

Civil Air Patrol Weekly Update & News

Picatinny Comp Squad

Week 2, May 2026

Another great meeting this week. From specialized, individual leadership training to drill and an introduction into the high altitude balloon challenge the Squadron will be participating in. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend, you missed out! More to come on the balloon challenge. That's going to be a lot of fun! For those who still have to work on your rockets, no worries. We have time before we launch. More info coming out about that as well.

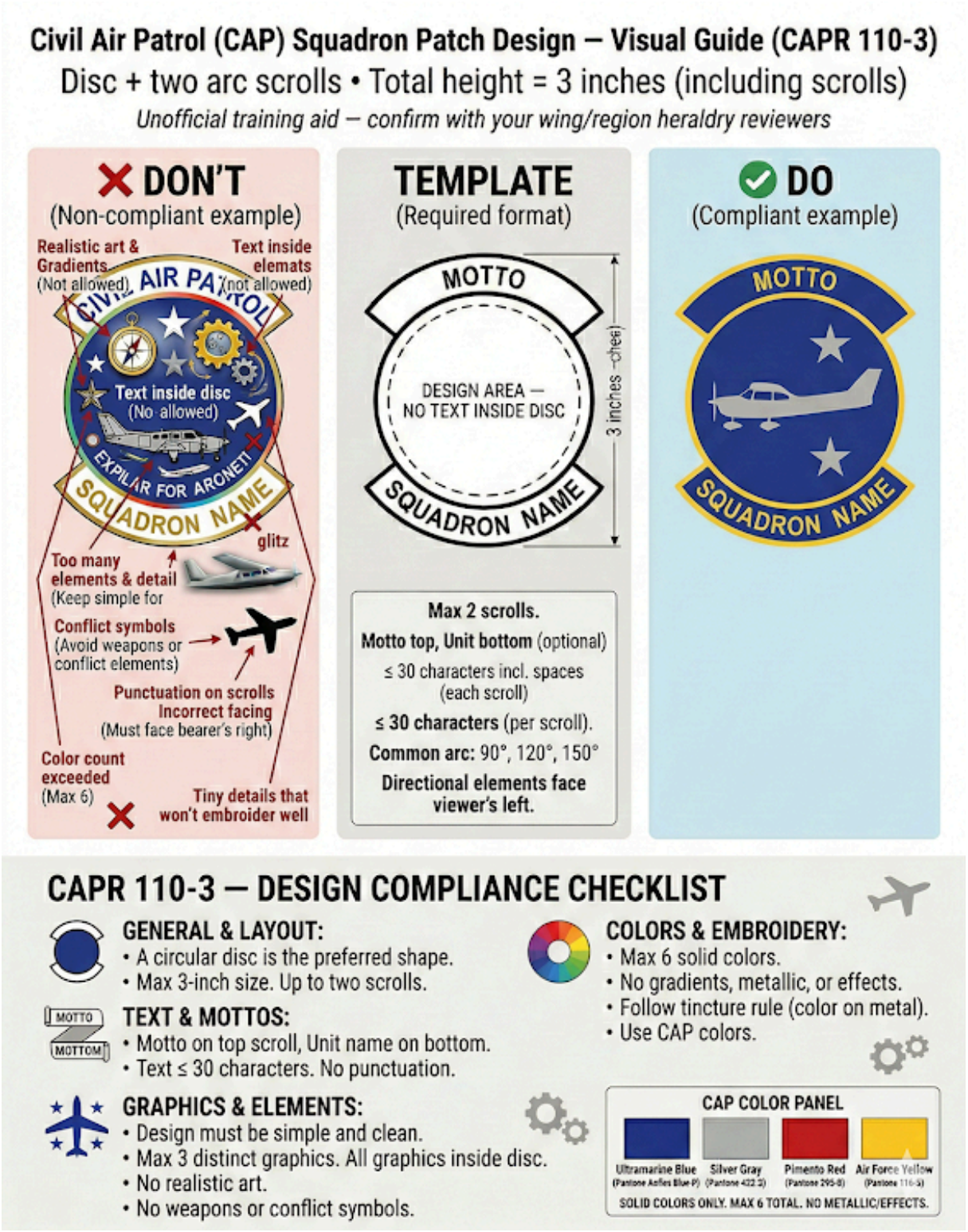
There are several cadets in the Squadron who have not promoted in more than 120 days. These numbers are reported to Wing and higher, so it's important that we don't allow cadets to fall behind. If you are having trouble with your promotion and have a need, please let us know. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Not sure what you need to promote? You can always check for yourself in eServices, or click the button below for the full Squadron report.

Promotions Track Report

If you missed this weeks' meeting, then you also missed the final vote for our potential new Squadron name. All submitted names were presented to cadets for a vote and we have now submitted this potential name change to Wing to forward through the chain of command for approval. Based on our votes we have submitted the name SKYLANDS COMPOSITE SQUADRON as the new Squadron name!

This is your opportunity to put your mark on the Squadron well beyond your time here. Get involved and feel a sense of ownership in the Squadron! With a new name we will need a new Squadron patch. Below are the criteria for Squadron Patch Design and a button to get to a blank template for you. Every cadet should submit a design. Don't worry about drawing skills, every design is valid and we'll use your design as a template to create a professional patch. All designs will be voted on by cadets once again.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR FULL CALENDAR IS ONLINE

Squadron Calendar

SPARTA DAY VENDOR FAIR

ALL CADETS PLEASE RESPOND!

Event Timing: Saturday May 30th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Event Address: Station Park | 100 Station Rd, Sparta, NJ 07871

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NJ WING NCO ACADEMY

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 17

NCOA is training is geared for Cadet NCO's between C/SrA and C/CMSgt who are learning the roles and responsibilities of a Non-Commissioned Officer

Event Timing: Sat May 29 - Sun May 30

Event Address: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

APPLY HERE

MISSION COMMS SCHOOL

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 20

NJ Wing Communications school provides classroom and practical trainings with comms equipment and procedures. Several pre-requisites required. Check the reg for more info.

Event Timing: Sat June 27 - Sat July 4

Event Address: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

REGISTRATION

NJ GSAR SCHOOL

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 13

First come, first served on Ground Search & Rescue school. Certifications for Ground Team Member 3 & 2 and Urban Direction Finding plus more. Several pre-requisites required. Check the reg for more info.

Event Timing: Sat June 27 - Sat July 4

Event Address: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

REGISTRATION

CHARITY 5K

TSgt Bowden is hosting a Superhero 5K/Color Run for her work and would love to see you there. Dress up as a superhero and run either a 1 miles color run, a full USATF sanctioned 5K, or both! If 10 or more cadets sign up, TSgt Bowden will give the Squadron a pizza party!!

Event Timing: Sun June 21, 9am

Event Address: Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta NJ

Register Here

PICATINNY DAY BASE FAIR

Activities: Vendor table, Flight Simulator

Event Timing: Thursday July 9th, *anticipated* 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Event Address: Picatinny Arsenal | 213 NJ-15, Wharton, NJ 07885

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NJ Wing Basic Encampment



July 25 to August 1 2026

Registration for Basic Encampment is closing soon. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 23RD. Encampment has filled to capacity for the last several years, so you need to make sure your apply quickly. There are only 160 slots for first time students this year. They also have Advanced Training School (ATS) for returning students. ATS registration should be opening this week. Cadets who wish to apply for encampment for their first time, click the link below.

NJ WING ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION

Cadets who have a financial need can apply for the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program (CEAP). CEAP for LATE summer programs opens on June 1st and closes on June 15th. Funding for this program is set. Cadets will be prioritized by financial need, but with a set funding amount its in the best interest to apply immediately. Mark your calendars!! More information about this program and the application process can be found HERE.

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