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"Semper Vigilans!"

SPRING 2014

WING CALENDAR

LtC Lesley M. Lara
CAP Executive Administrator

APRIL

- 5-6 TLC and UCC Fire Academy
- 8 Tabletop Trainex
- 12 Honor Guard---Con. Armory
- 12-13 ES Training
- 16 Commander's Call 1900
- 26 Honor Guard---Con. Armory

MAY

- 2-4 3 Day SAREX Whitefield
- 16-18 SAREX backup
- 16-18 Balloon Fest Lebanon
- 21 Commander's Call 1900
- 28-29 ICS 300 Fire Academy
- 31 Suicide Prevention Tng.

JUNE

- 7 SAREX EVAL practice
- 10 Tabletop Trainex
- 18 Commander's Call 1900
- 21 EVAL practice with GTs

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After reviewing our core values I tried to summarize what we do in CAP and how we do it. I came up with the following...

We are the Civil Air Patrol. We lead, we help and we educate; with respect, discipline and professionalism.

If all our actions are focused on those words we indeed will be serving rather than being served. Next month we will be conducting TLC and UCC courses and the content of each course is to better prepare ourselves to lead our cadets and senior members.

Upcoming activities:

TRAINEX Mar 22

UCC and TLC Apr 5-6

Whitefield 3 day SAREX May 2-4

USAF Ops Eval Jul 22-27

IACE Cadet exchange Jul 25-Aug 4 need hosts

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AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

SPAATZ AWARD

Josiah Boggs Greater Nashua

MITCHELL AWARD

Alex Rose Seacoast

William Dio Concord

CONCORD

Justin St. Germain C/CMSgt

Tyler Dempsey C/SMSgt

John Canary C/MSgt

James Paul C/MSgt

Chandler Baker C/SSgt

Jacob Phillips C/SSgt

Colin Alexander C/ SrA

Noah Ceresa C/SrA

Caitlyn Hammond C/SrA

David Hurd C/SrA

Patrick Locke C/SrA

Daniel Stone C/A1C

Andrew Masse C/Amn

Joshua Cheung F.O.

HAWK

Davis Jollimore C/CMSgt

Brendon Drew C/SMSgt

Hunter Martin C/MSgt

Noah Shastany C/TSgt

Ethan Cray C/SSgt

Gabriella Fox C/A1C

Lauryn DeCoste C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Christopher Cashman C/Capt

Katelyn Mitchell C/CMSgt

Ryan Vachon C/SSgt

Steven Mitchell C/SSgt

John DeBow C/A1C

Josh Stacey C/A1C

Valerie Mitchell C/A1C

GREATER NASHUA

Sean Harbison C/Major

Duncan Britton C/CMSgt

Brittany Oxley C/SMSgt

Shane Plantier C/SMSgt

Elizabeth Saucier C/SMSgt

Noah Hurst C/MSgt

Ryan Santoro C/MSgt

Daniel Mossey C/TSgt

James Fields C/TSgt

Christopher Kelly C/A1C

Chance Lavoie C/A1C

Sarah McGlauffin C/A1C

Nikolas Nickerson C/A1C

Jeremy Ralls C/A1C

Sarah Watrous C/A1C

Matthew Watrous C/A1C

MANCHESTER

Laura Lanoue C/1Lt

Jonathan Hoaglund C/2Lt

Erich Deitsch C/2Lt

Shane Mahoney C/CMSgt

Keegan D'Sousa C/SMSgt

Mackenzie Turgeon C/MSgt

Nick Mirabile C/TSgt

Brendan McKeogh C/SSgt

Rachel Hennessey C/SrA

Joe Lagesse C/A1C

Isaac D'Sousa C/A1C

Brandon Campbell C/Amn

Jonathan Rahilly C/Amn

Nathan Steiger C/Amn

Samuel Steiger C/Amn

MONADNOCK

Ethan Hughes C/SMSgt

Jordan Seppala C/SrA

Tyler Lewandowki C/A1C

Jacob Sanchez C/A1C

Caleb Somero C/A1C

SEACOAST

Alex Rose C/2Lt

Evan Hultstrom C/CMSgt

Justin Snyder C/SMSgt

Jonathan Washington C/SMSgt

Joshua Mackaman C/MSgt

Nicholas Lauer C/TSgt

Liam Foster C/SSgt

Adam Crampsey C/Amn

Adeline Nicholson C/Amn

Jack O'Reilly C/Amn

Acadia Snow-Brine C/Amn

Brennan Van Aken C/Amn

Katelen Van Aken C/Amn

Brandon Weeks C/Amn

WYLIE APTE

Anthony Chick C/SMSgt

Joel Chick C/SMSgt

Benjamin Smarzynski C/MSgt

Jonathan Martin C/TSgt

James Huckman C/SrA

Gabe Martin C/SrA

SENIOR MEMBERS

Darlene Cray 1st Lt.

Randy Haight 1st Lt.

Julie James 1st Lt.



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Eleven cadets graduated basic training in January. Those completing their first achievement were pinned and transferred to Alpha and Bravo flights. Two senior members completed 1CS 300 recently. On AE activity night the cadets built rubber band launched rockets. Spring Open House was held on 13 March with 35 visitors in attendance. Col. Moran presented C/2Lt Dio with his Mitchell Award. C/CMSgt Colby Hammond received the Air Force Association Cadet of the Year Award.



Building Rubber Band Launched Rockets at Concord AE Night

GREATER NASHUA SQUADRON

Cadet Col Josiah Boggs received his Spaatz Award from US Senator Kelly Ayotte at a ceremony held at the Aviation Museum of NH on March 7th. Boggs is now attending Norwich University in the NROTC program where he is a platoon leader. Cadets from Nashua along with some from Manchester and Hawk spent an exciting day at the New England Air Museum. They talked with former naval carrier and blimp pilots, flew simulators, walked through a B-29 and talked with the men who flew them. C/SMSgt Thomas Lessard recently received the AFA Cadet of the Year Award. Cadets Lane, Plantier and Mossey received wing commendations and Cadet Wright received an achievement award.



US Senator Kelly Ayotte presents Spaatz Award to Cadet Colonel Josiah Boggs as Col Leclair looks on

HAWK CADET SQUADRON

Senior members Randy Haight and Darlene Cray were recently promoted to First Lieutenants.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

A surprise meeting at VFW Post 1772 back in February recognized two of Highlanders outstanding cadets with awards. C/Capt. Christopher Cashman received the Cadet Officer of the Year award and C/MSgt Katelyn Mitchell Cadet NCO of the Year for 2013. Also in February Highlanders cadets were guests of Dunkin Donuts at a Boston Celtics game thanks to Tony Capone. Cadets were seated courtside during warmups and enjoyed a special meet and greet prior to the game with Cedric Maxwell of the Celtics. Prior to the winter NCOA graduation C/SMSgt Katelyn Mitchell was recognized as Honor Cadet for her motivation, participation, attitude and overall helpfulness. The squadron is very proud of her for an amazing job throughout the academy.

Members of the squadron and Seacoast Squadron attended a K9 search dog training at Squanamagonic Recreation area in March. Rochester P.D. Officer Keith MacKenzie and his dog Daisy Duke demonstrated the bloodhound's tracking abilities, air scent and trailing by locating two cadets who had "broken away" from the group. The group was educated about the biology of the human scent, how the dog is scented from an article of clothing and how to avoid contamination of the site and using GPS on a grid search. Officer MacKenzie stressed the importance of fitness on the trail as members of a search team must be able to move fast across various terrains and possibly cross water if indicated by the K9. Plans are being made to continue this training with a night search utilizing night vision goggles, glow sticks and specialized dog harnesses with safety lights.



K9 Search Dog Training with Officer Keith MacKenzie
Rochester Police Department

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

Manchester C/2Lt. Conor McKeogh has been sworn in to the NH Army National Guard. C/1Lt Laura Lanoue received the Air Force Association Cadet of the Year Award from Commander Randy Cooper. Four new cadets have recently come on board.



Manchester AFA Cadet of the Year—C/1Lt. Laura Lanoue

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The cadets have begun using the new STEM Flight Simulator. Cadets Hughes and Bean are working on Honor Guard Drill in preparation for upcoming trip to Canada for a competition. Cadet Bean received an Achievement Award for his work on the squadron website and facebook page. Six cadets have completed GES and obtained their 101 cards. They are busy making 24 hour packs and hope to field a ground team in the coming months. The unit received donations from the Swanzey Disabled Veterans and Keene Masonic bodies. The squadron is preparing for a unit inspection and Open House, the latter to be held on May 10 from 10-4 at Dillant-Hopkins Airport. Capt. Johnson has been awarded his 6th Community Service award and has 360 hours of service.



Monadnock cadets using STEM Flight Simulator

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Back in January a group of cadets and seniors traveled to Boston TRACON where they got to see how aircraft in the local airspace are tracked. The squadron held a change of command ceremony the end of January with Maj. John Washington taking command from Maj. Blain Cote. The same evening Cadet Alex Rose received his Mitchell Award and promotion to C/2Lt whereupon he became the new Seacoast Sq. Cadet Commander. The award was presented by former Congressman Frank Guinta. Rose also received a Senate Resolution written by former Congressman Jeb Bradley for his efforts. Cadet Evan Hultstrom was honored as Cadet of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 2014. A group of ten new basic cadets graduated at the end of January and seven of them have already received their first flight. LtC. Mary Ann Croker received her 20 year membership clasp. SM Mark Norsworthy received the Yeager award. The February meeting saw LtC J. Scot Heathman, commander of the active duty 64th Air Refueling Squadron at Pease visit for aerospace time. He was a former CAP member in the Missouri Wing. The squadron will be hosting the UK exchange in July when the visitors are not at encampment. Spring Open House was held on March 20th at the DES Offices on the Tradeport. The March promotion and awards night saw SM Ratzlaff receive his Level 1, and Maj Hardy received her 25 year membership clasp. Cadet Adam Parent completed his ground team leader training at the recent SAREX. Cadet Rose was recognized for his past achievement as a flight commander.



New Cadet Commander--C/2Lt Rose with his Mitchell Award

WYLIE APTE CADET SQUADRON

The following cadets A. Chick, J. Chick, B. Smarzynski, and J. Martin graduated from NCOA on 1 Jan 2014. January 16th saw the squadron commander change of command with 1Lt. Jeremy Hardin assuming command from Capt. Dana Hysten who had been the commander since the unit's inception in 2012. Captain Hysten was recognized for all his hard work in getting the squadron started. He has returned to a position on wing staff. The unit has had almost 100% participation weekly. Cadets A. Chick, J. Chick, B. Smarzynski and Lt. Hardin attended the SAREX training in February. The squadron color guard presented the colors at the opening ceremony of a tournament at Kwoon Karate Academy in Tamworth. Open House is scheduled for 31 March at the Ossipee Town Hall its new meeting place in Ctr. Ossipee.



WYLIE APTE COLOR GUARD PRESENTS COLORS AT
KWOON KARATE ACADEMY

LTC HELEN LOVELL TURNS 100

The townspeople of Cornish turned out in droves to celebrate the 100th birthday of long time citizen Helen Lovell on a break in the weather back at the end of January. Unbeknownst to many in attendance may have been the fact that Helen was also a member of CAP. She joined CAP in 1980 as a member of the former Cobra Cadet Squadron in Claremont to support her husband Rodney who was its commander until he passed away in 1990. She remained active in the squadron until it was disbanded. She spent many years as NH Wing HF net control officer or what is now known as communications engineering officer. She got into the position somewhat by accident as she would be listening in and when no one picked up she decided to pick up in the morning and never stopped until 2012. The NH Wing gave her a plaque to commemorate her 34 years of service and Col Dale Hardy presented it. Also in attendance from NH CAP were LTC Mead Herrick, Maj. Penny Hardy, Lt. Eric Poole and former member Ginny Schartner and her son who was a former cadet. It was said at the party that she wanted to live to be 102 or more. Best wishes, Helen.



LTC Helen Lovell and Col. Dale Hardy

NEW CADET SQUADRON TO BE FORMED IN NASHUA

In May of this year the New Hampshire Wing will be standing up a new cadet squadron. This squadron will be an “in school” squadron and will meet as an enrichment program for the Academy for Science and Design in Nashua. The Greater Nashua Composite Squadron will continue to meet at the school on Thursday evenings. Major Harbison will initially take command of the new squadron and Lt. Col. Morin will be assuming command of the Greater Nashua Composite Squadron on 10 April.

By combining the resources of this new ASD squadron and the Greater Nashua Squadron and continuing to foster the relationships made with Manchester we can offer cadets and seniors a truly unique and collaborative experience.

In collaboration with the Nashua Squadron and CAP STEM programs, the ASD is beginning the process of developing a first class simulator system as a part of its new aviation education program. Upon completion, there will be a total of 8 integrated flight simulator booths, to be utilized with four Air Traffic Control simulator booths. In addition to four available RC simulators, AE classroom facilities, RC and rocketry workbenches and resources, the continued collaboration between these organizations should prove very exciting for both cadets and students alike.

Capt. David Plantier, CAP
Aeronautics and Aviation Head
Aviation, Physics, Earth/Space Science Instructor
Academy for Science and Design
2013 Air Force Association Teacher of the Year



AFA Cadet of the Year C/SMSGT Thomas Lessard
Presented by Maj. Kevin Harbison

