

Civil Air Patrol Update & News

Skylands Comp Squad

November 3, 2026

Another great meeting this week. We started with a safety presentation on fire safety. Next, we had a guest speaker, Lt Col Michael Castania speak with us. Lt Col Castania is the Wing Director of Aerospace Education and the NHQ Aerospace Outreach Coordinator. He spoke with us about the AEM program and how we can spread the word about the program, and even earn a ribbon with our efforts. AEM stands for Aerospace Education Member, and teachers, educators, and even parents who homeschool their kids can become members and get aerospace education materials, FREE STEM kits, and even the ability to apply for grants for aerospace projects. Spread the word to your teachers, youth organization leaders, and parents of homeschooled children and direct them to **THIS LINK** to learn more. If they join as an AEM, it counts towards your recruiting efforts. If you recruit two members into CAP, you get a recruiting ribbon! After Lt Col Castania spoke with us, we did physical fitness and then had a fantastic interactive leadership presentation led by C/Capt B. Bossu Venitucci.

Congratulations to the **8** cadets who promoted in October! Have questions or need help with your own promotion? Reach out to a senior member and we can help. You can always see what you need for promotions on eServices, but the latest promotions track report for the entire Squadron is available by clicking the link below.

Promotions Track Report



















Squadron Fundraiser

Our Squadron will once again be partnering with Wreaths Across America in a joint fundraising effort. Wreaths Across America is an organization dedicated to laying holiday wreaths at the gravesites of veterans in over 5,500 participating cemeteries in all 50 states. This year, we are sponsoring the Northern New Jersey Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Sparta. While we are not able to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, we are happy to support this cemetary through our fundraising partnership. For every wreath sponsored through our affiliate link, $5 is earned for the Squadron. However, you may select any cemetary you wish and even honor a particular veteran. Please use the link below to sponsor and share with friends and family who may wish to support Wreaths Across America and our Squadron.

Support our Cause

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR FULL CALENDAR IS ONLINE

Squadron Calendar

REGARDLESS OF YOUR AVAILABILITY, PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL SIGN UPS SO WE HAVE ACCURATE COUNT OF THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

OPTIONAL HIKE

TFO Enberg and SM Chiarella will be leading an optional hike from here at Aeroflex Airport next Tuesday. The hike will begin at 5:00pm. Cadets who are interested in participating should be in ABU/OCP and be sure to bring water and outerwear appropriate for the weather. Cadets who do not yet have a uniform should be approriately dressed with solid footwear.

Event Timing: Tuesday, November 3 -- 5 - 6pm.

Event Address: Aeroflex Airport

OPTIONAL ES TRAINING

TFO Enburg will be leading the Squadron in some optional Emergency Services training. This training will be an introduction into ES and air to ground signals. If you have an interest in ES, this is a great optional training to pop into.

Event Timing: Tuesday, November 17 -- 4:30 - 6PM.

Event Address: Aeroflex Airport

OPERATION PULSE LIFT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On select Tuesdays members of our Squadron will be participating in Operation Pulse Lift, a program to collect blood donations in direct support of troops overseas in combat theaters in the middle east. Support needed is in the transportation of these blood products to ensure correct temperatures of these shipments. Members meet at the Squadron at 6:30am to go to McGuire AFB. If you have an interest in participating please reach out to TFO Enberg.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As a grant recipient for the German Christmas Market of New Jersey, we always take the Tuesday before the market to give back and volunteer our time with them. This annual volunteer opportunity will be at the Sussex County Fairgrounds starting at 5pm and going until they run out of things for us to do. Typically around 6pm, but sometimes a little later.

Event Timing: Tuesday, December 1st -- 5 - 6pm.

Event Address: Sussex County Fairgrounds - 37 Plains Rd, Augusta NJ

HOLIDAY & AWARDS PARTY

Our annual Holiday & Awards Party. Will be be awarding our Phase I, II, and IV Cadets of the Year, Senior Member of the Year, and our newest award : Most Improved Cadet of the Year. This is a potluck event and all friends and family are invited to attend and celebrate a successful 2026.

Event Timing: Tuesday, December 15 -- Normal Meeting Time

Event Address: Sparta VFW - 66 Main Street, Sparta NJ

POTLUCK SIGN UP

STOP THE BLEED

FIRST AID TRAINING

The New Jersey Rescue Riders are back to provide emergency first aid training to our cadets.This training will take place during our normal meeting time, but we must meet a minimum number of sign ups. Please use the registration link below to sign up.

Event Timing: Tuesday, January 19th -- Normal Meeting Time

Event Address: Sparta VFW - 66 Main Street, Sparta NJ

REGISTRATION

WINTER BREAK

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

There will be no meeting on December 22 or December 29. Take this opportunity to rest, relax, and spend time with friends and family. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 5th.