



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

Cadet Orientation Flights on Saturday, Feb. 10

Report on Tuesday, 2/6

33 attended: Twenty-five cadets including one prospect, six seniors and two parents. After formation, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant presented a Safety Briefing when crossing frozen ponds and rivers. She covered what to be careful of and what to do if falling through including the best way to get back out. Cadets then did some stretching followed by the CPFT testing, which most passed. A few cadets took written tests. Matthew MacKenzie passed Aerospace Module 2. Cadets not testing and those finished went outside to play Capture the Flag.

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

***Supporting our troops:** We are running low on snacks, flavoring for water, etc. Currently we have plenty of toiletries, games and other diversions. If you know of any overseas soldiers please let us know his/her address. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, pays shipping.

***Color Guard:** No word about practice this weekend. Watch your emails about that and practice Tuesday. Our color guard has performed before the Red Sox, Paw Sox, Brockton Rox, Boston Celtics, New England Revolution, at the Seekonk Speedway, at high school games and many parades. Color Guard members learn a lot and develop pride in appearance and abilities. It looks great on college applications. New members welcome. We will train you.

Fly Day: Saturday, Feb. 10. The weather has stabilized a bit, we again scheduled a fly day. 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.

Mass. Wing Conference: Fri.-Sun., April 6-8. Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center. \$75 for seniors and \$65 for cadets includes conference and banquet. Rooms are \$99 a night. Conferences are a great way to meet members from other squadrons, get ideas, learn techniques and find out what's going on in CAP nationally. Seminars on Emergency Services, Operations, Cadet Programs, Aerospace and others. Cadet Advisory Council on Sunday. Competitions for Aerospace, Safety and Civil Air Patrol History. ALL CADET REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE SQUADRON COMMANDER! Payments must be in hand before the conference. Applications available at Tuesday meetings.

***2018 MAWG Encampment:** Tentatively Aug. 4-11, Joint Base Cape Cod. CAP's answer to basic training. Prerequisite for Mitchell and National Cadet Special Activities. Lots of fun things: helicopter and military vehicle rides, ropes training, more. Ask someone who's been to one. We urge all cadets to attend. Cost is \$175 for cadets, \$110 for seniors, but you may apply for CEAP assistance in eServices!

***Free Encampment (CEAP):** All cadets should apply for Cadet Encampment Funding (free money!). How? Open the "Cadet Encampment Assistance Program" module in [eServices](#). The online module is the application for financial assistance, but you still need to register for encampment itself, if you haven't already.

***Encampment Staff applications:** Applications are being accepted for cadets and seniors. Cadet pre-requisites: Be a CAP member, complete Achievement 1 (Curry), and signed permission forms. Application deadline : July 15. To apply, visit the following link: <https://fs18.formsite.com/MAWG/Encampment2018/index.html>

***Plymouth Air Show:** Saturday, August 11. Plymouth Airport is having its biannual Airport Fun Day. We are being tasked with a large role and can use all the help we can get, cadets and seniors. NO parking cars. Free Lunch for all volunteers!!! Mike Goulian and Dan Marcote will perform. Also a jet truck. Lots of other stuff, planes on display, etc. More details to come.

***Mike Goulian Wins Abu Dhabi Red Bull:** Plymouth Air Show star, Mike Goulian, won the season opener in Abu Dhabi in convincing fashion. Goulian, who is sponsored by Cirrus, ran the pylons in 53.695 seconds, a third of a second faster than 2017 overall champion Yoshi Muroya, of Japan. "It's been a long time coming to get to the second win and my whole team is over the moon," said Goulian. "Now we need consistency. There are 13 other great pilots in the Red Bull Air Race, and I feel nothing but excitement for the rest of the year. The next race is in Cannes, France April 21-22. The only U.S race will be held in Indianapolis Oct. 6-7.



***Other upcoming events** (See Maj. Yaeger or Maj. Balboni for more information):
Cranlands – Begin Sunday, April 15. We help with safety as planes are arriving and departing. Cadets usually get rides. Every third Sunday through October.
Mini Encampment – Memorial Day weekend. Prepare for MAWG Encampment.
Young Eagles rally – Sat., June 9; rain dates, June 10 or June 23. CAP building at Plymouth Airport. Plane rides for youths ages 8 - 17.
MAWG Color Guard Competition – Arount October. Date and location TBD.

***Pilot training:** Realize your dream of flight. Having your Private Pilot Certificate before you apply to the military flight programs will greatly improve your chances of securing a spot. This link will tell how to get into the USAF SUPT (Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training): <https://www.baseops.net/militarypilot>.