

# SEP @ OCCS

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## Review Boards

Several cadets in the squadron, both previous cadet and non staff, applied for different positions on staff within the cadet chain of command. After applying for staff through Google Docs, cadets are sent to a Cadet Exec Staff review board where they are hammered with questions akin to those in a job interview.

## Volunteer Projects

The Cadet Executive Staff at OCCS are looking into different volunteering projects in our community to fulfill our core value of community service and to provide cadets with an outlet to build their community service hours in order to receive their community services ribbon (earned after 60+ hours). As the cadet staff builds a list of opportunities, we welcome any and all suggestions (please email to: [abigaiham@gmail.com](mailto:abigaiham@gmail.com)).

## *Hurricane Florence*

Towards the beginning of September, news of the hurricane finally hit home with several families and friends of OCCS. So much so that one of our meetings was in fact cancelled. The rain, winds, flooding, and damage done to North Carolina was a new and scary thing for many of us to experience. But through all experiences, there is something to be gained, to be gleaned, to be learned from. And several of our people who volunteered to help in the Emergency Services POD (point of distribution) missions. According to our Wing Commander, Col Jason Bailey, "Some of the types of support we provided have been evolving for years. The first Points of Distribution (POD) mission that included NCWG was during Irene. We have since learned a lot from Hurricane Matthew. During Hurricane Florence, NC Wing and other Wings from MER and SER had over 140 people serving at one POD site alone while also supporting two other sites, the Resource Coordination Center (RCC) East, RCC Central, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)."

Here is a link to what I believe is the number one story of the hurricane relief. Our very own Capt Timothy Bagnell was the leading Senior member of a 4 person team delivering a special formula to sick infants on the east side of NC. One infant was in critical condition with the loss of this special formula. See the full article about the teams accomplishments here: [www.cap.news/nc-wing-members-rush-special-baby-formula-to-sick-infants/](http://www.cap.news/nc-wing-members-rush-special-baby-formula-to-sick-infants/) (written by NCWG's Public Affairs Officer, Capt Lynne Albert)

Also see this article written about a cadet who devoted his time to a POD mission during the hurricane: <https://www.cap.news/nc-cadet-victimized-by-florence-helps-distribute-supplies/> (written by NCWG's Public Affairs Officer, Capt Lynne Albert)

Here is a link to pictures of CAP during Florence: <https://civilairpatrol.smugmug.com/National-HQ/Operations/Hurricane-Florence/North-Carolina-Wing/> (shared by NCWG's Public Affairs Officer, Capt Lynne Albert)

Something I found personally fascinating and honestly mind-blowing was this chart sent out:

Sortie Type	Total # of Sorties	Total # of Sortie Hours
Air	102	202.5
Ground	215	4431
Total # of still images uploaded to Requesting Agencies		1842
Total # of new imagery (Waldo camera system) uploaded		>27,000
Number of volunteers in the missions		>600
Total volunteer hours		>24954

### ***The 5 Pillars of Wellness***

In the month of September, cadets and seniors across the nation were tasked with a special Character Development night. Harder for some, this Character Development lesson touched on some difficult topics. Over the course of 2018, five cadets in CAP have committed suicide. This caught national attention and our National Commander, Major General Mark E. Smith, sent out news of the mandated 5 Pillars of Wellness night in September and a self safety/wellness down day (a down day means that the entire meeting is devoted to this one thing) in October. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend the down day and participate. Safety is number one in CAP, we want our cadets safe, seniors safe, events safe, we are here to keep the environment safe. Everyone is a safety officer.

Click this link to read the full message set out by Major General Mark E. Smith: [National Commander Memo 5 Pillars Wellness and Resilience.](#)

### ***New Cadet Staff (October through December)***

Flight Commander: C/2nd Lieutenant Jace Lord

Flight Sergeant: C/CMSgt John Taylor

First Sergeant: C/CMSgt Ryan Cassada

Element Leader (Alpha): C/SrAmn Jefferson Hernandez

Element Leader (Bravo): C/SSgt Haddon Parks

Element Leader (Charlie): C/ArC Benjamin Anspach

C/1st Lt Abigail Ham