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February 2026

THUNDERBOLT NEWS



Physical Training

The cadets kicked off the month of February with group physical training! After completing guided stretches to properly warm up, they ran a timed mile, motivating one another to achieve new personal records. Physical training is a vital part of cadet life, building fitness, discipline, and readiness for advancement.



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Character Development

This month's Character Development lesson focused on the cadets' transformation into future leaders. Cadets explored how a team's success depends not only on its members, but on the example set by its leader. The discussion highlighted essential leadership traits and how to apply them when working with others.









Aerospace Education

This month's Aerospace Education lesson focused on cybersecurity, a rapidly growing field in both the military and civilian sectors. Cadets explored the basics of the Stuxnet cyberattack and discussed its connection to programming and modern aerospace operations.

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COMMANDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Thunderbolt Composite Squadron is proud to announce the beginning of a new staff term. Staff positions will be announced at the March 8th meeting, where expectations and goals for the term will also be outlined. Under the leadership of C/1st Lt Srinivasan, the squadron looks forward to welcoming fresh ideas and renewed motivation from its cadet leaders. As one of the largest squadrons in the nation, staff members will be held to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence.



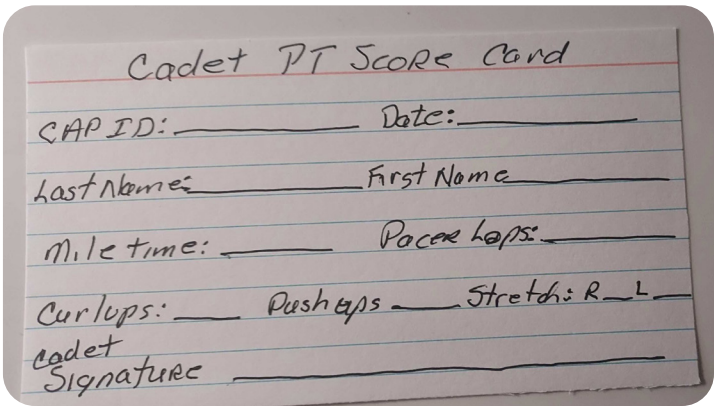


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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Cadets are required to bring a properly labeled notecard (see example provided). Cadets must also wear the appropriate PT uniform: Tan T-shirt with black shorts or sweats.

Please arrive prepared and ready to participate in physical training.





When parking at the church meeting location, please use the far north side of the parking lot. This allows adequate space for our Drills and Ceremonies activities.





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EVENT SPOTLIGHT

National Legislative Day

Members of the Thunderbolt Composite Squadron was recently honored to represent the Civil Air Patrol in Washington, D.C., during National Legislative Day. During the visit, cadets met with all 40 legislators, confidently sharing their C.A.P. experiences and the impact of the program across Texas. They demonstrated professionalism, discipline, and strong communication skills in every meeting.



Events like this highlight cadets who consistently embody the core values and uphold the highest standards of our squadron. National Legislative Day stands as one of the most distinguished opportunities of the year, showcasing the excellence and dedication within our cadets.





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Orientation Flights

Orientation flights are one of the most exciting and rewarding opportunities available to cadets. Each cadet is eligible to receive up to five free orientation flights, giving them the chance to experience powered flight firsthand from the cockpit. These flights allow cadets to see aerospace concepts come to life while gaining a greater appreciation for aviation and flight operations.

Beyond the educational value, orientation flights are an unforgettable and fun experience that many cadets consider a highlight of their time in the program. They build confidence, inspire future aviation goals, and create lasting memories. Be sure to check the “Upcoming Events” section for sign-up information and availability.







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UPCOMING EVENTS

Allen Rotary Flag Fundraiser

Host: Chief Strittmatter (Robert.Strittmatter@txwg.cap.gov)
Where: 1219 W McDermott Dr, Allen, TX 75073
Date: May 20th & May 27th
Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Signup: Signup Genius



Orientation Flights

Host: 1st Lt Selec (William.Selec@txwg.cap.gov)
Where: 1508 Industrial Blvd, McKinney, TX 75069
Date: March 21st
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Signup: Registration Zone



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PROMOTIONS



Achievement 1
C/Amn Gondrala



Achievement 1
C/Amn Shenkeshi



Achievement 1
C/Amn Toodi



Achievement 2
C/A1C Adeyemi



Achievement 2
C/A1C Kapavarapu



Achievement 2
C/A1C Karthikeyan

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Achievement 2
C/A1C Vega-Aguiar



Achievement 3
C/SrA Agarwal



Achievement 3
C/SrA Goddard



Achievement 3
C/SrA Kodali



Achievement 3
C/SrA Pandit



Achievement 3
C/SrA Prasath

PROMOTIONS



Achievement 3
C/SrA Sohail



Achievement 3
C/SrA Wooton



Wright Brothers
C/SSgt Prasad



Wright Brothers
C/SSgt Nimmagadda



Wright Brothers
C/SSgt Reeves



Wright Brothers
C/SSgt Takle

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Wright Brothers
C/SSgt Vadivel



Achievement 4
C/TSgt Adrian Muns



Achievement 5
C/MSgt Kantheti



Achievement 6
C/SMSgt Brezina



Achievement 6
C/SMSgt
Alexander Muns



Achievement 6
C/SMSgt Silsby

PROMOTIONS



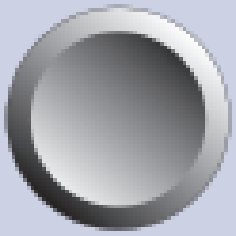
Achievement 7
C/CMSgt Chupp



Achievement 7
C/CMSgt Sonnier



Achievement 8
C/CMSgt McGee



Achievement 9
C/2d Lt Sumethasorn

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RESOURCES

Squadron Website

Squadron Calendar

New Cadet Guide (CAPP 60-22)

Drill and Ceremony Guide

Uniform Regulations (CAPR 39-1)

Parents' Guide



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