

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

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Administration Officer: Capt Mark M Sayil
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Squadron Commander's Comments

Happy New Year! We had a great ending to 2012 and two highlights are worthy of mention. First, Wreaths Across America - Lone Eagle has proudly participated in this National event each year. And Second, Salute to the Space Shuttle, Model Rocket Launch - this was a tremendous undertaking and an achievement that Lone Eagle cadets can be proud of. Read on for more about these, plus promotions and awards in the final quarter of 2012.

Semper Vigilans, Major Will McLain V, Commander

Congratulations for the following promotions this quarter in alphabetical order

Cadet	Promoted to	Achievement, ** Milestone
Bliss, Carson D.	C/SrAmn	Feik
Hennessey Rose, Brendan	C/SrAmn	Feik
Kiss, Steven F.	C/1 st Lt	Admin Officer
Stauffer, Luke	C/TSgt	Rickenbacker

Squadron Goals for 2012

Squadron:

Continue to recruit new members. Increase emphasis on Emergency Services training and mission support. 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 October 10th, the following Award and promotions were made.

On the right, Capt Mark Sayil receives his Aerospace Education Chuck Yeager Award with Lt Col Williams, the NJ Wing IG officer, and Maj Will McLain V, Commander, Lone Eagle, on the left and Maj Carol McCloud, Commander, Group 221, on the right.



On left, C/SrAmn Carson D. Bliss was promoted for completing the requirements of the Feik award. On left, 1st Lt Daniel Bell and Maj Carol McCloud, Commander, Group 221, and Maj Will McLain V, Commander, Lone Eagle, on the right.

On right, C/SrAmn Brendan Hennessey Rose was promoted for completing the requirements of the Feik award.

Nov 21st, the following promotion was made.



On left, C/TSgt Luke Stauffer was promoted for completing the requirements of the Rickenbacker award.

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On Dec 15h, we held a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Liberty Park.

On Saturday, December 15th at noon, we 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/Amn Jenna K. Royal, C/1stLt Steven F Kiss, C/SSgt Carson D. Bliss, Major Will McLain V, and Capt Greg Skinner, aka Police Chief, Peapack-Gladstone.

The ceremony was led by Major Will McLain V, CAP, Commander, with support from senior members Lt Col Howard Leach, Capt Greg Skinner, aka Police Chief, Peapack-Gladstone, 1st Lt Daniel Bell, and Police Officer Dirk Sheasley. Cadet Commander C/1stLt Steven F Kiss led the cadet color guard which included C/SrAmn Carson D. Bliss and C/Amn Jenna K. Royal. See more photos below.

The Wreaths Across America story began over 18 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, with over 200, 000 volunteers, 420,000 wreaths were laid.



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On Dec 19th, the Space Shuttle Salute Model Rocketry project was reviewed.

On right, 1st Lt David Simpson, AEO, led a class review of the results of the year long Aerospace Education program. He reviewed specific launches of the Space Shuttle Salute Model Rocketry program. He is referring to the launch log that was compiled during the launches at North Branch Park, Bridgewater, NJ, on Sat, Sep 29th.



On left, shows the following cadet awardees along with the rest of the Squadron. Left to Right with a Shuttle Model Rocket: C/TSgt Luke R Stauffer, Orbiter Airframe Chief, C/A1C Michael A Sullivan, Launch Controller, and C/1stLt Steven F Kiss, Co-Cadet Commander and Safety Officer. Each received one of the Shuttle Model Rockets. They along with C/Amn Jenna K Royal and C/SSgt Brendan J Hennessey Rose also received a commemorative pin with the 30 Year Space Shuttle Program logo shown below.

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1st Lt David Simpson, AEO, summed up the program's results with the following statement.

“The goal was 135 launches in 5 hours to commemorate the 135 missions of the US Space Shuttle program. We achieved 104 launches in just over 5 hours. That's one launch roughly every 3 minutes!

Cadet Kiss was Co-Cadet Commander (shared with Cadet Brian Swauger of C-W Squadron) and Safety Officer. Cadet Stauffer was Orbiter Airframe Chief and Cadet Sullivan was Launch Controller. (I was the PA announcer and Flight Controller.)

Commemorative pins with the 30 Year Space Shuttle Program logo were presented to all five of the L-E cadets (Royal and Rose as well the others mentioned) that were a part of the salute. All the cadets that participated in the Space Shuttle Salute program which lasted over one year will receive a commemorative certificate recognizing their contribution.

We're hoping to present an artifact from the program (a similar plaque and mounted airframe) to the Buehler-Challenger center in NJ sometime in 2013.”



Congratulations to the awardees and for more info about the Space Shuttle program go to:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_Shuttle_program

or for The Buehler Challenger & Science Center, go to:
<http://www.bpsc.org/>

Thanks to all who participated in this program and Happy New Year to all!

Space Shuttle Model Rocket Program - Cadets	Rank
Ackerman, Justin	C/AmnB
Bliss, Carson	C/SSgt
Charleson, Vanny	C/Amn
Reed, Aaron	C/MSgt
Rose, Brendan	C/SSgt
Royal, Jenna	C/Amn
Sharkey, Megan	C/2 nd Lt
Stark, Evan	C/Capt
Stauffer, Luke R.	C/TSgt
Sullivan, Michael	C/Amn

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