

Monticello Composite Squadron News

September 2009

Fall Calendar

Sept. 8

Meeting for both cadets & parents for the first hour

Sept. 25 – 27

Virginia Wing Conference in Richmond

October 17

Trip to Oceana Naval Air Station for air show
www.oceanaairshow.com

December 12

Wreaths Across America
Wreath laying ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery

Change of Command



On August 4, **Captain Jim Rhoads** (left) formally handed over command of Monticello Composite Squadron VA-091 to **Captain Mike Wormington** (right). We thank Captain Rhoads for his more than four years of service in leading our squadron, and look forward to his now having the time to share his expertise in radio controlled airplanes with our cadets.

In another ceremony, **Cadet Capt. Owen Clark**, now attending the University of Pittsburgh, handed over command of the cadets to **Cadet Lt. Parker Yost**.

Did You Know?

Cadets' first set of blues are provided as part of membership. Sizes run small – it is recommended to order at least one size larger.

BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms – commonly known as fatigues) are provided free at the squadron level, with the exception of combat boots.

Belts, covers (hats), patches and nametags can be ordered through the Civil Air Patrol Store by Vanguard online.

Monticello Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

Squadron Commander

Capt. Mike Wormington
434-973-9286.

Deputy Commander for Cadets

Lt. Col. David Duncan

Cadet Commander

Cadet Lt. Parker Yost

Squadron website:

www.vawg.cap.gov/monticello

Virginia Wing website

www.vawg.cap.gov

National website:

www.gocivilairpatrol.com

Learn to fly!

Each cadet receives five orientation flights in a Civil Air Patrol plane at no cost to the cadet. For those cadets who wish to earn a pilot's license, CAP provides a flight instructor at no cost to the cadet and there is no cost to rent the plane. The cadet is only responsible for the cost of aviation fuel to fly the plane – a significant saving over using a private flight school. See Captain Wormington or Lt. Col. Duncan for more information.

Current Cadet O-ride pilots :

Lt. Col. David Duncan

Capt.. Mike Wormington

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Start planning for 2010

The CAP national website, GoCivilAirPatrol, lists all the **national cadet special activities (NCSA)**. Application deadline for summer NCSA is usually **January 15**. Courses range from: drill and ceremony; aerospace; engineering; flight schools; leadership academies and search and rescue courses and are held all over the country. Costs are minimal (usually under \$150) but cadets are responsible for transportation.

You must have attended the **Virginia Wing Encampment** before attending a NCSA. Encampment is normally held at the end of June. Visit the Wing website for more information.

If you have already attended Encampment and want to apply for an **encampment staff** position, applications and interviews are also held in the winter.

Do you like Search and Rescue activities? Virginia **GSAR** is normally held in the spring over two 3-day weekends, usually in March and then a month later in April. The course is sponsored jointly by the Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management and CAP. There are both classroom and hands-on activities. Graduates receive certification from VDEM as a Ground Team Member. The Virginia Wing usually announces dates and location in December or January.

Alphabet Soup

Ever been in a meeting and heard things like GSAR and SARCAP and did not know what they were talking about?

AE	=	Aerospace Education
BDUs	=	Battle Dress Uniform (fatigues)
Blues	=	Air Force style dress uniform
ES	=	Emergency Services
Group	=	There are 3 groups in the VA Wing (we are in Group 3)
GSAR	=	Ground Search and Rescue (School)
GTL	=	Ground Team Leader
GTM	=	Ground Team Member
NCSA	=	National Cadet Special Activities
O-Ride	=	Orientation Ride
PT	=	Physical Training
SAR	=	Search and Rescue
SARCAP	=	CAP-only Search & Rescue Exercise
SAREX	=	SAR Exercise (can be with other organizations)
VAWG	=	Virginia Wing
VDEM	=	Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management
Wing	=	The Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol

Color Guard and Drill Team

We are anticipating the resumption of drill team practice this September. If you like the ceremony of the drill, please let Cadet Lt. Yost or Lt. Col. Duncan know if you would like to participate.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Squadron events are all communicated by email. If cadets or parents have not been receiving weekly emails from the squadron, then we do not have your correct email address.

Parents please email Capt. Wormington at ww2t@virginia.edu and ask to be added to the email distribution list.

All cadets and senior members should regularly check E-services on the national CAP website and make sure their contact information is up to date.

Go to GoCivilAirPatrol.com, click on Members, then go to E-services on the left hand menu.

We Need a New Meeting Site

Martha Jefferson Hospital has informed the squadron that they will be renovating the building, beginning with the second floor, this October. So our squadron needs to find a new home. Unfortunately, our first choice - the airport - does not have a space large enough to accommodate us.

We will be looking in to other possibilities. If you know of a church or business somewhat close to the airport that has a room large enough to accommodate 30 people, preferably with tables and chairs, that is our minimum need. Ideally, we'd like to have some storage space as well, and an outside area for PT and Drill as well as some smaller meeting areas for promotion interviews and separate senior member meetings.

Please contact Capt. Wormington if you have any leads

Wreaths Across America



As a key partner in Wreaths Across America for three Decembers now, the Civil Air Patrol has adorned memorials and veterans' graves with evergreen wreaths to make sure the sacrifices of our nation's soldiers are not forgotten.

Monticello Composite Squadron participated for the first time last year, selling wreath sponsorships and taking part in the wreath laying ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery. Our squadron will be selling wreath sponsorships as a fundraising effort this fall. For each \$15 sponsorship, we will receive \$5 for squadron activities throughout the year. More detailed information on our squadron's participation will be available in September.

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Visit to Aircraft Carrier and Missile Cruiser in Norfolk



Squadron Activities Spring/Summer 2009



Visit by National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter



C/Lt. Parker Yost attended the Engineering Technology NCSA in Alabama



C/SSgt Sean Connolly attended the Pararescueman Orientation Course NCSA in New Mexico