

# 2013 Alabama Wing History

## Civil Air Patrol

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# MISSION'S OF CIVIL AIR PATROL

## Aerospace Education

CAP's aerospace education efforts focus on two different audiences: volunteer CAP members and the general public. The programs ensure that all CAP members (seniors and cadets) have an appreciation for and knowledge of aerospace issues. To advance within the organization, members are required to participate in the educational program. Aerospace educators at CAP's National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., provide current materials that reflect the highest standards of educational excellence. Aerospace education is divided into two parts: internal and external.

The internal aerospace education program has two parts as well: cadet and senior. Cadets complete aerospace education as one of the requirements to progress through the achievement levels of the cadet program. Senior members have a responsibility to become knowledgeable of aerospace issues and the AE program that CAP provides. They are further encouraged to share the information obtained with their local communities and school systems.

CAP's external aerospace programs are conducted through our nation's educational system. Each year, CAP sponsors many workshops in states across the nation, reaching hundreds of educators and thereby thousands of young people. These workshops highlight basic aerospace knowledge and focus on advances in aerospace technology. CAP's aerospace education members receive more than 20 free aerospace education classroom materials.

## Cadet Programs

While there are many youth oriented programs in America today, CAP's cadet program is unique in that it uses aviation as a cornerstone. Thousands of young people from 12 years through age 21 are introduced to aviation through CAP's cadet program. The program allows young people to progress at their own pace through a 16-step program including aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness and moral leadership. Cadets compete for academic scholarships to further their studies in fields such as engineering, science, aircraft mechanics, aerospace medicine, meteorology, as well as many others. Those cadets who earn cadet officer status may enter the Air Force as an E3 (airman first class) rather than an E1 (airman basic).

Whatever your interests-survival training, flight training, photography, astronomy-there's a place for you in CAP's cadet program. Each year, cadets have the opportunity to participate in special activities at the local, state, regional or national level. Many cadets will have the opportunity to solo fly an airplane for the first time through a flight encampment or academy. Others will enjoy traveling abroad through the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. Still others assist at major air shows throughout the nation.

# Emergency Services

Growing from its World War II experience, the Civil Air Patrol has continued to save lives and alleviate human suffering through a myriad of emergency-services and operational missions.

## **Search and Rescue**

Perhaps best known for its search-and-rescue efforts, CAP flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland search-and-rescue missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. Outside the continental United States, CAP supports the Joint Rescue Coordination Centers in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Just how effective are the CAP missions? Nearly 100 people are saved each year by CAP members.

## **Disaster Relief**

Another important service CAP performs is disaster-relief operations. CAP provides air and ground transportation and an extensive communications network. Volunteer members fly disaster-relief officials to remote locations and provide manpower and leadership to local, state and national disaster-relief organizations. CAP has formal agreements with many government and humanitarian relief agencies including the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Coast Guard.

## **Humanitarian Services**

CAP flies humanitarian missions, usually in support of the Red Cross-transporting time-sensitive medical materials including blood and human tissue, in situations where other means of transportation are not available.

## **Air Force Support**

It's hardly surprising that CAP performs several missions in direct support of the U.S. Air Force. Specifically, CAP conducts light transport, communications support, and low-altitude route surveys. CAP also provides orientation flights for AFROTC cadets. Joint U.S. Air Force and CAP search-and-rescue exercises provide realistic training for missions.

## **Counterdrug**

CAP joined the "war on drugs" in 1986 when, pursuant to congressional authorization, CAP signed an agreement with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Customs Service offering CAP resources to help stem the flow of drugs into and within the United States.

# ALABAMA WING



Alabama Wing is 330 miles long and 190 miles wide at its most distant points. It covers 52,423 square miles, and is divided into sixty-seven counties with a population of 4,779,736 in 2010.

Alabama Wing Headquarters is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, which is also the state capital.

# GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was established on Dec. 1, 1941, to supplement the U.S. military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 CAP was designated as the United States Air Force's official auxiliary with three Missions: emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, since CAP's beginning, the organization set itself apart during World War II by locating and Sinking enemy submarines, flying courier and target-towing missions and;

WHEREAS, CAP volunteers have provided disaster relief during many emergencies throughout CAP's Long history, including: in 1957 when floods swamped Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia; in 1973 When the Mississippi River and its tributaries flooded; in 1980 following the explosion of Mount St. Helens; in 1991 after the San Francisco earthquake; in 2001 after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; in 2005, After one of the country's most devastating hurricane seasons affecting Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana; in donating 20,000 plus volunteer hours over 118 days in support of Deep Water Horizon Flying transport and photographic missions; in 2011 after deadly tornados swept across central and Northern Alabama; in 2013 in supporting relief efforts after Hurricane Sandy, and

WHEREAS, CAP conducts 90 percent of continental U. S. inland search and rescue, searching for overdue And missing aircraft as well as missing people, its unpaid professionals are credited by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center with saving an average of 80 lives annually; CAP further provides vital Homeland security missions that help ensure the protection of the nation's capital and the nation as a Whole by assisting Air Force pilots with target-intercept training and border training missions; and WHEREAS, CAP provides exceptional educational and growth opportunities for youth through its Cadet Program, which annually provides scholarship opportunities, access to top national summer flight Academies, participation in Cyber Patriot competition, and to national programs emphasizing leadership and careers in aviation, as well as flight training in powered and glider aircraft; and

WHEREAS, CAP's Aerospace Education Program annually touches educators, over 26,000 cadets and thousands of other youths in classrooms across America by teaching children multidisciplinary aviation concepts that emphasize aviation's connection to history, math, science, government and economics; and

WHEREAS, CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans, received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 72 years.

THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley , Governor of the State of Alabama, hereby commends Civil Air Patrol for its Missions for America and its outstanding cadet, aerospace and emergency services programs.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Robert Bentley  
Governor

## **ALABAMA WING UNITS**

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

**Commander – Colonel J. Bradford Lynn**

**Meeting Address**

810 WILLOW STREET  
BUILDING 1208  
MAXWELL AFB, AL 36112

**Mailing Address**

810 WILLOW ST BLG 1208  
MAXWELL AFB, AL 361125903

**Meeting Times:** 0900 2nd Saturday Commander's Call held once every quarter.

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

**Commander – Major Thomas Lyon**

**Meeting Address**

2241 MICHIGAN AVE  
MOBILE, AL 36615

**Mailing Address**

1557 FEARNWAY ST  
MOBILE, AL 366041311

**Meeting Times:** 1900 MONDAY

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

**Commander – Major Gerald Lusk**

**Meeting Address**

TUSCALOOSA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
1st FLOOR  
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35403

**Mailing Address**

PO BOX 2633  
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35403

**Meeting Times:** 1900 TUESDAY 1ST & 3RD

### **Dothan Composite Squadron, AL-029**

**Commander – 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:** 1830 MONDAY CADETS MEET EVERY MONDAY

**Maxwell Composite Squadron, AL-032**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel James Harris**

**Meeting Address**

BUILDING 1211  
MAXWELL AFB, AL 36112

**Mailing Address**

810 WILLOW ST  
MAXWELL AFB, AL 36112

**Meeting Times:** 1830 TUESDAY Cadets meet every week.

**Meeting Times:** 1900 TUESDAY Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th of the month.

**Birmingham Senior Squadron 34, AL-034**

**Commander – Major Larry Bunn**

**Meeting Address**

4243 E Lake Blvd  
Atlantic West  
Birmingham, AL 352174325

**Mailing Address**

552 Mathews Rd  
West Blocton, AL 351844434

**Meeting Times:** 1900 2nd and 4th Tuesday Atlantic West (Jet South)

**Muscle Shoals Composite Squadron, AL-041**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Alford Boyd**

**Meeting Address**

MUSCLE SHOALS AIRPORT  
MUSCLE SHOALS, AL 35661

**Mailing Address**

845 BETHEL CHURCH RD  
LEIGHTON, AL 356463008

**Meeting Times:** 1800 THURSDAY every 1st and 3rd Thursdays

**Huntsville Senior Squadron, AL-055**

**Commander – Major Joseph Robbins**

**Meeting Address**

MADISON CTY EXEC AIRPORT MDQ  
MDQ  
358 BOLLING ROAD  
MERIDIANVILLE, AL 35759

**Mailing Address**

249 Wedgewood Terrace Rd  
Madison, AL 35757

**Shipping Address**

249 Wedgewood Terrace Rd  
CAP UNIT 55  
Madison, AL 357578911

**Meeting Times:** 1900 THURSDAY 1ST & 3RD

**Gadsden Composite Squadron, AL-075**

**Commander – Major Talmadge Butler**

**Meeting Address**

5323 AIRPORT RD  
ALABAMA NATL GUARD BLDG  
GADSDEN, AL 35904-0000

**Mailing Address**

5500 Whitesville Road  
Boaz, AL 35957-3528  
GADSDEN, AL 35904-0000

**Meeting Times:** 1700 TUESDAY Each Tuesday except 5th Tuesday

**Bessemer Composite Squadron, AL-087**

**Commander – Major John Rhoades**

**Meeting Address**

700 Mitchell Field Rd.  
Bessemer, AL 35022

**Mailing Address**

700 Mitchell Field Rd.  
Bessemer, AL 35022

**Meeting Times:** 18:30 MONDAY Cadets meet every Monday

**117th ANG Composite Squadron, AL-090**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Larry Mangum**

**Meeting Address**

5401 EAST LAKE BLVD  
BUILDING 205 /117TH ANG  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 352173595

**Mailing Address**

580 FOREST LAKES DR  
STERRETT, AL 351478134

**Meeting Times:** 1900 2nd Tuesday

**Auburn Composite Squadron, AL-113**

**Commander – Captain Aaron Swenson**

**Meeting Address**

2150 Mike Hubbard Blvd  
Auburn University Regional Airport  
Auburn, AL 368306489

**Mailing Address**

P O Box 327  
Auburn, AL 36830

**Meeting Times:** 1830-2030 TUESDAY Cadets meet every Tuesday of the month.

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

**Commander – Major Gary Ernest**

**Meeting Address**

550 AIRPORT ROAD  
CHILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS/ARENA AREA VERBENA, AL 36091  
CLANTON, AL 35045

**Mailing Address**

PO BOX 316

**Meeting Times:** 1800 hrs TUESDAY

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

**Commander – Major James Gosnell**

**Meeting Address**

240 Airport Rd  
St Clair County Airport Hanger #31  
Pell City, AL 351284120

**Mailing Address**

2408 Sunrise Drive  
Moody, AL 35004-3462

**Meeting Times:** 1800 THURSDAY Cadets weekly @ St Clair County Airport Hangar #31

**Redstone Composite Squadron, AL- 119**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel John Hall**

**Meeting Address**

Central Church of Christ  
407 E. Clinton Ave.  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35758

**Mailing Address**

306 High Coach Circle  
Madison, AL 35758

**Meeting Times:** 6:00 pm MONDAY Cadets: Every Monday

**Autauga-Elmore Flight, AL-123**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel James Scott**

**Meeting Address**

6720 Airport Road  
El more, AL 36025

**Mailing Address**

20 Kennedy Lane  
Coosada, AL 36020-2904

**Meeting Times:** 1800 TUESDAY Meeting once a week on Tuesday at 1800 to 2030

**Springville Cadet Squadron, AL-126**

**Commander – Captain Mark McCay**

**Meeting Address**

198 MARIETTA ROAD  
SPRINGVILLE, AL 35146

**Mailing Address**

PO Box 831  
Springville, AL 351460831

**Meeting Times:** 18:00 - 20:00 Hrs TUESDAY Weekly

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

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Austin Landry**

**Meeting Address**

SHELBY COUNTY SERVICES BLDG  
PELHAM, AL 35124

**Mailing Address**

154 LUCERNE BLVD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 352096658

**Meeting Times:** 1830 TUESDAY Every 1st Tuesday

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

**Commander – Major Wayne Hanes**

**Meeting Address**

18632B Fairground Rd  
Robertsdale, AL 365673801

**Mailing Address**

23132 DOC MCDUFFIE RD  
FOLEY, AL 365359121

**Meeting Times:** 1800 MONDAY WEEKLY

**Cullman Composite Squadron, AL-134**

**Commander – Lieutenant Colonel John Neil**

**Meeting Address**

231 County Road 1360  
Cullman Airport - Folsom Field  
Vinemont, AL 351796023

**Mailing Address**

4001 Willow Bend Dr  
Gardendale, AL 35071-3806

**Meeting Times:** 1830 MONDAY Cadets meet weekly

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

**Mailing Address**

BUILDING 1208 810 WILLOW ST  
Maxwell AFB, AL 361125903

**HOMELAND SECURITY INTEREST  
(In the Alabama Wing)**

Redstone Arsenal

NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

Cummings Research Park

Maxwell AFB

Automobile Manufacturing Complexes

Birmingham ANGB

Fort Rucker Army Aviation Training Center

Anniston Army Depot

Mobile Aviation Training Center, USCG

Austal Manufacturing

Brookley Aeroplex

Port of Mobile – 11<sup>th</sup> largest port in the United States by tonnage, shipped (import and export).

Various power plants and waterways

## **2013 Alabama Wing Awards**

### **Morning Session**

- **Cadet Programs Officer of the Year** - Capt. Donald A. Cain (032)
- **Character Development Officer of the Year** - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Noone (075)
- **DDR Officer of the Year** - Capt. Catherine Stanley (075)
- **Incident Staff Member of the Year** - Maj. John Randolph (118)
- **Communicator of the Year** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Randolph G. Crowder (032)
- **Property Manager of the Year** - Capt. Donald A. Cain (032)
- **Historian of the Year** - Lt. Col. Stephen Howard (005)
- **Chaplain of the Year** - Lt. Col. William C. Cochran (132)
- **Aerospace Officer of the Year** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles Reidy (075)
- **Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year** - Maj. Lynn Toney (001)
- **Aerospace Education Lifetime Award** - Lt. Col. Harold Coghlan (001)
- **Drug Demand Reduction Program of the Year** - Gadsden (075)

- **Public Affairs Officer of the Year - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Elizabeth Shurbutt (118)**
- **Safety Officer of the Year - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Noone (075)**
- **Wing Inspector General of the Year - Col. Mike Oakman (001)**
- **Administrative Officer of the Year - Capt. Richard Swatloski (024)**
- **Finance Officer of the Year - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Marion D. Harkey (024)**
- **Personnel Officer of the Year - Maj. Ralph Chasteen (041)**
- **Stan/Eval Officer of the Year - Maj. Ray Harkey (024)**
- **Emergency Services Officer of the Year - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeffery White (075)**

### **Evening Session**

- **Region Exceptional Service Award - Major Rick Kilgore  
CAP- 001**
- **Region Meritorious Service Award - Major Ande Boyer  
CAP - 001**
- **Squadron of the Year - Central Alabama Senior Squadron  
CAP - 132**
- **Composite Squadron of the Year - Gadsden Composite CAP  
- 075**
- **Squadron Commander of the Year - Major Tom Lyon  
Mobile Composite Squadron CAP - 005**
- **ALWG Staff Member of the Year - Maj. Ande Boyer CAP -  
001**
- **Cadet of the Year -C/Lt. Col. Joseph Spitzer - Maxwell  
Composite - CAP-032**

- **Senior Member of the Year - Major Christopher Tate - Auburn Composite - CAP 113**

## **AEROSPACE EDUCATION OVERVIEW**

Aerospace Education Officers - 37

Aerospace Education Members - 297

Aerospace Education Teacher Flights – 7

General Charles Yeager Aerospace Awards – 31

Scott Crossfield Awards – 1

AEX Awards - 4

## **CADET PROGRAMS OVERVIEW**

Cadet Achievement Awards

General Carl A. Spaatz Awards – 1

General Ira C. Eaker Awards – 6

Amelia Earhart Awards – 8

General Billy Mitchell Awards – 11

Wright Brothers Awards – 30

Encampment Attendance – 90 Cadets and 16 Seniors

Cadet Orientation Flights – Glider 61

Powered 224

Backseat 239

Total 524

## **Professional Development Overview**

Senior Member Awards

Gill Robb Wilson Awards – 8

Paul E. Garber Awards – 2

Grover Loening Awards – 13

Benjamin O. Davis Awards – 17

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES/ OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

Number of Aircraft – 14

Number of Vehicles – 21

Total Hours Flown – 2195

Saves – 0

Finds – 4

Emergency Services Missions – 5

Teacher Flights – 7

Cadet Orientation Flights – 524

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JANUARY**

10 – 13 Cadet Conference/ Color Guard/Drill

11 Commander's Call

17 – 20 SER Operations Conference/ WESS

24 – 27 G1000 School

25 Autagau- Elmore SUI

### **FEBRUARY**

8 PO/ PDO Seminar

14 – 16 Color Guard Competition

15 – 16 ICS 300

15 Huntsville SUI

21 – 23 Wing Emergency Services School (WESS)

27- 28 Winter Boards

## **MARCH**

1 – 3 Winter Boards

2 – 3 ICS 400

2 Redstone SUI

9 SAREX – DCU

14 – 16 Wing Conference – Mobile

22 – 24 WESS

30 Baldwin County SUI

## **APRIL**

5 - 7 Professional Development Weekend

5 – 7 SER Cadet Competition

6 SER Area Command / Comm.

6 Springville SUI

19 – 21 Cadet Professional Development Weekend

27 Pell City SUI

## **MAY**

10 – 12 Model Rocketry Weekend

10 – 12 SER Conference

12 – 19 National Staff College

17 – 19 SER Ardent Sentry

## **JUNE**

8 Wing Staff Meeting

22 – 29 Cadet Encampment

29 Bessemer SUI

30 – 6 SER Staff College

## **JULY**

12 – 14 Alabama Wing SAV

13 Wing Commander's Call

19 – 21 National Check Pilot's School

27 Tuscaloosa SUI

## **AUGUST**

10 Wing Staff Meeting

15 – 18 National Conference

23 – 25 FY 13 Operations Evaluation - Tuscaloosa

## **SEPTEMBER**

14 Wing Staff Meeting

20 – 22 WESS

27 -29 CISM Training

## **OCTOBER**

12 Commander's Call

18 -20 WESS

## **NOVEMBER**

11 Wing Staff Meeting – Telecom

15 – 17 WESS

22 – 24 Iron Man Competition

## **DECEMBER**

7 Color Guard Camp

7 ICUT Training

12 Wing Staff Conference Call

14 Wreaths Across America

**The Alabama Wing ended the year with 315 Cadets and 553 Seniors**

**Information compiled in this paper was taken from various sources of web pages and reports (State of Alabama, National Headquarters – CAP, Alabama Wing – CAP).**