

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

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 Public Affairs & Test Control: Lt Col Howard Leach  
 Cadet Commander: C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Megan Sharkey

## Squadron Commander's Comments

The first quarter of 2013 had an awful lot of bad weather and we had to cancel several meetings along the way. However, that didn't stop our cadets as they worked for promotions. This is evident in the list of promotions and awards presented at our Winter Awards Ceremony in February. This ceremony also included the Cadet Change of Command, which really shows off how well our cadets train each other as they move up through the ranks. This is always exciting to see. 2013 is off to a great start!

**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/TSgt	Rickenbacker
Bliss, Carson D.	C/MSgt	Lindbergh
Charleson, Vannevar	C/Amn	Curry
Charleson, Vannevar	C/A1C	Arnold
Hennessey Rose, Brendan	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers **
Hennessey Rose, Brendan	C/TSgt	Rickenbacker
Kiss, Steven S.	Capt	Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
Sharkey, Megan	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Billy Mitchell **
Stauffer, Luke	C/MSgt	Lindbergh
Sullivan, Michael	C/SrAmn	Feik

## Squadron Goals for 2013

### **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 January 9th, the following promotions were made.**

On the right, C/SSgt Brendan J Hennessey Rose was congratulated by Major will McLain, V, along with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Dan Bell, Deputy Commander for Cadets, for completing the requirements for the Wright Brothers Award, the first milestone achievement.



On left, C/Amn Vannevar A Charleson was congratulated by Major will McLain, V, Commander, along with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Dan Bell, Deputy Commander for Cadets, for completing the requirements for the Curry Award, the first cadet achievement.

**On February 20th, a awards ceremony was held as follows.**

The Official Party consisted of Council President Anthony Suriano, representing the Mayor and Council of the Peapack & Gladstone Borough, Major Carol McCloud, Group 221 Commander, and Major Will McLain V, Commander, Lone Eagle Squadron. Captain Gregory Skinner served as the Master of Ceremonies.



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On left is shown the posting of the Colors to open the ceremony.

On right, recently promoted Capt Steven S. Kiss was presented with the Senior Officer of the Year Award.



On left, 1st Lt Simpson presented the cadet participation awards for the Salute to the Space Shuttle Model Rocketry project which resulted in building five Lone Eagle model rockets and in the participation of 104 launches.

On left in the right photo, Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Steven F. Kiss earned the distinction of being awarded the Phase 3 Squadron Cadet of the Year.

In center, Cadet Sharkey earned the distinction of being awarded the Phase 2 Squadron Cadet of the Year.

On the right in the photo, Cadet Stauffer earned the distinction of being awarded the Phase 1 Squadron Cadet of the Year.



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On left, Cadet Reed was presented with the Air Force Sergeants Association Award in recognition as the outstanding Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer for the year.

On right, Cadet SHARKEY earned the Air Force Association Cadet of the Year in recognition as the outstanding Squadron Cadet Officer for the year. To her left and presenting the award, is Lt Col Howard Leach, President, AFA NJ & 195.



On left, Cadet Airman First Class Charleson earned his promotion for completing the requirements of the General H. H. "Hap" Arnold Achievement which is Achievement 2 in Phase I of the cadet program.

On right, Cadet Senior Airman Sullivan earned his promotion for successfully completing the requirements of the Mary Feik Achievement which is Achievement 3 in Phase I of the cadet program.



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L –R : Cadets TSgt Bliss & Hennessey-Rose earned their promotion for completing the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Achievement which is Achievement 4 within Phase II of the cadet program.

Cadet CMSgt Reed was promoted for completing The Dr. Robert H. Goddard Achievement, the 7th in Phase II of the cadet program.



Cadet Sharkey earned the General Billy Mitchell Award, the second of four milestone achievements. Only about 15 % of the cadets achieve this milestone award.



Cadet Kiss is officially being recognized for his promotion to Cadet 1st Lt. He received this advancement in December.



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The Cadet change of command is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the cadets. The ceremony is a transfer of Cadet Command responsibility, authority, and accountability from one cadet to another.

The symbol of authority is represented by the Gideon, the colors of the Squadron, which change hands between the outgoing and incoming Cadet Flight Commander. Cadet 1st Lt Steven Kiss is shown transferring command of the Cadet Flight to Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Megan Sharkey.

Captain Mark Sayil is shown replacing Lt Col Howard Leach as the Deputy Commander for Seniors.

