

Pilgrim activities in 2012

A look at our accomplishments in 2012, some of which I'll bet you've forgotten.

- 12 new cadets: Nathan Amaral, Jeffrey Ayers, Matthew Beals, Hannah Gernhardt, Matthew Hardy, Cody Kelley, Cameron Mallia, Mike Nelson, James Shea, Michael Thayer, Andrew Viera, Ethan Urzua
- 2 new senior members: Norman Amaral, Bruce Barrett
- We promoted:
 - 3 new Mitchells (cadet 2nd Lts.): Joshua Perez, Hannah MacLeod, Jake DiMartinis
 - 3 new cadet 1st Lts.: Kevin DeCoste, Joshua Perez, Cathy Clemons
 - 2 new Earharts (cadet Captains): Lydia Murdy, Alyssa Goodall
 - 1 new cadet Major: Cameron Myette
 - 1 new Eiker (cadet Lt. Col.) & almost a cadet Col. and one test away from Spaatz cadet (highest possible cadet award): Heidi Schneider
- 34 cadet sorties in orientation flights:
 - Jan – 3 – Backlund, Hoyt, Manni
 - Feb – 1 -- Prutsman
 - March – 6 – Brennan, Johnson, Landry, Manni, Prutsman, Chris Roth
 - April – 3 – Amaral, Kelley, Nelson
 - May – 2 – Kelley, Singer
 - June – 5 – Amaral, Ayers, Brennan, Kelley, Thayer
 - July – 3 – Ayers, Roth, Roth
 - Aug – 8 – Amaral, Ayers, Beals, Brennan, Gernhardt, Johnson, Kelley, Nelson
 - Dec – 3 – Shea, Viera, Thayer
- We Marched in 5 parades:
 - Memorial Day in Norwell – we fired the rifle salute
 - Plymouth Independence Day – Color Guard won 1st place
 - Pembroke 300th anniversary parade
 - Plymouth Vets Day – Color Guard posted colors at a breakfast hosted by Rep. Keating
 - Plymouth Thanksgiving – Invited by the VFW for dinner
- We held a cadet Officer training day
- We converted the closet into a Communications Room
- MAWG Conference – 10 cadets, 3 seniors attended
 - Heidi Schneider named Cadet of Year, awarded a Commander's Commendation, and was presented the Eiker Award
 - Lt. Phil Balboni named Senior member of year
 - Cathy Clemons won 1st place in public speaking beating 13 contestants
- We formed 2 color guard teams
- Patricia Backlund took the Polar Plunge benefiting Jordan Hospital
- We held a yard sale in June
- We held a cadet "Dine-In" (can't describe it; you had to be there)
- Color guard went to TD Garden to present colors before the Girls HS Hockey champs
- We held a Mini-Encampment
- We helped put on the New Bedford Airport Fun Day
- We had a Fun Day at Norwood Airport
- Heidi Schneider became Pilgrim's 1st Cadet Lt. Col.

- We put on rocketry programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs
 - 3 times at Plymouth

Twice at Marshfield

- Six cadets took part in the Young Eagles flights
- We made 3 visits to Wingbusters and received R/C Tutorials
- We held a Family night on June 5
 - Alyssa Goodall received the Air Force Association's Outstanding Cadet of the Year Award
 - Matt Balboni received the Air Force Sergeants Association Squadron Cadet NCO of Year Award
 - The Cadets honored Lt. Balboni for his work w/the cadet program and mini-e
- We trained at Carver Transportation Staging Area in case Pilgrim Nuke burps
- We held a change of cadet command: Cameron Myette took over from Connor O'Dwyer
- We took rides on a C-130
- We attended a pool party at the Roths
- We mailed our 100th "care" box to the troops overseas
- We helped put on the Cars & Copters show
- We helped at the Plymouth Harborfest for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn.
- We were major player putting on the Plymouth Airshow
- MAWG Encampment – we sent 20 cadets; 11 on staff, 9 in the corps
 - Heidi Schneider was the Cadet commander
 - Christina Brennan was named Honor Cadet of the day
 - Jeffery Ayers was named Honor Cadet of the day and Honor Cadet of the Week
 - Hannah MacLeod was named Honor First Sergeant
 - Cameron Myette was named Honor Squadron Commander
- Our color guard posted colors at a NE Revolution game
- Helped the Tops in Blue unpack & set up
- Our color guard posted the colors at the Tops in Blue concert
- Held a work party – Finished the offices, installed a railing, moved the large painting to out building and hung it on the wall, refurbished our sign
- Host Red Cross Disaster Assessment & Shelter Operations training
- We held a flea Market & Craft Sale
- Our color guard teams placed 2nd & 3rd in Mass Wing color guard competition
- We set up a shelter at Carver High for Hurricane Sandy victims
- Our color guard posted colors at the Duxbury-Marshfield game on Thanksgiving
- We held an intra-squad rocketry competition
- We had several Guest speakers:
 - Congressman Bill Keating
 - Mile Schlicte – Mass Urban S&R team
 - State Rep. Geoff Diehl
 - Lt. Col. Rob Ali
 - A rep from Norwich University
 - USAF MSgt Brent Whitby
 - Natl Guard Sgt 1st class Adrian Gunn
- Color guard posted the colors at new Bridgewater State U squadron charter ceremony
- We took part in the Wreaths Across America
- Our color guard posted the colors at the Plymouth Airport dedication ceremony
- We held a fun and well-attended Christmas party

2012 was a very busy, but very good year.