



# ABENAKI NEWS



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## WING CALENDAR

Lesley M. Lara  
CAP Executive Administrator

### OCTOBER

- 2-3 Seacoast Bivouac
  - 3-4 A-E DAY Ctr. Strafford
  - 4 406 MHz Class 1800 CON
  - 17 SAR Training Concord
  - 21 Commander's Call 1900
  - 24 PAO Training NH Wing  
0900
- Back up SAR Training

### NOVEMBER

- 14 DR Training  
Rocketry Competition
- 18 Commander's Call 1900  
Wg Hq.
- 19 CON Aeroguidance Mtg.
- 21 Back Up DR Training

### DECEMBER

- 16 Commander's Call 1900
- 26 Winter Encampment begins  
Ft. Devens, MA through  
Jan 2

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Dale V. Hardy, Interim NHW Commander

NH Wing members,

I am humbled and honored to be chosen as your commander for this period of transition. I do not plan to make any staff or command changes as I think the wing is functioning very well.

We can be proud of our accomplishments and standing in the region and nationally. This is due to all of you doing your jobs in an outstanding manner.

I would like to emphasize and ask that we continue our monthly safety briefings. I know they are not required for participation but risk management should be a part of every activity. The proper use and care of our people and equipment is most important.

As many of you know, this is not the first time I have commanded this wing. The reason I have accepted this position is to keep management local. We will now be starting the process of selecting our next wing commander. I urge anyone who is eligible and interested to polish up your resume and let your intentions be known. A selection board will be convened to look at the resumes, letters of recommendation, qualifications and to conduct an interview.

In the meantime, I ask that you continue to do the work you have been given to do so we can have a successful wing and perform our missions for America.

Thank you all for being on our NH Wing team. Together we can get through this transition and emerge stronger than ever.

Sincerely,  
Col. Dale V Hardy, CAP  
New Hampshire Wing Commander

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

**MITCHELL AWARD**

**Matthew LaChance Manchester Sq.**

**EARHART AWARD**

**Brendan Drew Hawk Squadron**

**CONCORD**

Peter Houle C/CMSgt  
 David Hurd C/CMSgt  
 Timothy Tokarz C/CMSgt  
 Kira Wood C/CMSgt  
 Joy Planchet C/SMSgt  
 Collin Alexander C/TSgt  
 Daniel Stone C/TSgt  
 Jeremy Gooden C/SrA  
 Adam Harlow C/SrA  
 Noah Ruff C/SrA  
 Hayden Decato C/A1C  
 Kole Owen C/A1C

**GREATER NASHUA**

Chance Lavoie C/CMSgt  
 Jeremy Ralls C/CMSgt  
 Preston Tang C/CMSgt  
 Timothy Morin C/SMSgt  
 Matthew Ladd C/MSgt  
 Daniel Mossey C/MSgt  
 Pedro Guerra C/TSgt  
 Andrew Crusan C/TSgt  
 Connor Hodgkins C/SrA  
 Thomas McGreevy C/Amn

**HAWK**

Bailey Harrington C/SSgt  
 Jon Panus C/SrA  
 Daniel Ellis C/Amn  
 Benjamin Hughes C/Amn  
 Zechariah Smith C/Amn  
 Reece Crawford C/Amn  
 Jonathan New C/Amn  
 Patrick White C/Amn

**HIGHLANDERS**

Nils Jobe C/CMSgt  
 Abigail Debow C/TSgt  
 Andrew Pincince C/SSgt  
 Erik Sigurdsson C/A1C  
 Steven McEwan C/Amn

**LEBANON**

Chloe White C/SMSgt  
 Zethan Moss C/TSgt  
 Matthew Dailey C/SrA

**MANCHESTER**

Matthew LaChance C/2Lt  
 Brandon Campbell C/CMSgt  
 Rachel Hennessey C/CMSgt  
 Isaac D'Sousa C/SMSgt  
 Ryan Rahilly C/SMSgt  
 Samuel Steiger C/SMSgt  
 Jonathan Rahilly C/MSgt  
 Marcus Barone C/TSgt  
 Alex Strobel C/TSgt  
 Nicholas Codner C/SSgt  
 Benjamin Templeton C/SSgt  
 Autumn St. Hillaire C/A1C  
 Brendan Russell C/A1C

**MONADNOCK**

Jacob Sanchez C/CMSgt  
 Jordan Seppala C/MSgt  
 Caleb Somero C/MSgt  
 Connor Ahern C/SSgt  
 Taylor Hennem C/SrA  
 Noah Weston C/SrA  
 Samuel Thompson C/Amn  
 Hunter Blanchette C/Amn

**SEACOAST**

Justin Snyder C/1Lt  
 Nicholas Lauer C/CMSgt  
 Katelen VanAken C/SMSgt  
 Adeline Nicholson C/SMSgt  
 Brennan VanAken C/MSgt  
 David Brackett C/TSgt  
 Brandon Weeks C/SSgt  
 Henry Wierda C/SSgt  
 David Brackett C/SSgt  
 Seth Cornell C/SrA  
 Kameron Virkaitis C/SrA  
 Jayme Brannan C/Amn  
 Samuel Hall C/Amn  
 Nicholas Denton C/Amn



## SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



### CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Thirteen cadets attended basic encampment, five attended NCOLS and three senior members assisted in staff positions. In August the squadron combined with Manchester to purchase and pack "Care Packages" for recently deployed 197<sup>th</sup> NH National Guard Military Police Unit. Twenty boxes were filled and shipped. The two squadrons had a cookout night to work on the project. At another event in August squadron members assisted with parking and had a recruiting table at the Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Days parade and fair.

The squadron had a Change of Command in Sept. with Maj. Anna Hullinger, a highly experienced former cadet, taking over command from Maj. Brian Riis. This was in conjunction with an Open House evening where over 100 members and guests received information, witnessed the Change of Command and promotions.



Maj. Anna Hullinger, Lt. Darin Niness, Maj. Brian Riis

### GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

New cadet commander is C/2Lt Drouin. A new deputy commander for Seniors is 2/Lt Richard Lavangie who was formerly in the US Coast Guard. Several members supported the Nashua Parks and Recreation Dept's Touch-A-Truck at Nashua Airport with a CAP aircraft which was very popular. The squadron will be supporting Young Eagles in October. A fall open house is planned for 22 October.

### HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

1/Lt John Leahy, a member of the Hawk Squadron and its former AE Officer was recently recognized as Teacher of the Year by the BG Harrison Thyng Chapter of the Air Force Association. The squadron marched in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Laconia.



Dan Caron, Col. Kevin Grady, John Leahy, Darlene Cray

### HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

The Highlanders are preparing for another fun filled fall/winter with the RC flying with the AFJROTC cadets from Spaulding High School. They will be flying electric RC aircraft as well as helicopters for about three hours on Sunday evenings. The cadets recently completed the Robotics STEM kit and plans are to have a flight against flight competition. They can also run the robot by computer. Fall open house is planned for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Several parents have volunteered to go the various schools and talk about putting up flyers and perhaps an information table at lunch time.

### HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

An open house is planned for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

New cadet commander of the squadron is C/1Lt Gavell who took over from C/1Lt Moss. The squadron again assisted with the Prouty Bike/Walk race providing recovery vehicles for distressed riders, help with set-up, water stops and clean up. Cadet Moss received a donation from the Lebanon Police Association to help finance his IACE visit to the United Kingdom.



C/1Lt Moss receiving donation from Lebanon Police Assn.

### MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members of the squadron participated in the NH Aviation Museum Car Show in August where they provided with parking and marshalling cars. They also manned a very busy information booth. Cadets Moser, Dionne and Finocchiaro received their first o'flights in September. Five others also got their second or other o'flight that day.



Information table at Museum Car Show

### MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Eleven members attended the basic encampment, NCOLS, or Honor Guard Academy and served on staff. Cadet Hughes attended the NER Glider Academy and was able to solo a glider while there. He is continuing with more glider flights in hopes of attaining his glider rating. Cadets Bean, Hughes and Sanchez performed a drill and rifle ceremony during a Fourth of July event. Cadets Hughes, Bean, Sanchez, and Somero were awarded NCSA ribbons. Cadet Solomonides received an achievement ribbon and a recruitment ribbon went to Cadet Hughes. The squadron has begun the Robotics STEM program with Capt. Hotin who is a STEM teacher at Brattleboro High School in VT. A presentation was made at the Keene Lion's Club to thank them for their generous donation to support cadets attending summer activities.

A trip with Lebanon Squadron to the New England Air Museum in CT was being planned. The Color Guard will be presenting the colors at an upcoming race at the Monadnock Speedway. Two new Flight Officers have joined the squadron. They are FO Tyler Lewandowski and FO Erin Hughes.



Cadet Ethan Hughes Received Solo Wings at NER Glider Academy in VT

### SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron had two very successful fundraisers this quarter one at Applebee's and the other at Flatbread Pizza both in Portsmouth. Our thanks to both for their help raising funds for cadet programs. A very large group of squadron cadets and seniors attended the Encampment or NCOLS at Norwich University. Firearms training has resumed for the fall season twice monthly at Exeter Sportsman's Club. The fall Open House in Sept. saw a nice group of visitors both young people and older folks. The squadron hosted IACE visitors from Australia and Hong Kong in mid-summer. A group of squadron members along with those from other squadrons participated in the NH/UK exchange with Ltc Kelly and Lt Rose as escorts. (see related article) A bivouac is being planned for the first weekend in October with Concord Squadron. Two of our newest cadets got their first glider o'flights on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.



IACE Visitors with First Flight Certificates



C/Amn Sam Hall checks out the glider cockpit before his first glider flight at VSF

Congratulations to the following senior members who have moved up in rank!!!

Robert Fuller 2Lt; Jake Whitaker 2Lt; Susan Bishevsky-Weeks 2Lt;  
Johna Therrien 1Lt; Randy Haight Capt;

### NEW HAMPSHIRE/UNITED KINGDOM TRIP by 1/Lt Bonnie Rose, escort

On Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> five cadets from Nashua, Manchester, Lebanon and Seacoast squadrons along with their two escorts from the Seacoast and Manchester squadrons left NH Wing HQ for the NH/UK Cadet Exchange program. We flew out of Boston's Logan International Airport to Manchester UK where we met our host unit Hull 152 of the Royal Air Cadet Program.

Over the next week we had the opportunity to visit historic landmarks – Castles, Roman Walls and beautiful Cathedrals. We toured museums such as the Duxford Air Museum offering the history of many different aircraft, Eden Camp – a WWII Prisoner of War camp and an aquarium known as “The Deep”. We also had the opportunity to spend a day in London where we visited well known landmarks such as the Tower of London, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

Cadets spent time with local cadets and their families to learn more about the culture of the English home. Cadets experienced a family reunion, a visit to a favorite Indian Restaurant, family pets and an evening of pizza and games. These occasions gave cadets from both countries the chance to learn both the similarities and the difference in their daily lives.

During all of the sightseeing trips we were accompanied by our hosts and their cadets. The cadets from both squadrons had a good time exchanging stories on how things differ between the two groups – from the way they drill, run meetings and the activities they enjoy. It was not all work the cadets had plenty of time during the ride to the locations to compare notes on music, movies & TV and favorite hobbies.

Our second week was spent at their summer encampment at the Royal Army Camp Altcar. Our cadets were assigned to various Royal Air Cadet Flights and participated in Drill, Sports and Field Craft. There was also time for fun activities such as boating, sightseeing in Liverpool and visiting an amusement park.

We returned home after 15 days of travel having experienced a new culture, foods and activities. Many of these friendships will last a lifetime.



UK and NH Cadets on a sightseeing trip

*NH Wing Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) Schedule*

Squadron	SUI Anniversary Date*	Next SUI Date**	Next SUI Date**	Next SUI Date**
NH010 - Seacoast	30-Apr-14	April 2016	April 2018	April 2020
NH014 - Lebanon *	31-Mar-14	March 2016	March 2018	March 2020
NH016 - Nashua	31-May-14	May 2016	May 2018	May 2020
NH032 - Concord *	30-Sep-14	September 2016	September 2017 *	September 2019
NH037 - Highlanders	31-Oct-13	3 October 2015	October 2017	October 2019
NH053 - Monadnock	30-Apr-14	April 2016	April 2018	April 2020
NH054 - Manchester *	31-May-14	May 2016	May 2017 *	May 2019
NH056 - Hawk *	31-Dec-13	12 December 2015	December 2017	December 2019
NH801 - Humphrey	31-Oct-14	October 2016	October 2018	October 2020

\* Anniversary date is used to calculate future SUI dates (up to 24 months) - Dates may have changed

\*\*Exact dates will be finalized 60 days prior

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