 Nick Angel C/Amn
 Matthew Mongeau C/Amn
 Kennedy St. Onge C/Amn
 Michael Pelletier C/Amn
 Aidan McKivergan C/Amn
 Jacob Weaver C/Amn
 Logan Irwin C/Amn
 John Cockrell C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Gavin Hunt C/TSgt
 Caleb Downie C/A1C
 Zachary Schraier C/A1C

MANCHESTER

Jack Foley C/MSgt
 Willis Freeman C/SSgt
 Ethan Hughes C/A1C
 Tucker Brennan C/Amn
 Seairah Demers C/Amn
 Johanna Dillaway C/Amn

HAWK

Kieran Cox C/MSgt
 Tayten Lamson C/A1C
 Michael Mott C/A1C

HUMPHREY

Matthew Heiter C/CMSgt(Armstrong)
 Simon Goryayinov C/CMSgt
 Roy Hill C/SMSgt
 Elizabeth Gratton C/SSgt
 Jorja Ferrero C/Amn
 Anthony Imbimbo C/Amn
 Leo Reynolds C/Amn
 Michael Yvrovchak C/Amn

LEBANON

Zethan Moss C/1st. Lt
 Luc Gauvin C/2ndLt
 Jeff Moody C/CMSgt
 Graham Kitchin C/A1C
 Anna Numme C/A1C
 Brianna Wilkinson C/A1C
 Michael Copp C/Amn

SEACOAST

David Brackett C/Maj.
 Samuel Humphreys C/CMSgt
 Nathan Citarella C/MSgt
 Grace Cornell C/MSgt
 Anna Madden C/TSgt
 Meredith Madden C/TSgt
 Noah Robinson C/SSgt
 Jack Hatfield C/SrA
 Ethan Downs C/SrA
 Mckayla Hartman C/SrA
 Annalie Lewis C/SrA
 Ayla Mckean C/SrA
 Robert Jurus C/SrA
 Christian Filteau C/A1C
 John Sullivan C/A1C
 Rusty Cook C/A1C

SENIOR MEMBERS

Julie Panus Capt. Hawk
 Johna Therrien Capt. Hawk
 Don House 1Lt Hawk
 Brendan Drew 1Lt. Hawk
 Eric Tierno 1Lt. Hawk
 Rosemarie Therrien 2Lt. Hawk
 Richard Hall 2Lt. Seacoast
 Kenelon Blakeslee 2Lt. Concord
 Heath Hooper 2Lt. Concord
 Justin Riehl 2Lt. Concord
 Sheri Gauvin 2Lt. Lebanon
 Denise Brock 2Lt. Lebanon



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members of the squadron marched in the Concord Memorial Day Parade. An ICUT course will be held at wing for the squadron on 28 June. A very successful Open House was held back in March. The cadets got to fly gliders at Springfield, Vt. this month. Plans are to participate in National Night Out in August at Rollins Park in Concord and Concord Aviation Day in September at Concord Airport. Majors Brian and Sandy Riis graduated from Region Staff College recently. See photo on pg. 4



HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron drill team won first place at the NHWG Cadet Competition. Great Start for new recruits from the April Open House began in May. The next Open House will be in the fall. Cadets got To fly gliders the first weekend in June. Color Guard marched in Laconia Memorial Day Parade.



Mitchell Awardees Cadets Alison Haight and John Archibald

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

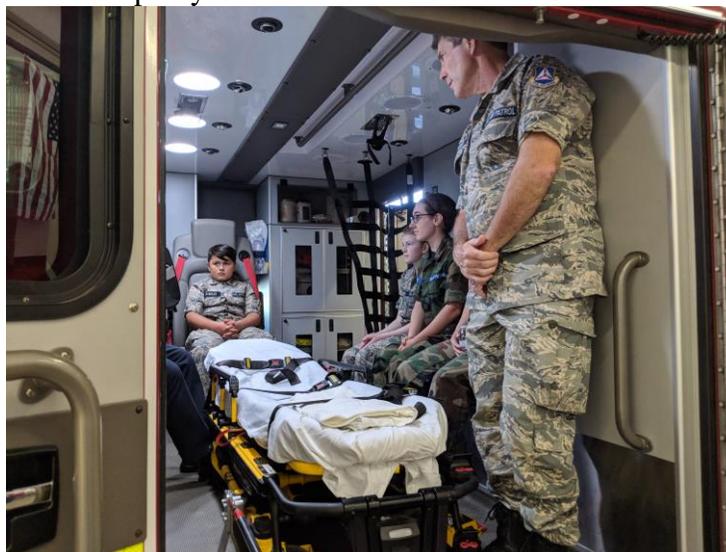
Some cadets from the squadron joined with those from Seacoast at the Barrington’s camp on Cape Cod back in May and also attended a fun night at Take Flight Aerial Adventures in Kittery, ME. An Open House was held on 14 June. Members had a recruiting table at the Wings and Wheels event at Skyhaven Airport in Rochester.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

The Cyber Phoenix team plans to compete in Cyber Patriot Competition XI. Cadet Denali Ferrero again participated in Operation Care for Troops packing event to send needed items to the deployed troops overseas. A recent field trip was held to the Merrimack Fire Station for an informative and fun evening. The squadron will be joining the Nashua Squadron for summer programs. The squadron Core Value Achievement Awards for the quarter went to: C/SMSGt Hill—Integrity; C/CMSGt Ferrero—Volunteer Service; C/CMSGt Goryayinov—Excellence; C/TSgt Moran—Respect. Congratulations!



Humphrey Cadets at Merrimack Fire Station



Checking Out the Ambulance

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members will assist with the Prouty Bike Race in Lebanon in July. The color guard and others participated in four parades in the quarter as well as search line training and map reading.



Lebanon Cadets working on Map Reading



C/Lt.Col Vincent Moeykins VT 007 added a powered flight rating to his glider private pilot rating earned at age 16. Both ratings were achieved with LTC Charlie Freeman CFI of Lebanon Squadron.

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

The squadron has been in a rebuilding phase of late, but things are turning around for the better. The squadron color guard cadets Foley, Freeman, Gagnon and Stone led the Manchester Memorial Day parade and also had the honor of raising the Air Force flag, one of five service flags donated to the Veteran’s Park in downtown Manchester. Three new senior members and five cadets have recently joined the squadron.



Manchester Color Guard at Memorial Day Parade

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A large group of seniors and cadets visited Jet Blue operations at Boston /Logan airport thanks to LTC Washington former squadron commander and Jet Blue pilot. The squadron came in third place in the NHWG Cadet Competition. The spring Open House was held at Portsmouth Christian Academy this year. Those joining at that time will attend the Great Start graduation the end of June. A great learning and fun time was had in May at Maj. Barrington’s camp on Cape Cod. The squadron color guard and others marched in the Exeter Memorial Day parade. Cadet Sam Humphreys was chosen as Cadet of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2108. Congratulations.



Seacoast Cadets Visit Jet Blue Operations at Boston/Logan



Glider Winch Training in California attended by Col. Hardy, Ltc Freeman, and Ltc. Farley



Region Staff College Graduates Major Sandy Riis and Major Brian Riis

A Region Staff College was held recently at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, OH. The week long course is designed to prepare attendees for leadership roles at higher echelons. They received invaluable training from highly qualified individuals. In addition to course work they took a field trip to the National Museum of the Air Force and attended a banquet at the Wright Patterson O'Club. Congratulations to both from NH Wing and Concord Squadron!!!

Commander's Corner cont.

Our cadets have been very busy over the past few months. The Color Guard Team from Hawk went to New York to compete in the Region Cadet Competition. While they did not earn a slot to move forward, they did an

exemplary job. I am quite proud of them. We have also been flying our cadets much more than last year. This increase in cadet flying is excellent. It is one of the key factors in cadet retention. 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.

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 professionalism and dedicated actions of many individuals. If I named each one, the list would stretch on for several pages. As a team, we do great things. As always be professional in everything you do, but don't forget to find some room to have fun.

Col. Kevin Harbison, NHWG Commander

Thoughts from Our Chaplain

The chaplaincy as a part of the military goes back to the Bible, when Pinchas, the grandson of Aaron, led the army into battle "with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for sounding the alarm in his hand." That verse is Numbers, 31.6... which we will read in the synagogue in just a few weeks.

Chaplaincy duties and responsibilities, history teaches us, were codified at a 742 council of nations, where it was stated, "*We prohibit the servant of God in every way from bearing arms or fighting in the army or going against the enemy....*" And that separateness and prohibition has been part of the chaplaincy since.

I do remember the "black humor" when I got my military ID as a chaplain in 1974 with a large red cross stamped on the back, along with the verbal comment... "don't wave it at the Viet Cong, chaplain, they'll use it as a target."

But seriously, the role of the chaplain in supporting and strengthening the spirit of the men and women with whom he or she serves has remained constant; also to hear their concerns and help them however one can.

But more than that it's also to give words of blessing and faith.... As Moses told Joshua, and I tell to you this evening... two simple yet profound words, "Hazak v'ematz"... be strong and of good courage. May we embody these words in our actions and lives over the summer, and always, as we do our volunteer service in the Civil Air Patrol.

Chaplain Gary Atkins