

The Talon of the
Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, NJ Wing, Civil Air Patrol

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Squadron Commander's Comments

The final quarter of 2011 was a pretty busy one with a number of occasions to put our Color Guard to work. These included the Vietnam Traveling Memorial held at North Branch Park, Wreaths Across America held here at Liberty Park followed by a ceremony in Rockaway, and then at the Lone Eagle Awards Ceremony. Of Course the Awards Ceremony was more than just a chance to show off our Color Guard, it is also an opportunity to show off all our members and the awards and accomplishments that they have achieved over the recent months. Another highlight for the quarter was our tour of Peapack-Gladstone Fire Company. You'll read all about these events and more in the coming pages.

Semper Vigilans, Major Will McLain V, Commander

Congratulations to the following promotions this quarter in chronological order

Cadet	Promoted to	Achievement, ** Milestone
Liloia, Peter	C/TSgt	Rickenbacker
Sharkey, Megan	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers **
Liloia, Peter	C/MSgt	Lindbergh
Stauffer, Luke	C/Amn	Curry
Sullivan, Michael	C/Amn	Curry
Walsh, Jonah	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers **

Squadron Goals for 2011

Squadron:

Continue to recruit new members. Increase emphasis on Emergency Services training and mission support. Develop squadron website. Continue support for community events. Continue to work on making Lone Eagle the premier squadron in the NJ Wing.

Individual Goals:

Seniors: Accomplish next achievement levels within assigned positions.

Cadets: Achieve promotions within time limits; increase participation on Quarterly Talon.

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On Oct 15th, we supported the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Tribute at North Branch Park, Bridgewater

This traveling memorial, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 452, is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., stands six feet tall at the center and is about 300 feet long.

The Traveling Memorial Wall was designed to remind us of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. For more about it, see:

<http://www.travelingwall.us/ourwall.htm> .

Picture by C/2Lt Rachel Bascone of Picatinny.



The color guard, led by C/1Lt Evan Stark, consisted of C/CMSgt Tom Rapp, and rifle bearers C/SSgt Max Pote and C/Amn Jeff Chandler of the Picatinny Composite Squadron. Also in support, were 1st Lt Daniel Bell, Lone Eagle, and 1st Lt Judy Bascone, PAO, and SM Rich Deeble of Picatinny.

On Oct 26th, C/TSgt Peter Liloia IV receives promotion



On left, C/TSgt Peter Liloia IV receives congratulations on completing requirements of the Rickenbacker Achievement.

On Nov 9th at right, , C/SSgt Megan Sharkey received her promotion

On right, C/SSgt Megan Sharkey receives congratulations on completing requirements of the Wright Brothers Achievement, the first of the four cadet milestone achievements.



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On Dec 10th, we held a Wreaths Across America ceremony

On Saturday, December 10th at noon, the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron performed a ‘Wreaths Across America’ ceremony to remember our military veterans at Peapack-Gladstone Liberty Park. Specially made wreaths for the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and our POW/MIA’s were placed at the four war memorials within Liberty Park. The wreaths were laid in memory of those who served and are serving in the Armed Services.



Shown L-R at Liberty Park: C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV, C/1st Lt Evan Stark, C/SMSgt Thomas Rapp, Major Will McLain V, 1st Lt Daniael Bell, and Peapack-Gladstone Officer Dirk Sheasley.

The ceremony was led by Major Will McLain V, CAP, Commander, with support from senior members Lt Col Howard Leach, 1st Lt Daniel bell, and SM Peter Liloia II. Also, Cadet Commander /1st Lt Evan Stark led the cadet color guard which included C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV, bugler, and C/CMSgt Thomas Rapp.

The Wreaths Across America story began over 17 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. This year, the goal was to lay 500,00 wreaths on veterans graves. The Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is Wreaths Across America’s major partner in this annual endeavor.

Also on Dec 10th, we held Wreaths Across America at St. Cecilia Cemetery in Rockaway, NJ.



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Also on Dec 10th, we held Wreaths Across America at St. Cecilia Cemetery(cont.)

Above members of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol(CAP) performed a ‘Wreaths Across America’ ceremony to remember service of WWII Artillery Veteran, John R. Tucciarone. Mr. Tucciarone served in Europe with the 258th Field artillery, and received a Bronze Star for action in Holland in 1944. During the ceremony, a specially made wreath was laid at his gravestone in St. Cecilia Cemetery, Rockaway Borough, NJ. The wreath dedication was requested by his son John R. Tucciarone, Lt Col, CAP, Commander, Group V, Georgia Wing, and his grandson, 1Lt John R. Tucciarone, III, USAF.

The ceremony was led by Major Will McLain V, CAP, Squadron Commander, with support from senior members Lt Col Howard Leach, 1st Lt Daniel Bell, and SM Peter Liloia III. The cadet honor guard was led by C/1st Lt Evan Stark, with support from C/CMSgt Thomas Rapp, and C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV, who played taps.

On right, the same color guard laid several extra wreaths on veterans’s graves, this one on the grave marker of AIC Whiteford.



On Dec 14th, the Squadron visited the Peapack-Gladstone Fire Company(51-151).

A number of the squadron's cadets were given a very complete briefing of the Peapack-Gladstone Volunteer Fire Company's trucks and equipment starting out with the field truck. They were shown the equipment contained on each truck including thermal imaging portable scope, hydraulic jaws and jack, the Scott Air Pack demonstrated by Fire fighter Brian Lucas, hose assemblies, pumps, clothing, hat with head covers, inflatable jacks, ladders, tools, and many other items.



We were welcomed by 2nd Assistant Chief John Seebach who introduced Capt Kevin Fagan, above, who gave us the briefing with assistance from Fire Fighter Brian Lucas.

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We all learned a great deal about the trucks and equipment and are very appreciative of the time the above personnel took to explain and demonstrate the use of the equipment.



On December 21st, the Squadron's Winter Awards Ceremony was held.

The Winter Awards Ceremony was held in the Peapack-Gladstone Borough Council Chambers.

The ceremony was opened with a presentation of the colors by the color guard consisting of L-R: C/TSgt Peter Liloia IV, C/CMSgt Rapp, C/TSgt Moorehead, and C/SrAmn Jonah Walsh.



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The following promotions and awards are shown in the order that they occurred.



L-R: C/Amn Luke Stauffer and C/Amn Michael Sullivan were promoted for achieving the first or General Curry Award.



On right, C/SSgt Jonah Walsh also receives congratulations on completing requirements of the Wright Brothers Achievement.

On left, C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV receives congratulations on completing requirements of the Lindbergh Achievement.



On right, C/1st Lt Evan Stark, Cadet Commander, received the Squadron's Phase Three Cadet of the Year Award for his outstanding leadership of the cadets during regular meetings as well as at numerous special events including 9-11 and Wreaths Across America.



Note, the Squadron's Phase 1 and 2 awards went to C/SSgt Megan Sharkey and C/2nd Lt Zak Wojtech respectively who were not available to accept them. They will be awarded at a later time.

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C/MSgt Thomas Rapp received the Air Force Association Award in recognition of his outstanding cadet leadership and academic standing.

On right. 1st Lt Daniel Bell, Deputy Commander for Cadets, received the Squadron's Senior Officer of the Year Award for his dedicated service in management of the cadet program and administrative support in regular and special events.



On left is a group photo of all CAP members attending. Note, we thank Major Carol McCloud, Commander, Group 221, for her attendance and support of our activities throughout the year. She is shown on the right.

We would also like to thank former cadets Capt Alan Sayil, and C/ 2nd Lt Kyle O'Connor for attending and supporting the event. C/Capt Alan Sayil is attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida where he is majoring in Aeronautical Sciences. C/2nd Lt Kyle O'Connor, who took the group picture, is attending Rutgers and majoring in Electrical Engineering. We wish them both continued success.

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