



# Pilgrim Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

*United States Air Force Auxiliary*

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**Training:** Tuesday, 6:30-9 p.m. (1830-2100) [www.PlymouthCAP.org](http://www.PlymouthCAP.org)

## Recruiting Saturday at Stop & Shop; Fly day Sunday

### Report on Tuesday, 9/5

**27 attended:** Twenty cadets and seven seniors. Major Balboni, with an assist from Cadet Technical Sergeant Ethan Mackenzie, held a Safety Briefing on hurricane dangers and preparedness, including steps everyone should take now even though a hurricane is nowhere near us.

Cadets took their fitness tests, which most passed and a few took written tests. Annora Lorusso passed Leadership test 1. Maeve McDonough and Ethan Mackenzie passed their drill tests. With some free time, cadets went outside for a few games of Frisbee. Meanwhile Cadet Master Sergeant Shannon Daly began building a balsa model plane we intend to convert to radio control.



**\*Next meeting, 9/12:** BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion boards.

**9/19:** Blues. Flight time. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring/Planning. Moral Leadership. Awards & Promotions.

**9/26:** BDUs. Flight time. Aerospace class and activity.

**10/3:** Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests. DDR.

**10/10:** BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion boards.

**10/17:** Blues. Flight time. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring/Planning. Moral Leadership. Awards & Promotions.

**10/24:** BDUs. Fifth Tuesday. Special activity.

**10/31:** BDUs. Flight time. Aerospace class and activity.

**\*11/7:** Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests. DDR.

**Asterisked (\*) items have changed or were added since the previous newsletter.**

**Supporting our troops:** Former Pilgrim cadet Tom Lentini is scheduled to return stateside this month but we picked up another soldier to send snacks, toiletries, games and other diversions to. But for now we don't need any donations. We are still awaiting word of another group of soldiers to support so if you hear of anyone overseas, please get his/her address and let us know. Those still overseas need healthy snacks and other food items such as beef jerky, drink mix singles or anything to flavor water, protein or granola bars. These boxes really boost morale. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, pays shipping charges.

**\*Radio-control aircraft flying:** Friday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. Van will NOT be going to Wingbusters. Contact Maj. Yaeger for directions if interested. We expect to get

radio-control plane instruction and flying at various times and days in the future. Watch for announcements. Last Friday one cadet went over for some practice. Major Yaeger also got some flying time. Club members are friendly and good teachers. Wingbusters supplies instructors and planes.

**\*Color Guard:** Practice this weekend has not been scheduled as of this writing but probably will take place next Tuesday before the meeting. Uniform is PT gear.

**Fly Day:** Sun., Sept. 10. Cadets get to fly in a CAP plane and “take the stick” for about an hour under the direction of a qualified CAP pilot. On previous occasions, cadets have flown over Fenway Park, house fires, schools of fish and, of course, cadets’ homes. Sign up is filled but if interested contact Maj. Yaeger.

**Cranland Pancake Breakfast fly-In:** Sunday, September 17. Van will leave promptly at 7:15. Usually arrive back by about 1. We help the EAA with safety while planes were arriving and departing. Lots of interesting pilots to talk with and planes to see. Cadets usually get plane rides. Last time all cadets got rides, two in aerobatic planes. One cadet almost got a ride in a Russian Sukhoi-29 aerobatic plane. The last Cranland of the year will be on Sunday, Oct. 15. Contact Maj. Yaeger if interested or sign up at Tuesday meetings.

**\*CollingsFoundation bombers:** Mon., Sept 18, around noon, until Wed., Sept. 20, around noon. The Collings Foundation will bring its planes to Plymouth for a brief visit. They usually bring their B-17, B-24, B-25, and P-51. Tours and rides are available, but bring your life savings for a ride, especially in the P-51. We plan to set up a recruiting table. If you are available, please sign up at Tuesday meetings or speak with Major Yaeger.



**\*Rocketry competition:** Tentatively Sat., Sept. 30 and Sat., Oct. 7. We plan to break into teams, spend a day building competitive rockets, then spend another day launching them. No cost. If interested sign up at Tuesday meetings or contact Maj. Yaeger. Last time was loads of fun with several very imaginative rockets. The girls’ team won and the Barbie rocket took first place.

**Mobile Command vehicle:** Major Balboni, aided by a few cadets, continue work on Mass. Wing’s Mobile Command vehicle, a big truck that will be outfitted with radios, computers, generators, maps and charts and everything needed to run a mission in remote locations and without power.

**\*Other upcoming events** (See Maj. Yaeger or Maj. Balboni for more information):  
MayFlour Bombing Competition – Postponed to Sat., Nov. 11. 10 a.m. Plymouth Airport. Pilots drop small sacks of flour at a target on the ground.

Plymouth Air Show – Saturday August 25, 2018. Plymouth Airport. Save the date and plan on helping. Good time; good show; good crowds.

**\*To get a 101 card:** Possession of a 101 card is necessary to train for ES missions. To get one go into eServices, down left side to CAP courses, down right to Operations. Scroll down to find the 116 test under Emergency Services. Pass the test & print 3 copies of certificate, one to ES Officer, Personnel and one for you.

**\*Next step:** Take IS-100 & 700 courses & pass quizzes. eServices/CAP Courses, down left in Operations, FEMA courses. Page 3, take IS-100.b; page 9, IS-700.a. Print the certificates 3 times and distribute as above.