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## WING CALENDAR

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### JULY

8 Prouty Walk/Bike Race Lebanon  
02-15 Future Leaders Course NU  
16-23 Summer Academy Norwich U.  
19 Wing Commander's Call 1900  
23-05 Aug. FLC Norwich Univ.  
28-30 RCC TRAEX  
29-06 August NER Glider Academy  
Hartness State Arpt., VT

### AUGUST

12-20 NER Glider Academy VSF  
11-26 UK/NH Exchange  
13 Thunderbirds demo. Barnes Arpt.  
16 Wing Commander's Call 1900  
31-2 Sept. Nat'l Conference  
San Antonio, TX

### SEPTEMBER

15 Abenaki News deadline  
15-17 RCC TRAEX  
20 Wing Commander's Call 1900

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

As NHWG approaches the end of another quarter I look back with both sadness and great pride. The sadness comes from the loss of a close friend to many of us and an amazing member of our wing. The loss of Lt Col Herrick was significant for all of us who knew him. There is not a single day that goes by when I wonder, what Mead's advice would be on something of great importance. You cannot look around the wing headquarters, or at any of our operations and not see something that Mead has made happen. He was so significant that he was honored as the first name to be placed on the NHWG "Walk of Service" monument that now resides just outside the headquarters building. He is and will be missed.

My pride comes from the hard work and dedication that our members have shown over the past few months. The Whitefield exercise happened on our weather weekend and we still had significant participation. We even got some cadets in the air for orientation flights. After Whitefield, we decided to try something new and run a secondary mission as a "call out" type mission. We were able to get aircraft onto the search location, which was actually a group of school hikers, to conduct search grids. The goal here was to exercise the response system in a way that we normally work, which is not from Concord Mission Base. You can expect to see more of these hybrid type missions in the future as we continue to mold our training to fit more closely what we actually do in the field.

Lastly, NHWG was credited with 2- FINDS and 1-SAVE. We were able to provide NH F&G with aircraft and access to CAP cellular forensics which put the location of the hiker within 150 yards of where they actually found him. You have proven yourselves, once again, to be responsive and dedicated to providing top notch services to our customers. Thank you again.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

**EARHART AWARD**

Danielle Brackett Seacoast  
 Hunter Martin Hawk

**MITCHELL AWARD**

Nathan Steiger Manchester  
 Michael Lai Humphrey  
 Abigail DeBow Highlanders  
 Zethan Moss Lebanon

**CONCORD**

Kira Wood C/1stLt.  
 Jeremy Gooden C/CMSgt  
 Daniel John-Zensky C/CMSgt  
 Emilee Harlow C/CMSgt  
 Daniel Stone C/MSgt  
 Bethany Fulton C/TSgt  
 Oscar Gamache C/TSgt  
 Caleb Paige C/TSgt  
 Shannon Tyrrell C/TSgt  
 Adrienne Saucier C/TSgt  
 James Elder C/A1C  
 Evan Gregson C/A1C  
 Annora Brown C/Amn  
 Keegan Butler C/Amn  
 Gabriel Niles C/Amn

**HIGHLANDERS**

Abigail DeBow C/Capt.  
 Valerie Mitchell C/CMSgt  
 Luke Abbett C/SSgt  
 Ethan Kelley C/SSgt  
 Zachary Helm C/SSgt  
 Tristin Knowles C/Amn  
 Ella Hunt C/AB  
 Gavin Hunt C/AB

**MANCHESTER**

Autumn St. Hillaire C/TSgt  
 Josh Moran C/TSgt  
 Brendan Russell C/SSgt  
 Aidan Mulrady C/SrA  
 Jack Foley C/Amn  
 Hugo Hill C/Amn

**MONADNOCK**

Caleb Somero C/CMSgt  
 Owen Greenwood C/SSgt  
 Jethro Somero C/SrA  
 Jonathan Cheney C/SrA  
 Liam Snowden C/A1C  
 Parker Hammann C/Amn

**GREATER NASHUA**

Pedro Garcia C/CMSgt  
 Levi Santoro C/SrA  
 Ivan Berkovich C/Amn  
 Melanie Baxter C/Amn

**HAWK**

Bailey Harrington C/CMSgt  
 Alison Haight C/SMSgt  
 Philip Martinez C/MSgt  
 Wesley Sylvester C/MSgt  
 Faith George C/MSgt  
 Kayla Sanborn C/MSgt  
 Evelyn Martinez C/MSgt  
 Eli Sylvester C/TSgt  
 John Archibald C/SrA  
 Nolan Benoit C/SrA  
 Eric Haines C/SrA  
 Johnathan Coggins C/A1C  
 Jacob Cote C/Amn  
 Cameron Hayward C/Amn  
 Ethan Seeler C/Amn  
 Hope George C/Amn  
 Shawn Osborn C/Amn

**HUMPHREY**

Isabella Wang C/CMSgt  
 Matthew Heiter C/CMSgt  
 Maya Krishnan C/CMSgt  
 Mason McDonald C/SMSgt  
 Denali Ferrero C/SMSgt  
 Simon Goryayinov C/MSgt  
 Roy Hill C/TSgt  
 Jared Moran C/SSgt  
 Constance Nino C/SSgt  
 Akash Pillai C/SrA

**LEBANON**

Brendan Freeman C/CMSgt  
 Luc Gauvin C/SMSgt  
 Jeffery Moody C/SMSgt  
 Luke Ouelette C/SSgt  
 Quinn Lecain C/Amn  
 Zachariah Herndon C/Amn  
 Adam Scheller C/Amn  
 Madeline Tucker C/Amn

**SEACOAST**

David Brackett C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt  
 Seth Cornell C/CMSgt  
 Jayme Brannan C/SMSgt  
 Samuel Hall C/SMSgt  
 Kyle Schalitz C/MSgt  
 Nathaniel Citarella C/SrA  
 Grace Cornell C/SrA  
 Jacob Humphreys C/SrA  
 Tristan Hunt C/SrA  
 Stanley Jurus C/Amn



# SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



## CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron is growing with a Basic flight graduation in May and the addition of several new seniors as well. The cadets traveled to the New England Air Museum in CN where they toured the facilities, aircraft and completed a scavenger hunt to further educate themselves on aerospace education. Flag replacements were done at the Blossom Hill Cemetery on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Several ES members were involved in the 2 finds and one Save awarded to NHWG. Cadet Capt. Saucier is now the Cadet CC as Cadet Quinlan is off to the USAF Academy.



Concord Cadets at NE Air Museum

## GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Greater Nashua squadron participated in the Nashua Memorial Day parade and in a Young Eagles event at Nashua Airport. Three cadets are in Great Start after joining from the May Open House.

## HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Capt. D. Gray accepts the Squadron of Merit

The Hawk Squadron is continuing monthly ES training at the squadron level and seniors are working on GTM training. Four new cadets joined after the spring Open House, but five others were lost due to non-attendance. Twelve cadets have signed up for AE Weekend. Four cadets participated in glider flights in Springfield, VT. The squadron color guard and others will participate in the Andover &

Laconia 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades with a BBQ in between. Cadets participated in a Touch-A-Plane event at Laconia Airport where they were parking cars and also had a recruiting table. Safety Day was held at the New Hampton Fire Department with Smokey Bear in attendance. In photo below the Hawk color guard participating in the Memorial Day parade in Tilton/Northwood along with their commander.



#### HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

The squadron has had a number of cadet promotions and one senior promotion in the quarter. Several cadets participated in the Rochester Memorial Day parade. Officer Mackenzie and K-9s from the Rochester Police Dept. visited and gave a demonstration to Highlanders and Seacoast members.



Cadet Abigail DeBow receives her 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. bars

#### HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

Cadet Michael Lai has become the new Cadet Commander of the squadron. Matthew is new First Sergeant and Maya Krishnan is Flight Sergeant. Cadet Leo got his first glider flight recently along with several cadets from Greater Nashua. Due to a lack of senior support the squadron will be joining with Greater Nashua for the summer months. Cadet Ferraro participated in the spring packing event for Operation Care for Troops. The Cyber Patriot team participated in the Exhibition round of the competition. Two cadets attended the Whitefield SAREX.



Cadet Leo receives his first glider flight

**LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON**

Congratulations to former cadet Katie Brechbuhl who graduated from the USAF Academy as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. and will report to pilot training shortly. The first attempt at getting glider flights in May turned out to be postponed due to weather, but the cadets received instruction on safety, pre flights and how to enter and exit the glider. They were able to take flight on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Major Moss spent an evening instructing the cadets in the use of swords in the military, as he has a large collection of them. In April five cadets set off for the West Point Camporee in NY where they interacted with 6500 other youth during the weekend. Members marched in Memorial Day parades in Norwich, VT and Lebanon.



Lebanon Group at West Point Camporee

**MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON**

Other than regular meetings there has not been much to report. The squadron has gained three new cadets and one senior member. Further activities are planned for the summer months.

**MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON**

LTC Hughes recently stepped down as Squadron Commander and LTC Paul Mondoux has taken over the position. Hughes will continue as Ops. Officer and will work on his pilot ratings and ES qualifications. Several members participated in the SAREX in Whitefield. On a recent visit to the squadron, Col. Harbison officiated in the promotion of Bob Karsten to Lt. Col. The cadets continue work on STEM radio receivers. A Quad-copter kit has arrived and an RC helicopter has been donated. The color guard led off the Keene Memorial Day parade and posted the colors for a ceremony in Swanzey. Cadets then lunched with veterans at Post 4 of the American Legion. Eight cadets have signed up to attend encampment this year.



Monadnock Cadets at Whitefield SAREX

**SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON**

The cadet basics who joined after the Open House graduated in May. Seacoast cadets along with some from Highlanders continue to attend Marksmanship Training twice a month at the Exeter Sportsmen’s Club. Some members joined Highlanders in meeting Officer Mackenzie and his K-9s from the Rochester Police Department. The squadron color guard participated in the Exeter Memorial Day parade in Exeter. Five cadets got their first glider flights on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and two got a second one. An ES Training weekend and fun time was held at Maj. Barrington’s camp on Cape Cod back in May. Col. Hardy, LTC Croker and Maj. Hardy participated in a flag retirement ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Exeter Sportsmen’s Club. A fun night is planned for June 29<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop Fun Center in Somersworth. A fundraising carwash is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sunoco Station in Exeter. Cadet Nicholas Lauer has become the new Cadet Commander as Danielle Brackett will be off to college in the fall.



Col. Hardy and LTC Croker retire flags at ESC

### CONGRATULATIONS

C/Col Alex Rose former Seacoast Squadron cadet received a National CAP Academic Scholarship for his upcoming senior year at Texas A&M.

C/LTC Todd Hearn of Highlanders Squadron has received a National CAP Scholarship to attend the Air Force Academy Prep. School this summer.

### SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Robert Karsten, LTC  
Grayson Grantham, Major  
Michelle Kavanagh, Capt.  
Bonnie Rose, Capt.  
Benjamin Conlon, Capt.  
S. Waitekaitis, 1st Lt  
Charles Donnelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.  
Ryan Steward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

James Burke, LTC  
Howard Pearl, Major  
Donald Karsten, Capt.  
Gary Atkins Capt.  
Timothy Craig 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.  
Brienne Tarleton 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt  
Jenifer Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE WING WALK OF SERVICE DEDICATION

On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> the New Hampshire Wing unveiled a “Walk of Service” stone in front of wing headquarters in Concord, NH. This stone is laid to recognize members of NH Wing who have dedicated most of their lives to NH Wing CAP in various capacities. The first name to go on the stone is LTC H. Mead Herrick a 61 year CAP member who recently passed away.

Present for the dedication were members of LTC Herrick’s family, Col. Dan Leclair, NER Commander, Col. Ed Burns, NER Vice Commander, Col. Kevin Harbison, NHWG Commander, several members of the NH Fish and Game Department and a number of wing members who had close connections to LTC Herrick. The “Walk of Service” was the inspiration of Col. Bill Moran a former wing commander.

LTC Herrick joined CAP as a cadet with the Keene Composite Squadron in 1956 while living in Jaffrey. Upon becoming a senior member he worked tirelessly to organize ground search and rescue teams, as there was a great need in the area of CAP at that time. He later became involved with logistics and kept very accurate records of all wing equipment and weeded out all obsolete equipment. He also spearheaded the upgrading of wing headquarters capabilities for incident command operations resulting in NHWG being designated as the NER Incident Command Center during Hurricane Sandy. After the wing received a FEMA RV trailer he almost singlehandedly converted it into a mobile command post which could be used anywhere away from headquarters. In his

honor it was named the “Mead Mobile”. He also spent many years as the wing radio net control officer.

Outside of Civil Air Patrol he was employed in the State of NH Emergency Operations Center where he spent 20 years as Chief of Operations. He became a FEMA reservist in 2007 and was Air Operations Chief for FEMA Region 1 from 2008 to 2012.



Col Moran and Col Harbison unveil memorial stone as LTC Herrick’s wife Kay and son Eben look on



Herrick Family with Memorial Stone  
L-R Son, Peter Herrick, Kay Herrick, Son, Eben Herrick and Brother, Tom Herrick