

Civil Air Patrol Update & News

Skylands Comp Squad

October 30, 2026

After a hiatus, the newsletter is back! Some exciting things have been taking place around here. First, lets start with the Squadron name. We are officially the Skylands Composite Squadron!! We'll be presenting three unit patches for cadets to vote on shortly. Then we'll start transitioning our website, ordering new squadron patches, and updating all our materials to reflect the change.

The next BIG piece of news is that the Quality Cadet Unit Award recipients were officially announced at National. We are proud to say that Skylands Comp Squad earned this award for the second consecutive year! This is a culmination of an incredible amount of work from both the cadets and the senior members. Only 40% of local units are able to achieve this, so it's not a handout award. There are 11 different criteria that units are evaluated on, and we work all year to make sure that we meet the requirements. CONGRATULATIONS again on going above and beyond.

This week, we had our Halloween Bash! If you missed this weeks meeting you really missed out! We played games, ate lots of yummy food, and had a scary good time. Morale parties are scattered throughout the year, and we hope you are able to make the next one.

Until then, lets remember to focus on our promotions. Cadets are reminded that you are eligable to promote every 8 weeks. If you have not promoted in the last 120 days, this gets flagged at the National level, and there are a few of you that have not. Let's keep off the bad-boy-list and make sure we are completing our achievements on time. Have questions or need help? 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

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.

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.



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