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## Chapter 1

### Introduction, Mission, and Assets

During 2013, the Tennessee Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Excellent in its voluntary service to America, through several Venues: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, Emergency Services, Communications, and special activities, namely, the Wreaths Across America project.

As of January that year, Wing Headquarters moved to the old Cherokee Building in Alcoa, Tennessee, on the grounds of the McGhee-Tyson Airport. A grant was secured from the Tennessee Aeronautics Division<sup>1</sup> in September for the renovation of the building.<sup>2</sup>

#### Wing Squadrons

Tennessee Wing HQ Squadron	TN 000
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Legislative Squadron	TN 999

The Wing consists of four Headquarter Groups:

#### HQ-Group I-LTC Bill Renaud, Commander, TN 128

Kingsport Composite Squadron	TN 004;
Knoxville Composite Squadron 1	TN 008;
Greeneville Composite Squadron	TN 015;
Morristown Composite Squadron	TN 019;
Knoxville Senior Squadron	TN 087

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<sup>1</sup> Email of March 20, 2014 from Tennessee Wing Headquarters (hereafter referred to as "TNWG HQ").

<sup>2</sup> Email of March 5, 2014, TNWG HQ.

Sevier County Flight	TN 093
McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron	TN 148
Oak Ridge Composite Squadron	TN 170

HQ Group II-LTC Jack Mullinax TN 017

Tullahoma Composite Squadron	TN 036
Cleveland Composite Squadron	TN 173
Rhea County Composite Squadron	TN 176
Chattanooga Composite Squadron	TN 187
Choo Choo Senior Squadron	TN 192
Cumberland Composite Squadron	TN 393

(TN 393 moved from Group 3 to Group 2 in 2013.)<sup>3</sup>

HQ Group III- Majo Raymond Rader TN 153

Smyrna Composite Squadron	TN 005
Berry Field Composite Squadron 56	TN 056
Middle Tennessee Senior Squadron	TN 133
Sumner County Cadet Squadron 16	TN 160
Murfreesboro Composite Squadron	TN 162
Music City Cadet Squadron	TN 185
Hendersonville Cadet Squadron	TN 191
Williamson County Cadet Squadron	TN 193

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<sup>3</sup> Communication from Vice Commander LTC Arlinda Bailey, March 12, 2013.

HQ Group IV-Capt Rodney Wilson TN 122

Henry County Composite Squadron	TN 080
Millington Composite Squadron	TN 014
Jackson Madison County Senior SQDN	TN 119
Lewis County Cadet Squadron	TN 189
Hardeman County Cadet Squadron	TN 194
Everett-Stewart Composite Squadron	TN 195

The Tennessee Wing Staff consists of:

Col Bill Lane, Commander

LTC Arlinda Bailey, Vice Commander

LTC James Lawson, Chief of Staff

LTC Dent Young, Wing Inspector General

LTC Louis Piche, Wing Assistant Inspector General

LTC Bill Holt, Director of Safety

LTC Vernon Prevatt, Homeland Security/CD Officer

Capt Pete Crawford, Director of Stan Eval

LTC Bill Dritt, Director of Operations

Maj Rob Borsari, Director of Emergency Services/IT

1LT John MacLean, Director of Communications

Maj Marty Nix, Disaster Relief Officer

Capt Robin Olsen, Director of Public Affairs

Capt Wayne Freieslaben, Maintenance Officer-Aircraft

LTC Montille Warren, Advisor to the Commander

LTC Randy Stripling, Communications Training Officer

LTC Gary Lynn, Director of Aerospace Education  
1Lt Paul Lewis, External Aerospace Education Officer  
Capt Richard Dyer, Drug Demand Reduction Officer  
LTC Roger Middleton, Director of Cadet Programs  
LTC Arlinda Bailey, Director of Logistics  
Maj Louis Moore, Transportation Officer  
Maj Brian Hughes, Director of Professional Development and Personnel  
Capt Bill Pfeifer, Director of Finance  
Maj Deanna Allman, Critical Incident Stress Management  
LTC Harrell L. Cobb, Wing Chaplain  
LTC Ralph Bard, Legal Officer  
LTC (Doctor) Kenneth Miller, Jr., Health Services Officer  
Capt Scott Alley, Director of Administration  
Capt Jill Halcomb Smith, Wing Historian  
LTC Bill Renaud, Group 1 Commander  
LTC Jack Mullinax, Group 2 Commander  
Maj Ray Rader, Group 3 Commander  
Maj Booth Outlan, Group 4 Commander.<sup>4</sup>

Wing assets include nine powered aircraft and two gliders. These are used for missions, training, and cadet orientation flights. The following is a list of the aircraft tail numbers and their assigned group:

N1354E	Group 1
N342BA	Glider <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Information obtained from the TNWG, CAP, Wing Staff website.

N371CP	Group 2
N428BA	Glider
N428CP	Group 3
N453CA	Group 3
N4814C	Group 3
N739CP	Group 1
N826CP	Group 4
N905CP	Group 1
N9987H	Group 2 <sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Most glider activity is based at THA (Tullahoma). Email from Vice Commander LTC Arlinda Bailey, Mar 8 2014.

<sup>6</sup> "Tennessee Wing Civil Air Patrol Aircraft Tail Numbers," document from TNWG HQ.

## Chapter 2

### Communications and Emergency Services

Capt Jeffrey Gebhart served as Director of Communications for 2013. The Tennessee Wing retained 10 VHF repeaters in the following locations:

1-Nashville

2-Sevierville

3-Memphis

4-Humbolt

5-Kingsport

6-Dayton

7-Lewisburg

8-Cookeville

9-Sewanee

10-Camden

Their capabilities consisted of four HF-ALE Base Stations and two HF-ALE Remote Deployment Kits. In addition to the aforementioned repeaters, there were fifteen VHF Base stations, eighty-seven Mobile VHF stations, and forty-two portable VHF radios. USF ISR radios were used by various members throughout the wing.<sup>7</sup>

A Wing-wide communications exercise was conducted in May.<sup>8</sup> Group IV conducted a Ground Team Exercise (GTX) during the period of February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup> at Big Hill Pond State Park.<sup>9</sup> Cold weather readiness and overnight sustained operations were the chief areas of instruction.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Email of Mar 3, 2014 from Capt Jeffrey Gebhart.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> "Group IV [sic] GTX Big Hill Pond," TNWG website.

In March of 2013, a non-SAREX Emergency Services School was held. It was tasked as Mission Number 13-T-4740. The concentration of the school was classroom instruction and “simulation technologies.” The school was conducted in five “tracks,” those being G1000 Mission Observer, Mission Operator, Ground Branch Director, Air Operations Branch Director, and Section Chief.<sup>11</sup>

A coordinated exercise between the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and the Tennessee Wing (among Other agencies) was held in June 2013<sup>12</sup> in Waverly.<sup>13</sup> This multi-state exercised concerned the possibility of a major earthquake along the New Madrid fault line, and Tennessee’s emergency response to the possible disaster.

A SAREX (Search and Rescue Exercise) was held at the Group I Headquarters at McGhee-Tyson Airport in Knoxville, From May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was previously scheduled for earlier in May, but was delayed [WHY?]<sup>14</sup>

Thirty-five members participated in the SAREX, and five aircraft flew several highbird and GIIEP/Photo sorties. N1354E experienced mechanical problems, which were addressed. In addition to the normal training in the specialties of Air, Ground, and Mission Staff, this SAREX included GEIIP procedures, at the same time as the Tennessee National Guard.<sup>15</sup>

An Emergency Services School was held in Sparta during the period of March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.<sup>16</sup> In spite of poor weather, the Smyrna Emergency Services School went on as scheduled, with seventy-one Wing members participating. Three

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<sup>10</sup> Tennessee Wing Emergency Services Data Burst, February 5, 2013.

<sup>11</sup> “Tennessee Wing ES School.” From the TNWG website, March 3, 2013.

<sup>12</sup> “TEMA TNCAT 2k13,” TNWG website.

<sup>13</sup> TNWG ES Data Burst, February 5, 2013.

<sup>14</sup> “Group 1 SAREX 17 to 19 May-Air, Ground, Mission Base Staff Training Available,” May 10, 2013, TNWG website.

<sup>15</sup> “Knoxville SAREX rescheduled to May 31-June 3,” TNWG website, May 26, 2013.

<sup>16</sup> Tennessee Wing ES Data Burst, February 5, 2013.

aircraft were used, with some flying highbird and/or GIIEP/photo sorties. The Tennessee National Guard and the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency observed the mission.<sup>17</sup> Participating aircraft were ferried to the site.<sup>18</sup>

In May 2013 a 121.5 ELT was found at the airport in Hohenwald, near Centerville, by Wing aircrew and ground teams. Another ELT was located in Memphis, where a 406 mhz pinging transmitter was located by members of a Group 3 ground team.

The ELT was found inside a parked FedEx truck. In June, an ELT was located in Nashville. An aircraft from the TNWG reported hearing an active ELT while flying over Nashville.<sup>19</sup>

Additional SAREXs and other Emergency Services training Events continued through December 29<sup>th</sup> of 2013.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Ibid, April 2013,

<sup>18</sup> Ibid, June-December 2013.

<sup>19</sup> Tennessee Wing ES Data Burst, May 2013.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid, June-December 2013.

## Chapter 3

### Cadet and Special Activities.

Several cadets supplied Squadron Color Guards across the state, trouping the colors for local events. Civil Air Patrol color guards also participated in state-sponsored events.

Nationally, the Tennessee Wing Drill Team took first place in all events during various Southeast Region competitions, and won first place at the National Cadet Competition, conducted at Dayton, Ohio.<sup>21</sup> The following cadets made up the cadre:

Schwarzentraub, Paul

Dickerson, Abigail

Brinegar, Casey

Dickerson, Anna

Samuelson, Kari

Dickerson, Rachel

Kiedrowski, Michael

Dickerson, Samuel

Brinegar, Joshua

Clara, Ian

Schwahn, Thomas

Brinegar, Timothy

Walker, Adam

Wreyford, Stewart<sup>22</sup>

Cadets from Murfreesboro Composite Squadron provided a color guard for the

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<sup>21</sup> Tennessee Wing Cadet Programs Activities Report-2013, "National Events," p. 3.

<sup>22</sup> Email from Jeff Clark, March 20, 2014.

Nashville Predator's hockey game on December 17<sup>th</sup>.<sup>23</sup>

Two cadets from the Lewis County Cadet Squadron (TN 189) were awarded the Yeager Award.<sup>24</sup>

Cadet/Colonel Carson Scalf of Music City Cadet Squadron (TN 185) earned the Spaatz Award in May. The award was presented to Scalf by the CAP National Vice Commander, Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Vasques. (In January, Tennessee Wing instituted an evaluation program to indicate that cadets were sufficiently prepared to take the Spaatz exam.)<sup>25</sup>

Three cadets were awarded the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission Flight Scholarships: Caleb Brinegar, Wade Seagrave, and Justin Kilgrea.<sup>26</sup>

In April, at the request of the Cadet Advisory Council, a two-day NCO academy was conducted at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base (ANGB). Cadets were instructed in ????? The Tennessee Wing was host to several IACE members. Cadets from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands spent ten days in Tennessee. Likewise, TNWG cadets travelled to Hong Kong (C/Lt Col Carson Scalf), the United Kingdom (C/Lt Col Korbin Niehaus), and the Netherlands (C/Lt Col Jared VerMulm). C/Lt Col J P Schumacher received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

One of the highlights of the year was the 2013 Tennessee Wing Summer Encampment, held at Camp Hinsch, Tennessee (a training camp appropriated by Fort Campbell, Kentucky, home Of the US Army's famed 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division).<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> "TN-162 Participate in Color Guard at the Nashville Predator's NHL Game," TNWG site, February 13, 2014.

<sup>24</sup> Lewis County Cadet Squadron (TN 189) calendar year activity report, pp. 1-2.

<sup>25</sup> Tennessee Wing Cadet Programs Activities Report-2013, p. 1.

<sup>26</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all cadet information was taken from Tennessee Wing Cadet Programs Activities Report-2013.

<sup>27</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all information about the 2013 Summer Encampment was obtained from the "After Action Report, 2013 Tennessee Wing Summer Encampment, Executive Summary."

## Chapter 4

### Other Activities

Many squadrons participated in the “Wreaths Across America” project, founded and sustained by Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington Maine. The event took place on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members served to unload boxes of wreaths, cemetery preparation, color guard for ceremony, laying of wreaths during the ceremony and after-ceremony clean-up.

Though participation was Wing-wide, only the records of the following squadrons were obtained for this report:

Kingsport Composite Squadron (TN004): Mountain Home National Cemetery-Keynote speaker-Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, USMC, Ret.<sup>28</sup>

McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron (TN 148) and Knox Composite 1 (TN-008): Knoxville National Cemetery.<sup>29</sup>

Smyrna Composite Squadron (TN 005), (with support from The Murfreesboro and Music City Squadrons): Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Rutherford County.<sup>30</sup>

Hendersonville Cadet Squadron (TN 191): Nashville National Cemetery. (1Lt John A. Rifle, Commander of TN 191, Accompanied four cadets to a WAA ceremony in Madison, Tennessee, on December 15, 2013.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Memorandum from 1Lt Jerry Medley, Kingsport Composite Squadron, January 28, 2014.

<sup>29</sup> Report from McGhee-Tyson Composite (TN148) [sic], by Maj Louis Moore.

<sup>30</sup> After Action Report from Smyrna Composite, Squadron (TN 005), from 2Lt Dale Armour, Deputy Commander, to LTC Arlinda Bailey.

<sup>31</sup> After Action Report, Hendersonville Cadet Squadron, from 1Lt John A. Rifle, to LTC Arlinda Bailey. December 16, 2013. (Although the AAR refers to the date of the Madison ceremony as being “15, Dec, 2012....” [sic], it is obvious that the correct date is December 15, 2013.)

Morristown Composite Squadron (TN 019): Hamblen  
Memorial Gardens, Morristown.<sup>32</sup>

Group II (TN 017): Chattanooga National Cemetery.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> Group 1 After Action Report, from LTC William A. Renaud, to LTC Arlinda Bailey, "Summary from Group 1 Units," December 20, 2013.

<sup>33</sup> Group II (2?) After Action Report from LTC Jack Mullinax, January 2, 2014.

## Chapter 5

### Special Mention

On November 9, 2014, LTC Montill Warren was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in Murphreesboro. Warren, of Savannah, has been an active member of the Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol since 1980, and has greatly promoted aviation in the state. She was instrumental in building the cadet program in the Hardin County Composite Squadron, having, at one point, more than one hundred cadets. In 1989, Warren joined the Savannah-Hardin County Airport Commission and soon became the chairman. In 1993, she became the airport manager, and under her direction, many improvements were made to the facility. She was named Tennessee Airport Manager of the Year in 1997. In 2009, Warren was awarded the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission Award of Excellence.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>34</sup>” LTC Montill Warren inducted into Tenn. [sic] Aviation Hall of Fame.” TNWG website. November 19, 2013.