

PLATTE VALLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON - PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM
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The computer has won once again. After 3 months of online meetings and having returned to just three in-person meetings, Missouri Wing had to revert back to Phase Zero in the re-mobilization process. But stay vigilant, the Platte Valley Composite Squadron Cadet Commander is optimistic about the squadron's future.

Missouri Wing Staff announced the decision to revert back to Phase Zero on their Missouri Wing Facebook page (@Missouri Wing - Civil Air Patrol) on the evening of 26 July 2020. This careful decision was made after an upward trend in positive COVID-19 cases in Missouri. During Phase Zero no in-person meetings are permitted for any non-essential C.A.P. business except for missions such as Search and Rescue that have been deemed essential activities.



C/1st Lt Nicholas Spry

Although this decision impacts many of our events such as in-person squadron meetings, Missouri Wing Search and Rescue exercises, etc, we encourage cadets to remain ready. Regardless of how long it may take to resume in-person meetings, Cadet Commander C/1st Lt Nicholas Spry has a positive viewpoint. "I just want to assure everyone that we will get back to in-person. We just need to stay strong and continue to meet virtual until we can be in person again." C/1st Lt Spry goes on to speak about how to reach out to remain connected to the squadron. "It will be hard, but remember to continue to better yourself by testing and other items you can do. Your flight staff is always here to help."

One support system that cadets can always count on is a wingman in the squadron. "The most important thing is to call a CAP buddy and check on them and help to stick with the program during these hard times," C/1st Lt Spry says. If you do not have a wingman, checking in with your teammates during squadron meetings is a good way to stay in contact, if not by email.



Cadet Wingman

All in all, do not let virtual meetings dampen your hopes for this year. In the words and spirit of your Cadet Commander, stay in touch and ride out the storm - but you might want to get real friendly with your favorite desktop again.