

# Nighthawk Squadron Newsletter-Civil Air Patrol

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Cadet Weekly Meeting Schedule Nighthawk Composite Squadron

Week 1-PT-Wear Squadron t-shirt and Black shorts

Week 2-Emergency Services Wear BDU's

Week 3-Character Development/Leadershi

### **Being Better Cadets**

Why do we volunteer to participate in the Civil Air Patrol? We all may have different reasons but they are all very similar. We want the help serve our community and we all want to learn. Whether it be getting ready to join the Armed forces or to help with search and rescue. All of our goals are similar. But how do this while having and amazing experience and an impact? The answer is hard work and improving on everything we do.

Every day we come to meetings and learn something new. My flight commander once told us attitude is everything. We volunteer to come to the meetings. We volunteer to be in the Civil Air Patrol. Also remember when we put on our uniforms we also put on are core values.

There are things you might want to consider doing to enhance your experience and be better cadets in Civil Air Patrol.

- 1. Soak up all the knowledge and information you can.
- 2. Try to take all the opportunity's we can. If there is a community service project go ahead and do it. It not only reflects well on the Civil Air Patrol but on you as well.
- 3. Live by your core values. Take them home with you. Practice them as much as you can.
- 4. Be active and participate. Always be willing to learn and ask questions. Caring and actually being interested makes a good impression on you.
- 5. Finally have fun. We do not have to be serious and ridged all the time. There are times when we can relax and have a good time. We just need to know when to be serious and when not to be.

I believe that all of Nighthawk has the ability to be fun and rewarding. We just need to work hard and maintain our moral and professionalism. We also need to let flight staff know if you are concerned or do not feel involved in something you are doing.

As you move continue to work hard and move up the chain you will have

p Wear BDU's

Week 4- Aerospace Education-Wear Blues

Week 5- Cadets' Choice night

**Dates to Remember:** 

Community Service Project March 9th

CTEP March 29-31

Archery Day March 32rd, 2013

Wing Conference 12-14 April 2013

**Special Olympics April 14** 

Potluck April 29

Squadron SAREX May 11-19, 2013

TXWG Powered Flight Academy June 8-15

LESA June 16-23

Executive Staff:
Commander:
Cadet Capt. Daniel
Bishop
Deputy Commander:
1st Lt. Jordan Caldwell
Deputy Commander:
1st Lt. Teresa Schofield
Executive Officer

more responsibility and will be able to help others have a better experience and understanding as well.

### Local Business Man Promoted to Captain

Captain Albert Welch, a local business man and father was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Civil Air Patrol. He sells insurance and takes the time to serve his community. He has been a faithful member in the Civil Air Patrol for three years which is a very long time. He is very involved and his daughter is even an officer in the program. He currently works as a cadet programs officer and is very influential in our cadet's lives. He has been with Nighthawk since about the very beginning; he works hard and cares very much about our cadets. He participates and oversees many cadet activities, without him we would not be half as good of a squadron as we are today. If anyone deserves the rank of Captain in the Civil Air Patrol it is Captain Welch.



### Nighthawk Composite Drill Day

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a very successful drill day. Many people showed up and participated. The flight staff started to teach the new generation of leaders how to do their jobs. All of the cadets got a turn to drill the flight. Even the Airmen got a chance. Our remarkable staff is leading to the future of the Civil Air Patrol. While we also having time to have son





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### Texas Wing Conference to be held in Houston

The Texas Wing Conference will be held at the Houston Hilton NASA Clear Lake Hotel. The registration fee for cadets is \$50. There is a room rate available of \$100 a night and reservations must be made by mid-March. Cadets may use activity scholarships to seek reimbursement for cost of registration and room. The Squadron will cover costs of fuel to the hotel and back to Denton. Cadets should plan to bring money for meals. Please sign up for this event on the squadron website.

### Mark the Date for a Community Service Project

The community service project is rescheduled for March 9th. We will be moving rocks for the Denton airport. It will also be counting towards your community service ribbon. Eat early or bring a sack lunch. The contact for this event is Nighthawk's Community Service NCO, Austin Alberts (spacenutkid@gmail.com) with questions. Sign up for this event on dentoncap.org.

## Nighthawk Hosted SAREX: February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Last weekend Nighthawk with some members of other squadrons had a memorable experience at Lake Ray Roberts State Park. They had training in multiple areas such as locating crash sites, securing a crash site perimeter, and even had the opportunity to work with dog teams which is not a common training. This SARX has been a very important event in most of the participant's lives. Dog team training is almost unheard of and was very successful. Members got most if not all of the tasks they needed for their SQTRs. Cadets and Seniors alike worked together to reach a common goal.

### Congratulations to Nighthawk's February Promotions!

Congratulations to the following cadets who were promoted in February: Connor Cozart to Amn
Devin Engeldinger to A1C
Ian Martinez to A1C
Alexander Vanover to A1C
Zachary Potts to A1C

Caleb Roessner to SrA
Grant Wilson to SrA
Brayden Dragoo to SrA
Joshua Block to SrA
Audra Milbitz to SSgt
Tanner Woods to SSgt
Quinton Sines to SSgt
Ryan Carter to SMSgt
Caroline Personius to SMSgt
Austin Grant – Armstrong Achievement
Mathew Gregory – Armstrong Achievement
Peter Hansen – Armstrong Achievement
Katy Welch – Flight Commander Achievement
Teresa Schofield – 1Lt

### Archery at Denton American Legion Archery Range

Mark your calendars for March 23rd. Nighthawk composite squadron is having an archery day at the American Legion. It is free. Just bring a sack lunch. In order to participate you need a signed form 31a. This can be found here www.txwgcap.org under the forms section. The application must be signed by you and a parent or guardian. No electronic signatures. Do not fill out the commander's endorsement section. You may have deliver the form to Lt. Albert Welch or e-mail it to him at the address below. The first 25 applications will be accepted. Bring a sack lunch, CAPID, and CAPF 60. The uniform will be Battle Dress Uniform. Times are TBD. It should be a very fun event so sign up on dentoncap.org.

### Nighthawk Hosts Squadron SAREX: May 18-19.

The Squadron is hosting another SAREX in May. In order to be eligible to go cadets must have their GES, Curry Achievement, Intro to CAP safety, and their 24hr packs.

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### Wing Conference Awards

At the upcoming 2013 Texas Wing Conference Nighthawk Composite

Squadron has been selected to receive Ground Team of the Year based on efforts of some amazing senior members and cadets who have worked so hard to help are squadron to achieve this goal. We also have some members selected to receive individual awards. These include Major Michael Parkhill will receive the Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award and Captain John Watts will receive the Property Management Officer of the Year Award. Both are being recognized for the second year in a row. C/SMSgt Caroline Personius has been selected as the Texas Wing nominee for the AFSA Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year Award. All Nighthawk members are encouraged to attend the banquet and support their unit. Major Parkhill, Captain Watts, and SMSgt Personius will now compete at the Southwest Region for honors in their respective areas.

"For the second year in a row, Nighthawk Composite Squadron is being recognized at the annual Texas Wing Conference with more awards than any other squadron. "This is a testament to the overwhelming success of both the senior and cadet programs at the unit," according to LtCol Bryce Herkert. "The Ground Team of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding ground team and emergency services program in Texas. A special thanks to Captains Seth Hudson, Jared Cryer and Albert Welch for all of their hard work with the ground team program," said Herkert.