



# 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)

## Color Guard at South Meadow Village Saturday

### Report on Tuesday, 10/30

**23 Attended:** Seventeen cadets, including two prospects, and six seniors, including one teacher prospect. Major Robert Yaeger led a discussion related to part 5, Family, of the 5 Pillars of Wellness and Resilience. Major Yaeger then explained the schedule for the evening and proceeded to hold a short class on what makes various types of planes fly. He directed the cadets to begin building some kind of aircraft that displays a Halloween theme. He and the teacher, Ms. Kathy Slicis from Weymouth, helped the cadets with their designs and building. The cadets held a contest for best Halloween-themed flyer and best flier that displays a Halloween theme. At closing, we awarded Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Shannon Daly the trophy for best flier for her "cursed Warhawk," which flew backwards, and Cadet Airman First Class Matthew MacKenzie for best Halloween theme for his "bat plane." We announced that Cadet Second Lieutenant Zachary Mar passed Achievement Nine, on his way to Cadet First Lieutenant.



- \*Next meeting, 11/6:** Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests.
  - 11/13:** BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion Boards.
  - 11/20:** Blues. Flight time. Moral Leadership. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring/ Planning. Awards & Promotions.
  - 11/27:** BDUs. Aerospace class & activity. We expect to continue ground school and, with luck, look at the universe.
  - 12/4:** Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests. Moral Leadership. Promotion boards.
  - 12/11:** BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Services. Aerospace.
  - 12/18:** DATE CHANGE!! Blues. Christmas Party. Awards & promotions.
  - 12/25:** Merry Christmas. No meeting.
  - \*1/1/2019:** New Years Day. No meeting.
- Asterisked (\*)** items have changed or were added since the previous newsletter.

**\*Supporting our troops:** We mailed another box to the troops this week so please continue bringing snacks, flavoring for water, cards & letters to bring a little bit of home to the troops. But no toiletries as we have plenty. Our soldier likes handwritten notes, so tell him a little about yourself and what you're doing in school and CAP. They are a great boost for morale. If you know of any soldier overseas, let us know his/her address. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, pays shipping.

**\*Color Guard:** The Color Guard will begin practicing Saturday mornings 9-11 starting next week and stop the Tuesday practices. Color Guard learns a lot and develops pride in appearance and abilities. Our color guard has performed before the Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins, Brockton Rox, the Paw Sox, several high school football games and some patriotic ceremonies. It looks great on college applications. New members welcome. We will train you. See next item.

**\*Color Guard at South Meadow Village:** Saturday, Nov. 3 at noon. The color guard will meet at 9:30 to practice a little then the van will leave Pilgrim at 11 to allow time for set up and walk-throughs. The ceremony is to honor veterans and it would be great if we could have enough cadets to fly all our flags. Please let Chief Cameron White know if you can be there: [White.Cam@comcast.net](mailto:White.Cam@comcast.net). There will be refreshments served after the ceremony.

**\*SAREX Search & Rescue Exercise:** Sat., Nov. 3. Hanscom. Training for mission base staff, aircrew, airborne photography, ground team and UDF. SAREXs prepare pin case of a real situation. They are a way to get signoffs. Participants need: Safety currency, CAP ID, 101 card, SQTR and Authorization for Consent (cadets) and CAPF160. If interested contact Maj. Yaeger.

**\*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.

**\*Then do this:** SQTR (Specialty Qualification Training Record). In eServices go down to "My Operations Qualifications" then to SQTRs "Print Entry Worksheet. Pick the one you want & click on print at bottom. Take the SQTR with you for endorsement to SAREXes and other training events.

**Cookbooks:** We are assembling and selling cookbooks. They will be high quality with hard covers and descriptions of CAP and Pilgrim. We can use help and tasty recipes. Please submit ideas to Lt. Sue Balboni, [susanbalboni@me.com](mailto:susanbalboni@me.com).

**Wreaths Across America:** Place a Christmas wreath on the grave of every soldier and sailor at Bourne National Cemetery. Donations Are \$15, which pays for 1½ wreaths. The ceremony and wreath placements will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at noon. We hope to provide a color guard again. To sponsor wreaths go to [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/MA0074](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/MA0074).

**Pilgrim Christmas party:** NOTE DATE CHANGE!!! Tue., Dec. 18, 6:30-9. Our annual celebration. Tell friends you're not available, or better yet, invite them. Everyone is welcome, members, prospective members, non-members, school buddies. Meet the Pilgrim staff and parents of cadets and see some of what we do. Awards and promotions. Parking will be available inside the gate until 6:30. Snacks, desserts and finger foods welcome, but not necessary. Want to bring dessert or another food? Please contact Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Anna Marinelli, [amarinelliseven@gmail.com](mailto:amarinelliseven@gmail.com), 508-951-2832. We also need plates, napkins, plasticware, tablecloths, cups etc. Optional admission is something for our troop box. See item above.