

History
of
Mississippi Wing
Civil Air Patrol

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Civil Air Patrol Mission

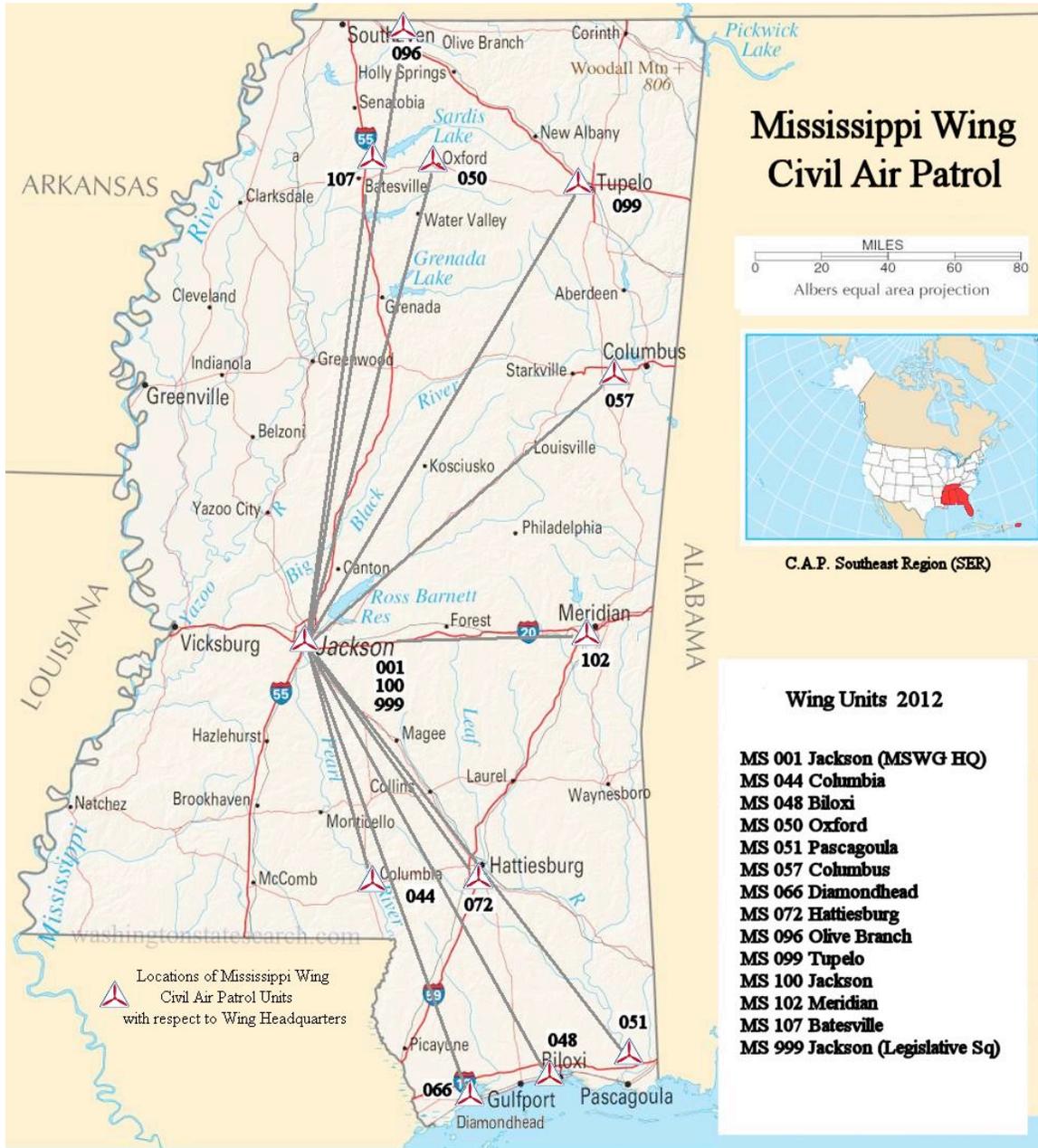
Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, is a volunteer, non-profit organization with its national headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

Civil Air Patrol is historically known for its missions in the Gulf and Eastern Seaboard chasing, and sinking, German submarines patrolling our coastlines. Civil Air Patrol members around the country also supported the original charter by providing flight training to Army Air Corp officers, towing aerial targets, and transporting key personnel and documents. Since our beginning, we have grown from a small group of members to over 60,000 officers and cadets nationwide. Over time our missions have changed, but our dedication to our country and our commitment to our community has always remained strong.

Today, the Mississippi Wing continues to lead the way in this origination by responding to rescue and reconnaissance missions such as Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Oil Spill. Our Wing stands ready through hurricane, earthquake, and flooding exercises. Every time an officer or cadet attends a squadron meeting, supports a communication net, participates in a SAR/DR exercise, volunteers to work a state or federal response mission, they are adding to our rich history and continuing our traditions.

Mississippi Wing is a member of Civil Air Patrol's Southeast Region (SER) commanded by Col. Alvin J. Bedgood. Civil Air Patrol units of the SER serve in the states of Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Map of 2012 Mississippi Wing Units



List of Mississippi Wing Units in 2012

Unit information is listed in the following order:

Unit Number, Name, (City)

Unit Commander

Meeting Location

Mailing Address

MS 001 Mississippi Wing Headquarters (Jackson)

Col Carlton R. Summer

Hawkins Field Airport, Jackson MS

1635 Airport Drive, Jackson, MS 39209-3402

MS 044 Mockingbird Composite Squadron (Columbia)

Lt Col Charlie W. Conerly

Civil Defense Building, Columbia

502 Courthouse Square, Columbia, MS 39429

MS 048 Col Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron (Biloxi)

Capt Brad Haynes (19 June-31 Dec 2012)

Capt George Tolis (1 Jan -19 June 2012)

817 Hercules Street, Hewes Hall Building 6903, Keesler AFB

P.O. Box 5378 Biloxi, MS 39534

MS 050 Steve Launius Composite Squadron (Oxford)

Maj James Petermann

3rd Floor Barnard Hall (ROTC Building), Student Union Drive, University
of Mississippi

125 County Road 213, Oxford, MS 38655-8855

MS 051 Singing River Composite Squadron (Pascagoula)

Capt Gary Turner

Trent Lott International Airport, 8301 Saracennia Rd, Moss Point

8005 Pecan Ridge Drive, Moss Point, MS 39562

MS 057 Golden Triangle Composite Squadron (Columbus)
Capt Jon C. Maynard
Seniors - Golden Triangle Regional Airport, Columbus
Cadets - Columbus AFB Chapel Annex (464 Harpe Blvd)
2080 Airport Road; Columbus, MS 39701

MS 066 Diamondhead Composite Squadron (Diamondhead)
Maj Gary Hornosky
7250 Stennis Airport Dr., Bay St. Louis
7223 Live Oak Way, Pass Christian, MS 39571

MS 072 Pine Belt Composite Squadron (Hattiesburg)
Capt Randy Broussard
Hattiesburg Fire Academy, 53 Academy Road, Hattiesburg
2392 Mississippi Hwy 43, Silver Creek, MS 39663

MS 096 Desoto Composite Squadron (Olive Branch)
Capt Mark Jonson
Southaven Parks & Recreation Center, Olive Branch
3335 Pine Tar Alley, Olive Branch, MS 38762

MS 099 Eagle Composite Squadron (Tupelo)
Lt Col Terry Anderson
120 Lemons Dr, Tupelo
2704 West Jackson, Tupelo, MS 38801

MS 100 Maj James McKinnie Composite Squadron (Jackson)
Capt Dale Long (26 Mar -31 Dec 2012)
Capt Jack Bell (1 Jan – 26 Mar 2012)
Mississippi Wing Headquarters, Hawkins Field Airport
1635 Airport Drive, Jackson, MS 39209-3402

MS 102 G.V. Montgomery Composite Squadron (Meridian)
Capt Doug H. Hester
186th Air National Guard Base, Building 3301, Key Field, Meridian
8218 Lizelia Rd, Meridian, MS 39305

MS 107 Northwest Mississippi Composite Squadron (Batesville)
Lt Col Richard Albee
Panola County Airport, Batesville (2nd Floor of Terminal Building)
969 CR 106, Water Valley, MS 38965

MS 999 Mississippi Legislative Squadron (Jackson)
Maj Rita Martinson
Mississippi State Capitol Building,

Operations Overview

[From Mississippi Wing Website

<http://www.mswg.cap.gov/>]

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) conducts a variety of operational missions primarily in the areas of Emergency Services (Search and Rescue (SAR), Disaster Relief (DR)), Counterdrug (CD), and Homeland Security (HLS). Most of this is done in CAP's role as the United States Air Force Auxiliary as Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) under Title 10, but CAP also provides assistance to State and Local authorities in many cases before there is a defined Federal interest under Title 36 as well. In order to conduct these missions, there are many programs and personnel that provide Operations Support.

Operations - Emergency Services Overview

[From Mississippi Wing Website

<http://www.mswg.cap.gov/>]

The Emergency Services mission includes search and rescue and disaster relief operations. CAP members' talents have augmented the Air Force in search and rescue and disaster relief since CAP's formation in 1941. CAP has assisted the nation in times of disaster and in emergency situations when its resources could be used.

The primary mission objective of Emergency Services is to save lives and relieve human suffering. To be effective, the lives of CAP personnel performing missions must be safeguarded. CAP demands professionalism in organization, training, and mission execution to accomplish this service. Only qualified members are allowed to participate in actual missions.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

All CAP personnel who participate in SAR operations are volunteers who have been specially trained. A SAR mission is always a serious and critical endeavor. Therefore, CAP units may not participate in a SAR mission unless they have people trained to quickly and successfully accomplish the mission. Life-saving techniques, attained through prior planning and practical exercises in performing the tasks required, must be carried out with speed and efficiency. SAR missions can be quite involved, with many functions and activities to be supervised and accomplished.

Disaster Relief (DR) Operations

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the single point of contact within the federal system for disaster relief planning and management. This includes civil defense, natural disaster, and man-made emergencies. CAP has national-level agreements with many government and non-government relief agencies. Included are such organizations as FEMA, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. CAP also has agreements with local agencies at wing levels and participates with the various state and local emergency management offices. CAP DR missions may include courier and light cargo transport, manual labor for debris removal, air and ground transport for cargo and non-CAP key personnel, and mercy missions such as blood, organ, and patient transport.

Cadet Programs Overview

From Mississippi Wing Website

<http://www.mswg.cap.gov/>

Through Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program, young people develop leadership skills, investigate the fundamentals of aerospace science, acquire the habit of exercising regularly, solidify their character, and participate in exciting hands-on activities that prepare them to become responsible citizens.

CAP's cadet program trains young men and women in teamwork, moral leadership, aerospace education, technical skills to support emergency services, and military history and customs. Through national encampments, a college and flight training scholarship program, and the International Air Cadet Exchange, CAP cadets broaden their horizons, learn to assume responsibility, feel self-confidence and set goals for their lives.

Youth between the ages of 12-18 may join the CAP Cadet Program and remain in cadet status until they turn 21. Middle school students may join before turning 12, if their school participates in the CAP School Program.

Selected Special Projects

Low Level Route Survey Flights

Source: 07 Aug 2013 email from MS 057/Safety for surveys

The Golden Triangle Composite Squadron (MS 057) supports the USAF flying training mission at Columbus Air Force Base by flying surveys for each of their 14 low level training routes. Each route is surveyed annually to detect any radio towers, airfield, or other potential hazards that may have been constructed in the previous year but not yet appearing on air navigation charts.

Homeland Security

From Mississippi Wing Website

<http://www.mswg.cap.gov/>

CAP has no law enforcement authority, it only provides "eyes." There is a national level agreement between CAP and the US Customs Service that allows CAP to fly surveillance missions to assist customs agents in the control of drug traffic. It may also support various Department of Defense activities in a non-combatant role in missions such as airborne control of surface vehicle traffic, courier service and light cargo transport, communications relay, airborne visual and photographic damage assessment, military low level training route safety surveys, and radar installation flight tests and controller training.

Coastal Patrol/Sundown Patrol

Source: 13 August 2013 email from MS051/CC.

<http://archives.sercap.us/cp-base-11.aspx>

The Sundown Patrol, as well as the Mississippi Wing, began in Pascagoula in 1943 as Coastal Patrol 11, now the Singing River Squadron (MS 051). Here is an internet link to MS 051's rich historical site

Over the decades Jackson County, MS has modified it's Sundown Patrol to what it is today across the coast. Starting at approximately 2 hours before dark, we crew up and fly the coastal waters and barrier island looking for vessels in distress, missing persons, lost kayakers, missing jet skiers, hazards to navigation, oil spills, boat wrecks, stranded persons on the coastal islands and handle requests from the US Coast Guard.

Mississippi Wing Chronology 2012

Compiled from the on-line Wing Calendar
with crosschecks and augmentation from
Web Mission Information Reporting System (WMIRS).

		WMIRS Data	
		Mission No.	No. Sorties a=air, g=gnd
January			
7	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ	MS-MISC	2a
11	Ops Phone Conference		
13-15	Squadron Commanders Retreat		
20-21	CV attend SER Ops Conference at Tyndall AFB, FL	MS_MISC	4a
24-25	Support Air Force Felix Hawk Air Defense Exercise 12-6/25 Hurley Field	12-1-4217	3a, 1g
27-30	SAREX and DREX at Wing HQ	12-T-4190	20a, 10g
29	Mission Pilot Proficiency Flights (MPPFs) at various locations	12-T-4188	15a
February			
2-25	MPPFs at various dates and locations	12-T-4330	19a
3-5	Wing Conference at Gulfport	MS_MISC	2a
4	Wing Staff Meeting at Gulfport		
8	Ops Phone Conference		
10-13	Scanner Observer Academy/ Check Pilot Meeting at Wing HQ	12-T-4241	8a, 10g
14	Search for downed aircraft in Amory MS area	12-M-0900	2g

18	Wing Color Guard Competition		
20	Low Level Route Survey VR1051	12-1-4195	2a
24-27	SAREX at multiple Units	12-T-4547	4a
24	Ground Team Training at Wing HQ and West of Jackson	12-T-4572	8a, 2g
26	Low Level Route Survey IR67	12-1-4195A	2a
March			
1	SUI MS044, MS048	12-T-4573	4g
3-4	Advanced Communications User Training and Basic Communications User Training (Acut/Bcut) at Wing HQ		
4-30	MPPFs at various dates and locations	12-T-4644	20a
8	Wing Legislative Day at State Capitol		
10	Low Level Route Survey IR66 (Mission aborted due to fumes in cockpit.)	12-1-4195A	1a
11	121.5 MHz ELT search in Tupelo MS area	12-M-0137	2g
14	Ops Phone Conference		
16-18	Southeast Region (SER) Color Guard/Drill Competition at Maxwell AFB		
17	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ	MS_MISC	3a
23-25	Mississippi Wing Cadet Campout at LeFleur Bluff State Park		
23-26	SAREX at Wing HQ	12-T-4684	15a, 4g
26-29	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure	12-C-5027	2a

24-25	Low Level Route Survey VR1050	12-1-4195A	3a
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April

1	Low Level Route Survey SR 137	12-1-4195B	1a
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1	MSWG IG Subordinate Unit Inspection of MS099 at Tupelo	12-T-4933	3g
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3-30	Recon fishing vessel pressure in Coastal Waters of MS/LA with MS Department of Marine Resources Observers	12-C-5224	14a
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7	Wing Staff Meeting		
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7	Low Level Route Survey IR 91	12-1-4195B	1a
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10	Mississippi Department of Transportation Meeting (MDOT) at Wing HQ	MS_MISC	2a
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11	Ops Phone Conference		
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13	Ground Team Member Training in Desoto National Forest	12-T-5285	2g
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14	Survey Audit – MS048 (Biloxi) at Wing HQ	12-T-5217	5g
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13-15	Two A/C to Wing HQ for SAV	12-T-5217	4a
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20-22	Attendance (one person) at Georgia Wing Conference at Augusta, GA	MS_MISC	2a
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23-24	MSWG/IG Subordinate Unit Inspection of MS096 (Olive Branch)	MS-T-4933	2a
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28-29	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-5363	4a
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May

4	Transport Ops Tabletop from Biloxi to Wing HQ	12-T-5600	2g
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5	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ Ops Eval Tabletop	MS_MISC	3a
5-28	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-5556	14a
8-30	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure in coastal waters of MS/LA	12-C-5712	4a
9	Ops Phone Conference		
16-18	Support Exercise <i>Patriot Saint</i> at Alexandria, LA	12-1-5762	2a
18	DREX and ELT Search	12-T-5291	11g
19	SAREX at Wing HQ	12-T-5291	13a
20	Low Level Route Survey IR 68	12-1-4195C	1a
25	Aerospace Education Flight to Tuskegee, AL	MS_MISC	2a
June			
1-4	Ops EVAL at Wing HQ	12-T-5769	20a, 15 g
1-29	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure in coastal waters of MS/LA	12-C-6088	7a
2	Wing Staff Meeting		
2-30	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-6089	11a
13	Ops Phone Conference		
23	Low Level Route Survey VR1014	12-1-6286	1a
23-30	MS/AL Summer Cadet Encampment		
29-30	26 th Annual Canton Balloon Festival at Canton, MS		

July

1	Canton Balloon Festival (continued)		
1	SUI teams to MS102 (Meridian) and MS107 (Batesville)	12-T-5770	4g
1-29	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-6481	17a
7	Wing Staff Meeting		
13	Aerial Photography of Statewide Critical Infrastructures	12-T-6624	6a
11	Ops Phone Conference		
13,24	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure in coastal waters of MS/LA	12-C-6088A	2a
20-23	SAREX including ELT search at Wing HQ	12-T-6709	9a, 17g
29	Low Level Route Survey VR1072	12-1-6286A	2a

August

4	Wing Staff Meeting		
4-26	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-7152	10a
8	Ops Phone Conference		
8-22	Recon fishing vessel pressure in MS/LA coastal waters	12-C-7153	4a
24-27	SAREX with mission base at Wing HQ	12-T-7233	23a, 9g
26	Low Level Route Survey IR70	12-1-6286A	2a
26-28	CD Recon	12-1-7309	8a
30-31	Hurricane Isaac Photo Recon support to MEMA EOC at Pearl, MS (See Appendix 1)	12-1-7485	8a, 23g

31	406 MHz ELT search near Pascagoula, MS Airport	12-M-0547	1a, 1g
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September

1-3	Photo Recon at Wing HQ	12-1-7485	21a
2-29	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	12-C-7503	15a
4-6	CD Recon	12-1-7309	4a
8-10	Directed SAR Training including ELT search	12-T-7548	11a, 4g
11	Recon fishing vessel pressure in coastal waters of MS/LA	12-C-7566	1a
12	Ops Phone Conference		
13	Post Hurricane Isaac recon of turtle habitat & nest areas + fisheries	12-C-7566	1a

October

1	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ	MS_MISC	3g
6-28	Patrol MS coastal waters	13-C-3197	18a
10	Ops Phone Conference		
12	SAR Training (ELT target) at Stennis International	13-T-3395	3g
13	FAA Safety Meeting at Columbus AFB	MS_MISC	2a
19-20	Wing Color Guard Competition		
19-21	SAR Training – Photo Recon at Olive Branch	13-T-3269	9a, 3g
25	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure in coastal waters of MS/LA	13-C-3308	1a

30	Subordinate Unit Visit by MS/CV to MS-048 (Biloxi)	MS_MISC	2a
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November

3	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ	MS_MISC	2a
3	SAR/DR Training at Diamondhead	13-T-3395	8a
3-12	Patrol MS Coastal Waters	13-C-3561	7a
4	SAR/ELT Search Gulfport Area	12-M-0671	1a, 1g
10	Flyover Gulf Coast – Veteran’s Day	13-C-3582	1a
14	Ops Phone Conference		

December

1-2	Wing Staff Meeting at Wing HQ	MS_MISC	2a
6	Recon Fishing Vessel Pressure	13-C-3898	1a
7-9	Training Leaders of Cadets at Wing HQ		
12	Ops Phone Conference		

Appendix 1

Hurricane Isaac Damage Aerial Imagery Mission

[From 2013 Mississippi Legislative Handout.]

The Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was an integral component of the response to Hurricane Isaac that hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast in early September of 2012. This storm produced lingering rain showers and widespread flooding in areas far inland. FEMA and MEMA were in need of high quality, geo-coded aerial photography that was as close to real-time as possible.

The Civil Air Patrol in Mississippi provided over 500 images that helped to establish priority tasking for emergency response as well as infrastructure assessment. The rapid response to the changing needs of emergency responders saved valuable time and money as well as saved lives of those in the rising flood waters.

Colonel Alvin Bedgood, Southeast Regional Commander, Civil Air Patrol had this to say about the performance of the Mississippi Wing, “The Mississippi Wing performed to great effect in every phase and aspect of the Hurricane ISAAC operation.....It is clear from our customers’ (FEMA and MEMA) mission reports, that the Wing provided exceptional support across the State.”

The dedicated members of the Mississippi Wing put in several days of volunteer time in order to support the coordinated emergency response put forth by the State of Mississippi to protect its citizens. Many of these volunteers were dealing with the effects of the hurricane on their own lives and property while performing their duty with the Civil Air Patrol.



Caption: Flooding of a Mississippi neighborhood during Hurricane Isaac. This image and many others like it were captured during sorties conducted by the Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. These images were used by FEMA and MEMA to assess damage caused by Hurricane Isaac and to prevent further damage to Mississippi infrastructure.