

SQUADRON AWARDS BANQUET JANUARY 2010

Westover Composite Squadron's Annual Award Banquet was held on January 30th, 2010 at Adelfia's Restaurant & Banquet Facility, South Hadley Massachusetts. Over 90 people attend the event. Squadron members, family members, and honored guests were treated to a buffet type dinner followed by a DJ playing requested songs throughout the evening.

Guests of Honor included:

Colonel Robert Swain, (USAFR), Commander 439th Airlift Wing, Westover ARB, MA

Colonel Christopher Hayden (CAP), Commander Northeast Region

Colonel William Meskill, (CAP), Commander Massachusetts Wing

Lt Colonel Everett W. Hume, (CA), Vice Commander Massachusetts Wing

All of the honored guests were accompanied by their spouses.

Colonel Swain gave an outstanding speech on service to country and the importance of integrity and doing things correctly so the mission will be a success. Col Hayden thanked Col Swain as well as the Air Force Reserve for the superb support given to Civil Air Patrol for many years.

Significant Awards presented during the banquet:

Meritorious Service Award presented was to Capt Claire Belden by Col Christopher Hayden, NER/CC.

Westover Squadron Senior Member of the Year - 1st Lt Stephen Edelman

Senior contributing most to Cadet Program - Capt Claire Belden & 1st Lt Gary Alicandro

Cadet of the Year - Cadet Joseph Goodreau

First Year Cadet - Cadet Marie-Nicole Meak

Most Improved Cadet - Cadet Ashley St Pierre

In addition the following senior staff members were presented the Commander's Commendation Awards for their dedicated service to the squadron over the past year (2009):

LtCol Glenda Belden

LtCol Harry Mottley

LtCol Robert Seaton

Maj Raymond LaRose

Maj John McSpadden

Maj Richard Werman

Capt Claire Belden

Capt Richard Pisarski

Capt Ken Windyka

1st Lt Gary Alicandro

1st Lt Susan Bolduc

1st Lt Stephen Edelman

1st Lt Timothy Flouton

1st Lt Diane LaFleur

1 Lt Chris Loughman

2 Lt Cynthia Alicandro

2 Lt Kevin Belder

SM James Dupuis-Menard

SM James O'Connell

Everyone attending the banquet had a very enjoyable experience, and commented that they were looking forward to another awards banquet in 2011.

Please refer to the Event Pictures website section for pictures of this banquet.