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## WING CALENDAR

LtC Lesley M. Lara  
CAP Executive Administrator

### APRIL

- 1 Mountain Flying training  
GT Leaders Mtg.
- 5/6 NHW Cadet Competition
- 16 Commanders Call 1900 CON

### MAY

- 3 NHW Rocket Competition CON
- 4 Rocket Comp. rain date
- 6 GT Leaders Mtg.
- 9, 10,11 SAR School #5
- 10 EM/SP Mass Casualty Drill
- 16,17,18 SAR School #6
- 21 Commanders Call 1900 CON
- 31 Thunderbirds Air Show

### JUNE

- 1 Thunderbirds Air Show
- 2 Survey Audit 032 & 037
- 6,7,8 SAR School #7
- 14 Commanders Call 1900 CON
- 20,21,22 SAR School #8
- 21 SAREX

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## VICE COMMANDER’S CORNER

Introducing NHW CV LTC William(Bill) Moran

LTC Bill Moran received a military draft notice in 1972 and subsequently attended the USAF Officer’s Training School and USAF flight training schools after graduating from the University of Rhode Island. During a 26 year career he flew the B-52G, T-37, FB-111A, F-111A/D/E and the B-1A/B. He was an instructor pilot, check pilot and an operational test and evaluation pilot.

After accumulating over 300 hours of B-1B flight test time he was selected for membership in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He also had assignments on the Strategic Air Command staff and US Pacific Command staff. While commanding the 46<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron he led his B-1B unit to 12 “Time to Climb” aviation world records and was the pilot on the first three world record flights. His record time from take-off to 20,000’ was 1 minute 42 seconds. He completed his AF career as the vice commander of the Air Warfare Center at Nellis AFB, NV.

After he and his wife (also a USAF colonel) retired and moved to NH he joined the NH Wing’s Hawk Composite Squadron. He became the Hawk Squadron commander in 2003. Under his leadership the squadron grew from 1 to 20 pilots and many of his cadets attended National Cadet Special Activities camps. He has also served on the staff of several NH Wing encampments. Currently he is a PC-12 Captain for Alpha Flying, Inc. out of Portsmouth.

Here is his “Thoughts for Leaders”:

Recently I gave a presentation which included a discussion of organizational culture. Although it was oriented towards flying, it is applicable to all organizations. A small regional airline had encouraged its pilots to break the rules. The company considered their pilots “heroes” when they went below FAA mandated cloud and visibility minimums to get their passengers to their destinations. *(con’t page 4)*

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

AWARDS

EARHART

Liam Smedley Monadnock

CADET PROMOTIONS

CONCORD

Ariel Feindel	C/Maj
Connor Moroney	C/CMSgt
Nick Schaper	C/SMSgt
Estelle Andersen	C/TSgt
Alicia Gould	C/SSgt
Bailey Beltramo	C/SSgt
J.R. Perkins	C/A1c
Devin Lahey	C/A1c

LEBANON

Gregory Williams	C/CMSgt
Matthew Dulac	C/TSgt
Marcus Lewis	C/A1c
Harrison Linowski	C/A1c
Mariana Pagan	C/A1c

MANCHESTER

Shane Bellingham	C/LtCol
Alec Wolfe	C/SMSgt
Seth Alvear	C/MSgt
Elizabeth Clough	C/TSgt
Brian Meehan	C/TSgt
Eric Meehan	C/SrA

MONADNOCK

Adam Somero C/SSgt

SEACOAST

Ryan Tarr	C/TSgt
Joshua Grant	C/A1c
Garrett Patterson	C/A1c
Adam Parent	C/A1c
Rachel Hockhauer	C/A1c
Travis Comtois	C/AB
Riley Burley	C/AB

SENIOR PROMOTIONS

Ed Bernard	1/Lt	Lebanon
Marc Savioli	1/Lt	Manchester
Thomas Bowles	Capt.	Concord
Joseph Cloutier	Capt.	Concord
Frank Farrell	Capt.	Concord
Barbara Stokes	Capt.	Concord
Luane Mondoux	Maj.	Amitrano
Richard Bellerose	Maj.	NH Wing

SLS GRADUATES

Michael Kenney  
 Joseph Cloutier  
 Robert Godin  
 Donald Colford  
 Ted Bergeron  
 Thomas Tsirimokos  
 Michael Balog  
 David Buck



## SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



### CONCORD SQUADRON

Since January the squadron has been honored to assist in a partnership with the NH Nat'l Guard Family Reintegration Program for returning veterans and their families. Cadets help with food service, photography and parking details. Fourteen cadets finished basic training in Jan and graduated to Cadet Airman. The following week they were "learning the ropes" and "climbing the walls" at Vertical Dreams, a climbing gym in Manchester. February aerospace training was given by guest speaker Mr. Berreto from Marquis Jet who spoke about aviation careers with Net Jet. The squadron was given a model of a Marquis Jet and everyone received a Marquis Jet ballcap. On March 6<sup>th</sup> the squadron color guard had the honor of raising a new flag over the rebuilt McDonalds during a ceremony with city officials and McDonalds dignitaries. Open House and Recruiting Night was held on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### MANCHESTER SQUADRON

A group of cadets have been participating in the Foxbat Drill Team practices in preparation for the upcoming Wing cadet competition. Cadets also were expected to attend the March SAREX as ground team members.

### MONADNOCK SQUADRON

Sixteen members of the squadron attended two performances at the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. Membership has increased to 23 cadets, and an Open House recruiting night is planned for May.

### LEBANON SQUADRON

The squadron Open House was held in Jan with a good turnout even though the venue for the event had to be changed at the last minute. The February SAREX was hosted by the squadron and Maj. Freeman implemented some good training ideas into it. Several cadets along with senior members took a trip to the KC-135 simulator at Pease ANG base.

### SEACOAST SQUADRON

About 40 members of the squadron and a couple of parents took a tour of Wilcox Industries a small defense contractor in Newington, NH where squadron commander, Maj. Nic Goupil works. They got to see a short video highlighting some of the company's products then got to tour the plant. The squadron meeting was held in the conference room after the tour. Another group of cadets visited the Aviation Museum of NH and Wiggins Airways FBO earlier in Jan. The squadron hosted an SLS course for senior members at the Dept. of Environmental Services in March. The Blackbird drill team members have been busy practicing to defend their title in the drill competition portion of the wing's cadet competition.

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The company called pilots who followed regulations and went to their alternate destination when the weather was below minimums "goats", because it cost the company money when they had to transfer the passengers by ground transportation back to their destinations. The undisciplined ways eventually caught up with the small company, as several fatal accidents occurred. The National Transportation Safety Board attributed the accidents to a "company culture that had encouraged the pilots to break the rules".

What is the culture of your unit? Your beliefs present an attitude which results in a behavior. What do you believe...do you have any bias, show any favoritism? What you say and do will have an impact on the members of your unit. If you are always full of criticism, those around you will be full of criticism. If you show respect to all those you come in contact with, those around you will show respect. Do you emphasize all of the pillars of cadet programs (leadership, aerospace education, physical training and moral leadership) or just a few? Are you consistent and fair with all the members of your unit? Talking is easy but "walking the talk" can sometimes be stressful. Leadership by example never goes out of style!

As Father Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town said..."there are no bad boys, just bad examples and bad environments."

**What is the environment and culture in your unit.....ask someone!!!**

WINTER NATIONAL BOARD MEETING by 2Lt. Cheryl Piazza

I shadowed Col Davidson on Lobby Day. He had already made appointments with our Senators and Congressional Representatives. We saw both senators briefly, but neither representative. Great staffers all the way around. We had to be ready to run alongside them...we really needed a Segway to get around. When we went to lunch Miss Michigan (ala entourage) sat across from us. Very pretty of course. Also seeing a variety of offices that represented their states was awesome! NH's was very nice...be proud!! I enjoyed meeting/networking with so many other CAPers. The morning of lobby day Gen. Courter addressed us. It was standing room only. I was totally green this trip. First time out and all. It was worth going. I didn't sightsee, except for bumpers in front of me. Traffic was awful. It would have been helpful if all persons who showed up for lobbying had attended the training the night before.

### **2008 GLIDER PROGRAM**

The 2008 glider program will kick off the last weekend in April if the weather permits. We will be operating at Springfield, Vt. (VSF) again this year. I am taking reservations for Saturdays and some weekends. We have the capability to house personnel overnight at the facility there and of course you can bivouac, if the weather is favorable. Anyone who wishes to participate in the program should take the Wing Runner course on line. We are operating at an active airport so situational awareness is essential if we are to maintain a safe operation. We have part time access to one tow plane supplemented by the commercial tow operator at the airport. We still only have one glider so we strive for 10 cadets per day for the schedule. More than one unit can make up the 10 cadets. All participants in the glider should have their CAPID's with them. The uniform is any CAP or aviation related clothing with sneakers-no combat boots in the glider. Cadets should be prepared to help hook up tow ropes, reposition the glider and provide the proper signals for launch. For scheduling contact Col. Dale V. Hardy at (603)659-6292 or [dvh1938@comcast.net](mailto:dvh1938@comcast.net).

Col. Dale V. Hardy,  
CAP Director of Glider Operations

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WING PARTICIPATES IN LOST HUNTER SEARCH—LTC Mead Herrick

CONCORD, NH – Monday, December 3, 2007 – As daylight faded searchers had not found any sign of a hunter who had been missing since Sunday December 2 in Allenstown. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was asking for volunteers to assist in the search the following day.

Tuesday morning they were in need of transportation assets to move search crews from the staging area to their assigned search areas. They placed a request for these assets with the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office who in turn called the National Guard. The National Guard requested assistance from New Hampshire Wing through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) who in turn activated NH Wing.

By early Tuesday afternoon Lieutenant Colonel Mead Herrick, Wing Ground Team Officer, Captain William Brown of the Lebanon Squadron and Captain Paul Kelly of the Manchester Squadron had reported to the staging area with three vans. The drivers and vans were kept busy shuttling crews back and forth between the staging area and the search areas until well after dark that day.

During conversations with Fish and Game officials throughout the afternoon LTC Herrick discussed the fact that CAP had trained ground search teams that could be had for the asking through the AFRCC. The Fish and Game Incident Commander made that request and NH Wing was tasked by the AFRCC to participate in the actual search operation.

Wednesday morning saw sixteen members of the New Hampshire Wing awaiting search area assignments. Two members were assigned to drive vans. The remaining fourteen were divided into two seven person teams and were assigned search areas along with a Fish and Game Officer. Both teams deployed to their assigned areas for the day and did not return to the staging area until after dark that evening. It was a long, wet day of searching in the extremely dense woodlands of Bear Brook State Park. On their return both of the Conservation Officers who accompanied the teams commented to LTC Herrick how well trained and disciplined our personnel were and it had been a pleasure for them to work with such professional people.

Thursday saw a reduction in available CAP personnel as well as the overall number of searchers. We participated with four people assigned to a search team and two providing transportation assistance for the day. At the end of the day on Thursday Fish and Game made the decision to suspend the search, although they fielded some of their own personnel on Friday in order to cover a few small areas that remained unsearched. As this article is being written the missing hunter has yet to be located.

In addition to those mentioned above, personnel who participated in this search effort were;

C/Maj Shane Bellingham	Manchester
C/Cpt Nicholas Nelsen	Highlanders
C/1Lt Joshua Betts	Seacoast
C/2Lt Andrew Clough	Manchester
C/2Lt Marshall Nye	Hawk
C/2Lt William Giguere	Amitrano
C/SMSgt Kyle Jepsen	Hawk
C/MSgt Erik Miller	Hawk
C/SSgt Zacch Graf	Hawk
C/SSgt Ian Souders	Highlanders
Major Charles Freeman	Lebanon
Captain Cameron Thompson	Amitrano
1Lt Brian George	Lebanon
1Lt Peter Blais	Manchester



NH Wing Ground Team at Allentown Lost Hunter Search

### WINTER GROUND TEAM TRAINING WEEKENDS---Capt. Robert Shaw

The Ground Team Training and Operations Dept. of Emergency Services is in the process of developing a Ground Team/Ranger Training program for NH Wing. We have received encouragement and support from Pennsylvania Wing's Hawk Mt. Ranger School program. The ES department scheduled two Winter Training Schools to be held at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Reservation in Gilmanston, NH. This was arranged through the Daniel Webster Council, BSA, Manchester, NH, Amitrano Composite Squadron Venture Crew 640 and Ground Team Operations. By having a squadron with a joint charter with the BSA we now have the opportunity to utilize the facilities of the BSA. This has opened tremendous opportunities for training areas and facilities.

Hidden Valley scout reservation is a vast facility and provides the training environment for year round training. We have the terrain we are looking for and the outdoor facilities to accommodate base and field operations. If air support is needed we have Laconia Airport and Hawk Squadron to call upon.

Our two weekends, Feb 8-10 and Feb 22-24, were designed after the Hawk Mt. Winter School program. The first weekend was advertised as a Basic and Advanced Course and the second weekend as an Advanced Course. The Feb. 8-10 weekend ended up as a Basic Course based on the prior experience of the attendees. We had 24 members in attendance.

Staff:

LtCol Mead Herrick, GBD, Ground Team Operations  
Capt. Robert Shaw, GBD, SAR School Commander  
Capt. Cameron Thompson, GTL  
Maj. Brian Barrington, GTL

Cadet Staff:

C/Capt. Nick Nelsen, Cadet SAR School Commander  
C/Lt. Joshua Betts, Cadet SAR School Training Officer  
Cadet Kyle Jepsen, Team Commander  
Cadet Ian Souders, Team Commander  
C/LtCol. Eric Perron, Team Medic  
C/LtCol Sebastian Van Dintel, Instructor

Students: S/M David Buck, 2Lt. Cheryl Piazza

Cadets Matthew Anderson, Riley Burley, Colin Bartlett, Tanner Buck, Tyler Buck, Jon-Luc Comtois, Evan Collins, Weston Dean, Alex Hosage, Kirk Liberty, Adam Parent, Brandon Patterson.

We had made arrangements with Vic Carboneau, BSA Scout Ranger at Hidden Valley to use a heated lodge for Friday night arrivals. Check in was at 0800 Saturday morning. After check in and gear check the students hiked over to Camp Bell where they were to train for the day and to set up camp for the night. The staff built natural shelters and the basic students put up tents and built a camp fire. One of the most enjoyable events was learning how to build fires under the assumption of having only two pieces of flint. That afternoon there was a snowstorm that lasted all night. It did not however stop the training. Another highlighted activity was CQ (check of quarters). The assignment was for two cadets to take one hour shifts through the night to check their fellow members for hypothermia and to keep the fire going. I think the popularity had to do with the warmth of the fire and the peacefulness of the falling snow.

At the close of the weekend attendees were surveyed to get suggestions on how to improve the program. The program received high marks and the snow enhanced the experience. One apparent item of note is that cadets are not getting much information from squadron leaders about these activities. Most are hearing about it through word of mouth. All wanted to hold more of these activities. I would like to encourage squadron leaders to advertise this valuable cadet/senior program as it fulfills one of our assigned missions.

The second weekend saw another snowstorm and 14 staff and cadet attendees.

Staff:

LTC. Mead Herrick, GBD, GT Ops  
Capt. Cameron Thompson, GTL  
FO Erik Gaunt, Medic

Cadet Staff:

C/Lt. Joshua Betts, Cadet SAR School Commander  
Cadet Ian Souders, Team Commander

Students: Maj. Brian Barrington. Cadets: Matthew Anderson, Mark Chapman, Alan Clement, Jon-Luc Comtois, Evan Collins, Adam Madore, Eric Parent, Adam Parent



WINTER GROUND TEAM TRAINEES LISTENING TO INSTRUCTIONS

#### UPDATE ON HISTORIC CIVIL AIR PATROL PLANE DONATED TO WW II MUSEUM

A restored and historic Stinson 10-A that flew in the WW II Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has been delivered to the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn, Indiana. It will be mounted in a display in mid-summer. The plane was a gift to the museum by Col Margie Sambold, recent past Wing Commander of the New Hampshire Wing CAP, in memory of her late husband, Col Al Sambold, also a past NH Wing Commander and a retired USAF navigator. The restoration and transportation was overseen by LTC Ray Lyon, former NH Wing Vice Commander, who is presently Vice Commander, Group 3, Virginia Wing CAP. The wooden prop was donated by Col. Mary Feik.

The two-seater, fabric covered plane was originally built for recreational use, but found itself serving the World War II Coastal Patrol of the CAP. It searched for Nazi U-boats that were taking down 15-20 of our ships per week, often right in sight of people on land. In one brief period, the Nazis took down 600 American ships while losing only six of their own. Early in the war, all we had to throw against the Germans were volunteer civilian pilots and these tiny planes. This plane flew from the CAP base in Falmouth, MA where it also performed search and rescue missions for the survivors of sunken ships.

In a sense, the plane is coming home. It was manufactured in Wayne, Michigan by Stinson Aircraft. E.L. Cord was an entrepreneur involved in the automotive and aircraft industries. He was Eddie Stinson's business partner and close friend. Cord's office is preserved in the original Art Deco showroom that has become the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in downtown Auburn.

For more information and pictures of the restored plane awaiting display, go to:  
<http://www.wwiivictory.org/news.html>.

LTC Ray Lyon  
VA Wing CAP  
Group3, CV

### STINSON FULLY RESTORED AT MUSEUM

