

2014 Alabama Wing History

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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.

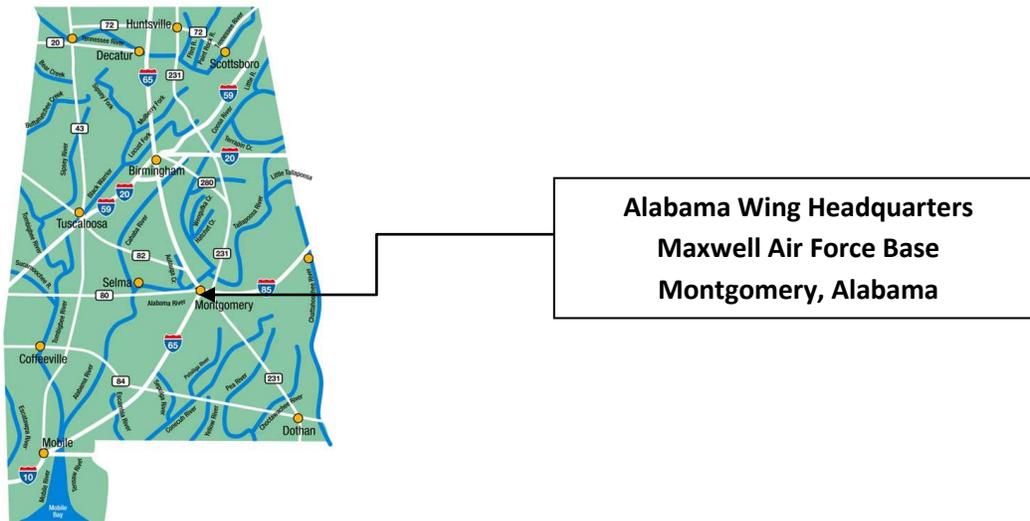
Air Force Support

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



The Alabama Wing at the close of 2014 was composed of 501 adult members and 267 cadets. The wing had 548 voting-age members, 26 aircrew personnel and 543 emergency responders. 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 29th 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 2014 population estimate of 4,833,996.

There are five commercial service-primary airports in Alabama. These include: Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile and Montgomery. Northwest Alabama Regional Airport in Muscle Shoals is a commercial service non private airport. Bessemer Airport and St Clair County Airport are reliever airports. There are over 66 general aviation airports and twenty other public use airports. Alabama has nine other government or military airports and four notable private use airports.

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.

COLONEL J. BRADFORD LYNN

Colonel J. Bradford Lynn is the Commander of the Alabama Wing, Civil Air Patrol. In this capacity, he is responsible for the Wing's execution of Civil Air Patrol's mission of Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. As a wing commander he is a member of the National Command Council.

Colonel Lynn joined the Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron in 1969 after earning his Eagle Scout award. He successfully completed the entire CAP Cadet program and earned the Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1973. Also in 1973, he was named the National Cadet of the Year for Civil Air Patrol.

Graduating from the University of Alabama in 1976, he was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) and entered active duty in 1977. He earned a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas in 1982 and served on active duty until October 1986. While on active duty, he served primarily as a KC-135 aircraft commander and did a tour at the Pentagon in the highly selective Air Staff Training Assignment (ASTRA) program.

In 1986, Colonel Lynn transferred to the Air Force Reserve, 908th Airlift Wing, where he held numerous command and staff positions. These included, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Chief of Training, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Operations Officer, and Commander of the 908th Operations Support Flight. In May of 1999, he was named the Vice Wing Commander, serving in this position until his transfer to the Pentagon in 2002. He served a tour in Reserve Operations at the Pentagon and deployed as an Air Expeditionary Commander in the Afghanistan Theater in 2004. Colonel Lynn retired in 2007 as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Material Command. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, and numerous campaign and service medals.

Colonel Lynn rejoined the Alabama Wing in in 2007 working with the Cadet Program and as the Wing's Logistics Officer. He was serving as the Vice Wing Commander and Interim Wing Commander prior to his selection as Wing Commander. He has served at the national level of Civil Air Patrol as the Commandant of Cadets for Cadet Officer School, Escort Officer for the International Air Cadet Exchange, and Instructor and Seminar Leader at the National Staff College. He is also a recipient of the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

In his civilian occupation, Colonel Lynn is a Captain for United Airlines, where he primarily flies international routes. He also has served as a pilot instructor and check airman for United Airlines. He holds type ratings in the Boeing 707, 747-400, 757, 767, 777 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-10. A Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Command Pilot, he has over 15,000 flight hours.

He is married to the former Wendy McAteer of Tuscaloosa; they have three children and a son-in-law: Melissa Felton, her husband Chris Felton, William, and Sarah.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

4 Color Guard Camp
10-12 Cadet Wing Conference
11 TLC
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
17-19 Wing Emergency Services School (WESS)
24-26 SAREX
25 Birmingham 034 SUI

FEBRUARY

8 CI Prep Meeting
Fitness Clinic
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
14-16 WESS
21-23 Color Guard Competition
22 SUI-117th-090

MARCH

1-2 IFR School
8 Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
14-16 WESS
21-23 Annual Alabama Wing Conference-Montgomery, Alabama
28-30 SAREX
29 SUI-Muscle Shoals 041

APRIL

4-6 Regional Cadet Competition
5-7 Compliance Inspection
11-13 Encampment Staff Training
12 Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
18-20 Cadet Professional Development
26 SUI-Maxwell 032

MAY

9-11 Check pilot school
10 SUI-Gadsden 075
12 Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
16-18 Professional Development Weekend
South East Region Conference
17-18 Color Guard Class
31 SUI-Dothan 209

JUNE

1-7 South East Region Staff College
11-14 South East Region SAREX
14 Alabama Wing Glider Exercise
21-28 Encampment Mississippi/Alabama
21-22 Constant Watch 14 (communications)

JULY

12 Alabama Wing Commanders Call
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
19-20 TLC
20-Aug 2 NESAs

AUGUST

1-2 NESAs
9 SUI-Chilton County 117
Alabama Wing Staff meeting
23 Cadet Drill Team Meet
SUI-Central Alabama 132

SEPTEMBER

4-7 SAREX
13 Alabama Wing Staff meeting
20 Buddy Proof—Cadets
Color Guard Class
26-28 WESS

OCTOBER

10-11 2014 Alabama Wing Ironman
11 Alabama Wing Commander's Call
Alabama Wing Staff meeting
27-29 WESS
24-26 STAREX-Communications

NOVEMBER

8 Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
14-16 WESS
21-23 SAREX

DECEMBER

6 SUI-Mobile Composite Squadron 005
Color Guard Camp
13 Wreaths Across America
Alabama Wing Staff Meeting
19-21 Cadet Winter Conference.

Congressional Gold Medal honors Civil Air patrol's World War II service

On December 10th, forty-six founding Civil Air Patrol members were present to see the organization honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for the service they and more than 200,000 other Civil Air patrol volunteers provided during World War II, when they helped protect U.S. shipping against German U-boat attacks and carried out other vital wartime domestic missions. The award ceremony took place at 3 p.m. in Statuary Hall at the Capital.

The Alabama Wing has two residents on the list of those honored. One, Otha H. Vaughn, attended the event. Attending from the Alabama Wing were: Commander Colonel Brad Lynn and Chief of Staff Major Rick Kilgore. The Civil Ai Patrol narrative on the two honored from Alabama follows:

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

At the close of 2014 Alabama had three residents that received the award. A Georgia resident, Robert J. Haver, moved to Tuscaloosa County Alabama at the end of the year. His national narratve follows:

Robert J. (Bob) Haver, 84

Newman, GA

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.

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Wreaths Across America Day

December 15, 2014

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, today, a 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 13, 2014, as Wreaths Across America Day in the state of Alabama

<http://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2014/12/wreaths-across-america-day-3/>

ALABAMA WING UNITS

*Indicates a change of command during 2014. 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 2014

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 Street, Bld. 1208

Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 4903

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

Mobile Composite Squadron, AL-005

Commander – 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

Lt Col Gerald Lusk*

Meeting Address

Tuscaloosa Regional Airport

1st Floor

Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Mailing Address

P. O. Box 2633

Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

Meeting Times: 19:00 1st and 3rd Tuesday – Seniors 18:00 every Tuesday – Cadets

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: 18:30 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 Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Meeting Times: 18:30 Cadets meet every Tuesday
Meeting Times: 19:00 Seniors meet 2nd and 4th 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 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Huntsville Senior Squadron, AL-055

**Commander – Major Raymond T. Downward
Major Joseph Robbins***

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 1st & 3rd Thursday

Gadsden Composite Squadron, AL-075

Commander – 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 5th Tuesday.

Bessemer Composite Squadron, AL-087

Commander – 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.

117th Air National Guard Composite Squadron, AL-090

Commander – Major James L. Corey

Meeting Address

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

Mailing Address

580 Forest Lakes Drive
Sterrett, AL 35147-8134

Meeting Times: 19:00 2nd Tuesday.

Auburn Composite Squadron, AL-113

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
Major Gary Ernest***

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 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 2nd & 4th.

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 1st Thursday of the month.

South Baldwin County Cadet Squadron, AL-133

Commander – Major Wayne Hanes

Meeting Address
18632B Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567-3801

Mailing Address
23132 Doc McDuffie Road
Foley, AL 36535-9121

Meeting Times: 18:00 Every Monday.

Alabama State Legislative Squadron, AL-999

Commander – Vacant

Meeting Address
810 Willow Street, Building 1208
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5903

Mailing Address
810 Willow Street, Building 1208
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5903

Homeland Security Interest

There are a number of locations in the Alabama Wing that may be considered by members as Homeland Security points of interest. The information comes from open sources and is not from any official list of Homeland Security Interest in Alabama.

Redstone Arsenal

NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

Cummings Research Park

Maxwell Air Force Base

Automotive Manufacturing facilities

Alabama Air National Guard base in Birmingham

Army Aviation Training Center at Fort Rucker

Anniston Army Depot

U.S. Coast Guard Mobile

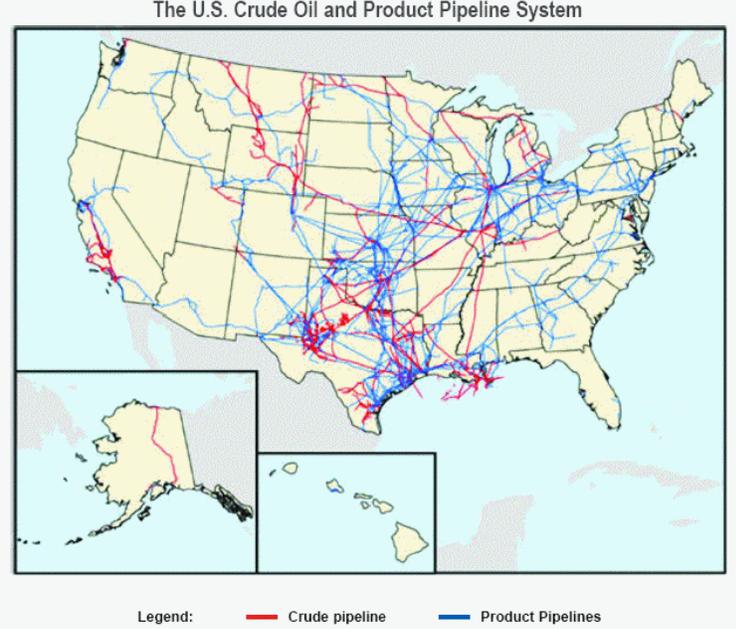
Brookley Aeroplex

The Port of Mobile

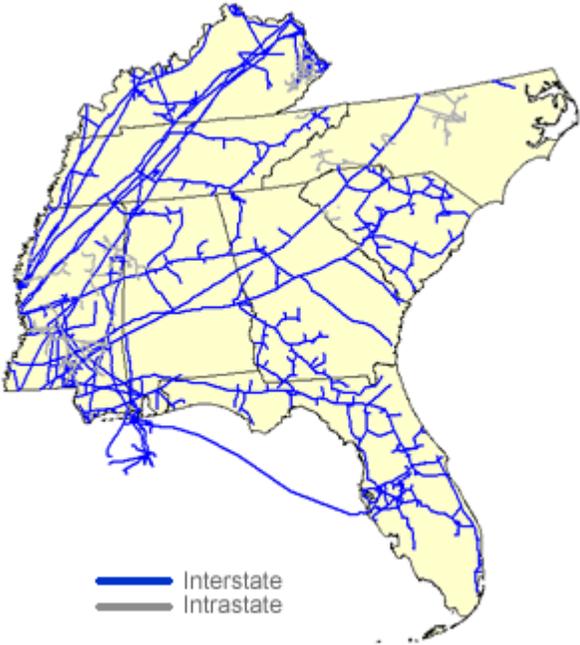
Various power plants, inter-state pipelines, dams and waterways.

Large sports venues

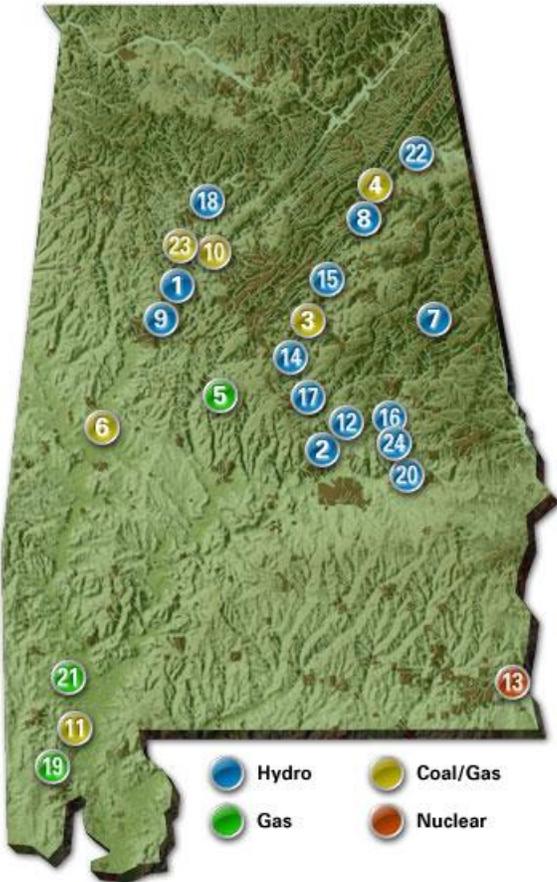
The U.S. map below shows the two product pipelines travel through Alabama to the east coast.



The map below shows the interstate Natural Gas Pipeline System in the South East Region.



Alabama Power has 24 generating facilities with a capacity of more than 13 million kilowatts. The map below shows the location and type generating facility. The majority of the plants are powered by water. Alabama Power Electrical power operates one nuclear power plant in the state. The second nuclear power plant is in north Alabama and is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).



Alabama has three sports venues that have the capacity for large crowds. These include: Bryant-Denny stadium in Tuscaloosa, Jordan-Hare stadium in Auburn and the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega. Bryant-Denny has a seating capacity of 101,821 and is the fourth largest stadium in the South Eastern Conference, the eighth largest stadium in the United States and the tenth largest stadium in the world. Jordan Hare stadium has a capacity of 87,451 and is the nation’s tenth largest on-campus stadium. The Talladega Superspeedway is the longest oval in NASCAR with a length of 2.66 miles. Current seating capacity is 80,000 seats. Peak capacity seating was 175,000 spectators.

Alabama Wing 2013 Awards

The awards listed in this section were presented at the 2014 Alabama Wing Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. The award winner's unit is listed beside their name.

Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Education Award Category I-Cadet

Cadet Major Richard Irsk-029

Frank G Brewer Aerospace Education Award Category II-Senior Member

Capt Jakes Locke-036

Cadet Program Officer of the Year

Lt Col Michael Guthrie -119

Cadet of the Year

C/Lt Col Samuel Cockrell -133

Cadet of the Year Phase I

C/Amn Anthony Orezzaoli – 032

Cadet of the Year Phase II

C/SSgt Jamie Thicklin -032

Cadet of the Year Phase III

C/2Lt William Atkinison – 32

Cadet of the Year Phase IV

C/Lt Col Ben Shea – 090

Finance Officer of the Year

1st Lt Marion Harkey -024

Safety Officer of the Year

Maj Peter Levy -119

Squadron Chaplain of the Year

Lt Col William Cochran -132

Col Edwin Lewis Incident Staff member of the Year

Maj Harvey Yarbrough -132

Col Dion E. DeCamp Ground Team of the Year

Cullman-134

Personnel officer of the Year

Lt Col Patricia Coghlan- 001

Administrative Officer of the Year

Major Randolph Crowder-032

Professional Development Officer of the Year

Maj Christopher Rousseau – 001

Staff Officer of the Year

Maj Donnie Todd - 001

Property Manager of the Year

Capt Joseph Jeffries-134

Public Affair Officer of the Year

Maj Kim Miller-119

Communicator of the Year

Capt Benjamine Booth-119

Historian of the Year

1st Lt Vincent Maddox -134

Inspector General of the Year

Lt Col Austin Landry-132

Stan/Eval Officer fo the Year

Capt Joe Jeffries-132

Senior Member of the Year

Col William Bass-001

Senior Squadron of the Year

Huntsville-055

Composit Squadron of th Year

Maxwell -032

Squadron Commander of the Year

Lt Col James Harris -032

Aerospace Education

Civil Air Patrol has patrolled our nation's coastal borders since CAP's inception. Today, the coastlines are borderless. One of our vulnerabilities is cyber attack. CyberPatriot, the National Youth Cyber Education Program, sponsored by the Air Force Association to educate the next generation of patriotic cyber defenders of our nation's security and infrastructure.

This highly competitive and highly technological event is training a new generation to defend its national security from the air, land, sea, space and cyberspace.

The Bessemer Composite Squadron received a certificate of excellence in honor of the outstanding technical skill, problem solving and teamwork demonstrated by placing first in the Alabama State Recognition Round of the nation's premier youth cyber defense competition 2013-2014. The squadron was also recognized by the Alabama Air Force Association in an award presented March 22, 2014 for Alabama 1st Place 2014 CyberPatriot All Service Division.



Cadet Program Overview

The Alabama Wing has a strong cadet program. A mark of excellence was the Alabama Wing receiving the 2014 South East Region National Cadet Program Award at the 2014 SER Conference.

Two Alabama Squadrons earned the National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award 2013-2014. The period of performance for the award was September 2, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The awards, dated October 15, 2014, were presented to: (1) Bessemer Composite Squadron SER-AL-087 and (2) Redstone Composite Squadron SER-AL-119.

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.

Cadet Second Lieutenant William Atkinson of the Maxwell Composite Squadron was introduced into the Alabama Wing Cadet Honor Society on January 14, 2014 with certificate # 001.

Cadet Command Master Sergeant Jared E. Fuchs of the Bessemer Composite Squadron was introduced into the Alabama Wing Cadet Honor Society on February 1, 2014 with certificate # 002.

Cadet Colonel Holly Guthrie attended the 2014 Southwest Region Powered Flight Academy located at Durant Regional Airport. She was one of ten Cadets attending the academy to earn her solo wings.



Picture courtesy of Redstone Composite Squadron -117.

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 receive this honor. Included in the 48 are the four Alabama Wing cadets that earned the award in 2014. The cadets and their award number include: (1) Austin W. Holliman-1916, (2) Catherine A. Guthrie-1917, (3) Holly E. Guthrie-1921 and (4) Benjamin Shea-1958. The Alabama Wing Commander, Colonel Brad Lynn earned the award in 1973. His national award number is 199.



Alabama Wing Commander Brad Lynn presents award to Cadet Colonel Catherine A. Guthrie-Redstone Composite Squadron 119



Colonel Brad Lynn presents award to Cadet Colonel Austin W. Holliman-Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron 24.

Wreaths Across America

The mission of Wreaths Across America, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

Four Alabama Wing Squadrons participated in the annual Wreaths Across America event. Gadsden Squadron AL-075 sold 26 wreaths. Five wreaths and seven ceremonial were placed at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery on Saturday December 13th. The Bessemer Squadron AL-87 provided a color guard and wreath escorts to the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. The Dothan and Auburn squadrons also participated in Wreaths Across America. The Auburn Composite Squadron conducted their annual wreath-laying ceremony at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery in Russell County (just off post from Fort Benning, GA)

The photographs below are of members of Bessemer Composite Squadron-87.



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 pictures below are courtesy of the Bessemer Composite Squadron-087. They were taken during the seventh annual 'Iron Man' competition October 10-11, 2014 in Clanton, Alabama.



Another one day event held in Chilton County provided cadets an opportunity to participate in two events. “Bully Proof” included practical instruction on how to brevent bullying as a leader in yoru community, how to avoide situations, and how to devend one’s self in the worst case. The “Drown Proofing” event was a seminar that taught cadets learned practical techniques to survive in the water and increase water confidence.



Glider Program

During the Alabama Wing, Civil Air Patrol, 2014 Annual Conference, glider flights were offered to senior members to introduce to membership the Wing's new glider program. The conference was hosted in Prattville, Alabama and the flights were held at nearby Wetumpka Municipal Airport.



The above pictures are of glider operations in Alabama Wing 2014.

EMERGENCY SERVICES/OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Number of Aircraft – 13 single engine
1 glider

Number of Vehicles – 19

Total Hours Flown – 2,246

Missions

- 9 search and rescue missions
- 6 finds
- 8 other state supported missions

Interoperable Communications

- 11 VHF/FM repeaters
- 159 VHF/FM stations
- 25 HF stations

Alabama Wing members, cadets and seniors, put their training to use in a real-world search and rescue mission. On September 16, 2014, the wing received notification of a missing aircraft and its two pilots near Abbeville, Alabama. Wing responded providing resources for aerial and ground search teams. Using cell phone forensics, Alabama Wing concentrated air and ground team efforts within a 40-mile “probability circle”, later reducing it to a 1-square-mile focused effort. The Alabama Wing completed 86 air and 56 ground sorties, during the weeklong search for the downed aircrew and aircraft.

Each year the Alabama Wing conducts a Wing Emergency Services School (WESS). Cadets and Seniors participate in the training that takes starts in the fall and ends in April. The following two pages have photographs of some of the activities during WESS 2013-2014.

Wing Emergency Services School 2013-2014



October 2014, WESS students learn to package patient for transport.



November 2014 WESS students training on Air Operations.



Sylacauga Life Saver 4 in background with WESS class February 2014

WESS Graduation 2013-2014



WESS graduation 2014. Colonel Brad Lynn in flight suit left background talking to graduate. Lieutenant Colonel Long, National Staff in BDU. Major Harvey Yarbrough in blue corporate uniform congratulates graduate.

Alabama Wing Changes in 2014

The last meeting of the Alabama Wing in the headquarters building located on Maxwell AFB was held in November 2014. The heating and cooling system for the building was no longer serviceable. Facilities would not fund the needed repairs. A search had been started for another location two years prior in anticipation of the need to relocate. A decision on a new location had not been made by the close of 2014.

The Wing welcomed Wendy Hamilton as the Wing Administrator in November 2014. Due to the issue with the Wing building, a temporary office was provided in a building next to CAP National Headquarters for her use. Long term Wing Administrator Mel Keith had retired and was replaced by Kristen Autry. During the time between administrators Wing Administrator assistance was provided by Jenne Stone-Hunter of National Headquarters.

Col Glen D. Atwell, former Alabama Wing Commander
passed away June 24, 2014



Col. Glen D. Atwell, age 79, died June 24, 2014. Atwell served as an Alabama Wing commander and Civil Air Patrol director of operations.

Atwell held the position of wing commander from 1986-1991, then became the wing's counter drug office until 1994, when he was appointed Southeast Region vice commander. He served as national director of operations from 1995-2001.

He returned to Alabama Wing staff in 2001 as government relations representative. In 2008 he was again appointed Southeast Region vice commander. He stepped down from that post in June 2014.

He previously served as a CAP-USAF Headquarters staff member and as Alabama liaison officer from 1975-1985.

Atwell was a certified flight instructor, a check pilot, cadet orientation pilot and a mission check pilot. He graduated from Auburn University with a degree in aviation management and from Troy University in personnel management. He also attended the University of Southern California and New York University for studies in safety management for the U.S. Air Force and has been a member of the Montgomery Airport Authority board in Alabama.

He established CAP's Washington, D.C., office and its National Technology Center and initiated the National Operations Center in 2001. He supervised CAP operations in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and also negotiated CAP's involvement in security training for the Olympics with the Air Force.