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Commander
WING COMMAND

The Alabama Wing is commanded by Colonel J. Brett Lewis. Prior to assuming command he served as the Director of Cadet Programs for the Alabama Wing. In that capacity he exercised direct responsibility for the Alabama Wing Cadet Program staff, over 300 cadets and 15 Deputy commanders for Cadets and their cadet staff in each of the squadrons located in the Alabama Wing.

The Vice Commander is Lt Col James Harris. Prior to assuming his duties as Vice Commander, he served as Commander of the Montgomery Composite Squadron.

The Chief of Staff is Maj Talmadge Butler. His primary duty is management and coordination of the wing staff as well as assisting the wing commander and vice commander in the performance of their duties. Prior to assuming this position, he served as Squadron Commander of the Gadsden Composite Squadron and a member of the Alabama Wing Emergency Services team.
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Executive Summary

The Alabama Wing took advantage of 2016 being the 75th Anniversary Year for the Civil Air Patrol in Wing efforts to increase membership and public awareness. A number of Aerospace Education (AE) Workforce Development Activities took place around the state. Workshops held in Dothan, Tuscaloosa, and Birmingham reached over 15,000 middle and high school students.

On February 1st, a mission of mercy ended with the deaths of two Alabama Wing members whose single-engine plane crashed in heavy fog near Mobile. The pilot, Maj David Mauritson, 67 of Fairhope, joined Civil Air Patrol in September 1991. Second Lt Phil Dryden, 66 of Gulf Shores, a CAP member since November 2015, served as mission scanner for the flight. The two members of the Mobile Composite Squadron were returning from a 300-mile compassion flight to Louisiana.

The Alabama Wing Conference and Cadet Conference were held the weekend of April 1-3 in Tuscaloosa. The Cadet Conference was held at the same location as the Wing Conference to enable the cadets to participate in some of the Wing activities. Northport Mayor Bobby Herndon welcomed CAP to Tuscaloosa on behalf of Mayor Walter Maddox, the Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa and Judge W. Hardy McCollum, Probate Judge and Chairman of the Tuscaloosa County Commission. U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (Tuscaloosa) was the banquet speaker.

The Wings 75th Anniversary Celebration was officially kicked off at the Wing Conference. The capstone event of the year was announced. The Alabama Wing would have an exhibit on Civil Air Patrol at the Southern Museum of Flight, located near the Birmingham Airport (BHM). Cadets and Senior Members had the opportunity to work in the restoration of an aircraft in the color and markings used by CAP during WWII. The opening event was held on Friday October 14th. The next day, 120 Cadets and Senior Members were engaged with the Aerospace Education Efforts associated with the opening of the exhibit. In addition, 34 cadets had the opportunity to have a CAP O-ride in a CAP aircraft.

In 2016, the Alabama Wing Emergency Services School (WESS) set new attendance records for its 19th year of operation. The school had students and staff from four states.

The Wing Glider program was ranked 2nd in the nation. The program acquired a second Maule tow plane and is on the waiting list for a second glider. The glider program now operates from their own hanger.

Leveraging the 75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol was a success. The Alabama Wing resulted in an overall membership increase of 4%. New Cadet Memberships increased by 4% and Senior Members by 20%.

In 2016 the Alabama Legislature provided $75,000.00 in funding for the Wing.
CHAPTER I: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

2016 was a busy year for Emergency Services in the Alabama Wing. The Wing received credit for six Finds and one Save during 2016. These include:

Mission 16M0116  On March 7, Lt Col James Gosneil, 1st Lt Rebecca Gosnel, C/1st Lt Andrew Yarbrough, and Maj Harvey Yarbrough participated as UDF members in AFRCC requested mission. These individuals were successful in locating the ELT and earned a non-distressed Find.

Mission 16M0205. On April 9th, 2016 Maj James Locke and Capt Robert Griffith served as air crew members, Maj David Hester served as Ground Team Leader and Maj Talmadge Butler served as IC in an AFRCC requested mission. As a team, these individuals were successful in locating the downed aircraft.

Mission 16M0230. On April 18th, 2016 Lt Col Scott Peters, Maj Gilbert Wright and Maj Andrew Hanes participated as aircrew in mission initiated by AFRCC. They located the EPIRM, resulting in a non-distressed FIND.

Mission 16M0230  On April 19th, 2016 Lt Col Scott Peters and 1st Lt Theodore Frigo participated as a UDF members in a mission initiated by AFRCC. Using Lat Long locations from a FLWG aircrew they were successful in locating the ELT, resulting in a non-distressed FIND.

Homeland Security

Members of the Alabama Wing participated in a number of Homeland Security support missions during 2016. These include:

- Teams regularly flying the Reaper Mission.
- Alabama Teams regularly fly on the Green Flag Project.
- Alabama HSV team participated in AFNORTH JMAC project.
- Alabama is flying low level flight surveys for Air Force.

Counterdrug

The Alabama Wing assisted the Tennessee Wing in Counterdrug flights during 2016.
Other Significant Events

The Alabama Wing Emergency Services School (WESS) entered its 19th year of training in 2016. Maj Harvey Yarbrough, Director of Emergency Services, swathe the need to prepare Cadets and Officers to work in an operations center. A new course was designed to produce Cadet and Officers trained to work in an emergency operations center during an operation. The course was a great success, added more personnel qualified to work in operations during a mission.

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In September 2002, as a member of the Alabama Wing’s Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron-024, Mauritson represented not only Alabama but also the Civil Air Patrol in flying a CAP Cessna 182 with the squadron’s commander Dennis South from the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport to New York as part of Flight Across America, to remember the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks and to promote aviation. They joined with pilots from the other 49 states bringing their state flags for presentation to New York City officials. Maj South remembered receiving the Alabama flag in a ceremony in Montgomery. The Governor presented the flag they would carry to Pennsylvania and the Pentagon sites, prior to delivery on the USS Intrepid. The aircraft on this historic flight was the Cessna 182 of the Birmingham Squadron. More information is available in the April-June 2016 issue of Civil Air Patrol Volunteer.

Training

The Wing had received Garmin cameras that mount to the underside of an aircraft’s wing. These cameras provided a different camera platform for capturing images. A SAREX weekend was dedicated to training crews on the camera. The SAREX took place during the time for Constant Watch 16, a nationwide Communications exercise. This provided an opportunity to integrate some of the aspects of the two missions. Personnel arrived on Friday evening April 30th at the Blue Thunder base, located on Maxwell Air Force Base Montgomery. Friday night they received briefings in preparation for the training planned for Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd.

Lt Col Randolph (left) and Maj Harvey Yarborough (right) are giving briefing Friday evening April 30th at Blue Thunder base. The training was conducted at Wing Headquarters. Operations were run from Blue Thunder with Flight Operations conducted from the airfield at Maxwell AFB.
Maj Ray Downward (left) is showing Lt Col Gary Bishop and Lt Col Jerry Lusk how to upload the finished product. On the table is the traditional SLR camera and the Garmin camera that attaches to the wing of the aircraft.

Flight Planning at Maxwell AFB during Wing SAREX

2nd Lt Eric Lewis operating one of the Alabama Wing communications station established at Blue Thunder Saturday 1 May 2017. Lewis is in the process of entering information into a notebook computer. VHF and HF communications equipment is mounted on the rack.
In May the Tuscaloosa Squadron AL-024 had the opportunity to conduct training using the annual Alabama Hurricane Exercise as the event they simulated responding to. The Alabama Wing had built this exercise into the Wing training plan. This provided an opportunity for Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency request air survey of traffic conditions through EMITS (Emergency Management Incident Tracking System). The request was made and staffed through Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Tuscaloosa Squadron was tasked with providing photographic images of traffic on the two hurricane evacuation routes that run through Tuscaloosa County. The survey included U.S. Highway 82 from the Mississippi State Line to Tuscaloosa and Highway 69 South from Greensboro to Tuscaloosa. The mission was a great success. The crew uploaded the images on the FEMA uploader which was then viewed by Rob Robertson, Director Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency. This valuable training was made possible due to advance planning between state and local agencies.

The Wing SAREX in July, 2016 provided an opportunity for International Cadets to visit the Bessemer Squadron. Two Cadets from Canada and two from Great Britain met with Bessemer Cadets. Lunch was BBQ from a well-known local vendor. The previous day the Cadets had visited Mobile and spent the night on the U.S.S. Alabama BB60. The Alabama is a South Dakota class battleship and the sixth ship of the United States Navy to be named after the State of Alabama. Her sister ships include: Massachusetts, Indiana and South Dakota. The Alabama initially assignment during W W II was to protect lend-lease convoys to Britain and Russia, while operating with the British Home fleet in the “Murmansk Run”. The Alabama is the only U.S. Navy ship to be honored by the USSR for WW II service. The Alabama carried two recoverable Vought OS2U “Kingfisher” float planes to be used in the over-the-horizon reconnaissance and gun-directing roles. (http://www.ussalabama.com/explore/uss-alabama-battleship/ & interview with Major General Janet L. Cobb, USA ( R ) Executive Director USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park).

Visiting International Cadet leader in foreground. The guest are sitting at table in rear
The Alabama Wing conducted a SAREX from the Chilton County Airport 26-28 August 2016. This involved aircraft and ground teams. Two members from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency staff and the Superintendent of the Chilton County School System attended a portion of the training. The Superintendent was very impressed with Civil Air Patrol and the Aero Space Education components for schools and the Cadet Program.

Stanley Batchelor, Alabama Emergency Management Agency Logistics and Pam Cook, Alabama Emergency Management Agency Training Officer listen to the in brief for the Clanton SAREX. In November both attended two Air Operations courses conducted at CAP National Headquarters.

Col Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander, addresses cadets participating in the Chilton County SAREX.

Maj Ray Downward briefs Ground Team members on mission at Chilton County SAREX. The Ground Teams operated from a separate facility adjacent to the airport.
The Chilton County SAREX provided an opportunity for Cadets and Senior Members to work on Emergency Services Qualifications. One popular area was Communications. Radio communication was conducted from the CAP trailer that was set up adjacent to the terminal building. It could be operated by generator or shore power.

Glider Operations

The Wing was ranked #2 in the nation strictly based on number of sorties per year. However when you combine FY-14, FY-15 and FY-16 data, the Alabama Wing Soaring program’s 834 sorties, surpasses that of all other Wings.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Soaring Program ended the year with three aircraft. Maule: N128CP and Cessna 12: N1432E were used for the full year. Maule N622LH was acquired from the Florida Wing. During the Fiscal Year, the wing flew two different gliders. Both aircraft were type L-23 Super-Blanik. N306BA was in use at the start of the year. In December, the Southeast Region directed the Wing to swap this glider with Georgia Wing’s N342BA. The remainder of the year, flights were conducted with N342BA. In December 2015 CAP purchased a hanger for the Wing Soaring Program. The hanger, located at the Wetumpka Municipal Airport (08A) in Elmore County has enabled the program to consolidate all program resources at one location. The hanger is at a central location within the state to perform daily operations. The hanger has three main spaces: a north hanger, a south hanger, and a large eastern storage space. The north hanger is used to store the two tow airplanes and glider trailers. The south hanger is used to store the glider and the eastern storage area is a long, narrower space used for storage. Through a Memorandum of Understanding between CAP and the Soaring Society of America (SSA) the local chapter of SSA has use of the hanger. Glider pilots include: Maj James Locke, Capt Robert Griffith and Lt Erin Reynolds. Tow pilots include: Lt Col Sam Snead (C-182), Maj James Lock (C182 , Maule), Capt Robert Griffith (C-182, Maule) and Lt Gary King (C-182, Maule). Ground operations are conducted by: Maj Randolph Crowder, Maj James Locke and Capt Robert Griffin.

Senior Members may peruse a license as a glider pilot. Major Morgan Bennett solo’d in 2016 and received her license in FY-2017.
Flight data for Fiscal Year 2016 includes both gliders.

Total Sorties: 300  (CAP’s measure of effective glider utilization is 200 sorties per year.)

Cadet Orientation Flight Sorties: 106
Training/Evaluation Sorties: 127
Other (Proficiency, etc. Sorties: 67

One of the goals of the Soaring Program is to ensure Cadets receive high-quality flights. The staff attempt to give every Cadet at least a 30 minute flight. The average length of a Cadet Orientation Flight during the Fiscal Year was a little over 33 minutes.

As an incentive for Alabama Wing Cadets to completing five glider Orientation Flights, they are awarded a High Five patch at the completion of their fifth flight. The patch was especially designed for the Alabama Wing Soaring Program. The patch has been awarded since the program was restarted in 2014 and to their staff, the Alabama Wing is the only Wing in CAP with this type of award.

In Fiscal Year 2016, eight Cadets were awarded the High Five patch:
Ashley Tillman, 15 November 2015, Springdale Cadet Squadron
Brianna Fuchs, 24 April 2016, Bessemer Composite Squadron
Brandon Rodriguez, 11 June 2016, Maxwell Composite Squadron
Ava Michl, 26 July 2016, Bessemer Composite Squadron
Noah Keene, 13 August 2016, Bessemer Composite Squadron
Frederick Carver, 20 August 2016, Maxwell Composite Squadron
Shipley Zimlich, 10 September 2016, Mobile Composite Squadron
Kaleb Kraft, 10 September 2016, Mobile Composite Squadron

Cadet Fuchs fifth Flight with Capt Robert Griffith
Communications

A member of the Tuscaloosa Squadron operates a National TriBlade Message Center. Several locations in the Wing are conducting regular communications nets. The Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron conducts nets every Thursday night.

Emergency Services Training

The Alabama Wing Emergency Service School (WESS) operates from Blue Thunder site on Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The school started in 1997 and over the 19 years the methodology has been refined following every event to accomplish their goal of providing students with the best quality of training and best trained operators possible.
WESS started as a test-site for the National Emergency Services Curriculum and National Ground Search and Rescue (NGSAR) School. Since that time, the WESS has grown to become one of the longest running CAP ground team task training programs in the region. WESS is tied closely to CAP’s National Emergency Service Academy with many of their staff members serving at the national school and implementing the programmatic and methodological changes developed each year. Michael Long, Lt Col CAP is the Director

The 2016 class was the largest in the 19 year history of WESS. Courses offered in 2016 included: Ground Team member, Ground Team Leader, GSAR, Air Crew, MAS, and Wilderness First Aid. A new class for 2016 was the Mission Management course. The new course was created as a result of evaluating the training conducted in 2015. The largest number of students attended the Basic Search and Rescue School.

Col Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander and Lt Col Long, WESS Director present Cadet/2d LT Reuschel staff member award for WESS-2016

Lt Col Long, WESS Director presents Senior Staff Member Award To Maj Morgan Bennett

WESS can be a family affair. Left to right-three Holliman brothers and Collette mother daughter attended ground team training for Tuscaloosa Squadron -024.
WESS operations center during final exercise prior to graduation.

WESS graduation. Col Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander presents graduation certificate to Cadet Graduate of Mission Management Course.
CHAPTER II: DIRECTOR OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION

External Aerospace Education

Squadrons promote aerospace education both for their own members and the general public. To accomplish this, the Alabama wing has 98 members assigned to the Aerospace Education specialty track and 36 teachers. During 2016 Civil Air Patrol Squadrons participated in a number of special events across the state. One example was in March 2016 when eight-grade students from nine Wiregrass counties came to the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan for the first wiregrass WORKS.

The Dothan Composite Squadron was cited in Alabama Newscenter as drawing the biggest crowds as they gave rides on a working hovercraft during the exhibit. Squadron Commander David Skinner explained that the hovercraft did not have any particular application for their typical search and rescue mission, it did aid in creating excitement and interest for the Civil Air Patrol and aerospace education. “We are here trying to find students to be cadets to train in emergency service course education. They can also learn to fly thru us. We are a volunteer only Organization”, stated Commander Skinner.

http://alabamanewscenter.com/2016/03/16/southeast-alabama-students-see-wiregrass-works.

Workshops were also conducted in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham which reached 15,000 middle and high school students.

Tuscaloosa Squadron AL-024 Hovercraft on display at Wiregrass WORKS (Katie Thomas)
Wess Wyatt with Fox 6 TV in Birmingham presented a weather program to the Tuscaloosa Squadron AL-024. He brought their new storm chaser vehicle for Cadets and Seniors to have a firsthand opportunity to see the tools used by their stations meteorologist in the field.

During August 2016, the Civil Air Patrol National Conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee. One of the highlights of the conference for the Alabama Wing was the presentation of the Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Awards Cadet Category to Cadet Jarod E. Fuchs of the Bessemer Squadron of the Alabama Wing.
Far Left Col Brett Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander, Far Right Col Barry Melton, Southeast Region Commander and members of the Alabama Wing join Cadet Fuchs and Major General Joseph Vazquez on the stage after the national awards presentation.

Internal and External Aerospace Education

During 2016 members of the Alabama Wing worked with the Southern Museum of Flight to build a CAP exhibit in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol. The exhibit opened behind an exhibit celebrating 100 years of Aviation. Cadets and senior members of the Alabama Wing had the opportunity to restore an aircraft for placement in the exhibit. The aircraft was painted bright yellow and marked in the same manner as a WWII aircraft.

To kick off the six month exhibit, a reception was held Friday night October 14 at the Southern Museum of Flight. Maj Rick Kilgore, former Chief of Staff for the Alabama Wing and currently assigned to Southeast Region headquarters served as the Master of Ceremonies. Maj Kilgore and Lt Col Austin Landry, stated working with the museum in 2015 to make the exhibit possible. Maj Patricia Coghlan, Wing Recruiting and Retention Officer, pulled a team together for the where the exhibit was open to the public. Lt Col David Hartin, Wing Historian, researched archives for historic photographs and Lt Col Steven Howard, the previous Wing Historian, provided a number of items from his personal collection for display.
The kickoff event included a formal change of command ceremony. Col Brett Lewis presented Capt Thad Mullins the guide arm of the 117th Air National Guard Composite Squadron, SER-AL-90. On Saturday October 15th the exhibit was opened to the public and a day of Aerospace Education programs. During the event, 120 Cadets and Senior Members attended the event with 34 cadets receiving orientation flights in a CAP aircraft.

![Ribbon cutting to open the exhibit. L-R Mr. John Salvador, National, Headquarters, Col Melton Southeast Region Commander, Lt Col Otha H. Vaughn and Lt Col Haver (CAP Congressional Gold Medal recipients), Col Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander and Dr Brian J. Barsonti, Director and Historian Southern Museum of Flight.](image1)

Capt Paul Moses, standing by a picture of Hot Rod 68. At that time the radio call for mobile stations in the Alabama Wing was “Hot Rod”.

![Col Brad Lynn, Vice Commander Southeast Region, looks at enlargement of the recruiting poster displayed at Eastwood Junior High School, Tuscaloosa that brought him to the Tuscaloosa Squadron AL-024 of the Civil Air Patrol.](image2)
Maj Stevens and his wife (Tuscaloosa Squadron -24) visiting the exhibit.

The Brewer Trophy on display in the Civil Air Patrol 75th Anniversary Exhibit at the Southern Museum of Flight.

Aircraft Cadets and Senior Members painted to represent a WW II CAP Aircraft. This will be permanent exhibit at the museum. Note tail number N75CAP in honor of 75th Anniversary.
Other Squadrons conducted 75th Anniversary events. The Tuscaloosa Squadron AL-024 planned to have a combination Change of Command and 75th Anniversary program. The event was held at the Northport Civic Center. Donna Aaron, Mayor of the City of Northport was the guest speaker. Due to severe weather in central Alabama, the Change of Command was not held. Lt Col Jerry Lusk presented two cadets with their Amelia Earhart Award. The cadets were: Brianna Fuchs, Bessemer Squadron and Antonio S. Espossito.

Mayor Donna Aaron, of the City of Northport, speaks at the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron’s 75th Anniversary Program.

Part of the program was tracing the history of the Civil Air patrol. The Cadet is holding a poster that tells of the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal Presentation that was done in Washington, D.C. in December 2014. Lt Col Bob Haver is standing to the right of the Cadet holding the poster is one of those honored with a Congressional Gold Medal. At the time of the presentation he was a resident of Georgia. He moved to Northport, Alabama a short time later and joined the Tuscaloosa Squadron.

The Bessemer Composite Squadron AL-087 also had a formal program with guest speakers. The event was attended by a number of people that were not part of the Bessemer Composite Squadron.

2nd Lt Candous Langston, Bessemer Squadron and Alabama Wing PAO talks to a member of the media prior to the Bessemer Composite Squadron’s 75th Anniversary program.
Capt Newsome, Bessemer Squadron Commander pictured with Squadron guest for the CAP 75th Anniversary program
CHAPTER III: DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS

One of the highlights of 2016 was an official visit by the Secretary of the Air Force to the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters. On May 4th, the 23rd Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James visited National Headquarters. This was the first official visit by such a high-ranking civilian military leader in two decades.

As part of her tour of National Headquarters, James visited the aerospace education/cadet programs area and talked with two cadets from the Alabama Wing. Lt Col Ava Michl, of the Bessemer Composite Squadron and 1st Lt Antonio Esposito of the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron. Secretary James and the two Alabama Cadets are on the cover of the July-September 2016 edition of Volunteer. Secretary James is holding one of the new STEM kits.

In 2016 three Alabama Squadrons earned the National Headquarters 2015-2016 Quality Cadet Unit Award. These include: AL-032 Maxwell Composite Squadron, AL-087 Bessemer Composite Squadron and AL-113 Auburn Composite Squadron.

In 2015 two Alabama Squadrons earned the National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award 2014-2015: AL 075, Gadsden Composite Squadron and AL 087 Bessemer Composite Squadron. The Bessemer Composite Squadron AL 087 and the Redstone Composite Squadron, AL-119 earned the award the previous year.

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The Third Annual Cadet Conference was held April 1-3, 2016 in Tuscaloosa. Cadets planned, coordinated and presented the material in the conference with support of adult leaders who have completed the appropriate training classes for working with young people.

During the conference, Col Brett Lewis ask all CAP members to stand. He then asked members to take their seats based on number of years in cap. When he got to over 70 year of service, one member (Lt Col Bob Haver) was standing. Haver is an active member of the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron -024. He also received the CAP Congressional Gold Medal. Col Lewis presented him with the 75th Anniversary Alabama Commanders Coin.
The annual Alabama/Mississippi Wing summer encampment provided a week of activities led by cadets and supervised by trained senior members. In 2016 the Mississippi Wing hosted the annual encampment at the Camp McCain Training Center, Grenada, MA. The encampment dates were June 23 to July 1, 2016. Lt Col Richard Hodges served as Commander. A portion of the training took place at Columbus Air Force Base, MS.
Cadet Competition

The Bessemer Squadron was the winner of the 2016 Cadet Competition. They were unable to attend the Southeast Region competition at Patrick AFB, FL. The Alabama Wing was represented at the Southeast Region Cadet Competition by the team from the Maxwell Composite Squadron.

Cyber Patriot

Cyber Patriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program. There are three main programs within Cyber Patriot: the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, AFA Cyber Camps and the Elementary School Cyber Education Initiatives. Cyber Patriot was conceived by the Air Force Association (AFA). The program is designed to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines that are critical to our nation’s future.

The Alabama Civil Air Patrol teams registered for Cyber Patriot IX, as of October 13, 2016 include: Two teams from the Bessemer Composite Squadron, one team from the Gadsden Composite Squadron, one team from the Redstone Composite Squadron 119, four teams from the Springville Squadron AL-126 (Jupiter, Mars, Neptune and Saturn, and one team from the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron AL-024. (http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Documents/CP-IX%20Current%20Registered%20Teams.pdf)

Wreaths Across America 2016

The Bessemer Composite Squadron presented wreath in Montgomery on December 19, 2016. Alabama Wing Squadrons participated in Wreaths Across America ceremonies at two cemeteries on Saturday December 17, 2016. The Bessemer and Tuscaloosa Composite Squadrons took part in ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Montevallo. The Auburn Composite Squadron took part in ceremonies at Fort Mitchell.
Members of the Bessemer Squadron at State Capital Ceremony December 19, 2016

Auburn Composite Squadron Commander Maj Anthony Caine (left) with Medal of Honor Awardee Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins of Opelika, AL at the Fort Mitchell Wreaths Across America 2016 event
Iron Man Competition

The Mission Statement for Iron Man Competition is to incorporate the three missions of Civil Air Patrol into one competition, involving all squadrons of each Wing, in a safe, competitive, challenging, and most importantly, fun environment. Ten years ago, the Auburn Composite Squadron developed a rigorous 24-hour competition known as Iron Man. Open to adult members and cadets in the Alabama Wing, the annual Iron Man Competition test member’s aerospace knowledge, physical endurance, leadership, character, teamwork, drill, uniform standards and emergency services aptitude. Teams of six would converge in Auburn and compete, attempting to win the iron eagle trophy and earn a spot on the trophy nameplate for their squadron. Over the years, a new element was added for variety: the previous year’s winner would host the competition at their squadron. This allows each host squadron to put their own mark on the competition.

The 10th annual competition was hosted by the Bessemer Composite Squadron. In honor of 2016 being the 10th Year Anniversary, an Anniversary Challenge Coin was available for preorder. Teams from Auburn, Chilton County, Gadsden, Redstone, Springville and Tuscaloosa competed. The teams received a 10th Year Anniversary T-Shirt.

The event started on Friday night October 7th, with uniform inspection, a written aerospace exam and physical training. The physical training sessions
included teams running with fire hose dummies weighing over fifty pounds. The Iron Man Run is the Capstone event which involves a 3-5 mile run on Saturday. During the course of the run, teams stopped at stations to do burpees, complete obstacles, identify aircraft, use a compass to navigate points, and launch bottle rockets after determining how much water and pressure required to hit a target in a field. Teams carried their firehose dummy until they crossed the finish line.

The Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron took home First Place Overall, First Place Aerospace Challenge, and First Place Physical Fitness. The Redstone Composite Squadron earned First Place Iron Man Competition Run, First Place Inspection, and Second Place Overall. Chilton County con First Place Emergency Services and Third Place Overall.

Tuscaloosa will be the site for the 11th Iron Man Competition.
City of Hoover honors Bessemer Composite Squadron Cadets for their participating in Veterans Week Flag Presentation Ceremony (December 5 2016)
APPENDIX I - OPERATIONS

Find
Capt Robert Griffith*
Maj James Locke*
Maj Gilbert Wright
Lt Col James Gosnell
Maj Talmadge Butler
*Indicates with bronze propeller

Maj Andrew Hanes*
Maj Scott Peters*
1st Lt Theodore Frigo
1st Lt Rebecca Gosnell
Maj Charles D. Hester
Breakdown of aircraft in Alabama Wing by type
APPENDIX I – Aerospace Education

Yeager Award

This award is based on the successful completion of the Yeager test, which is described in CAPR 280-2. It is also discussed in CAPR-39-3 Award of CAP Medals, Ribbons and Certificates. After completing the test, members are authorized to wear the Yeager Award ribbon. Members who earn the Spaatz Award as a cadet may be credited with completing the Yeager test and are authorized to wear the Yeager Award Ribbon. Completion of the Yeager Award is now required for completion of Level 3 in the Senior Member’s Professional Development.

During the research for this award, it was noted that Squadron AL-119 has the highest percentage of members that have earned the award. The only members without the award are those who recently joined the unit.

Lt Col David K. Hartin
2d Lt Gregory A. Green
1st Lt Daniel P. Pauls
2d Lt Eric T. Lewis
Capt Fernando L. Zayas
2d Lt Teresa C. Chamblee
2d Lt Valerie A. Sawyer
1st Lt Nathan D. Wills
2d Lt Deirdre C. Dunbar
2d Lt Eric F. Free
2d Lt Peter R. Harker
2d Lt Robert L. Lopez
Capt Benjamin Shea
SM Terry W. Fulwider

2d Lt Michael C. Clark
2d Lt Amy K. Mooney
2d Lt Cameron H. Collette
Capt Gerald F. May
2d Lt Aaron E. Pearson
1st Lt Stephen G. Olukoya
2d Lt Daniel S. Anderson
SM Terry R. Finley
Capt Catherine A. Guthrie
2d Lt Paul D. Krueger
2d Lt Glenn W. Meder
Lt Col Raymond G. Toth
SM Brian R. Webb
# Cadet Squadron of Merit Listing for 2016

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(Source: CAP Squadron of Merit Listing  10-Jan 2017)
The information in this appendix was obtained from capvolunteernow.com awards listings for awards earned in calendar year 2016. (http://www.capvolunteernow.com/awards)

General Carl A. Spaatz Award
The General Carl A. Spaatz Award is the Civil Air Patrol’s highest cadet honor. It is presented to cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education. Since the inception of the award 48 Cadets in the Alabama wing have receive this honor. Cadets receiving this award are promoted to the grade of Cadet Colonel. Upon reaching the age of 21, Cadet Colonels are eligible to transfer to the CAP Officer program with appointment to the grade of Captain.

In December 2016 Ava N. Michl of the Bessemer Composite Squadron became the 2078 Cadet to earn the Spaatz award.

Karen D. Hunkapiller

General Ira C. Eaker Award
The General Ira C. Eaker Award denotes successful completion of all the achievements of the CAP Cadet Program. Approximately 200 cadets a year receive this Award. Cadets receiving this award are promoted to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel.

Amelia Earhart Award
The Ameila Earhart award is a cadet achievement award that denotes the successful completion of the specific requirements in Phase III of the Cadet program. Cadets receiving this award are promoted to Cadet Captain.

Benjamine E. Cockrell
Brianna Fuchs
Audrey E. Bearss
Antonio S. Espossito

Timothy B. Cleveland
Johnathan I. Scott
General Billy Mitchell Award

The Mitchell award is presented to cadets who have successfully completed the second phase of the Cadet program. Cadets receiving this award are promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenant. Mitchell cadets who enlisted in the United States Air Force or the United States Coast Guard are promoted to E-3 upon enlistment and completion of Basic Military Training, instead of E-1. Mitchell cadets who enlisted in the Marine Corps, Navy or Army are promoted to E-2 upon completion of Basic Military Training.

Connor J. Fogal                Evangela G. Caliguier
Omkar S. Mulekar               Amos L. Holliman
Nicholas D. Therrell           Mikaela J. Caliguier
Brianna Fuchs                  Mazwell A. Corbin
Connor R. Campbell             Jonathon D. Moore
Benjamin E. Cockrell          Benjamin M. Davis
John D. Willoughby             Keri D. Morris
Scott L. Corbin               Keith J. Morris, Jr
Rachel L. Langston             Nathan J. Scott
Matthew T. Warren
The Alabama Wing headquarters is located on Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery. There are a total of 19 squadrons under the Alabama Wing. Two fall direct under Wing Headquarters with the other 17 at separate locations throughout the state. The newest unit in the wing is the Mountain Lakes Flight that was activated in 2016.

![Map of Alabama showing location of headquarters](image)

**Alabama Wing Units 2016**

- AL-001 Alabama Wing Headquarters
- AL-000 Alabama Wing Support Squadron
- AL-999 State Legislative Squadron
- AL-005 Mobile Composite Squadron
- AL-024 Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron
- AL-029 Dothan Composite Squadron
- AL-032 Maxwell Composite Squadron
- AL-041 Muscle Shoals Composite Squadron
- AL-055 Huntsville Senior Squadron
- AL-075 Gadsden Composite Squadron
- AL-087 Bessemer Composite
- AL-090 117th Air National Guard Composite Squadron
- AL-113 Auburn Composite Squadron
- AL-117 Chilton County Composite Squadron
- AL-118 Pell City Composite Squadron
- AL-119 Redstone Composite Squadron
- AL-126 Springville Cadet Squadron
- AL-132 Central Alabama Senior Squadron
- AL-134 Cullman Composite Squadron
- AL-135* Mountain Lakes Flight

*unit activated during 2016
The wing area of responsibility is approximately 330 miles long and 190 miles wide at its most distant points. The total area of Alabama is 51,705 square miles, of which land constitutes 50,767 square miles and inland water 938 square miles. Alabama ranks 29th in size among the 50 states. Alabama is bordered on the North by Tennessee; on the East by Georgia; on the South by Florida and the Gulf of Mexico; and on the West by Mississippi. The geographical center is in Chilton County, about 12 miles Southwest of Clanton. The state is divided into sixty-seven counties with a U.C. Census Bureau 2016 population estimate dated July 1, 2016 of 4,863,300 people compared to 4,858,979 July 1, 2015. (https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/01)

There are five commercial-service primary airports in Alabama. These include: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport--BHM, Dothan Regional Airport-DHN, Huntsville International Airport-HSV, Mobile Regional Airport-MOB and Montgomery Regional Airport-MGM. Northwest Alabama Regional Airport-MSL in Muscle Shoals is a commercial service non-primary airport. Bessemer Airport --EKY and St Clair County Airport-PLR are reliever airports. There are over 66 general aviation airports and twenty other public use airports. General aviation airports include with ties to CAP include: Auburn-Opelika Robert G. Pitts Airport-AUO and Tuscaloosa Regional Airport --TCL(former Van De Graaff Field, a former Civilian Pilot Training Program Facility). Alabama has nine other government or military airports and three notable private use airports. Notable government airports include: Redstone Army Airfield-HUA (Redstone Arsenal), Maxwell Air Force Base- MXF, and Carnes Army Airfield-OZR (Fort Rucker). A notable private use airport is Sharpe Field-AL73 (Tuskegee Army Airfield).

The Alabama Wing Headquarters is located on Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. Montgomery is the capital city for the State of Alabama. Maxwell’s history dates back to the Wright Brothers’ flying school of 1910. Today Maxwell is home to more than 12,500 active-duty, reserve, and civilian and contractor personnel. Air University, located on Maxwell, provides the full spectrum of Air Force education, from pre-commissioning to the highest levels of professional military education, including degree granting and professional continuing education for officers, enlisted and civilian personnel throughout their careers. The Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters is located in building 714 on Maxwell AFB.
*Indicates a change of command during 2016. The name with the asterisk was the commander at the start of the year. The name on the top line is the commander at the end of 2016.

**Alabama Wing Headquarters, AL-001**
Commander – Col J. Brett Lewis

Meeting Address
111 South Kuter Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Meeting Times: 09:00 2nd Saturday. Commander’s Call held once every quarter.

**Mobile Composite Squadron, AL-005**
Commander – Maj Gilbert Wright
*Lt Col Scott Peters

Meeting Address
2241 Michigan Avenue
Mobile, AL 36615

Meeting Times: 19:00 Monday

**Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron, AL-024**
Commander – Maj Mike Carr
*Maj Ed Barnes

Meeting Address
Tuscaloosa Regional Airport
1st Floor
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Meeting Times: 18:30 1st and 3rd Tuesday – Seniors 18:00 every Tuesday – Cadets

**Dothan Composite Squadron, AL-029**
Commander – Lt Col David W. Skinner

Meeting Address
Dothan Regional Airport
750 Flight Line Drive
Dothan, AL 36303

Meeting Times: 18:30 Monday Cadets meet every Monday.
Maxwell Composite Squadron, AL-032
Commander – Maj Gerardo Otero
* Maj Donald A. Cain

Meeting Address: 111 South Kuter Street
                 Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Meeting Times: 18:30 Cadets meet every Tuesday
Meeting Times: 19:00 Seniors meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Muscle Shoals Composite Squadron, AL-041
Commander – Maj Tommy Yates
*Lt Col Alfred Boyd

Meeting Address: Muscle Shoals Airport
                 Muscle Shoals, AL 35611

Meeting Times: 18:00 Every 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Huntsville Senior Squadron, AL-055
Commander – Maj Raymond T. Downward

Meeting Address: Madison City Exec Airport MDQ
                 358 Bolling Road
                 Meridianville, AL 35759

Meeting Times: 19:00 1st & 3rd Thursday

Gadsden Composite Squadron, AL-075
Commander – Maj Charles A. Reidy, Jr.

Meeting Address: 5323 Airport Road
                 Alabama National Guard Building
                 Gadsden, AL 35904

Meeting Times: 17:00 Every Tuesday, except 5th Tuesday.
Bessemer Composite Squadron, AL-087  
Commander – Capt Robert G. Newsome, Jr.  

Meeting Address  
700 Mitchell Field Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022  

Meeting Times:  
18:30-21:00 Monday nights.  

117th Air National Guard Composite Squadron, AL-090  
Commander – Capt. Thad Mullins  
*Maj James L. Corey  

Meeting Address  
5401 East Lake Blvd.  
Building 205/117th ANG  
Birmingham, AL 35217-3595  

Meeting Times:  
19:00 2nd Tuesday.  

Auburn Composite Squadron, AL-113  
Commander Maj Donald A. Cain  
*Maj Morgan Bennett  

Meeting Address  
2150 Mike Hubbard Blvd.  
Auburn, AL 36830-489  

Meeting Times:  
18:30-20:30  Cadets meet every Tuesday of the month.  

Chilton County Composite Squadron, AL-117  
Commander – Maj Samuel A. Ogivie  

Meeting Address  
550 Airport Road  
Clanton, AL 35045  

Meeting Times:  
18:00 Tuesday.
Pell City Composite Squadron, AL-118  
Commander- Maj James Gosnell

Meeting Address: 240 Airport Road
Pell City, AL 35128-4120

Meeting Times: 18:00 Thursday. Cadets meet weekly.

Redstone Composite Squadron, AL-119  
Commander – Lt Col Mike Guthrie

Meeting Address: Central Church of Christ
407 East Clinton Avenue
Huntsville, AL 35758

Meeting Times: 18:00-20:00  Mondays. Cadets meet every Monday, Seniors 2
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Springville Cadet Squadron, AL-126  
Commander-Maj Michael McIntyre
*Capt Mark McCay

Meeting Address: 198 Marietta Road
Springville, AL 35146

Meeting Times: 18:00-20:00  Every Tuesday.
Central Alabama Senior Squadron, AL-132
Commander – Maj Carl G. Rossomme

Meeting Address
Shelby County Services Building
Pelham, AL 35124

Meeting Times: 18:30 1st Thursday of the month.

Cullman Composite Squadron, AL -134
Commander-Maj Joseph F. Jeffries

Meeting Address
231 County Road 1360
Vinemont, AL 35179

Meeting Times: 1800 1st and 3rd Monday for seniors, every Tuesday for cadets

Mountain Lakes Flight, AL-135
Activated in 2016
Commander – Lt Col John Randolph

Meeting Address:
Guntersville Municipal Airport
405 Buck Island Road
Guntersville, Alabama

Meeting Times: 1800 Mondays

Alabama State Legislative Squadron, AL-999
Commander – Vacant

Meeting Address
111 S Kurter Street, Building 711
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5936
APPENDIX III Senior Member Professional Development Awards 2016

Gill Robb Wilson Award
This award is the highest award for Senior Members professional development. It recognizes Senior Members who complete the fifth level of training in the Senior Member professional development program. This award was first given in 1964 and recognizes the late Gill Robb Wilson. Wilson is regarded as the founder of Civil Air Patrol and served as CAP’s first executive officer.

Maj. Donald A. Cain
Lt Col Joseph L. Viviano

Paul E. Garber Award
This award is presented to Senior Members who complete the level IV requirements of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. This award was first given in 1964 and honors Paul E. Garber.

Lt Col Joseph L. Viviano
Maj Joseph R. Robbins
Lt Col James A. Harris

Maj Harvey L. Yarborough
Lt Col Ronald W. Hanson
Grover C. Loening Award

This award is presented to Senior Members who complete Level III of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. The award recognizes those members who have dedicated themselves to leadership and personnel development. This award was first given in 1964 and honors Grover Loening, a noted aviation pioneer.

Maj. James M. Locke
Maj James W. Fogal
Lt Col David K. Hartin
Lt Col Joseph L. Viviano

Maj Mark D. McCay
Capt Rodney Stephens
Maj Joseph F. Jeffries
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(Source Maj Harvey Yarbrough Ops Briefing slides)
Wing Administrator

The Wing Administrator is the only employee of the Alabama Wing. In December, Wing Administrator Cecilia A. Bolling celebrated her first anniversary with the Alabama Wing. She replaced the previous Wing Administrator, Windy Hamilton, who took a position at National Headquarters in October 2014.

The administrator works for the Wing Commander to perform those task that USAF specifically agrees to fund with appropriated dollars. One of the key areas for the Wing Administrator is Wing Finance.

The e-mail address for the Wing Administrator is Admin@alwg.us. The wing uses generic e-mail addresses for key positions. The e-mail goes to the position address. This may be forwarded to a preferred address of the individual filling the position.
APPENDIX V – Challenge coins

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol, a special Challenge coin was produced for the Alabama Wing. It was introduced in April 2016 at the Wing Conference in Tuscaloosa. Col Lewis presented a coin to each individual that was honored with an Of the Year Award. He also presented a coin to Lt Col Bob Haver, the longest serving member of the Civil Air Patrol (70+ years) to attend the Annual Banquet.

The front of the coin has Alabama Wing Civil Air patrol U.S.A.F. Axillary in the outer ring. The lettering is in gold with an orange background. The orange background represents the history of the military aviation tracing back to the Army Signal Corp. Orange and blue are the Army Aviation Branch colors. Orange is also internationally known for safety. Hunter wear Hunter Orange for safety when hunting. Construction workers wear orange vest for high visibility. Orange in the outer ring emphasis safety in all aspects of Wing operations. The inner circle has Col J. Brett Lewis Wing Commander in Gold with an American eagle that symbolizes the rank of the Wing Commander-Colonel superimposed over the State of Alabama. When it comes to safety, there are no gray areas. Wing members are reminded that they are expected to know the safety regulations and follow them.

The Reverse of the coin has the official logo of the 75th Anniversary. The aircraft on the left represents the CAP aircraft flown in WWII (our past). The aircraft to the right is in the current CAP markings. That aircraft is moving into the future.

https://www.capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/public_affairs/branding_resource_guide/75th-annivers
The 2016 National Conference for the Civil Air Patrol was held in Nashville, Tennessee. Those attending the conference could purchase from Vanguard, a numbered 75th anniversary Coin. These limited edition coins were also numbered.
The Southeast Region introduced a new patch at the 2016 Wing Conference. Limited numbers were available to members of the Alabama Wing that wished to purchase them. In the future they will be available from Vanguard. At the time of the introduction, they were not.

Col Lewis authorized the wear of the Southeast Region Patch by members of the Alabama Wing on those uniforms that the patch is appropriate for wear.
Colonel J. Brett Lewis, the Alabama Wing Commander, left his last post as the Director of Cadet Programs, the senior Cadet Programs Officer responsible for successful execution of CAP’s Cadet Programs mission, policies and objectives within the Alabama Wing. As Director of Cadet Programs he exercised direct responsibility for the Alabama Wing Cadet Programs staff, over 300 cadets and 15 Deputy Commanders for Cadets and their cadet staffs in each of the squadrons located in the Alabama Wing.

Prior to his appointment to the position of Director of Cadet Programs of the Alabama Wing on 1 May 2012, he served as the Squadron Commander for the Dothan Composite Squadron from 10 February 2010 until 15 June 2012, which culminated in a "Highly Successful” rating in the unit’s last Subordinate Unit Inspection.

After a short time as a cadet in the El Paso Composite Squadron, in El Paso, Texas in the late 1980’s, Colonel Lewis joined CAP as a senior member in 1990 at the Rhein MainCadet Squadron, Rhein Main Air Base, Germany. He has held a variety of leadership roles in Europe, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia and Alabama, where has served as a Deputy Commander for Cadets, Leadership Officer, and Aerospace Education Officer. While serving at encampments, he has served twice as a TAC Officer. In addition, he has been an Instructor, Curriculum Coordinator, Deputy Director, and Director at various wing level professional development courses. He also serves as an ALWG Check Pilot Evaluator.

He holds a master rating in four CAP specialties: Cadet Programs, Administration, Professional Development, Personnel, and Stan Eval; he holds a Senior Rating in the Command track; and finally, a technician rating in the Inspector General, Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Operations Tracks. He has earned the "Management Designation” in the CAP Organizational Excellence 2.0 Program.

Colonel Lewis is a retired U.S. Army officer, Persian Gulf War veteran and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom with 2 tours as an AH-64D Apache Pilot, Platoon Leader and Battle Captain/Battalion Operations Officer. His last tour in the military was as a Brigade Operations Officer. He is a graduate of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, the Warrant Officer
Basic Course and Warrant Officer Flight Training Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama; the Army Military Intelligence Captains Career Course; Air Force Squadron Officer School; Aviation Officer Basic Course; U.S. Army AH-64D Apache Aviator Course and Instructor Pilot Course; the U.S. Army Safety Officer Course; and the CAP National Staff College (Class of 2009). He graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University at Daytona Beach, Florida with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Aeronautics and a Master’s Degree with Distinction in Aviation Safety Systems. He earned his MBA from Troy University in December 2016.

His military awards and decorations include two Air Medals, a Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, the Air Force Achievement Medal, four Army Achievement Medals, an Air Force Good Conduct Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation Award, an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, an Army Superior Unit Award, as well as numerous military campaign medals, service medals and service ribbons. He has also earned the Senior Army Aviation Badge, the Air Force Maintenance Munitions Badge and the Combat Action Badge. While assigned to Germany, he earned the German Military Proficiency Badge in Bronze.

His CAP awards and decorations include the Command Council Badge, Meritorious Service Award, three Commander’s Commendations, a National Commander’s Unit Citation, an Outstanding Unit Citation, the Gill Robb Wilson Award (with silver star) and numerous other awards. He has also earned CAP Command Pilot Wings, CAP Mission Observer Wings, and the Ground Team Member Badge.

Colonel Lewis is an Advanced Instruments Instructor Pilot flying the Bell 206 with the URS Corporation (AECOM) teaching U.S. Army aviators the skills of flying instruments in the U.S. Army Helicopter Flight Training Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama.
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