



*Platte Valley Composite Squadron
July 2020 Newsletter
Volume 1*

PRENOTES:

You have opened the first ever edition of the Platte Valley Composite Squadron newsletter, one that will be edited, changed, and formatted throughout the next few months to best fit our members' view. Your Squadron PAO team is excited to bring you a newly created weekly newsletter. Every week, new information about the meeting and squadron operations will be written and posted on a single document. You will be able to find this newsletter at any time. Items such as what we conducted at meetings (so parents don't feel left out!), promotions, and even outside of meeting events will be covered. The PAO's will also be writing a wide variety of separate articles over the term's duration, such as career intros, event recaps, and even interviews of many different people. We are excited to serve the squadron by not only keeping our members informed, but also to keep our squadron and organization visible to the community of Kansas City and beyond.

Signed,

PVCS PAO Team

SM William Guerrero

C/SrA Kari Ehlers

C/Lt Col Justin Holt

JULY RECAP:

July was an interesting month for the Platte Valley Composite Squadron. We had the first of our in-person meetings since March, we had cadets who were finally able to get their uniform situation fixed, we had our first ever hybrid meeting environment (members online and in-person), and we ended with moving back to Phase 0 in the recovery plan. Our squadron, along with the rest of Missouri Wing, has moved back into virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. A special shoutout goes to those that helped with the Fireworks Tent this year. Through your efforts, we were very successful during this health crisis in raising funds that will directly benefit our squadron and activities!

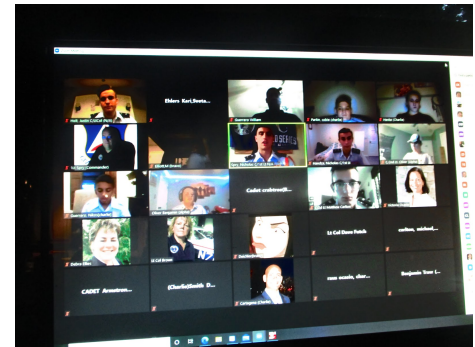


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Week 1: JULY 6, 2020

Character Development and Change of Command

Put your capes on! During this virtual meeting, we were fortunate to have a class on heroism by our Character Development Instructor Assistant, Lt Gina Carlton. During this meeting, cadets learned what heroism is and looks like, and even conducted an exercise where they graded which situation displayed the most "heroism." The squadron also underwent a Change of Command - all cadet staff changed out, with the Cadet Commander C/Lt Col Justin Holt transferring command to C/1st Lt Nicholas Spry.



Week 2: JULY 13, 2020

Aerospace Education

Get ready to fly! C/2dLt Chris Foster, along with Lt Col Shannon Brown, taught an introduction to flying class all about aircraft, control surfaces, and even went into how cadets can be involved in Orientation Flights. Watch for messages from Lt Col Brown regarding O-Flight times. This was also our first in-person meeting back at the VFW since March. Cadets enjoyed the company of other cadets from a distance, while some cadets were able to tune into the meeting by viewing on the Zoom platform. Surfaces were sanitized, washed down, and cadets always maintained their six foot distance.



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Week 3: JULY 20, 2020

Emergency Services

When you approach a missing person in the field, what do you do? C/Lt Col Justin Holt taught an Emergency Services class that had cadets learning how to approach a scene, working with C/CMSgt Zachari Holt to communicate over radio, and learning from C/2dLt Matthew Carlton on how to communicate with aircraft in the air with signals. Throughout the night, an online Zoom call was also made available for the entire night, including Flight Times, which cadets learned how to better lead and perform drill. At the end of the night, C/Lt Col Justin Holt and distinguished guest C/Lt Col Reagan Hess (MO-110) were recognized for achieving the Carl Spaatz award, the pinnacle of the Cadet Program.

WEEK 4: JULY 27, 2020

Announcements

The announcement was made - Missouri Wing will be transferring back to Phase 0 in the recovery process. Phase 0 in the process means that squadrons will need to meet virtually, and that no one can meet for CAP business unless it is essential. During this very brief meeting, Capt Debra Ellies discussed what our Squadron's plans are for the next two weeks and a poll was conducted for what interests were for this virtual time period - team building activities, games, ES training, and aerospace education were among the top choices. If you have any more ideas, please let your Chain of Command know!

Look-Ahead:

PVCS Virtual Meeting (ES) - August 3, 2020 @ 1845 (Zoom)

PVCS Virtual Meeting (CD) - August 10, 2020 @ 1845 (Zoom)

Civil Air Patrol National Conference - August 14-August 15 (look on National Website gocivilairpatrol.com)