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# CHRONOLOGY

## 2015

### JANUARY

- 9-11 Wing Emergency Services School (WESS)
- 10 Commander's Call  
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
- 17 Color Guard Classes
- 23-25 Southeast Region OPS Conference
- 31 SUI-Huntsville AL-055

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Southeast Region Staff College
- 8 Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
- 20-22 WESS
- 28 SUI-Redstone 119

### MARCH

- 13-15 Alabama Wing Conference-Hoover  
Cadet Conference-Hoover
- 20-22 WESS
- 27-29 Tennessee Wing Change of Command
- 30-31 Spring Break

### APRIL

- 1-3 Spring Break
- 4 SUI Pell City AL-118
- 10-12 WESS
- 11 Commander's Call  
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
- 17-19 Professional Development Weekend
- 24-26 Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX)

### MAY

- 1-3 Cadet Professional Development Weekend  
NCPSC
- 9 Cadet Color Guard Academy  
Wing Staff Meeting
- 16 SUI-Baldwin AL 0133  
Squadon Leadership School (SLS) Huntsville
- 23 SUI-Springville-AL-126
- 24-30 National Staff College
- 30 SLS & Corporate Learning Course (CLC) Bessemer

**JUNE**

4 Wing Staff Conference Call  
5-7 Southeast Region Conference  
11-14 National Legal Officers College 2015  
11-14 South East Region SAREX  
20 SUI-Bessemer-AL 087  
26-28 Alabama Wing Color Guard Competition  
27 SLS Mobile  
28 CLC Mobile

**JULY**

2-3 Encampment Staff Training  
4-10 2014 AL/MS Composite Summer Encampment  
11 Commander's Call  
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting  
18 SUI-Tuscaloosa AL 024  
24-26 SAREX-Bessemer

**AUGUST**

7-10 Southeast Region SAREX Bessemer  
14-15 Cadet Competition  
20 Wing Staff Teleconference  
21-23 Search and Rescue Exercise--Tuscaloosa  
17-30 CAP National Conference & Command Council-Orlando  
29 O-Rides

**SEPTEMBER**

12 Finance Committee Meeting  
19 Cadet Color Guard Academy

**OCTOBER**

10 Alabama Wing Commander's Call  
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting  
17 Alabama Wing Change of Command-Hoover  
19-20 2015 Joint Leadership Development Conference  
23-25 Southeast Region Cadet Competition

**NOVEMBER**

13-15 CyberPatriot Round 1  
14 Cadet Leadership Council Meeting-Maxwell  
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting

**DECEMBER**

- 4-6 Cyber Patriot Round 2
- 4-6 Iron Man Competition
- Color Guard Camp
- 12 WESS Staff Training
- Wreath's Across America
- 14 Redstone Composite Squadron Change of Command
- 15 Alabama Wing Staff Conference Call
- 27-31 Florida Wing Winter Encampment
- 29-31 National Cadet Competition

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alabama Wing started 2015 with a focus on training. On the individual member side, Squadron Leadership Schools and Corporate Learning Courses were scheduled through the state to provide members multiple opportunities to receive training at a location near their home. Wing level training included the highly popular WESS (Wing Emergency Services School) that has students from outside the Wing attending. On the Wing level, training was directed toward preparing for the Wing Graded Evaluation in August.

During the year the wing participated in six search and rescue missions with three finds and one other state supported mission. The wing flew 710 cadet orientation flights with a total of 2,014 hours flown.

The Alabama Wing Conference and Cadet Conference were held the weekend of March 13-15, in Hoover. This year 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.

The Alabama Wing Honored three members of the Alabama Wing who received a Congressional Gold Medal in December 2014 at the 2015 Wing Conference Banquet. This was well attended by media from the Birmingham market.

March 28-29, the Tuscaloosa Squadron set up a Civil Air Patrol display at the 2015 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show held at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport. They were joined by members from three other Squadrons in Central Alabama. This provided an opportunity for the cadets to demonstrate their Aerospace Education project hovercraft and to assist the Blue Angle pilots in their meeting the public after the performances.

Planning started for a series of SREX's designed to prepare the Wing for the graded evaluation. Members from several squadrons throughout the Wing attend planning meetings in preparation for the first of a series of SAREX's planned to culminate in the graded evaluation. The first SAREX saw Operations being established in the DeKalb County Court House the weekend of April 24-26. This provided an opportunity for the Wing to integrate operations into a County Emergency Management Office. Flight operations were run from the airport with communications between the locations by radio. Participants in the mission came from multiple states and two regions. The exercise was attended by COL Melton, the Southeast Region Commander and Col Lynn, the Alabama Wing Commander.

In 2015 the Alabama Legislature provided \$75,000.00 in funding for Alabama Civil Air patrol. The Alabama Wing providing \$2,206,415.00 in volunteer hours to our communities in 2015.

July 4-10 the Alabama-Mississippi Wing Encampment was held at Fort McClellan, Alabama. This was the largest encampment in recent years. A highlight of the Encampment was the visit of Brigadier General Paul Guemmer, USAF, the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development Commander, to the Camp.

July 24-26, the Wing stood up operations at the Bessemer Municipal Airport for the Southeast Region Annual Hurricane Exercise.

The Wing graded evaluation took place at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport the weekend of August 21-23. Lt Col Pat Mitcham served as Incident Commander for the evaluation. The event was attended by Col Melton, the Southeast Region Commander and Col Lynn, the Alabama Wing Commander.

The Alabama Wing Receives the Paul W. Turner Safety Award at the 2015 National Conference in Orlando, Florida in August 2015.

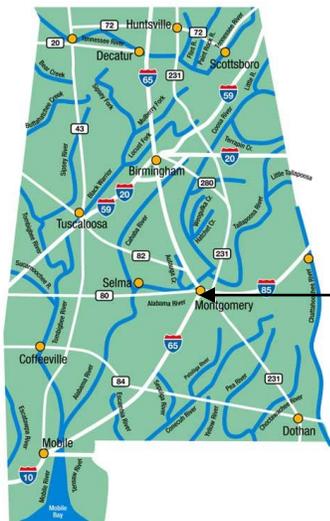
On October 17 Col J. Brad Lynn turned over command to Col J. Brett Lewis. The change of command was conducted by Col Melton, the Southeast Region Commander. The change of command was early, due to Col Lynn being selected as Vice Commander for the Southeast Region.

The weekend of December 2-6 the annual Iron Man competition was held at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

December 12, units in the Alabama Wing took part in Wreaths Across America. The Bessemer Squadron received a Governor's Proclamation dated December 1, 2015 proclaiming December 12 Wreaths Across America Day in the State of Alabama.

# CHAPTER I - INTRODUCTION

The Alabama Wing at the close of 2015 was composed of 548 officers and 305 cadets. The wing had 574 voting-age members, 149 aircrew personnel and 518 emergency responders. At the close of the year the wing consisted of 16 squadrons located state wide. The wing had thirteen single engine aircraft, one glider and twenty vehicles are assigned at the close of the year. The South Baldwin County Squadron was deactivated during the year and the Cullman Squadron was upgraded from a flight to a squadron.



**Alabama Wing Headquarters  
Maxwell Air Force Base  
Montgomery, Alabama**

## Alabama Wing Units 2015

AL-001	Alabama Wing Headquarters
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 Squadron
AL-090	117 <sup>th</sup> 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-133	South Baldwin County Cadet Squadron*
AL-134	Cullman Composite Squadron

\*unit deactivated during 2015 and assets reassigned.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2015 population estimate dated July 1, 2015 of 4,8458,974 people compared to the July 1, 2014 population estimate of 4,849,377 people.

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.

Wing Intraoperative Communications includes 12 VHF/FM repeaters, 159 VHF/FM stations and 28 HF stations. This is an increase of 1 VHF/FM repeater and three HF stations over 2014. In 2015 a new HF base station was established in Tuscaloosa County. A member of the Tuscaloosa Squadron volunteered to take on the mission of monitoring national traffic for the wing. This requires monitoring and checking into multiple nets on a daily basis. This is a new mission that provides CAP with the ability to monitor traffic nationally and respond as directed through radio communications, should land line communications be down.

In September 2015 the Alabama Wing received a new Cessna 172S (G1000). The aircraft was assigned to the Tuscaloosa Squadron, replacing a Cessna 182T (G1000) that had just received the required 2000 hour TBO (Time Between Overall) replacement engine. The 182T was reassigned to the Mobile Composite Squadron. The Tuscaloosa Squadron chose to go back to a 172 so they would have an aircraft that cadets could fly. The squadron was surprised to find that the new aircraft was delivered without needed accessories such as the window for photographic missions and electronic equipment necessary to conduct electronic search and rescue missions. The window was installed in late 2015. At the close of the year the aircraft had not received an electronic direction finder. This makes the aircraft non mission capable for electronic search missions. The new aircraft was also equipped with a tow hook for glider operations.

The Alabama Wing produced a short PSA video for air on TV stations and movie theaters. The video shows the various missions of the Civil Air Patrol. The final segment was filmed in Tuscaloosa at the conclusion of the Wing Graded Evaluation in August. This has been aired on WVUA-23. Maj Mike Carr, the Wing PAO developed the idea and received funding for the project. Maj Carr was selected for Southeast Region PAO. Wing Historian, Lt Col David Hartin, served as Wing PAO until a new PAO was selected in October 2015. During this time Lt Col Hartin served as a member of the National PAO Working Group that prepared a PAO guide for the CAP 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

During the year Professional Development Courses, consisting of Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning were held at locations throughout the state. This provided Officers who needed these courses for advancement several opportunities to attend a resident course.

The Alabama Wing provided cadets with the opportunity to apply for scholarships. Two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded. Flight scholarships, which assist cadets as they earn a private pilot's license, were also available.

The wing also provided funds to purchase computers for squadrons participating in CyberPatriot. More powerful computers were needed for CyberPatriot than those normally used in the wing.

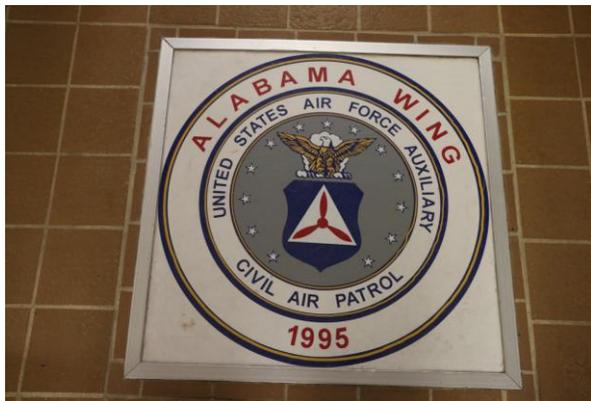
Windy Hamilton, Wing Administrator, was selected for a promotion to a position at national headquarters. She started work at national headquarters just after the Wing Change of Command in October. During the time the wing was without an administrator, she was able to continue providing administrative support.

One of the most significant changes visible to the public was the move of the Wing Headquarters from the historic building located at 810 Willow Street, Maxwell, Air Force Base, Alabama. In April 2015 the Wing Staff started the process of clearing out files and other assets from the old headquarters building.

A plaque inlaid in the tile floor in the central hallway of the building contained the CAP Seal with the inscription around it “Alabama Wing 1995”. The headquarters building was one of several sites on Maxwell that was used to train the “Tuskegee Airmen” during World War II. The building was in need of a number of repairs and when the heating and cooling system became unserviceable in 2014, the wing administrator’s office was temporarily relocated to a vacant office in 111 South Kuter Street, Building 711.

Over the months after her office move, the wing worked with post to identify a building to house the wing staff. After the April Wing Staff meeting, staff members went to the old headquarters building to start the process of packing up offices in preparation for the move. For two days prior to the meeting the Wing Historian surveyed the building and inventoried items that needed to be preserved for historical purposes. The staff was briefed on items that must be preserved. When in doubt, members checked with the Historian, Chief of Staff and Director of Logistics on the status of items in question.

Office furniture and other material that the wing did not need was made available to the squadrons. The staff continued to work on packing and cleaning thru the summer. The wing was assigned the ground floor of Building 711 and the first wing staff meeting was held in the new location in November 2015. This location included the office that the wing administrator had been using since late 2014.



The picture above left shows a seal that was in the hallway of the old building. It was located near the wing staff directory and the photo display of previous wing commanders. The picture above right was taken in the Deputy Wing Commanders office. Windy Hamilton, Wing Administrator, and Col Bass, Deputy Commander South are participating in the last working meeting to take place in the old wing headquarters building.



Above L-R Maj Coghlin and Maj Kilgore moving items from offices to storage area in building.

The Wing Change of Command and the 2016 Wing Conference were scheduled to take place in Tuscaloosa the weekend of April 1-3, 2016. Col Lynn was a member of the Tuscaloosa Squadron as a cadet. Col Lynn's selection as Vice Commander of the Southeast Region, resulted in an early vacancy in command for the Alabama Wing. A command selection board was scheduled and the Change of Command was conducted shortly after the results were released. The command selection board selected Lt Col J. Brett Lewis for command of the Alabama Wing. The formal change of command ceremony took place at the Embassy Suites in Hoover, Alabama on Saturday October 17, 2015. Col Melton, the Southeast Region Commander presented Colonel Lynn with the Distinguished Service Award for his service as Alabama Wing Commander from 10 March 2012 to 17 October 2015. Col Melton promoted Lt Col Lewis to Colonel.



One of Col Lynn's last official acts as Wing Commander was to sign documents presented by Windy Hamilton, the outgoing Wing Administrator.



Lt Col Anthony Beresford, Deputy Commander North, narrates the formal change of command flag ceremony. Col Melton, Southeast Region Commander, stands in front of Col Lynn, outgoing wing commander. During the ceremony Col Melton will receive the colors from Col Lynn and present them to Col Lewis, the incoming wing commander.



Col Lewis saluting Col Melton prior to receiving the Alabama Wing colors.



The Wing Nuts provided music after the ceremony.

# CHAPTER II – AEROSPACE EDUCATION

During 2015 the Tuscaloosa Squadron built a new hovercraft to promote aerospace education. It was first displayed publically at the Alabama Wing 2015 Conference held in Hoover March 13-15, 2015. The hovercraft was part of a CAP Display at the 2015 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show held March 28-29. Cadets helped staff a CAP display as well as assisting the Blue Angels team in meeting the public. Highlights of the event were the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team and the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Demo Team. Pictured below are: cadets from three CAP Squadrons standing in front of the Civil Air Patrol display, a youth taking a ride on the Tuscaloosa Squadron hovercraft, Blue Angels pilots meeting with cadets and cadets providing support to the Blue Angels as they greet the public.



Cadets from three squadrons staff display



Cadets give rides on hovercraft # 7



Cadets meet the Blue Angels



Cadets support Blue Angels meet the public

Tuscaloosa County “Be Ready” Day, held Tuesday September 15, 2015 provided another opportunity to utilize the hovercraft. J.P. Dice of Fox 6 TV-Birmingham is pictured below taking a ride on the hovercraft during the event held at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport.



Holding the event at the Airport provided the Tuscaloosa Squadron the opportunity to display the Alabama Wing’s newest aircraft. The squadron had picked up the new aircraft just days before the event. Maj Ed Barnes, the squadron commander, said the aircraft had that brand new smell. Squadron pilots were on hand to show the public the various features of the aircraft. The event also brought new members to the squadron.





Pictured above C/A1C Luke Bohlinger (left photo ) and C/Amn Jamison Satterlee (right photo ) enjoying a day out with the Rocket City RC club as part of an Aerospace Education event. (August 18, 2015)



Pictured above are two photo's of the Auburn Composite Squadron where they provided information on CAP at the Auburn Opelika Air Show May 16, 2015

## CHAPTER III - TRAINING

The annual Alabama/Mississippi Wing summer encampment provides a week of activities led by cadets and supervised by trained senior members. Cadet Colonel Benjamin Shea served as the Cadet Commander for the encampment held at Fort McClellan July 4<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>. Cadet Colonel Shea was one of four cadets in the Alabama Wing to receive the General Carl A. Spaatz Award during the last calendar year. He was the 1958<sup>th</sup> cadet to receive this honor. On average, only two cadets in one thousand earn the Spaatz Award. In the summer of 2015 a cadet earned the 2,000<sup>th</sup> Spaatz Award.

The summer encampment provides an opportunity for cadets to participate in activities that are not normally available in their squadron. This year the encampment consisted of two squadrons and five flights: Olympus squadron, Chrysus flight, Atlantis flight, Balius flight, Geronimo squadron, Comanche flight and Powhatan flight.



Day 1-Formation Cadet Camp



Day 3 orientation flights-"The Gadsden Times"

Graduation was held in the Fort McClelland Chapel which was filled to capacity with cadets, staff and families.

The cadet staff had a very active public affairs program. They produced a daily newsletter "The Cadet Column". The newspaper and a YOUTUBE Video of the highlights of the 2015 encampment are available on Facebook. A highlight of the camp was the visit on Day-4 by Brigadier General Paul Guemmer, USAF, the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development Commander.

Training Day 3 provided the cadets with an opportunity to participate in powered and glider orientation flights and help with flight line jobs. The Gadsden Times covered the training with an article featuring a photograph of a glider being readied for its next flight at the Northeast Alabama Regional Airport in Gadsden, Ala on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Alabama Wing Emergency Services School 2014-2015 provided an opportunity for Cadets and Officers to train in a variety of skills. High interest courses include: Basic Search and Rescue School and Advance Ground Search and Rescue School. Distinguished graduates for the 2014-2015 cycle include: Basic School-Cadet Evangela Caliguire and Advance-Cadet Joshua Driver.



Pictured above is 1st Lt. Tracy Miller who was recognized as the Outstanding Staff Member during the 2014-2015 Alabama Wing Emergency Services School. Tracy served as the Advanced Ground Search and Rescue School Lead



Pictured above is C/SSgt Evangela Caliguire who was recognized as the Alabama Wing Emergency Services School 2014-2015 Basic Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) School Distinguished Graduate. The Basic GSAR School had 56 students.



WESS 2015 Class Photo

Cadets and seniors have additional training opportunities by participating in classes during the Wing Emergency Services School (WESS). During the winter, one weekend a month classes are held at a training location near Montgomery.

On November 1, 2015 Maj Harvey Yarborough, Director of Emergency Services, announced the WESS program for 2016. In addition to the traditional programs for: Ground Team member, GSAR, Air Crew, MAS, and Wilderness First Aid-WAFA the class for 2016 includes a Mission Management School. The school is designed to train the Squadron Emergency Services officer or Commander to; (1) develop a quality Emergency Services training program and (2) to connect the local Squadron with Wing and Region level Search And Rescue Exercises and Events. The new course was created as a result of evaluating the training conducted in 2015.

The Alabama Wing received the Paul W. Turner Safety Award during the 2015 awards presentation at CAP National Conference in Orlando, FL. The annual award is presented to the CAP wing with the most outstanding safety program and safety record.



Lt. Col Harold Coghlan and Col Brad Lynn hold the Paul W. Turner Safety Award.

Pictured L-R: Col William Bass, Deputy Commander South, Lt Col Harold Coghlan, Col J. Bradford Lynn, Commander, Maj James Kilgore, Chief of Staff and Lt Col Anthony Beresford, Deputy Commander North

The Alabama Wing was selected by the Southeast Region as having the most outstanding drug demand reduction program in the region. The wing was nominated for the 2015 Drug Demand Reduction Wing of the Year Award. The wing received a letter of congratulation from Major General, CAP Joseph R. Vazquez, dated 27 July 2015. The letter noted that the national-level competition was particularly close this year.

## CHAPTER IV-CADET PROGRAMS

The Alabama Wing has a strong cadet program. This was recognized in 2014 when the Alabama Wing receiving the 2014 South East Region National Cadet Program Award.

In 2015 two Alabama Squadrons earned the National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award 2014-2015: AI 075, Gadsden Composite Squadron and AL 087 Bessemer Composite Squadron. The period of performance for the award was September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

The Bessemer Composite Squadron AL 087 and the Redstone Composite Squadron, AL-119 earned the award the previous year.

The Alabama Wing Cadet Honor Society was created in 2013 as part of a vision of the Alabama Wing Cadet Programs Staff and the Cadet Advisory Council. The purpose of the Honor Society is to help cadets gain academic recognition for education and scholarship purposes. It is a great achievement to be recorded on the high school and college resumes. Squadrons are highly encouraged to promote this in their cadet programs. No award was presented in calendar year 2015.

With less than two weeks notice, Alabama Wing cadets and senior members of the Maxwell Composit Squadron supported CAP National is their visit of General Herbert J. Carlisle, Commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, VA.

General Carlisle toured CAP National Heqdquarters, accompanied by CAP National Commander, Major General Joe Vazquez, Colonel Michael Tynnismaa, CAP-USAF commander and Don Rowland, CAP's chief operatig officer.

Colonel Barry Melton, Southeast Regional Commander thanked Alabama Wing Commander Colonel J. Bradford Lynn and Maxwell Composit Squadron, Lt Col. James Harris for giving the leasership and "legs to the event".

The visit provided General Carlisle a change to view the quality of our cadet program along with a variety of equipment CAP uses on missions.

The purpose of the visit to CAP National Heqdquarters came at a time of a discussion of the merits of moving CAP-USAF from its current place under Air University to a new organizational position under Air Combat Command.



Alabama Wing cadets greet Gen. “Hawk” Carlisle at CAP National Headquarters on Thursday June 18, 2015.

Gen. Herbert J. “Hawk” Carlise, views CAP aerospace education material while touring CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell AFB,Alabama.



Cadets from Maxwell Composite Squadron in front of “Bird Dog: and the new brick garden at CAP National Headquarters.

## Cadet Drill Competition.



Cadet drill competition provides opportunities for teams from squadrons across the state to compete in drill and ceremonies. Whether it is a color guard or a 16 member drill team, each squadron goal is to win an advance to higher levels of competition at the Region or National Levels. In May 2015 the wing hosted a Color Guard Academy at the Bessemer Composite Squadron.

## Cadet Color Guards



Cadets are given the highest honor of responsibility through public color guard activities. The Tuscaloosa Squadron Color Guard was on hand to welcome more than 75 World War II and Korean War Veterans on the return of their “Honor Flight” to Washington, D.C. on May 7<sup>th</sup>. On Memorial Day, cadets from the Bessemer Composite Squadron served as escorts for the wreath ceremony at the Seventh Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Alabama National Cemetery in Shelby County.

Bessemer Composite Squadron members present colors for the Birmingham City Council Meeting November 10, 2015.





Bessemer Composite Squadron earned second place in Indoor Practical and third place in Outdoor Practical at the Southeast Regional Cadet Competition in November 2015. Pictured to the left of the American Flag are: Lt Col Rhoades, Wing Chief of Staff and former Commander of the Bessemer Composite Squadron, Col Lewis, Alabama Wing Commander and Col Melton, Southeast Region Commander.

Alabama Wing Cadet Competition August 2015. The Bessemer Composite Squadron team coached by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Timothy Blake consisted of: Team Leader C/MSgt Brianna Fuchs; Team Members: C/TSgt Zakery Cleveland, C/A1C Caleb Patton, C/AMn Daniel Smith, C/SSgt Jermiah Langston, and C/MSgt Rachel Langston.

The Bessemer Composite Squadron received:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Written Exam
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Panel Quiz
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Indoor Practical
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outdoor Practical
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Ranks Inspection
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place impromptu Speech.

Individual Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fitness Circuit Female – C/MSgt Rachel Langston
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Written Examination –C/SSgt Jeremiah Langston

## Second Annual Cadet Conference

The Second Annual Cadet Conference was held March 13-15, 2015 in Hoover. 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. One of the highlights of the conference was the opportunity for the cadets to be present when the Wing honored three Alabamians who received the Congressional Gold Medal. The event received extensive cover in the Birmingham Media Market.

## CyberPatriot



The Bessemer Composite Squadron CyberPatriot Team 2014-2015 earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Alabama in the All-Service Division. Captain Brandi Hyatt, Vice President of the Air Force Association, Chapter 100 and Executive Officer for the 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing made a special presentation to the team members recognizing them as 2015 CyberPatriot VII team members. At this time two CAP units have registered for CyberPatriot VIII.



Members of Bessemer Composite Squadron Participate in Round 1 CyberPatriot

# Wreaths Across America 2015



Bessemer Composite Squadron at Alabama State Capital Ceremony December 9, 2015 for Wreaths Across America.

Auburn Composite Squadron, Wreaths Across America Fort Mitchell National Cemetery December 12, 2015



## 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.



The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Redstone Composite Squadron hosted the 9th annual Alabama Wing Iron Man Competition the first weekend in December. The event started Friday night December 4<sup>th</sup> and ended Saturday afternoon December 5<sup>th</sup>. Seven teams came from across the Wing to participate in the competition which was held at the Space and Rocket Center's (USSRC) Aviation Challenge. Teams were comprised of six CAP members with each team representing one squadron. The makeup of the team can be made up of a mixture of both males and females, Cadets and senior members.

The purpose of the Iron Man Competition is to incorporate the three missions of CAP into one competition. "It involves all squadrons of the Wing, in a safe, competitive, challenging and most importantly a fun environment, said Lt. Col. Christopher Tate, CAP." The competition is comprised of graded events that includes: Physical Fitness, Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and the Capstone event, the Iron Man Run.

On Friday evening the teams reported to the Space and Rocket Center's Aviation Challenge and conducted portions of the Physical Fitness and Aerospace Education events. On Saturday, the competition continued with Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services events and concluded with the Iron Man Run. 74 CAP members billeted in the Aviation Challenge barracks Friday night and approximately 100 CAP members plus family and friends present on Saturday.

This year's event was grueling and tested both physical prowess, aerospace knowledge, and leadership skills. The Ironman Competition represents one of the toughest challenges CAP cadets can face and each of the seven teams vied for the honor of being named CAP's toughest squadron.



Redstone's Cadet/Colonel Catherine Guthrie, the coordinator of this year's event said that, "Ironman 2015 was a great success! All of the teams participating were focused and competed well. This was a special chance to host the competition at Aviation Challenge and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, and everyone enjoyed seeing unique aircraft and rockets throughout the weekend."

The Civil Air Patrol is grateful to the USSRC for their support of Ironman 2015. The USSRC is the official Visitor's Center for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian and a dynamic showcase for Redstone Arsenal and their defense programs. Technology initiatives and innovations in aerospace, defense and energy have enabled the USSRC to create and sustain an immersive learning environment. The USSRC's environment continues to garner international-recognition for excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs for students, teachers and families attending our world renowned U.S. Space Camp, U.S. Space Academy, Aviation Challenge, Robotics Camp and Corporate Camps; to which they are fulfilling our mission to inspire the spirit of exploration and achievement through education

One team in the Ironman competition was composed of members from the Tuscaloosa and Auburn squadrons. The name they chose was “Wartide”. Auburn is the home of the Auburn University “Tigers” and Tuscaloosa is the home of the University of Alabama “Crimson Tide”. The schools play each other in November in the “Iron Bowl” that rotates each year between Tuscaloosa and Auburn.

The overall winner of the Ironman competition this year was the Chilton County Squadron.



First place winners of the subcategories were as follows:

Physical Fitness:	Birmingham Squadron
Aerospace Education:	Chilton County Squadron
Emergency Services:	Bessemer Squadron
Cadet Programs:	Tuscaloosa Squadron
Iron Man Run:	Chilton County Squadron

For officers and cadets, the tangible payments are the various awards and promotions they can earn.



Pictured left is Capt Brittany Howard (Assistant Deputy Commander Cadets) and Maj Scott Peters (Mobile Squadron Commander) promoting Cadet Malik McConnell to Cadet Airman.



On September 1<sup>st</sup> the Auburn Compisite squadron promoted Cadet Airman First Class Bottomlee and Cadet Technical Sergeant Burkhalter for passing their physical fitness, aerospace, leadership and drill tests, as well as other requirements

## CHAPTER V - OPERATIONS

One of the highpoints of the year was the Bi-Annual Graded Search and Rescue Exercise. The event was conducted at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport on Saturday August 22, 2015 where the Alabama Wing received an "Outstanding" rating.

Preparing for the graded exercise started in April with CAP members from three other states joined the Alabama Wing is a training exercise conducted from the Dekalb County Courthouse in Fort Payne, Alabama. Operations were established Friday evening April 24<sup>th</sup>. The exercise was conducted Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to weather conditions, adjustments were made to the planned sequence of events. Most of the air operations were moved to Sunday and ground operations initially scheduled for Sunday were moved up to Saturday. 30

During the exercise wing operations were conducted from the County Commission chambers, wing communications from the Dekalb County Emergency Management Agency communications center located in the basement and air operations from Isabell Field, the city-owned public use airport in Fort Payne, Alabama.



SAREX Communications Staff operations in the Dekalb County Emergency Management Agency Communications center. The monitor in the rear displays weather map showing severe weather in south Alabama.



Capt. Bass discusses operations with Col Lynn, Alabama Wing Commander and Col Melton, Southeast Region Commander in the operations center in the Dekalb County Commission Chamber.



2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Candous Langston, Bessemer Squadron PAO, directs arriving aircraft to parking space. The three day SAREX provided an opportunity for CAP members to work on additional skills outside their primary specialty track.



A reporter from the Huntsville Media Market covers airport operations at Isabel Field Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Not pictured, but to his right is his PAO escort officer. The reporter had his initial interview at the operations center. His second stop was the airport. From this location he traveled to the simulated crash site where he was on hand to record the arrival of the ground team being directed by a CAP aircraft.



Ground team locates simulated missing aircraft. The missing aircraft was located by Tuscaloosa Squadron AL 024. The Tuscaloosa Squadron aircraft provided directions by radio to the ground team.

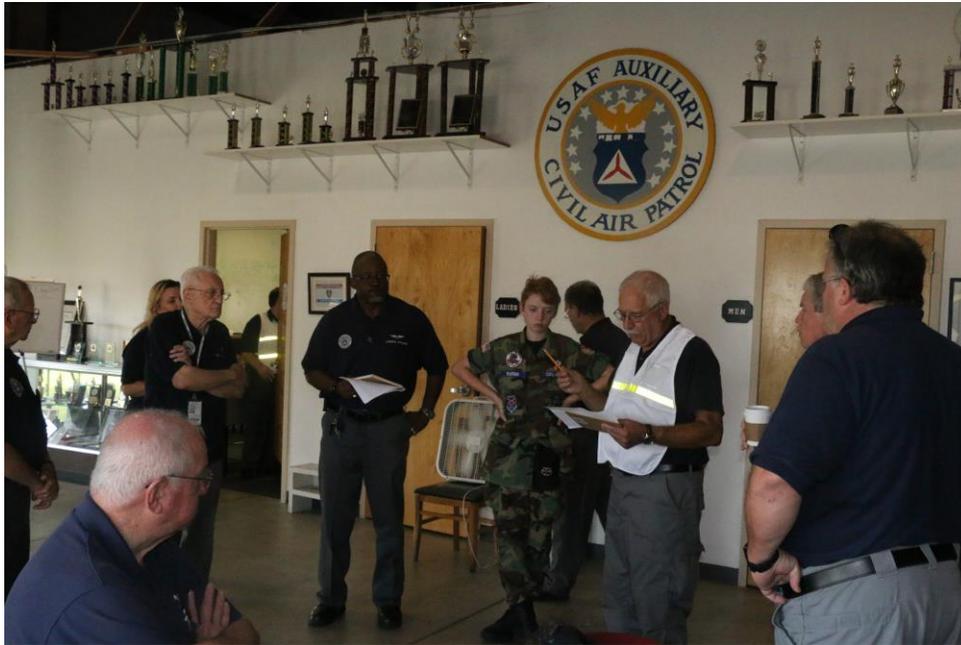


Pictured above is a training aid used by the Alabama Wing to simulate a downed aircraft. The orange item, the size of a brick, is the case for the Model 6000 Emergency Locator Transmitter Training Unit. This provided the signal received by the searching aircraft.

### **Alabama Wing participates in Multistate Mission Exercise.**

During the weekend of Aug. 7-9, the Alabama Wing joined with all other wings in Civil Air Patrol's Southeast Region, plus two from outside the region, to participate in a multifaceted emergency exercise. Coordinated by Area Command at Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia, the wings were tasked in multiple phases by orders issued by Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Agency Region 4. The FEMA orders were based on inquiries to state emergency management agencies regarding simulated earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and other scenarios related to such events. The wings responded with aerial reconnaissance, emergency communication and ground team missions while also downloading hundreds of geotagged photographs of designated sites, generated by both air and ground teams. These sites were typical of those where damage could severely affect recovery from major geological events. The Alabama Wing received more than 40 tasks, transmitting photos related to every task and receiving a 103 percent achievement rating for the exercise.

The wing established an operations at the Bessemer Municipal Airport in the Bessemer Composite Squadron building.



Maj Butler (white vest) brief briefing members of the team on duty for the Southeast Region Hurricane Exercise.



Captain Joseph F. Jeffries (left) and Major Carl G. Rossomme (right) plan Jeffries flight to Mobile to survey damage. The mission was delayed to allow severe weather to clear the area.



2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Langston, Bessemer Squadron Public Affairs Officer (PAO), served as one of two Wing Public Information Officers's (PIO) during the mission. She is pictured here conducting a PIO briefing.

These events provided a solid training base leading up to the graded evaluation conducted the weekend before the National CAP Conference in Orlando.

## **Wing Bi-Annual Graded Exercise**

A number of cadets served as Mission Staff Assistants, supporting the command staff and as Ground Team Members. One of the many duties handled by cadets was assisting with media and special guest. Alabama State Senator Gerald Allen and Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency Director Rob Robertson visited the event. Housing for a number of the mission team was made available through an arrangement with a local church. In the past the church had hosted mission teams from outside Tuscaloosa that needed a place to stay while in Tuscaloosa. They have showers and several rooms designated for housing. This was the first time they had ever housed a nonfaith-based organization. This was made possible through the contacts with Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency. The exercise was treated as a real world training event and coordination of housing for volunteers is one of the task for Tuscaloosa County VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster).



Lt Col Hall and cadet mission staff assistance at wing graded evaluation in Tuscaloosa

Active Duty Air Force evaluators observe operations section during wing graded Evaluation in Tuscaloosa



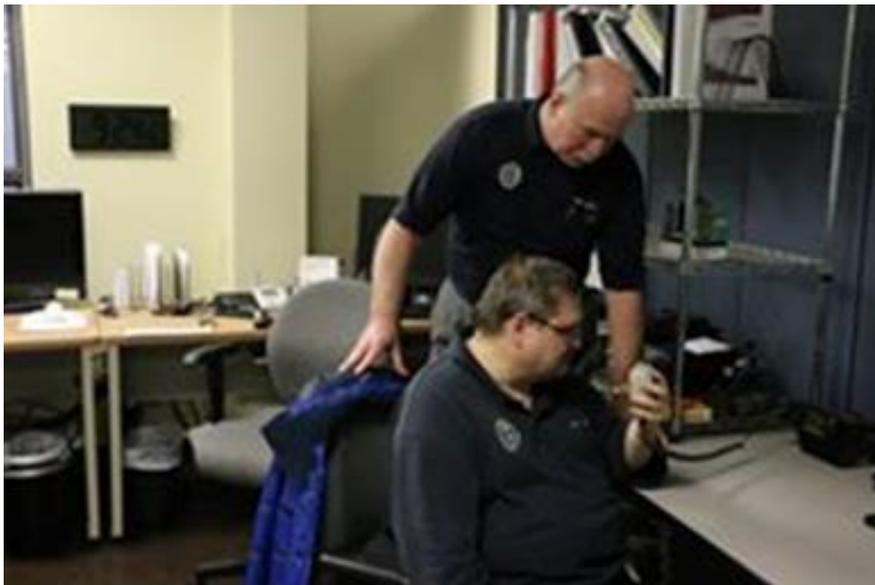
A planned part of the exercise was the change of incident commanders. When operations were set up at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport, Lt Col Pat Mitcham took over Incident Commander for the evaluation. The wing had just over 60 CAP participants with four Air Force members serving as evaluators. At the end of the SAREX, a hot wash was conducted and the Air Force awarded the Alabama Wing an overall grade of "OUTSTANDING" with the comment that this exercise should serve as a model for future SAREXs.

One of the areas to receive an "Outstanding" ration was the wing PIO (Public Information Officer). The evaluation has a PIO designated for the evaluation. The PIO handled media related to the evaluation. The wing also set up a PAO (Public Affairs Officer) station on the first floor of the terminal. The PAO handled initial registration of visiting media and turned them over to the PIO. The PAO also handled visiting public officials such as State Senator Gerald Allen and Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency Director Rob Robertson.

The Air Force evaluator was very impressed with this approach and rated the PIO function as "Outstanding". He recommended that this approach be done at all graded exercises.



State Senator Gerald Allen meets Alabama Wing Commander Col J. Bradford Lynn at the Wing Operational Evaluation in Tuscaloosa.



2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eric Lewis, Tuscaloosa Squadron Communications and Major Mike Carr, Southeast Region PAO and member of Tuscaloosa Squadron take part in communications training with Tuscaloosa County EMA and State of Alabama EMA during Winter Weather Exercise in December 2015 at the Tuscaloosa County EMA Emergency Operations Center.

## APPENDIX I-Commander Biography

**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 Main Cadet 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 is currently enrolled in the MBA Program at Troy University, with a planned graduation date in June 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.

## APPENDIX II WING STAFF DECEMBER 2015

Director of Aerospace Education	Maj Nina L. Wills
Director of Cadet Programs	Lt Col Ronald W. Hanson
Chaplain	Lt Col Robert H. McMillian
Chief of Staff	Lt Col John Rhoades
Commander	Col J. Brett Lewis
Government Relations Advisor	Lt Col Joseph M. Saloom
Health Services Officer	Maj Brenda W. Iddins
Historian	Lt Col David K. Hartin
Vice Commander	Lt Col James A. Harris
Director of Communications	Capt Robert P. Moses
Counter Drug	Col William R. Bass
Director of Emergency Services	Maj Harvey L. Yarbrough
Director of Finance	Lt Col Gary Bishop
Legal Officer	Capt John R. Davis
Director of IT	Capt Robert A. Griffith
Inspector General	Col Michael A. Oakman
Director of Logistics	Lt Col Alford Boyd
Maintenance Officer	Col Robert M. Dorning
Transportation Officer	Col Robert M. Dorning
Public Affairs Officer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Joel B. Pendleton
Recruiting & Retention Officer	Maj Patricia K. Coghlan
Director of Operations	Col William R. Bass
Homeland Security Officer	Lt Col Paul K. Reid
Standardization/Evaluation Officer	Lt Col Harold A. Coghlan
Director of Administration	Lt Col David M. Hyden
Plans and Program Officer	Lt Col Anthony G. Beresford
Director of Professional Development	Maj Jeanne M. Stone
Director of Safety	Maj Frank, J. Jirik, IV

## **APPENDIX III--ALABAMA WING UNITS**

\*Indicates a change of command during 2015. 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 2015.

### **Alabama Wing Headquarters, AL 001**

**Commander – J. Brett Lewis**

\*Colonel J. Bradford Lynn

Meeting Address

111 South Kuter Street  
Building 711  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 4

Mailing Address

111 South Kuter Street,  
Building 711  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Meeting Times: 09:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Commander's Call held once every quarter.

### **Mobile Composite Squadron, AL-005**

**Commander – Maj Scott Peters**

\*Major Thomas Lyon

Meeting Address

2241 Michigan Avenue  
Mobile, AL 36615

Mailing Address

1557 Fearnway Street  
Mobile, AL 36604-1311

Meeting Times: 19:00 Monday

### **Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron, AL-024**

**Commander – Major Ed Barnes**

Meeting Address

Tuscaloosa Regional Airport  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Mailing Address

P. O. Box 2633  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

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

**Dothan Composite Squadron, AL-029**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel David W. Skinner**

\*Lieutenant Colonel Robert Irsik

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

Mailing Address  
200 Arapaho Ct.  
Enterprise, AL 36330

Meeting Times: 18:30 Monday Cadets meet every Monday.

**Maxwell Composite Squadron, AL-032**

**Commander –Major Donald A. Cain**

\* Lieutenant Colonel James Harris

Meeting Address  
Building 1211  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Mailing Address  
810 Willow Street  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

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

**Muscle Shoals Composite Squadron, AL-041**  
**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Boyd**

Meeting Address  
Muscle Shoals Airport  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35611

Mailing Address  
845 Bethel Church Road  
Leighton, AL 35646

Meeting Times: 18:00 Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

**Huntsville Senior Squadron, AL-055**

**Commander – Major Raymond T. Downward**

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

Mailing Address  
249 Wedgewood Terrace  
Madison, AL 35747

Meeting Times: 19:00 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Gadsden Composite Squadron, AL-075**  
**Commander – Major Charles A. Reidy, Jr.**  
**\*Major Talmadge Butler**

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

Mailing Address  
5500 Whitesville Road  
Boaz, AL 35957-3528

Meeting Times: 17:00 Every Tuesday, except 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

**Bessemer Composite Squadron, AL-087**

**Commander – Captain Robert G. Newsome, Jr.**  
**\*Major John Rhoades**

Meeting Address  
700 Mitchell Field Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

Mailing Address  
700 Mitchell Field Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

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

**117<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard Composite Squadron, AL-090**  
**Commander – Major James L. Corey**

**Meeting Address**

5401 East Lake Blvd.  
Building 205/117<sup>th</sup> ANG  
Birmingham, AL 35217-3595

**Mailing Address**

580 Forest Lakes Drive  
Sterrett, AL 35147-8134

Meeting Times: 19:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

**Auburn Composite Squadron, AL-113**

**Commander Major Morgan Bennett**

\*Commander – Captain Aaron Swenson

**Meeting Address**

2150 Mike Hubbard Blvd.  
Auburn University Regional Airport  
Auburn, AL 36830-489

**Mailing Address**

P. O. Box 327  
Auburn, AL 36830

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

**Chilton County Composite Squadron, AL-117**

**Commander – Major Samuel A. Ogiev**

**Meeting Address**

550 Airport Road  
Chilton County Fairgrounds/Arena  
Clanton, AL 35045

**Mailing Address**

P. O. Box 316  
Verbena, AL 36091

Meeting Times: 18:00 Tuesday.

**Pell City Composite Squadron, AL-118**

**Commander- Major James Gosnell**

Meeting Address

240 Airport Road

St Clair County Airport, Hanger # 31

Pell City, AL 35128-4120

Mailing Address

2408 Sunrise Drive

Moody, AL 35004-3462

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

**Redstone Composite Squadron, AL-119**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Mike Guthrie**

\*Lieutenant Colonel John Hall

Meeting Address

Central Church of Christ

407 East Clinton Avenue

Huntsville, AL 35758

Mailing Address

306 High Coach Circle

Madison, AL 35758

Meeting Times: 18:00-20:00 Mondays. Cadets meet every Monday, Seniors 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Springville Cadet Squadron, AL-126**

**Commander – Captain Mark McCay**

Meeting Address

198 Marietta Road

Springville, AL 35146

Mailing Address

P. O. Box 831

Springville, AL 35146-0831

Meeting Times: 18:00-20:00 Every Tuesday.

**Central Alabama Senior Squadron, AL-132**

**Commander – Major Carl G. Rossomme**

Meeting Address  
Shelby County Services Building  
Pelham, AL 35124

Mailing Address  
154 Lucerne Blvd.  
Birmingham, AL 35209-6658

Meeting Times: 18:30 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

**South Baldwin County Cadet Squadron, AL-133**

This squadron was deactivated in 2015.

**Cullman Composite Squadron, AL -134**

This Squadron was activated as a Composit Squadron December 2015

**Commander-Captain Joseph F. Jeffries**

Meeting Address  
231 County Road 1360  
Vinemont, AL 35179

Mailing Address  
2906 Whitford Drive  
Decatur, AL 35603

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

**Alabama State Legislative Squadron, AL-999**

Commander – Vacant

Meeting Address  
111 S Kurter Street, Building 711  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5936

Mailing Address  
111 S Kurter Street, Building 711  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5936

## APPENDIX IV-Awards Presented at the 2015 Wing Conference Morning Session

### Alabama Wing 2014 Awards

The awards listed in this section were presented during the Special awards and Recognition portion of the morning session at the 2015 Alabama Wing Conference in Hoover, Alabama

<u>Awardee Name</u>	<u>Awards</u>
Capt. Benjamin Booth	Character Development Officer of the Year
Capt. Kennie Browning	Communicator of the Year
Maj. Randy Crowder	Personnel Officer of the Year
Michael Guthrie	Aerospace Education Brewer Senior Member
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Terry Hale	Property Officer of the Year
Lt. Col. Jay Jerman	Inspector General of the Year
Maj Samuel Ogilvie	Cadet Programs Officer of the Year
Maj Scott Peters	Finance Officer of the Year
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Belinda Scott	Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. John Theobald	Logistics Officer of the Year
Maj. Joseph Viviano	Aerospace Education Officer of the Year
Bessemer Composite	Ground Team of the Year

#### Cadets:

C/A1C Crystal Ann Armstrong	Cadet of the Year Phase I
C/SMSgt Christopher Holland	Cadet of the Year Phase II
C/2d Lt Zachary Baeza	Cadet of the Year Phase III
C/Capt Frank Riley	Cadet of the Year Phase IV
C/2d LTDavid Pauly	Brewer Cadet Cat I

## **APPENDIX V-Awards Presented at the 2015 Wing Conference Awards & Recognition Banquet**

The Awards and Recognition Banquet, conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. started off with the Gold Medal Recognition Ceremony. This recognized John L. Magnon of Fairhope and Otha H. Vaughn of Huntsville who received the Congressional Gold Medal in December 2014. Former Georgia resident Robert J. (Bob) Haver was also recognized. He moved to Tuscaloosa County in early 2015 and is a member of the Tuscaloosa Squadron AL – 024.

### **John L. Magnon, 84**

*Fairhope, AL*

Magnon joined CAP as a cadet in the **Louisiana Wing** in 1943 while living in New Orleans, serving until 1945 in a unit operating out of Shushan (now New Orleans Lakefront) Airport.

### **Otha H. Vaughn, 84**

*Huntsville, AL*

Vaughan served as CAP cadet in Anderson, S.C., from 1944-1946, attaining the rank of cadet master sergeant and learning sub-spotting techniques and building models, and is still active in CAP as a lieutenant colonel. He served in the Air Force from 1951-1953 in active duty. As a NASA employee, he was involved in development of the Saturn series rockets for the Apollo program and also played an instrumental role in designing the Lunar Rover. Retired today, he remains affiliated with the space program by giving tours at the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center

### **Robert J. (Bob) Haver, 84**

*Newman, GA (currently a resident of Tuscaloosa County Alabama and member of Tuscaloosa Squadron).*

Haver joined the New York Wing's Rochester unit as a cadet on his 13th birthday – Oct. 25, 1943. He lived in Scottsville, about 15 miles away, and had to hitchhike to the squadron headquarters. He remembers learning a lot about radio engineering and communications, and a thrill of his young life was getting to man the Civil Defense tower at his school – by himself – at least once. Still active in the Georgia Wing as a lieutenant colonel, he's been a CAP member, off and on, for 70 years. He also gives EAA orientation flights to youngsters, and he said he gave Eric Boe – the astronaut and CAP member – his first ride. Boe invited him to Florida for one of his shuttle launches.

Other evening awards include:

Lt. Col. Harold Coghlan	Aerospace Education Brewer Lifetime Award
110th AVN BGD	Aerospace Education Brewer Award Organization Award
Redstone Squadron	Squadron of the Year
C/Capt Jared Fuchs	Cadet of the Year
Capt. James Locke	Senior Member of the Year
Maj. Harvey Yarborough	Wing Staff Officer of the Year
Capt. Mark McCay	Squadron Commander of the Year



Lt Col Koellsted receives the Wilson Award from Col Bedgood, Southeast Region Commander, left, and Col Lynn, ALWG Commander, during the Alabama Wing Annual Conference and Awards Banquet. The Wilson Award is the highest level in the CAP senior member professional development program.

## APPENDIX-VI Individual Awards Earned By Cadets in 2015



### **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 received 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.

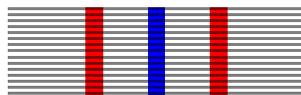
In 2014 the Alabama Wing had four cadets received this honor. There were no presentations made in 2015.



### **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.

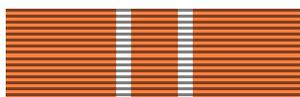
Jared E. Fuchs  
Aaron J. Butters  
Nathan D. Wills  
Ava N. Michl



### **Amelia Earhart Award**

The Amelia 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.

Jakob R. McGaughey  
David C. Pauly  
Austin E. Jones  
Micha J. Laatsch  
Naomi C. Shea  
Austin E. Jones  
Jared E. Fuchs



### **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.

Antonio S. Esposito  
Arthur M. Godwin  
Gregory J. Wall  
Lauren G. Ridley  
Timothy B. Cleveland  
Connor D. Robinson  
Nathaniel Ruiz  
James W. Hart  
David J. McGowin  
Andrew W. Yarbrough  
Audrey E. Bearss  
Jamie L. Thicklin  
Alyssa R. Tillman  
Johnathan I. Scott  
Ashley S. Tillman

## APPENDIX-VII Senior Member Professional Development Awards 2015



### **Gill Robb Wilson Award**

This award is presented to senior members who complete the fifth level of training in the senior member professional development program. This is the highest award in the professional development program.

Maj. Scott S. Peters



### **Paul E. Garber Award**

This award is presented to senior members who complete the level IV requirements of the Senior Member Professional Development Program.

Maj Scott S. Peters  
Maj. Brady K. Rogers

## APPENDIX-VIII Senior Member Awards 2015



The Achievement Award may be presented to a member when the circumstances of his or her performance are above and beyond those of the member's peers, but are not sufficient enough to warrant a Commander's Commendation Award. The intent of the award is to empower wing and group commanders with the ability to recommend and present achievement awards locally.

Lt Col Christopher A. Tate	AL-113
Capt Jeremy A. Marvin	AL-113
Capt William A. Browdy	AL-113



The Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving is awarded to members of the Civil Air Patrol "who save a human life, but do not meet the criteria for the Bronze [Medal of Valor] or Silver Medal of Valor.

1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Ivan K Gray	AL-029
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The Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving was awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ivan K Gray of the Dothan Composite Squadron on July 10, 2015. Below is the narrative from his citation.

“On June 6, 2015 while with friends at a Panama City Beach, FL 1LT Ivan “Keith” Gray rescued and safed the life of a 14 year old woman named Olia Kwaik. Lt Gray heard screaming and was told that a woman had just drowned. He swam out to the location. Even though she was being helped by others, the young woman was unresponsive. He grabbed the victim and enlisted others to help him take her to shore. Once on shore, Lt Gray yelled for assistance in giving CPR. An ex-soldier from Abbeville did the chest compressions while Lt Gray administered the breaths. He also directed a bystander to call 911. The victim responded to continued CPR and breathed on her own.” The award citation also refered an article in the Dothan Eagle dated June 17, 2015.

**APPENDIX-IX Senior Member Awards presented October 17, 2015 at the Wing Change of Command**



The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded for "conspicuous performance of outstanding service in a duty of great responsibility where the position held and results obtained reflect upon the accomplishments and prestige of CAP on a national scale."

**Distinguished Service Medal**

COL	J. Brad Lynn	AL-001
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The Exceptional Service Award is awarded to Civil Air Patrol members who provide "exceptionally outstanding service to CAP...while serving in any capacity with CAP."

**Exceptional Service Award**

COL	William Bass	AL-001
LT COL	Anthony Beresford	AL-001
MAJ	James Kilgore	AL-001



The Meritorious Service Award is awarded for "outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of CAP."

### **Meritorious Service Award**

MAJ	BENNETT, CINDY	AL-118
MAJ	BENNETT, MORGAN	AL-113
LT COL	BENNETT, ROGER	AL-001
LT COL	BUTLER, TALMADGE	AL-075
MAJ	CAIN, DONALD	AL-001
MAJ	CARR, MIKE	SER-001
LT COL	COGHLAN, HAROLD	AL-001
MAJ	COGHLAN, PATRICIA	AL-001
LT COL	CORWAY, CHARLES	AL-001
CAPT	DAVIS, JOHN	AL-001
COL	DORNING, ROBERT	AL-001
MAJ	ERNEST, GARY	AL-117
CAPT	FOGAL, JAMES	AL-113
MAJ	FOSTER, CARLTON	AL-001
MAJ	HANES, ANDREW	AL-133
LT COL	HANSON, RONALD	AL-001
LT COL	HARTIN, DAVID	AL-001
MAJ	HASTER, CHARLES	AL-001
LT COL	HOWARD, STEPHEN	AL-005
CAPT	IDDINS, BRENDA	AL-118
MAJ	IDDINS, CHRIS	AL-118
LT	IRSIK, RICHARD	AL-029
LT COL	JAMES, SCOTT	AL-032
CAPT	JEFFRIES, JOE	AL-134
LT COL	JERMAN, JAY	AL-034
LT COL	JIRIK, FRANK, IV	AL-001
LT COL	KEITH, MELVIN	AL-001
LT COL	LANDRY, AUSTIN	AL-001
LT COL	LEWIS, JAMES	AL-001
MAJ	LEWIS, MELISSA	AL-001
CAPT	LOCKE, JAMES	AL-001
MAJ	LYNN, TONEY	AL-001
CAPT	MARVIN, JEREMY	AL-113

LT COL	MITCHAM, PAT	AL-055
CAPT	MOSES, ROBERT	AL-001
COL	OAKMAN, MICHAEL	AL-001
MAJ	OGILVIE, SAM	AL-117
COL	OWENS, JOSEPH	AL-001
LT COL	REID, PAUL	AL-001
MAJ	RHOADES, JOHN	AL-087
CAPT	ROGERS, SCOTT	AL-032
MAJ	ROSSOMME, CARL	AL-132
MAJ	ROUSSEAU, CHRIS	AL-001
LT COL	SALOOM, JOSEPH	AL-001
LT COL	SELLERS, STEVEN	AL-001
MAJ	STONE-HUNTER, JEANNE	AL-001
MAJ	TODD, DONNIE	AL-001
MAJ	WILLS, NINA	AL-113
MAJ	YARBOROUGH, HARVEY	AL-001

## **APPENDIX-X Gubernatorial Proclamation**

# **Wreaths Across America Day**

December 1, 2015

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, began in 2006 as an extension of the Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Project, which was started in 1992 when wreaths donated by the Worcester Wreath Company were placed on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. and the Civil Air Patrol of Bessemer, Alabama, are partnering with Wreaths Across America with a mission to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve and TEACH our children the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and volunteers will help adorn the gravesites at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo and at other veterans' graves statewide in a stirring tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who have guarded and preserved our nation's freedom throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America Statehouse Ceremony is held at the Alabama State Capitol to begin a week-long celebration of America's veterans and their service to our country, with a particular focus on family during the holidays:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2015, as

### **Wreaths Across America Day**

in the State of Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 24th day of November 2015.

Robert Bentley  
Governor

<http://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2015/12/wreaths-across-america-day-4/>

APPENDIX-XI Cadet Squadron of Merit Listing for 2015

## Cadet Squadron of Merit Listing for 2015

	Start Strength	End Strength	New Cadet	Total Renewed
AL-000	12	4	0	1
AL-005	9	21	19	7
AL-024	17	17	5	12
AL-029	13	15	10	6
AL-032	32	33	19	16
AL-041	8	16	9	6
AL-075	25	24	9	15
AL-087	41	34	14	21
AL-090	18	34	24	12
AL-0113	10	13	6	9
AL-117	15	11	5	6
AL-118	8	7	6	2
AL-119	26	28	17	8
AL-126	27	22	7	15
AL-134	7	9	6	4
Total	268	288	156	140

## Cadet Squadron of Merit Listing for 2015

	Mitchell	Earhart	Eaker	Spaatz	Wright	1 <sup>st</sup> Encamp	Flight %
AL-000	0	0	0	0	0	1	
AL-005	0	0	0	0	4	6	43%
AL-024	1	0	0	0	2	0	53%
AL-029	0	0	0	0	1	3	60%
AL-032	1	1	1	0	5	5	29%
AL-041	0	0	0	0	4	0	60%
AL-075	3	0	0	0	6	10	39%
AL-087	4	2	2	0	9	14	25%
AL-090	1	0	0	0	4	9	28%
AL-113	1	0	1	0	1	0	75%
AL-117	2	0	0	0	1	3	75%
AL-118	0	1	0	0	0	0	113%
AL-119	0	0	0	0	5	11	29%
AL-126	1	0	0	0	7	7	45%
<u>AL-134</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total	14	4	4	0	50	74	

# APPENDIX XII-Media Article

Front Page of the Fort Payne newspaper for Friday April 24, 2015

**TIMES TIP LINE**  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR | Don't miss these important dates**

**25 APRIL** Beginning Crochet & Knitting is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alabama City Branch of the Gadsden Public Library. Learn the basics of crocheting or knitting. Please bring your own knitting/crocheting needles and yarn. For more information, call Kay at 256-549-4688.

**25 APRIL** Chess Club will meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the Lena Martin Room of the Gadsden Public Library. All skill levels welcome.



**25 APRIL** Sculpt your own flower at Orbix Hot Glass with help from the workshop's artists. Cost is \$75 and covers materials and a flower to take home. Reservations and payment required. Call 256-523-3188 or email info@orbixhotglass.com.



**ASK AMY**  
Amy Dickens

## Civil Air Patrol exercise slated for Saturday

**BY DONNA THORNTON**  
Times Staff Writer

Maj. Michael Carr says this weekend's Civil Air Patrol exercise, based at the Fort Payne Airport and expanding into DeSoto State Park, is the largest ever in the area.

The exercise will bring together the Alabama and Georgia Wings of the CAP. The Alabama Wing will supply nine aircraft; the Georgia Wing, three for the exercise. Ground assets from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina will participate.

About 100 senior members of the CAP and 60 cadets are expected to participate. The exercise will use a VHF radio team and an HF radio team.

Work will be underway today as radio communications are set up and scenario planners and managers ready the operational area.

Carr said the purpose of the exercise is to give CAP members training and to demonstrate the capabilities of the CAP in association with other response agencies.

He said the CAP often works with local Emergency Management Agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and hospitals to respond to crisis situations, and not all of them involve aircraft.

"We get called in on all sorts of things," Carr said.

The CAP is the "auxiliary" for the Air Force, Carr said, and is tasked with a number of programs, including the cadet program. The CAP is helping the Air Force with drone programs now, he said.

There may be some drones involved in the exercise Saturday and Sunday in Fort Payne and the surrounding area.

The CAP's missions include emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education, and the exercise will incorporate all those elements.

Command staff and air and ground teams will gather about 8 a.m. Saturday at the airport. After a briefing, the ground teams will report to DeSoto State Park Wilderness Area for staging.

"We'll have scenarios," Carr said, for the exercise, that will put CAP members through the duties a real mission would require.

The exercise will include a large-scale weather-related damage assessment, with ground and air photography sorties to document damage to infrastructure of homes, roadways, bridges and power distribution systems. Photo reconnaissance work will be mainly over DeKalb County and to the north.

There will be at least three overdue aircraft scenarios, focused on the area from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Birmingham.

There will be missing boater scenarios as well, in the state and national park preserves. The various scenarios will give multiple opportunities for scene management and work with other agencies.

The exercise is a training session for members, Carr said, not an opportunity for spectators.

Most of Saturday's operations will end by 5 p.m., but there will be limited evening and night tasking.

Exercise sorties will launch at 8 a.m. Sunday and return by noon, with debriefing at 1:30 p.m.

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