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COMMANDERS APPROVAL LETTER

During 2016, the Maryland Wing (MDWG) experienced periods of celebration and sadness. We had many opportunities to recognize our officers and cadets for their achievements and we joined with Civil Air Patrol (CAP) units across the country in honoring of our 75th anniversary as an organization. But as in life, the moments of joy can be mixed with sorrow as several of our dedicated Wing members left this world.

As the year began our Maryland Wing Commander, Col William B. Parris III, died. Col Parris began his life of service to his country in the U.S. Army from 1967-1970. Parris enjoyed several years in the civilian world as a radio broadcaster and as a commercial aviator. After September 11, 2001, he joined CAP MDWG. Parris pursued and achieved numerous leadership positions including: commander of the Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron, commander of Group II, wing A3 operations officer, wing vice commander, and culminating his CAP career on April 26, 2014, by accepting the position of commander of the Maryland Wing. He was a leader that was involved at all levels of the wing and his death was deeply felt by our members. His memorial service was held at MDWG Headquarters on February 6, 2016.

In April 2016, the MDWG director of finance, Maj Paul Robert Oliver, passed away. Few members match his longevity of service in CAP as his membership tenure began in 1957 and ended only at his death – a total of 59 years. He was dedicated to excellence in all that he did and shared his compassion for supporting CAP mission and goals. Maj Oliver's memorial service was held at MDWG Headquarters in April 2016.

I proudly assumed command of MDWG in May 2016, at a formal change of command ceremony held at the Middle East Region conference in Richmond, Virginia. Accompanied by wing personnel and my family, I was extremely humbled and honored to accept the responsibility of command of the wing.

May also included several wing sponsored activities, including a statewide SAREX and a squadron leadership school held in on the Maryland Eastern Shore. Our officers and cadets also proudly took part in the National Memorial Day Parade held in Washington, D.C.

June proved to be the busiest period of the year. Wing and groups sponsored several squadron leadership schools located throughout our jurisdiction. A USAF SAR Evaluation took place. We took the opportunity to interact with Air Force personnel and showcase our capabilities to respond and accommodate emergency events. The wing subsequently was given an evaluation outcome of an "Excellent" achievement. The Tri-Wing Encampment occurred from June 26 through July 3. Hundreds of cadets and staff officers gathered to challenge themselves and collaborate with teammates in achieving personal and group satisfaction and recognition. It was during this month that the MDWG received the National Commander's Unit Citation for our wing's performance from the period of April 30, 2010, to March 1, 2014.

Maryland has always been home base of one of CAP's special members, Col Mary Feik. It was with deep sadness that she died on June 10, 2016, at the age of 92. Recognized for her military service during World War II, she became the first woman engineer for the Army Air Corps. Because of her commitment to service and her lifetime contributions to the field of aerospace education, Col Feik received numerous honors including her induction into the Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1994. However, for MDWG members she is

best known for her willingness to encourage young cadets to “aim high and achieve more”. In 2003, CAP established the Mary Feik Achievement in her honor. To date, over 27,000 cadets have been issued this award. Col Mark Feik was, in the words of Dr. Peggy Chabrian, the president and founder of Women in Aviation, International, “truly a legend”.

August highlights included honors and achievements for MDWG members. Seven of our cadets completed the Drug Demand Excellence program. Three senior officers were awarded several Maj Howell Balsem Awards for outstanding achievements in public affairs during the National PAO Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, and cadets from the St. Mary’s Composite Squadron won third place in the Unmanned Aerial Systems for STEM (UAS4STEM) National Championships held in Muncie, Indiana.

September marked the 2016 Air Force Association’s Air, Space and Cyber Conference at National Harbor. CAP formally celebrated its 75th anniversary in tandem with this event. The celebration gala highlighted the history and exceptional accomplishments of our organization.

The MDWG statewide annual conference was held November 11-13 at the Turf Valley Resort & Conference Center in Ellicott City, MD, which included presentations of membership awards, numerous opportunities for educational programs and the occasion to enhance our camaraderie among our members. The annual conference also provided the command staff the opportunity to address future program goals and objectives.

In reviewing and submitting this report, I believe that the CY 2016 was a year of challenges and achievements. Our volunteer staff has been *unparalleled* in their commitment to Civil Air Patrol, its mission and its goals. I am proud to count myself as part of the MDWG and will continue, with my staff, to enhance our successes and join with our national and local partners in achieving an effective future.

Joseph Winter, Colonel, CAP
Commander, Maryland Wing

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INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF & BRIEF UNIT NARRATIVE

MARYLAND WING

Wing Commander

Col Joseph R. Winter

Vice Commander-Forces

Lt Col Christopher Howell

Vice Commander-Operations

Lt Col John E. Henderson

Chief of Staff

Lt Col Brenda A. Reed

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Chapter 1 OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

MDWG held its first SAREX of the year at wing headquarters on 7-8 May. The following month an OPS EVAL was conducted on 21-26 June. A SAREX was held on 10 September and a full scenario based SAREX was held on 22-23 October in Cumberland, MD.

On 2 July, our Bay Patrol air crews assisted the US Coast Guard in responding to a vessel in distress. On 3 July, an air crew from the Bowie Composite Squadron joined a ground team from the Calvert Cadet Squadron to locate and silence an ELT on a vessel docked at a private pier for a non-distress find.

MDWG ground teams were tasked with a number of emergency locator transmitter missions in 2016, allowing both air and ground teams to respond quickly and effectively.

Disaster Relief

Members of our wing flew to South Carolina and North Carolina in early October to support FEMA in disaster recovery operations after Hurricane Matthew struck the southeast portion of the U.S. The support was mainly in the form of aerial photography missions to assess the hurricane's impact on natural resources and infrastructure along with incident command post personnel.

In June 2016, MDWG aircrews flew above Howard County after a tornado touched down, providing local EOCs with damage assessment photos.

MDWG aircrews also flew aerial imagery missions over Ocean City, providing damage assessment photos in the wake of Tropical Storm Hermine at the request of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Homeland Security

The annual Bay Patrol mission continued in 2016 throughout the summer months as MDWG aircrews support homeland security operations in coordination with the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

Police Department and the U.S. Coast Guard, assisting boaters in distress and helping search for the missing. Aircrews also observe critical infrastructure such as Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Port of Baltimore, Baltimore Harbor, Cove Point Liquid Natural Gas Terminal, and tunnels and bridges over the bay during these missions.

MDWG provided assistance for the Democratic National Committee and 1st Air Force, notifying the general aviation community of flight restrictions for the Democratic National Convention in July.

The wing continued to support U.S. Air Force aircraft interception training missions in the Washington, DC, area.

Counterdrug

MDWG continued to assist our northern neighbor, Pennsylvania Wing, with their counterdrug marijuana eradication operations.

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Internal aerospace education was focused on promoting senior members to pursue professional aerospace development through pursuit of the Yeager Award. In addition, two highlights for the year were the MDWG Rocketry Day held on 28 September at Wing HQ, and a STEAM Fair held at Wing HQ on 19 November.

External Aerospace Education

Two events are noteworthy for CY16. The first, C/Capt Austin Dillow of the St. Mary's Composite Squadron was named Air Force Association's National Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year. C/Capt Dillow received his award at the AFA Convention at National Harbor on 19 September.

The second, St. Mary's Composite Squadron cadets placed third at the UAS4STEM national championships held on 20-21 August in Muncie, Indiana.

Chapter III Cadet Programs

Cadet Programs

The first major step in 2016 was to identify and assign a new wing director of cadet programs (DCP) which was Lt Col James "Jim" Keohane. Our primary internal effort was to rekindle the Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) in 2016. This effort has been challenging but ultimately met with some success in achieving a revitalized support and interest in the CAC. Command staff also increased squadron visits throughout the year to better assess and support cadet programs at the squadron level.

Cadet Activities

In February 2016, MDWG held its annual Cadet Speak-Off, a speech contest in which cadets compete in basic, advanced, and impromptu categories. Toastmasters returned once again as judges for the event.

MDWG held its Cadet Competition in February 2016 at MDWG HQs with two teams competing head-to-head. Results were:

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron 1st Place
- Towson Composite Squadron 2nd place
- Indoor Posting: Towson
- Outdoor Posting: B-CC
- Team Leadership Problem: B-CC
- Written Test: B-CC
- CPFT: Towson
- Uniform Prep: B-CC
- Uniform Spot Inspection: B-CC

Top Individual CPFT: C/SrA Greyson Connor (Towson)

Top Individual Written: C/SrA Kyle Spawn (Towson)

The major cadet event for the calendar was the Tri-Wing Encampment which was held from 26 June to 3 July at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. More than 250 members participated in this annual training event. Key staff members included:

Lt Col Christopher Hiles, Encampment Commander

Lt Col Brian Porter, Commandant of Cadets

C/Maj Kira Stiers, Cadet Commander

MDWG's Robert Ayres Memorial Flight Scholarship Program ("Solo School") was held July 8-17 in Hagerstown, MD. All six cadets soloed during the activity and passed their FAA private pilots written exam. Class of 2016 graduates include:

Cadet Duncan Campbell - Frederick Composite Squadron

Cadet Riley Campbell - Frederick Composite Squadron

Cadet Wyatt Hartman - Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron

Cadet Audrey Hollis - Fort McHenry Composite Squadron

Cadet Harrison O'Connell - Charles Composite Squadron

Cadet Jason McSweeney - Fort McHenry Composite Squadron

MDWG Col Mary S. Feik Composite Squadron member, C/Col Emmy Hoyt, received the Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award. The award was presented by MER commander, Col John Knowles, at a dinner honoring C/Col Hoyt in Annapolis, Md.

Cadet Programs staff conducted a Training Leaders of Cadets in August 2016 at MDWG HQs using the new Basic TLC curriculum.

Drug Demand Reduction

Cadets from the MDWG were recognized in several ways for their support for the Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program. In July, two MDWG cadets, C/TSgt Paige Jones and C/MSgt Jams Upmeyer, were awarded second and third place respectively for the 2015/2016 DDR speech contest. During the following month in August, seven cadets successfully completed the DDR Excellence program. The cadets were:

Richard Baker, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron

Austin Burck, Easton Composite Squadron

Riley Gladhill, Hagerstown Composite Squadron

Paige Jones, Towson Composite Squadron

Daniel Kiss, Hagerstown Composite Squadron

Benjamin Mullen, Harford Composite Squadron

Timothy Seidel, Ft. McHenry Composite Squadron

APPENDIX I: Chapter I-III – Data and Statistics

A3/OPERATIONS

A3/Director of Operations	Maj John Ralph
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj John Ralph
Standardization/Evaluation Officer	Maj Peter Loewenheim
GIS Officer	Maj Mike Zabetakis
Homeland Security Officer	Maj Jeremy Cheron
Counterdrug Operations	Lt Col Christopher Howell
Emergency Services - Ground	Maj Thomas Smith
ES Training Officer	Lt Col Charles “Bob” Midkiff

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY January 2016 - December 2016

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations

1. A3 performed consistent and regular training and real-world mission operations throughout the year in both ground and air components. Details are found in narrative.

A7A/AEROSPACE EDUCATION

A7A/Director of Aerospace Education	Lt Col Robert E. Terry, Ph.D.
Internal Aerospace Education	Lt Col Charles Roe
External Aerospace Education	Maj James Williams

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY January 2016 – December 2016

Director of Aerospace Education

1. Data captured in chapter narrative.
 - Internal Aerospace Education**
 1. Data captured in chapter narrative.
 - External Aerospace Education**
 1. Data captured in chapter narrative.

A7C/CADET PROGRAMS

A7C/Director of Cadet Programs	Lt Col James Keohane
Deputy Director of Cadet Programs	Maj Rachel Knowles
Cadet Activities Officer	Lt Col Laurence Buck
Honor Guard Coordinator	Lt Col Johnetta Mayhew
Cadet Advisory Council Chair	C/CMSgt Kyle Spawn
Drug Demand Reduction Administrator	1 st Lt Melissa Chenowith

Completed Staff Actions CY January 2016

December 2016

Director of Cadet Program:

1. Data captured in chapter narrative.

2016-2017 Region Cadet Advisory Council representatives

1. CAC was responsible for planning the 2016 Cadet Conference.

Cadet Conference

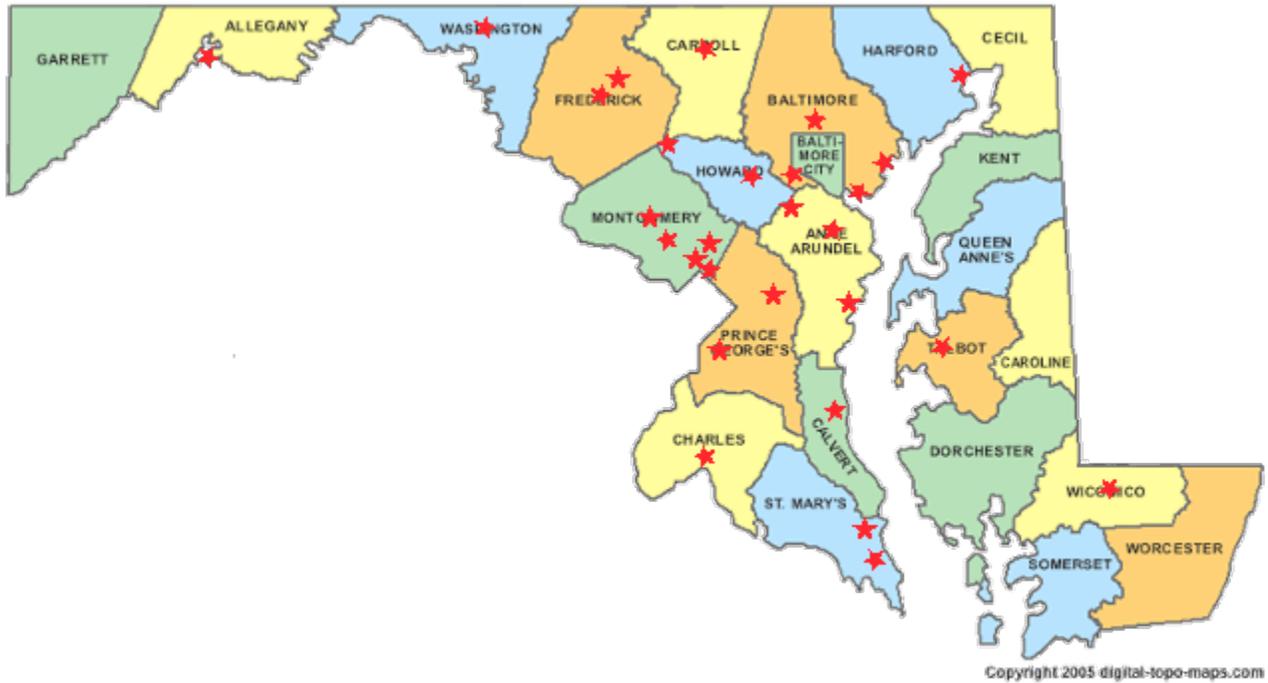
1. The annual cadet conference was held during the wing conference on November 12, 2016, at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, MD. Eight sessions led for and by cadets were offered.

Drug Demand Reduction Administrator

1. DDRA assisted units with DDR activities, achieving a record 100% participation for 2016 (first time for MDWG). This accomplishment was recognized by the MER DDRA.

APPENDIX II Unit Staff – Data Statistics

Unit Map (showing geographic subdivisions within a WING)



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Group 1 HQ (MD-041) Squadrons
 Located in Counties of
 Allegany, Frederick, Garret, Howard,
 Montgomery & Washington



Group 2 HQ (MD-042) Squadrons
 Located in Counties of
 Baltimore, Carroll, Harford,
 Talbot & Wicomico



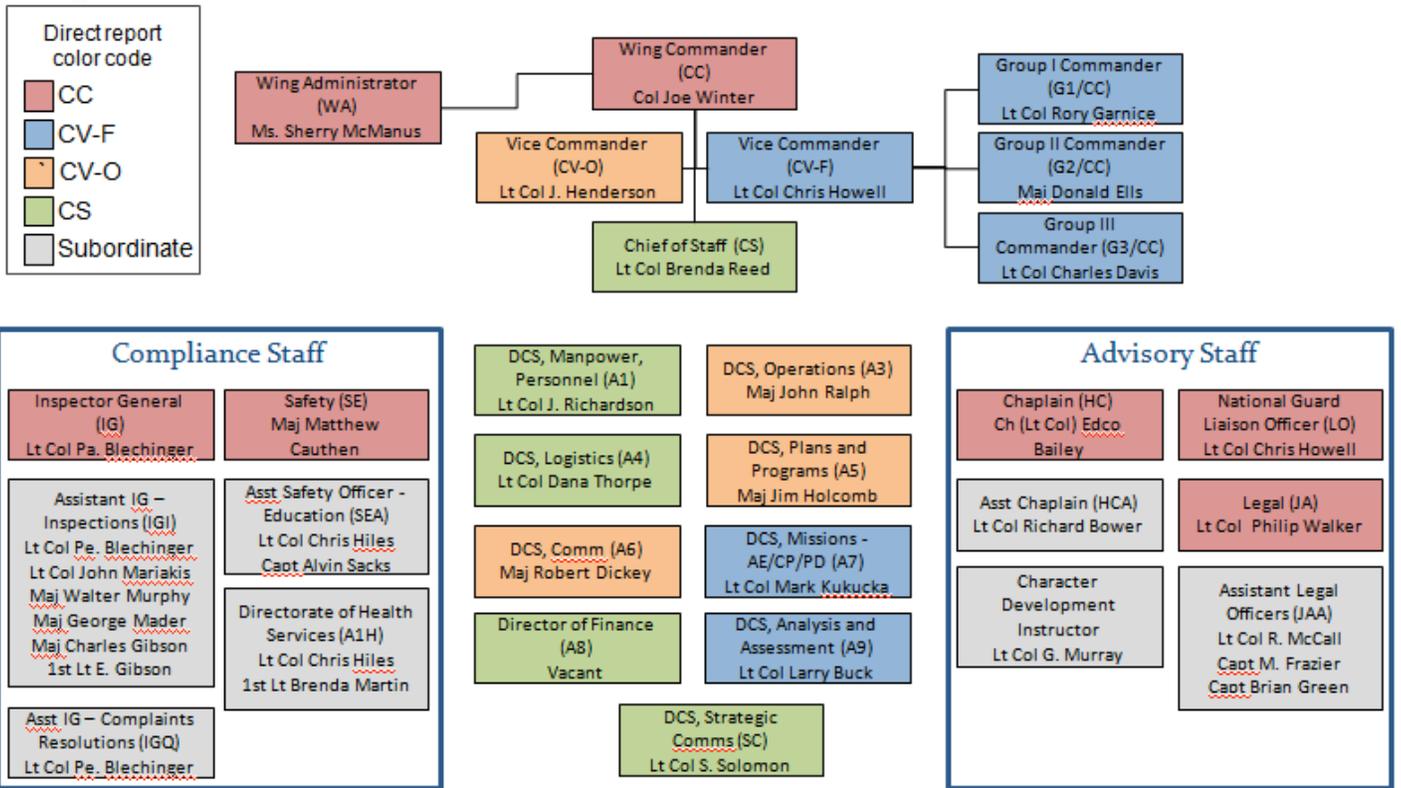
Group 3 HQ (MD-043) Squadrons
 Located in Counties of
 Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
 Prince Georges & St. Mary's

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite (MD-071)
- Cumberland Composite (MD-065)
- Frederick Composite (MD-003)
- Hagerstown Composite (MD-004)
- Howard Composite (MD-037)
- Montgomery Senior (MD-073)
- Mount Airy Composite (MD-091)
- Parkland Cadet (MD-801)
- Upper Montgomery Composite (MD-332)

- Carroll Composite (MD-039)
- Easton Composite (MD-079)
- Fort McHenry Composite (MD-140)
- Glenn L. Martin Composite (MD-031)
- Harford Composite (MD-008)
- Osprey Composite (MD-022)
- Towson Composite (MD-013)
- Wicomico Composite (MD-086)

- Col Mary S. Feik Composite (MD-028)
- Apollo I Senior (MD-085)
- Arundel Composite (MD-023)
- Bowie Composite (MD-052)
- Calvert Cadet (MD-007)
- Charles Composite (MD-019)
- College Park Composite (MD-011)
- St. Mary's Composite (MD-089)
- Esperanza Middle School (MD-890)*

Unit Organization Chart



Unit Command and Staff Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Name</u>
Budge, 1st Lt Raoul Randall	MD-039	Carroll Composite Squadron
Burgos-Ramos, Capt Pablo D	MD-028	Col Mary S. Feik Composite Squadron
Buzzard, Lt Col Raymond K	MD-091	Mount Airy Composite Squadron
Chappell, Maj Dennis P	MD-019	Charles Composite Squadron
Curley, 1st Lt Albert	MD-052	Bowie Composite Squadron
Harris, Lt Col Scott Davis, Lt Col Charles S	MD-043	Group 3 Headquarters
Ells, Maj Donald J	MD-042	Group 2 Headquarters
Garnice, Lt Col Rory P	MD-041	Group 1 Headquarters
Harris, Capt Kevin S	MD-023	Arundel Composite Squadron
Hollis, Lt Col Steven W	MD-140	Fort McHenry Composite Squadron
LaPre, Lt Col Wes	MD-007	Calvert Cadet Squadron
Lotvedt, Maj Karl S	MD-022	Osprey Composite Squadron
McKean, Lt Col Thomas	MD-089	St. Mary's Composite Squadron
McManus, Maj Stacey A	MD-013	Towson Composite Squadron
Phares, Lt Col Meredith M	MD-004	Hagerstown Composite Squadron
Piersall, Lt Col Mark A	MD-003	Frederick Composite Squadron
Pinder, 2d Lt Will L	MD-065	Cumberland Composite Squadron
Queen, Maj Guilford C	MD-801	Parkland Cadet Squadron
Redman, Maj Elza K	MD-038	Howard Composite Squadron
Rustvold, Capt Derek W	MD-085	Apollo 1 Senior Squadron
Caldwell, Capt James	MD-086	Wicomico Composite Squadron
Santos, Capt Kristen S	MD-071	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron
Strong, Maj John W	MD-073	Montgomery Senior Squadron
Samson, 1 st Lt Phillip	MD-079	Easton Composite Squadron
Thompson, Maj Robert F	MD-011	College Park Composite Squadron
Trick, Maj David M	MD-890	Esperanza Middle School Flight
Williams, Lt Col Earl "Rock"	MD-031	Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron
Holloway, Maj Justin	MD-332	Upper Montgomery Composite Squadron
Winter, Col Joseph R	MD-001	Maryland Wing
Schmidt, Lt Col James	MD-008	Harford Composite Squadron

APPENDIX III: A4/Director of Logistics – Data and Statistics

A4/Director of Logistics	Lt Col Dana Thorpe
Supply Officer	Maj Scott Wacker
Transportation Officer	Maj Vaclav Konecny
Facilities Manager	Lt Col Johnetta Mayhew

Completed Staff Actions CY January 2016

December 2016

A4/Director of Logistics

1. The A4 Section completed the annual inventory on December 6, 2016.

Supply Officer

1. The Supply section obtained from AAFES and distributed new ABUs to subordinate unit members during the summer of 2016.

Transportation Officer

1. Transportation completed its annual inventory on December 6, 2016.

Facilities Manager

1. A new water main was installed in the MDWG HQs Operations Building, providing water to the facility.

APPENDIX IV: A6/Director of Communications – Data and Statistics

A6/Communications

A6/Director of Communications	Maj Robert Dickey
Deputy Director of Communications	Lt Col Michael Starr
Communications Licensing Officer	Lt Col Jackie Fries

Completed Staff Actions CY January 2016

December 2016

A6/Director of Communications

1. The Communications section participated in the Constant Watch 16 communications exercise in April 2016.

Communications Licensing Officer

1. No actions reported in 2016.

APPENDIX V: A7P/Director of Professional Development – Data and Statistics

A7P/Professional Development

A7P/Director of Professional Development	Lt Col Mark Kukucka
Chief, Distance Education and eLearning	Lt Col Brenda Reed
Assistant, Distance Education and eLearning	Lt Col George R. Murray, Jr.

Completed Staff Actions CY January 2016

December 2016

A7P/Director of Professional Development

1. A7P was responsible for several professional development courses in 2016 – SLS, CLC, UCC, and TLC – both in classroom and online.

APPENDIX VI: Staff Officers – Data and Statistics

A1/Director of Administration & Personnel	Lt Col Johnhenri Richardson
Recruiting & Retention Officer	Capt Mark Prorock
A5/Director of Plans & Programs	Maj James Holcomb
Director of Strategic Communications	Lt Col Steven Solomon
Public Affairs Officer	Lt Col Christopher Roche
Director of Information Technology	1 st Lt Sean Connor
A8/Finance Officer	Lt Col Brenda Reed (acting)
Grants Officer	1 st Lt Jonathan Ebbeler
Chaplain	Ch Lt Col Edco Bailey
Historian	Capt Patrick Whang
Health Services	Lt Col Christopher Hiles

Completed Staff Actions CY January 2016

December 2016

A1/Director of Administration & Personnel

1. In early 2016, the A1/Admin-Personnel section processed the first submission for the Maryland Goldstein Tax Subtraction Modification program for Maryland residents who meet certain qualifications per the Maryland IRS.
2. Submitted to MER by the A1 section, the following members were recognized with Middle East Region ‘of the year’ awards in May 2016.

Frank G. Brewer - Cadet	C/Capt Austin Dillow
Frank G. Brewer - Senior	Lt Col Robert Terry
Sr Chaplain	Ch (Lt Col) Edco Bailey
Communications Officer	Lt Col Michael Starr
DDR Wing	Maryland Wing
Historian	1st Lt Steven Janko
MER Squadron of Distinction	Col Mary S. Feik Composite
AFA AE Cadet of the Year	C/Capt Austin Dillow

3. In November 2016, the following members were recognized with ‘of the year’ awards at the wing conference:

Administrative Officer	2d Lt Kimberly Mueller
Aerospace Education	Capt Richard Rudnicki
Cadet Programs Advocate	Lt Col Michael Starr

Cadet NCO	C/SMSGT Kyle Spawn
Cadet Jr. Officer	C/Maj Wyatt Hartman
Cadet of the Year	C/Lt Col Kira Stiers
CAP-USAF Torch Award	Maj Stacey McManus
Character Development (Moral Leadership)	Capt David Webster
Communications	Lt Col John Johnson
Deputy Commander/Cadets	Maj Dana Hooper
Deputy Commander/Seniors	Lt Col Thomas Curran
Drug Demand Reduction	1st Lt Melissa Chenowith
Emergency Services	Lt Col Sally Ludwig
Finance	Maj Michael Allen
Information Technology	Capt Robert Williams
Inspector General	Lt Col Peter Blechinger
Legal	Lt Col Philip Walker
Logistics	1st Lt Daniel Donahoe
Aircraft Maintenance	Lt Col Laurence Baker
Operations	Capt Dennis Villar
Personnel	1st Lt Cory Upmeyer
Professional Development	Lt Col George R. Murray, Jr.
Public Affairs	Capt Dennis Chappell
Safety	Maj Matthew Cauthen
Senior Member of the Year	Lt Col James Steinmeier
Squadron Commander	Capt Donald Cook
Transportation	2d Lt Phillip Chenowith
Webmaster	C/CMSgt Andrew Rioux
Wing Staff Officer of the Year	Lt Col Johnhenri Richardson (A1)
Sprit Award	St Mary's Composite
Squadron of the Year	Col Mary S. Feik Composite
Group 1 Squadron of the Year	Frederick Composite
Group 2 Squadron of the Year	Harford Composite
Group 3 Squadron of the Year	Col Mary S. Feik Composite
Group of the Year	Group 1
MDWG Squadron of Merit	Col Mary S. Feik Composite
Best Ground Team	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite
Most Flight Hours	Maj John Ralph
Most AF Mission Flight Hours	Maj John Ralph

Recruiting and Retention Officer

1. No real actions in 2016.

A5/Director of Plans & Programs

1. No real actions in 2016.

Public Affairs Officer

1. Three PAOs in MDWG were awarded Balsem Awards at the National PAO Academy, held in Nashville, TN, for their public affairs work:

- 2016 - Lt Col Christopher Roche (MDWG) - Balsem Award (external media coverage: South Carolina Flood Mission/2015 Tri-Wing Encampment)
- 2016 - Capt Alice Raatjes (Group 2) - Award of Excellence (external media coverage: Women's History Month)
- 2016 - Capt Alice Raatjes (Group 2) - Award of Excellence (external media coverage "Women and CAP: 75 years of history")
- 2016 - Maj Brenda Reed (MER/MDWG) - Balsem Award (Photographer: South Carolina Floods)
- 2016 - Maj Brenda Reed (MER/MDWG) - Balsem Award (Social Media: "Happy 74th Birthday, CAP")
- 2016 - Lt Col Christopher Roche (MDWG) - Award of Excellence (social media "Maryland Wing conference and Tri-Wing Encampment Facebook pages")
- 2016 - Maj Brenda Reed (MER/MDWG) - Balsem Award (Website: MER PAO blog)

2. Three PAO training sessions were offered at the MDWG conference: Photography 101 (Lt Col Christopher Roche), Social Media Strategies (Lt Col Brenda Reed), and PAO vs. PIO (Lt Col Steven Solomon).

Director of Information Technology

1. ITO supported the wing needs through website and HQs IT infrastructure.

A8/Finance Officer

1. A8/Finance had its annual audit in May 2016, receiving a rating of "Successful."

Chaplain

1. The MDWG Chaplain assisted with visiting the families and helping to perform the memorial services for Col Bill Parris, Maj Paul Oliver, and Col Mary Feik.

Historian

1. For most of the year there was no assigned MDWG Historian until November when Capt Patrick Whang joined the organization.

Health Services

1. Health Services Officer was on-call to respond to health-related inquiries throughout the year.

APPENDIX VII: Special Staff Officers – Data & Statistics

Inspector General	Lt Col Paul Blechinger
Safety	Maj Matthew Cauthen
Government Relations	Lt Col Christopher Roche (acting)
Legal	Lt Col Phillip Walker
Military Liaison	Lt Col Christopher Howell

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Inspector General

1. Inspector General completed SUI inspections on time for subordinate unit inspections.

Safety

1. MDWG's Safety Blitz/Week was held March 13-19.

Government Relations

1. MDWG members participated in CAP's National Legislative Day on February 25, 2016, meeting with all 10 Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

Legal

1. Legal officer responded to legal inquiries as needed.

Military Liaison

1. MDWG continued its tradition of preparing and serving lunch to the Air National Guard during their monthly drill weekends at Warfield ANG Base in Middle River, MD. All three groups participated on a rotating basis throughout the year.

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Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Whang', written in a cursive style.

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