

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

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Public Affairs & Editor: Lt Col Howard Leach  
Cadet Commander: C/2nd Lt Thomas Rapp

**Squadron Commander's Comments**

Well, the first quarter of 2012 is officially past and we are headed into spring. The past three months have seen a number of promotions and the Cadet Change of Command. It is great to observe the progress of our members and the ushering in of new leadership. This tradition of excellence within Lone Eagle Comp. Squadron reflects well on every member and on CAP as a whole. Please read on and get the specifics.

**Semper Vigilans, Major Will McLain V, Commander**

**Congratulations to the following promotions this quarter in chronological order**

<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Promoted to</b>	<b>Achievement, ** Milestone</b>
Reed, Aaron	C/A1C	Arnold
Liloia, Peter	C/SMSgt	Doolittle
Rapp, Thomas	C/2nd Lt	Billy Mitchell **
Sharkey, Megan	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers **
Sullivan, Michael	C/A1C	Arnold
Stauffer, Luke	C/A1C	Arnold

**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 February 8th, C/A1C Aaron Reed received his promotion.**



On left, C/A1C Aaron Reed receives congratulations on completing requirements of the Gen Hap Arnold Achievement from 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mark Sayil on left and Lt Col Leach on right.

**On February 22nd, the Squadron held an Awards and Change of Command Ceremony.**

To help present the awards were Lt Col Sands, Dep Cmdr, Group 221 and Lt Col Michael Dolan, a past Lone Eagle Squadron Commander.

First, the following awards were made that were held over since the last Awards meeting in December.

C/2nd Lt Zak Wojtech was presented with his Billy Mitchell Award on the right and with his 2011 Cadet of the Year, Phase II Award below with Lt Col Sands, Deputy Commander, Group 221 on the left and Major Will McLain V, Commander, Lone Eagle on right.



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C/SSgt Megan Sharkey received her Wright Brothers Award.



C/SMSgt Thomas Rapp was promoted to C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt on left and presented with his Billy Mitchell Award below.



On the left, C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV was promoted to C/SMSgt.

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On the left, C/SSgt Megan Sharkey was promoted to C/TSgt

Below, C/Amn Michael Sullivan was promoted to C/A1C



Next, there was a cadet change of command shown on left with left to right , Lt Col Sands, Deputy Cmdr, Group 221, C/1st Lt Evan Stark, former cadet cmdr, who passed the guidon to Maj McLain V, C/MSgt Peter Liloia IV, guidon bearer, and Maj McLain V shown passing the guidon to C/2nd Lt Thomas Rapp, the new Lone Eagle Composite Squadron Cadet Cmdr.

Congratulations to C/2nd Lt Rapp on receiving the Cadet Command and thanks to C/1st Lt Evan Stark for his outstanding cadet leadership over the past six months.

Also, thanks to Lt Col Sands, Dep Cmdr, Group 221, for his attendance. Thanks also to Lt Col Michael Dolan, a past Lone Eagle Squadron Commander for his attendance and for receiving a certificate of appreciation for the Picatinny Composite Squadron for their support on two of our veteran activities.



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**On Feb 29th , an Aerospace Education Shuttle Model Rocketry class was held.**

Shown, on right, is the class where the Space Shuttle model rocketry construction is divided into four teams: Orbiter, External Tank, Solid Rocket Booster, and Fin and Skirt Support.



Also, the following is a quote from 1st Lt David Simpson, Aerospace Education Officer, which describes the current program's goals for both the Curtis-Wright and the Lone Eagle Squadrons.

“Cadets, As many of you know, in commemoration of the Shuttle legacy, we will undertake a joint "Space Shuttle Salute" mission. Each squadron will build five Shuttle models (representing the five actual Space Shuttle orbiters) and - TOGETHER - launch them in the EXACT order that they were actually launched on a single day in early October. There were 135 Shuttle launches. It will be a very full day! So cadets, let's keep up this monthly construction activity until you are ready for the big launch day in October!

**On March 14th, C/Amn Luke Stauffer was promoted.**



C/AIC Luke Stauffer was promoted for achieving the General Hap Arnold Award.

**On March 28th, Group 221 Glider Presentation.**

Major Michael Castania, Aerospace Education Officer, Group 221, made a presentation on the program and talked about some of his glider flying experiences.



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