

History of the Middle East Region
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Statistics by Wing

Wing Statistics MER

DE (Delaware)

Wing Commander: Col Michael Moyer CAP

258 Senior members
122 Cadets
80 Aircrew personnel
268 Emergency responders
Squadrons
10 locations statewide
Aircraft
5 single engine
Vehicles
12 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
5 VHF/FM repeaters
64 VHF/FM stations
10 HF stations
Missions
2 Search and rescue missions
1 Find
21 Other state support missions
77 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 1,066.9

MD (Maryland)

Wing Commander: Col William Parris, CAP

781 Senior members
689 Cadets
216 Aircrew personnel
774 Emergency responders
Squadrons
35 locations statewide
Aircraft
11 single engine
Vehicles
34 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
13 VHF/FM repeaters
117 VHF/FM stations
16 HF stations
Missions
8 Search and rescue missions
5 Finds
28 Other state support missions
782 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 2,245.4

National Capitol

Wing Commander: Col Bruce Heinlein CAP

34 Senior members
161 Cadets
91 Aircrew personnel
226 Emergency responders
Squadrons
8 locations statewide
Aircraft
4 single engine
13 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
6 VHF/FM repeaters
77 VHF/FM stations
8 HF stations

Missions
16 other support missions
161 cadet orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 1,150

North Carolina

818 Senior members
771 cadets
299 Aircrew personnel
934 Emergency responders
Squadrons
38 locations statewide
Aircraft
12 single engine
1 glider
Vehicles
19 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
13 VHF/FM fixed repeaters
2 VHF/FM airborne/technical
Repeaters
242 VHF/FM stations
39 HF stations
Missions
11 Search and rescue missions
5 Finds
1 Save
7 Other state support missions
988 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 2,569.9

Wing Commander: Col David Crawford CAP

South Carolina

496 Senior members
283 Cadets
143 Aircrew personnel
460 Emergency responders
Squadrons
19 locations statewide
Aircraft
9 single engine
1 glider
Vehicles
23 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
11 VHF/FM repeaters
168 VHF/FM stations
30 HF stations
Missions
7 Search and rescue missions
4 finds
24 other state support missions
815 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 1,872.7

Wing Commander: Col Francis Smith CAP

VA (Virginia)

922 Senior members
774 Cadets
192 Aircrew personnel
872 Emergency responders
Squadrons
24 locations statewide
Aircraft
11 single engine
1 glider
Vehicles
24 vehicles
Interoperable Communications

Wing Commander: Col James A. Covell CAP

14 VHF/FM repeaters
225 VHF/FM stations
41 HF stations
Missions
10 Search and rescue missions
9 finds
12 Other state support missions
853 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 2,068

West Virginia

372 Senior members
236 cadets
81 Aircrew personnel
368 Emergency responders
Squadrons
15 locations statewide
Aircraft
6 single engine
1 glider
Vehicles
24 vehicles
Interoperable Communications
11 VHF/FM repeaters
173 VHF/FM stations
33 HF stations
Missions
1 Search and rescue mission
4 Other state support missions
263 Orientation flights
Total Hours Flown 1,222.2

Wing Commander: Col Paul McCroskey CAP

Awards

Cadet Awards For 2014

Spaatz	9
Eaker	15
Earhart	47
Mitchell	149

Senior Member Awards for 2014

Gill Rob Wilson	13
Garber	33
Leoning	64

Change of Command

16 August Col Larry Ragland was named as the National Executive Officer for CAP,
Col Raymond Lyon was named as interim MER Commander during the selection process for new Region
Commander.
1 October Col John Knowles is appointed as the new MER Commander.

Public Affairs

Public affairs initiatives conducted by the 7 wings within the Middle East Region were varied,
and active. Though the list looks sparse, each wing had significant media coverage and public
recognition for 2014.

The following is a short list of some of the activities that our region and wings participated in as a whole:

- Each Wing along with Region has a pro-active website that provides internal and external (public) information. Some of the external information includes photos and news releases about CAP activities.
- Each Wing participated in multiple “community support” activities including Color Guard Color Presentations, Parades, Air Shows, manning AF Recruiting Booths.
- Each Wing contacted WW II Veterans for presentation of the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal (Award/Recognition) to recognize CAP members and their contributions and efforts in the early years of WWII.
- Each Wing participated in the Red Ribbon Week, drug awareness initiative.
- Significant media coverage includes: Recognition by government officials for training events, Spaatz and Earhart awards, new commanders, orientation flights, tree lighting ceremonies, Veteran’s Day honors and more.
- Participated in the annual national “Legislative Day” activities held in Washington, DC
- Each Wing participated in the annual national “Wreaths Across America” event, laying wreaths in Veteran Cemeteries across their wing.
- Wings throughout participated in various ES missions, which yielded public awareness.

Middle East Region staff members also participated in many activities in support of our wings and local units.

Middle East Region Summary statistics for 2014:

12,132.7 Hours Flown
 3,708 Orientation Flights
 151 Missions, 33 Finds, and 1 Save
 68 Aircraft
 4 Gliders
 149 Other Vehicles
 74 VHF/FM Repeaters
 1,066 VHF/FM stations
 177 HF Stations
 3,681 Senior Members
 3,036 Cadet Members
 Total Personnel 6,717
 146 Squadrons

Statistics for 2013:

12,555 Hours Flown
 4262 Orientation Flights
 203 Missions, 43 Finds
 58 Aircraft
 3 Gliders
 163 Other Vehicles
 74 VHF/ FM Repeaters
 1,066 VHF/ FM Stations
 177 HF Stations
 3,963 Senior Members
 3,279 Cadet Members
 7,242 Total Personnel
 157 Squadrons

APPENDIX 1

GLOSSARY

AF	United States Air Force
CAP	Civil Air Patrol
DDR	Drug Demand Reduction
Eaker	Cadet Award awarded for completion of phase 4 of the cadet Program. This award is named for General Ira C. Eaker
Earhart	Cadet Award awarded for completion of phase 3 of the cadet program. This award is named for Amelia Earhart
Gill Robb Wilson	The Gill Robb Wilson Award is Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) highest award for senior member professional development.
Garber	The Paul E. Garber Award is given to Civil Air Patrol members who complete Level IV of the Senior Member Professional Development Program.
Leoning	The Grover Loening Award is given to Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members who complete Level III of the Senior Member Professional Development Program
HF	High Frequency
MER	Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol
Mitchell	4th Highest cadet award named for General Billy Mitchell
Repeater	A radio repeater is an electronic device that receives a weak or low-level radio signal and retransmits it at a higher level or higher power
VHF/FM	Very High Frequency/Frequency Modulation

APPENDIX 2

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