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This Month's Meetings

Mar. 5 - Regular Zoom Meeting - 1900
CDI

Mar. 12 - Regular Zoom Meeting - 1900
Aerospace

Mar. 19 - Regular Zoom Meeting - 1900
Annual Safety Down Day

Mar. 26 - Regular Zoom Meeting - 1900
Former Cadet Ryan Forster

Signup and Deadlines

Encampment Signups
https://nyw.cap.gov/encampment/
Encampment applications are currently open.

30-April-2021:
NCSA Full payment deadline

1-May-2021:
NYWG Encampment application deadline

Promotions

C/Amn. - Sharik Bose
C/2d Lt. - Corinne Taylor

CAC News

By C/Capt. Evan Regan, CAP

More virtual activities are on their way to New York Wing members. In the next month, several smaller, fun activities will be planned. In addition, the virtual emergency services school should start up within a month.

New Fairfield Cadet Graduates from Prestigious Civil Air Patrol Leadership School

By Maj. Olga Simoncelli, CAP, CTWG PAO

Congratulations to New Fairfield High School junior Cadet Captain Evan Regan on completing the challenging Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Regional Cadet Leadership School (RCLS)! The training is designed for cadets who have achieved a certain rank to hone their leadership, moral character, management, decision-making and team-building skills. The course culminated with group presentations that tested all the above areas.

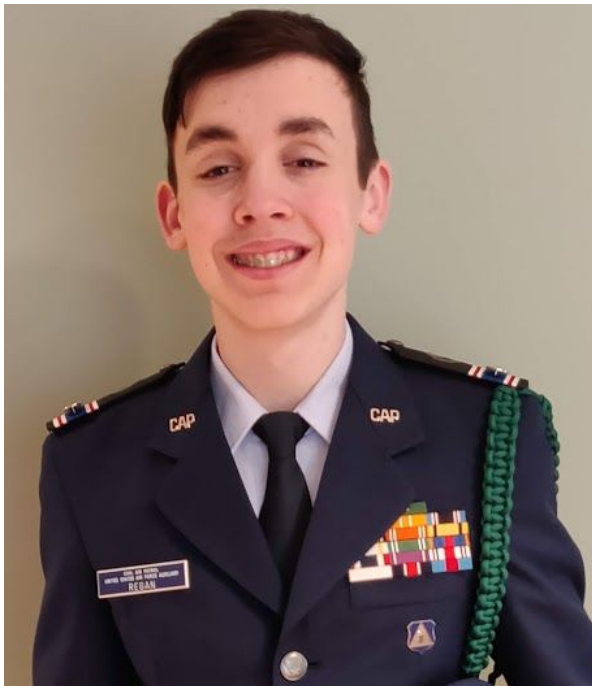
Given pandemic restrictions, this RCLS was historic in that it was held virtually for the first time. Although some in-person camaraderie was lost, the cadets adapted with remarkable technological solutions for interacting and working with each other remotely. Their online sessions even included social gatherings such as watching a movie together (they watched "Sully").

Cadet Regan joined CAP as a freshman

when, in his words, he "was looking for a new experience that would develop my character, advance my leadership and prepare me for life after high school". Opportunities to fly and train to fly in CAP were also a big draw. Although some activities such as the Northeast Region Flight Academy were cancelled last year due to COVID-19, orientation flights were still available to cadets in both military and civilian aircraft.

Emergency Services became another important focus for Cadet Regan as he explored CAP's programs. He participated in multiple Emergency Services exercises and achieved Skills Evaluator status as a Mission Radio Operator. He is currently training as a Communications Unit Leader, Ground Team Member and Urban Direction-Finding Team Member.

As for planning for the future, "CAP has helped me prepare for college" attests Regan, "whether it be a civilian school, or a Federal service academy"; he has begun the application process. We congratulate Cadet Regan once again on his accomplishments and wish him all the best in all his endeavors!



C/Capt. Evan Regan.
(Photo courtesy of C/Capt. Regan)

"Mustang Games" Jeopardy Nights Now Held Monthly

By C/Capt. Evan Regan, CAP

Starting in January, Putnam County Composite Squadron has held a once-a-month game night. Two teams of cadets, led by team captains which were selected in January, have competed in games of Jeopardy. Topics have included everything from CAP trivia to aerospace history.

The idea for a game night was devised in January by C/2d Lt. Cora Taylor, the squadron's primary representative to the Southeast Group Cadet Advisory Council. Seeing the absence of normal social interactions and fun experiences due to online meetings, she took it upon herself to create and organize entire jeopardy games. "I think it is a great way to have cadets work together and get that sense of unit team building that we haven't had due to do COVID," said Taylor.

The reviews have been overwhelmingly positive, with cadets praising its ability to bring fun and fresh experiences to meetings while still being relevant to CAP. Although they are designed for virtual playing, they may extend past virtual meetings due to their popularity.

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