



The Nellis Times

December 2011



2011 Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade

The 2011 Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade took place on Veterans Day, Friday, 11 Nov 2011. The parade commemorated the 93rd anniversary of the end of hostilities in the First World War on 11 Nov 1918. Congress later expanded Veterans Day to honor veterans from all conflicts. Members of the Nellis Composite Squadron are shown waiting for the rest of the squadron to join them in the staging area prior to marching in the parade.

Promotions

Captain

Cory J. Setera 22 Nov 2011

Administrative Officer

C/1st Lt Patrick Casa 23 Nov 2011

Robert Goddard

C/CMSgt Marjorie Franzen 06 Nov 2011

Jimmy Doolittle

C/SMSgt Steven Pedley 15 Nov 2011
C/SMSgt Daniel Schmidt 27 Nov 2011

Wright Brothers

C/SSgt Nathan Witter 06 Nov 2011

Mary Feik

C/SrA Edward Shiu 15 Nov 2011

Gen Hap Arnold

C/Amn Enrique Alvarez	26 Oct 2011
C/Amn Joseph Brousseau	26 Oct 2011
C/Amn Zachary Eckman	26 Oct 2011
C/Amn Hudson Hargrove	03 Nov 2011
C/Amn Thomas Held	04 Dec 2011
C/Amn David Lucero	30 Nov 2011
C/Amn Chris Mathews	31 Oct 2011
C/Amn Tyler E. Mills	04 Dec 2011

NCS Runs out of Cadet Basics!

There are currently NO Cadet Basics assigned to Nellis Composite Squadron. Thanks to the efforts of our cadet staff and the Tango Cohort Commander, C/2d Lt Mario D'Angelo, all Cadet Basics from the last Tango Cohort have promoted to Cadet Airmen. This is a significant achievement compared to past promotion rates and the average time required to promote. It reflects great credit on both the members involved in Tango training and the quality, hard work and desire of our new members. Our new Cadet Airmen are setting the bar high for future cadets and we can expect great things from them in the future.

Our new Tango Cohort starts on Tuesday, 6 Dec 2011, but latecomers can still join until 13 Dec 2011.



Unit Self-Assessment

Thanks to all the staff members who turned in their section's self-assessment. This demonstrated a commitment to excellence and to making Nellis Composite Squadron the best squadron in the wing. The completed self-assessment has been forwarded to wing staff.

The self-assessment provides us a template to use in improving our squadron's processes, procedures, and programs. This will culminate next October when the Wing Inspector General and his inspection team conduct our Subordinate Unit Inspection.

Color Guard Performs for 7,500 Educators

The Nellis Composite Squadron Color Guard, commanded by C/CMSgt Marjorie Franzen, kicked off the Department of Education 2011 Federal Student Aid Conference on 29 Nov 11. The opening ceremony was attended by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and 7,500 other educators. Super job to C/CMSgt Franzen, C/CMSgt Spann, C/SMSgt Schmidt, and C/CMSgt Michelle Azzata (assisting from the 802nd Cadet Squadron).

CyberPatriot Round 2

C/1st Patrick Casa, C/SSgt Braden Gant, and C/SrA Chris Casa represented the squadron during Round 2 of the Air Force Association sponsored CyberPatriot competition. This round consisted of simultaneously maintaining critical services on a Windows XP Workstation and a Windows 2003 Server while identifying and eliminating system vulnerabilities caused by viruses, malware, and worms.

The team was severely handicapped by the exceptionally slow mobile broadband connection and after five hours were unable to maintain contact with the gaming server. We will make sure an improved connection for the next round will be available for the team.

The team's progress in learning the highly technical art and science of computer security is due to the superb mentoring provided by USAF Cyber Warriors Maj George "Flint" Sconyers, Capt Eric "Derby" Bailey, Capt Angela "pH" Waters and 1st Lt Matt "Tux" Weiner. Once this year's competition is over, they will be providing monthly presentations to the squadron to start preparing us for next year's competition. The presentations will be open to all squadron members.



Emergency Services Achievements

Senior Ground Team Badge

Capt David Sidle



Ground Team Badge

C/Lt Col Nicole Crisp



C/Capt Ruben Cruz-Colon

C/2d Lt Mario D'Angelo

Emergency Services Patch

Capt David Sidle



Capt Cory Setera

1st Lt John D'Angelo

TFO Grayson Grantham

C/Lt Col Nicole Crisp

C/Capt Ruben Cruz-Colon

C/2d Lt Mario D'Angelo

General Emergency Services

SM Joseph Brousseau



SM Robert Lopez

C/1st Lt Patrick Casa

C/TSgt Terry McDowell

C/SrA Christopher Casa

C/SrA Edward Shiu

C/A1C Jason Fung

C/A1C Dakota Read

C/Amn Enrique Alvarez

C/Amn Hezekiah Bermudez

C/Amn Joseph Brousseau

C/Amn Thomas Held

C/Amn David Lucero

C/Amn Chris Mathews

C/Amn Joshua Miller

C/Amn Nicholas Roth

C/Amn Jesse Sturm

C/Amn George Thompson

Facebook URL

www.facebook.com/ncs069

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December Birthdays

04 Enrique Alvarez

20 Teresa Parker

25 David Larson

28 Robert Miller



Cadet Physical Fitness Testing

"Fit for Life" is the motto of the Cadet Physical Fitness Program. The purpose of fitness testing is to encourage cadets to develop a personal fitness plan that will keep them "fit for life". There is no way in the limited time we are together to provide the physical fitness activities needed to pass the Cadet Physical Fitness Test. Each cadet needs to develop and follow their own personal fitness program in order to get fit and stay fit. The fitness test is just a periodic check on how well the cadet is following his personnel fitness program.

In support of the fit for life goal, the following squadron policies are now in effect:

- A cadet must pass the CPFT within the last three months to promote.
- Unless on a medical waiver, all cadets will participate in the bi-monthly CPFT at Runners World.
- Cadets on a Commander's waiver for the CPFT (not a doctor's waiver) will test every month.
- Cadets on a Commander's waiver must have a personal exercise program and report their exercise to the Cadet Commander at the last meeting each month. Reporting will consist of recording their exercises on the squadron provided form.
- The Uniform of the Day for cadets taking the CPFT will be PT gear.

Commander's Corner

If not you, then who?

That is a question you will hear being asked more and more in the future. We are a volunteer organization and rely 100% on **you** to accomplish our mission at the squadron level. After all, that is why we joined the Civil Air Patrol, to learn new things while volunteering to help our community.

We constantly face new and recurring tasks that need to be accomplished professionally and by a suspense date. Someone has to learn how to do the job and then do it. **If not you, then who?**

I get a lot of great suggestions on fun and exciting things for our squadron to do. All it takes is someone to make contact with other organizations, coordinate and plan the activities, work out a schedule, arrange transportation, and get everyone in the squadron prepared to go. **If not you, then who?**

Duty assignments in the squadron come with guidance on the tasks and responsibilities of the position. This applies both to cadet leadership positions and senior member positions. All any job needs is someone to learn and follow the regulations, meet the deadlines, and accomplish all the required paperwork. **If not you, then who?**

New senior members and cadets struggle to remember all the ends and outs of being a CAP member. They need help to know how to correctly wear their uniforms, how to find uniform parts, how to find information on CAP and squadron web sites, how to read the weekly schedule, and how to take their on-line tests. Someone needs to give them a helping hand. **If not you, then who?**

The next time you see something that needs to be done, remember, **if not you, then who?**

Aim High

Rick Parker, Lt Col, CAP
Commander



Valley of Fire SAREX

The Valley of Fire Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) is approved for 21 thru 23 December.

Everyone will meet on Wednesday, 21 Dec, at the Airman Leadership School for a full day of task training. Individual equipment will be issued as required and all personal ground team packs inspected. Members will spend the night at their own home.

Deployment to Valley of Fire takes place early Thursday morning, 22 Dec, from the Airman Leadership School. Members will conduct ground team and mission base training in the Valley of Fire on Thursday and Friday, returning to the Airman Leadership School NLT 1700 on Friday. Members will remain overnight on Thursday in the Valley of Fire.

The SAREX is approved and funded by the USAF as a A-5 mission. This is a Air Force Assigned Mission and the mission number is 12-T-3806. It includes flying hours to support ground team training.

Kudos to Capt Dave Sidle for taking the lead and making this happen. More details are available at the meeting.

Inputs for Monthly Newsletter

The newsletter will be published before the first meeting each month. If you have photos, articles, notices, or anything you want to add to this newsletter, please provide them to Lt Col Parker no later than the last meeting before the first of each month. If you are interested in working on newsletter, please contact Lt Col Parker.

Cadet Staff Members and aspiring Cadet Staff need to take heed of this article! It will help you in your CAP career and your life in general. -C/Lt Col Nicole Crisp

Personal Responsibility

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. John M. Watry
319th Force Support Squadron
<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123252279>

4/19/2011 - **GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFNS)** -- Do you know someone who makes it sound like everyone is out to get him? That everything that happens to him is the fault of someone else? Usually, this is the result of that person not taking personal responsibility for the choices he has made. We all make choices every day. These choices not only affect you, but they also have an impact on those around you.

Almost everything that happens in our lives is dictated by the choices we make and the attitude we have when things do not go the way we want them to. These choices vary from the mundane to major life changes and everything in between. The object is to make good choices, avoid bad choices and, if you make a bad choice, learn from it. No matter what happens, though, you have to take responsibility for the decisions you make and how they affect your life and those around you.

Many people think of making a choice and personal responsibility as doing something active. However, that is only half of it. The choices we make to not act carry just as much weight and are just as important as when we choose to act.

When you see something that is not right, do you let it continue or do you step in and correct it? It could be as simple as correcting someone's dress and appearance or cutting someone off when he has had too much to drink. It doesn't matter what rank you are, you are still responsible for what you decide to do or not do. If you choose not to act, you can lose credibility with coworkers, supervisors and subordinates. Not taking responsibility and choosing not to act, in effect, condones the behavior.

Throughout my career, I have heard individuals try to condone their behavior and abrogate their personal responsibility with a statement like, "Everyone else was doing it." Peer pressure puts a lot of people in bad situations because they do something they shouldn't or don't stop something they should, all because they are concerned with what others think.

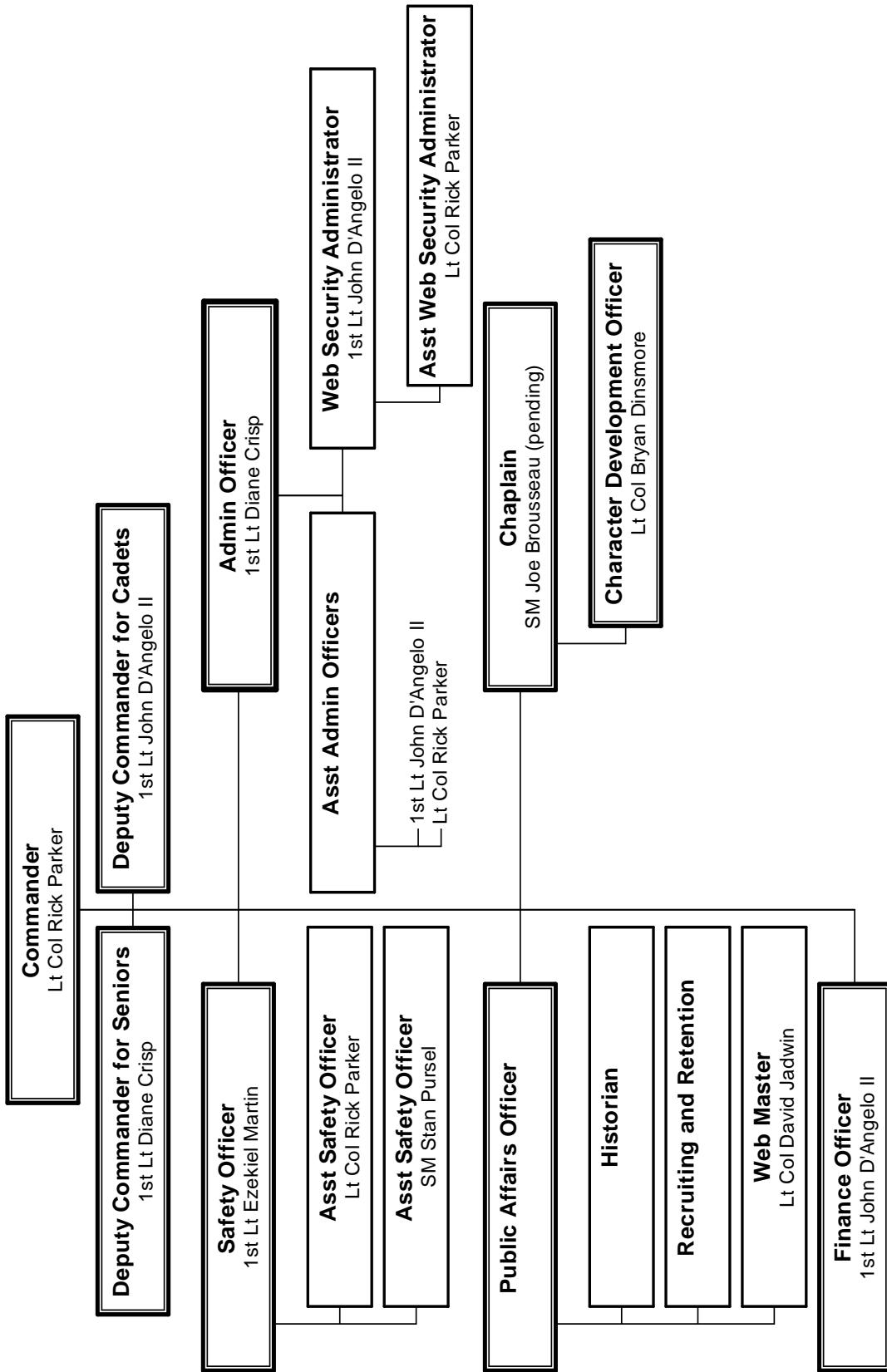
You should not worry about what others think of your actions if it is the responsible thing to do. If you can't own up to and defend the decision you make, it is probably the wrong decision, and if the people around you don't respect the decision you make, you should probably find other people to be around. Just because someone else does or doesn't do something doesn't make it right. You still have to take the responsibility for what you choose to do.

Our Air Force Core Values are driven by the idea of personal responsibility. "Integrity First" epitomizes personal responsibility. Doing the right thing whether or not it is witnessed by others is a key part of taking personal responsibility for your actions. "Service Before Self" relies on us to own up to the responsibilities we took on when we swore our oath of enlistment or oath of office. "Excellence In All We Do" requires us to take the responsibility to give our best effort at all times, both professionally and personally.

Taking personal responsibility for our decisions makes us stronger individually which makes us a stronger Air Force and a stronger society.

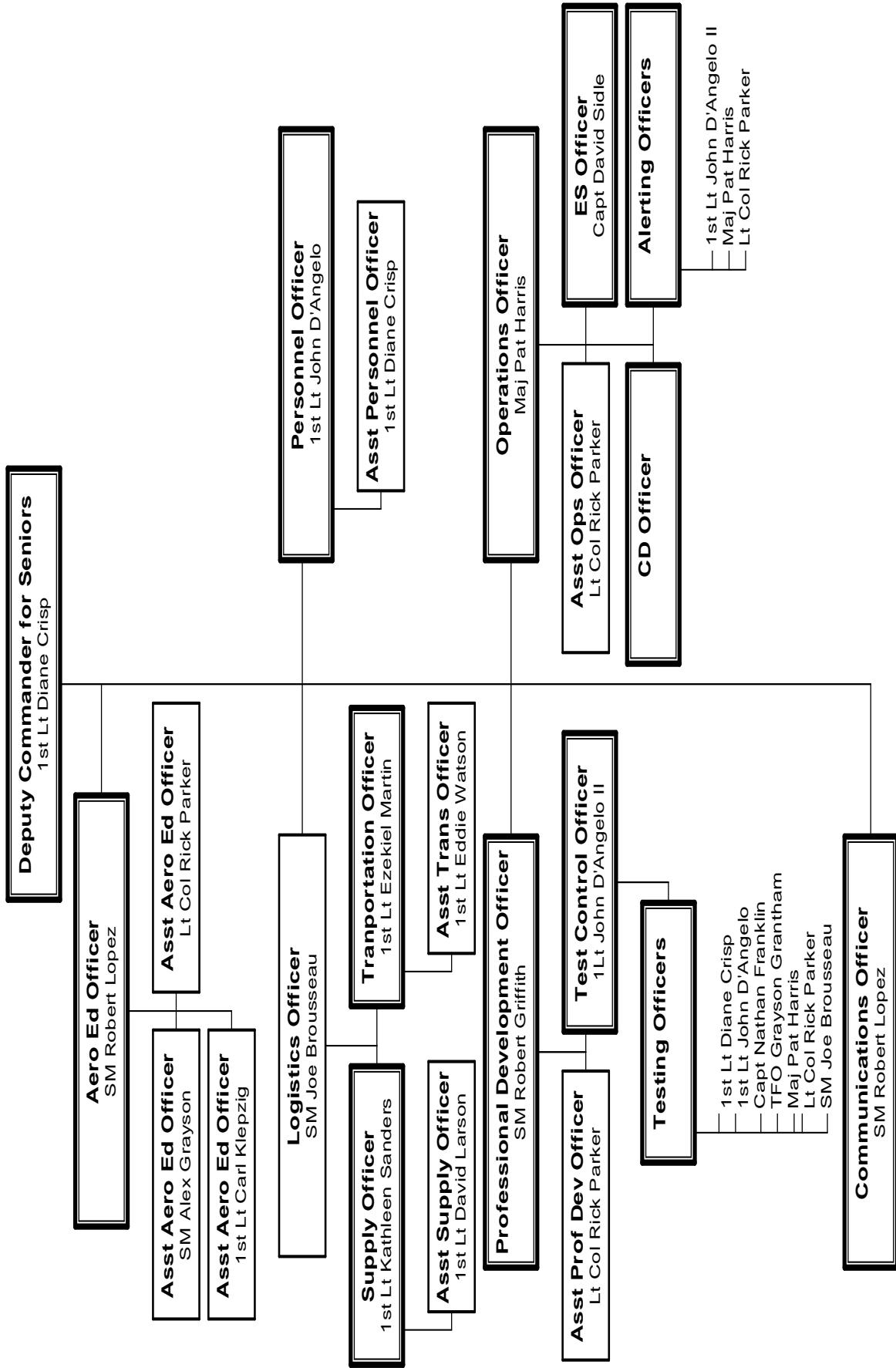
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Command Staff (1 Dec 2011)



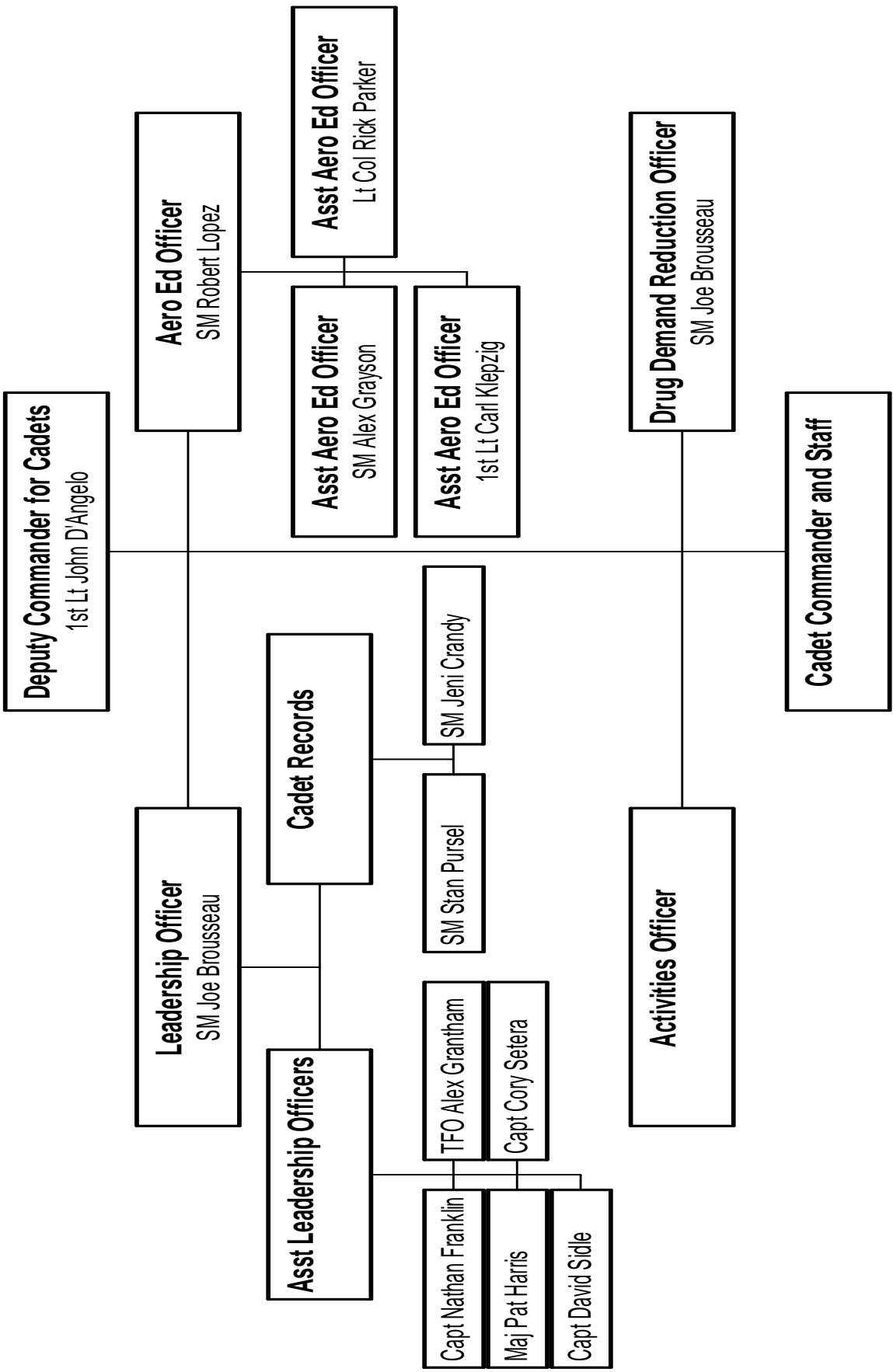
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Senior Program Staff (1 Dec 2011)



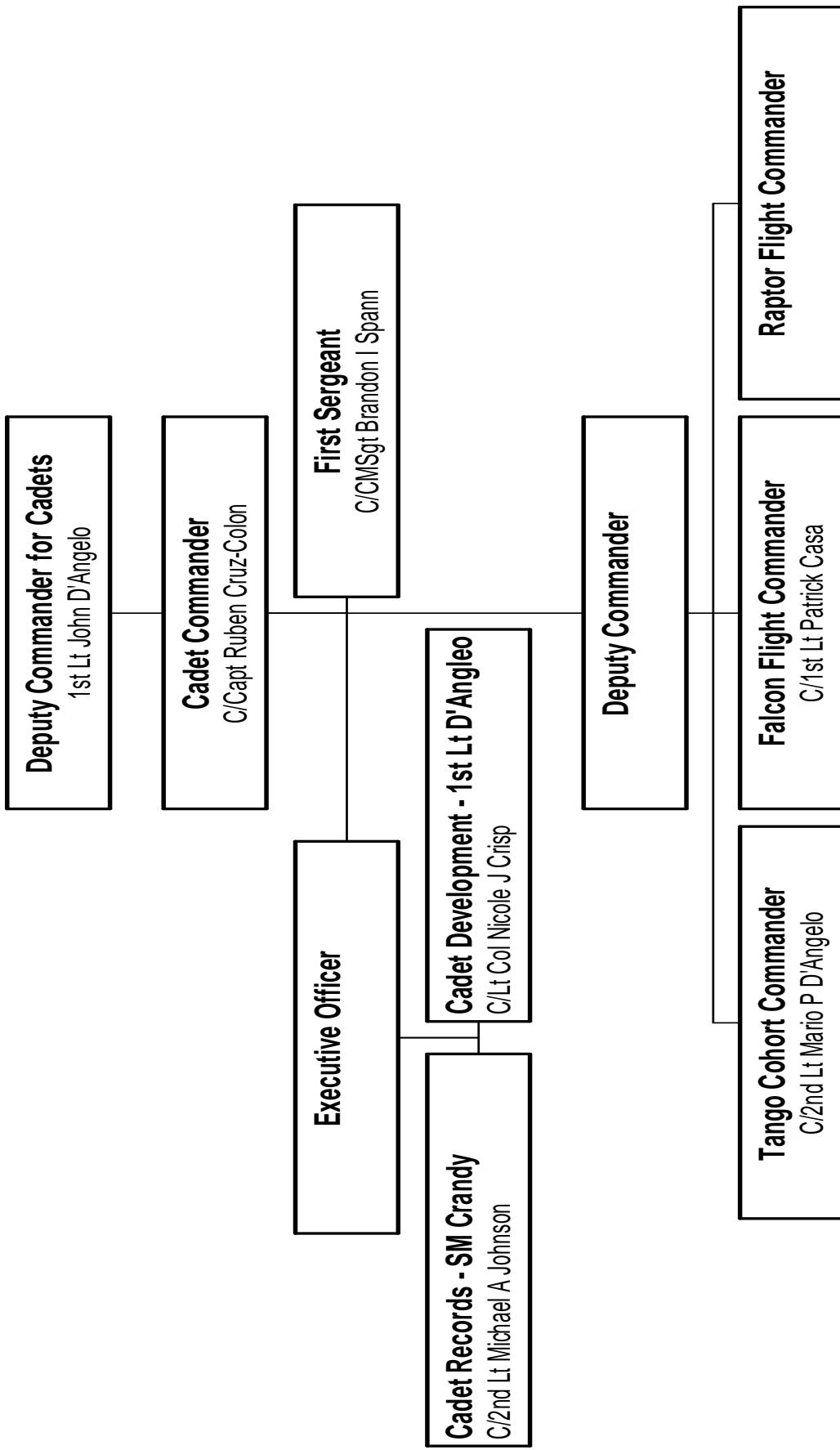
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Cadet Program Leadership (1 Dec 2011)



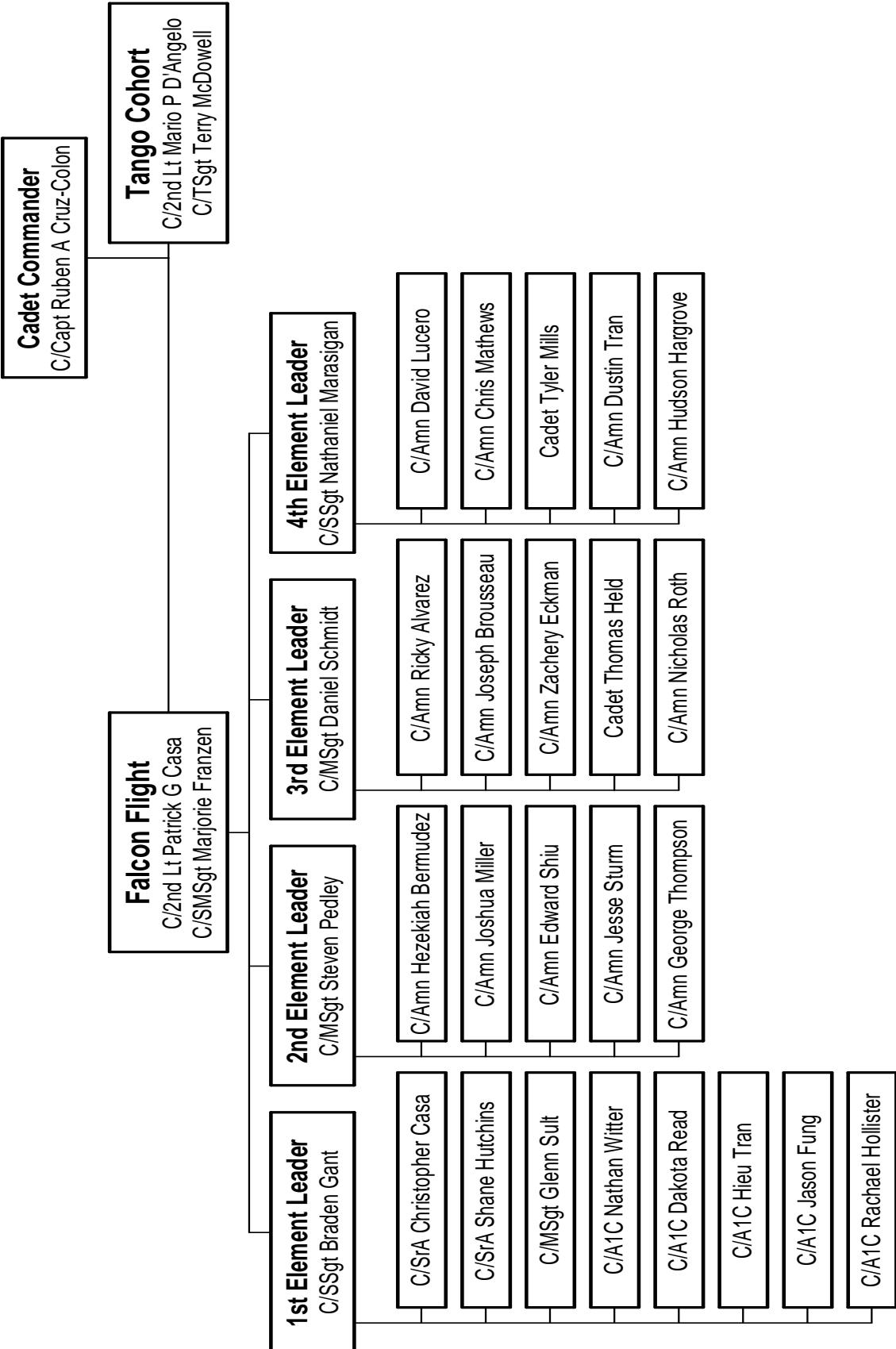
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Cadet Organization (1 Dec 2011)



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Cadet Flight Assignments (1 Dec 2011)



Nellis Composite Squadron - 3 Month Training Plan-- Dec 2011 to Feb 12

Min	Description	Cadets	Phase Two	Phase One	Tango Cadets	Senior Members
Week 10	6-Dec-2011	1st Tuesday				
20	Emphasis	Drill & Ceremonies				
25	Core	Character Dev			MS/MO Training	
25	Core	"Small War"			MS/MO Training	
25	Spec Trng		L2L Chpt 2-2 Curriculum			
25	Spec Trng		L2L Chpt 2-2 Activity			
Week 11	13-Dec-2011	2nd Tuesday				
20	Emphasis	Safety Briefing			Safety Briefing	
25	Core		L2L Chpt 2-3 Curriculum	2.21 Identity Crisis		
25	Core		L2L Chpt 2-3 Activity	2.12 Drill 1		
25	Spec Trng	NCSA Briefing	Uniform Issue/Exchange	2.3 Customs & Courtesies		
25	Spec Trng	NCSA Briefing	Turn In Promotion Fms	2.1 Followership		
Week 12	20-Dec-2011	3rd Tuesday			19-30 Dec Xmas Break	
20	Emphasis	Drill & Ceremonies			Collect Membership Applications	
25	Core	Cadet Staff Selection			Review Cadet's AE Mod 1 Class Prep	
25	Core	Promotion board	Acheivement/Drill Tests			
25	Spec Trng	CPFT (if Required)			2.2 Chain of Command	MS/MO Training
25	Spec Trng				2.12 Drill 2	MS/MO Training
					2.31 Customs & Courtesies Lab	
Week 13	27-Dec-2011	4th Tuesday				
20	Emphasis	Drill & Ceremonies				
25	Core		AE Mod 4-1 Curriculum	5.1 Intro to Core Values		
25	Core		AE Mod 4-1 Activity	5.2 The Cadet Oath	Staff Meeting	
25	Spec Trng	AEX II Robotics		Uniform Issue	Training Plan	
25	Spec Trng	Awards & Promotions		Purchase Insignia Kit	Awards & Promotions	

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Min	Description	All Members	Senior Members	Cadets	Phase Two	Phase One	Tango Cadets
	Week 1	3-Jan-2012		1st Tuesday			
20	Emphasis	Current Events					
25	Core		Character Dev			2.4 The Uniform	
25	Core		"Lonely at the Top"			2.42 Uniform Tutorial	
25	Spec Trng			AE Mod 4-2 Class		Curry Review	
25	Spec Trng			AE Mod 4-2 Activity		eServices	
		7-Jan-2012	CADET FIELD DAY				
	Week 2	10-Jan-2012		2nd Tuesday			
20	Emphasis	Safety Briefing				7.33 Recite Cadet Oath	
25	Core					7.31 Drill Test	
25	Core					7.1 Pre-Test/Jeopardy!	
25	Spec Trng	Uniform exchange		Achv/Drill Tests		7.3 Curry Exam	
25	Spec Trng			Turn-in promo agree.			
	Week 3	17-Jan-2012		3rd Tuesday			
20	Emphasis		CPPT			7.2 CPFT	
25	Core		Report to Runners				
25	Core		World for testing			7.2 CPFT	
25	Spec Trng		PT Games				
25	Spec Trng		PT Games				
	Week 4	24-Jan-2012		4th Tuesday			
20	Emphasis		Drill & Ceremony				
25	Core					L2L Chpt 3-1 Class	7.2 CPFT
25	Core					L2L Chpt 3-1 Activity	7.2 CPFT
25	Spec Trng						
25	Spec Trng	Promotion Ceremony					
	Week 5	31-Jan-2012		5th Tuesday			Blue Moon Night

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Min	Description	All Members	Senior Members	Cadets	Phase Two	Phase One
	Week 6	7-Feb-2012			1st Tuesday	
20	Emphasis			Drill & Ceremonies		
25	Core			Character Dev		
25	Core			"Mind Reading"		
25	Spec Trng			L2L Chpt 3-2 Class		
25	Spec Trng			L2L Chpt 3-2 Activity		
	Week 7	14-Feb-2012			2nd Tuesday	
20	Emphasis	Safety Briefing				
25	Core			L2L Chpt 3-3 Class		
25	Core	Uniform exchange		L2L Chpt 3-3 Activity		
25	Spec Trng	BCUT		Achy/Drill Tests		
25	Spec Trng	Continued		Turn-in promo agree.		
	Week 8	21-Feb-2012			3rd Tuesday	
20	Emphasis			Drill & Ceremonies	CPFT (If Rreqd)	
25	Core			Flight Activity	CPFT (If Rreqd)	
25	Core			Flight Activity	CAPF 50s (As Rreqd)	
25	Spec Trng			Drill		
25	Spec Trng			Drill		
	Week 9	28-Feb-2012			4th Tuesday	
20	Emphasis			Drill & Ceremonies		
25	Core				AE Mod 5-1 Class	
25	Core				AE Mod 5-1 Activity	
25	Spec Trng	AEX				
25	Spec Trng	Awards & Promotions				