

**HISTORY OF
Minnesota Wing**

Civil Air Patrol
Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019



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MEMORANDUM FOR NHQ-001/HO

FROM: NCR-MN-001/CC

SUBJECT: Approval of 2019 Minnesota Wing History

1. I approve the publication and forwarding of the 2019 Minnesota Wing History to NHQ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Garlough", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES A. GARLOUGH, Colonel, CAP
Commander

cc:
NCR-MN-001/HO
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Permanent Files

ANNUAL HISTORY TEMPLATE ENTRY POINTS

(Region Headquarters shown – change unit name, signature blocks and insignia to use for wings, groups, squadrons.)

INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENTS

TITLE PAGE
COMMANDER'S APPROVAL LETTER

INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF

UNIT Commander	James Garlough	Colonel
Vice Commander	William Hienz	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff	Blane Pierson	Major

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

On the following pages, please provide one page for each chapter, with one or more paragraphs for each section of the chapter.

Chapter I OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

Minnesota has 936 members working on Emergency Services ratings.

There are 9 Incident Commanders, 17 Air Branch and 17 Ground Branch Directors.

45 Mission Pilots team with 86 Observers and 127 Scanners. 35 Ground Team Leaders are supported

38 GTM1, 70 GTM2 and 111 GTM3 . 341 members are First Aid trained.

We have 18 aircraft, and we have 25 vehicles, 3 trailers and 1 camping trailer.

What is the Ground Team Academy? August

The Ground Team Academy (GTA) was created in 2007 to standardize ground team training across Minnesota Wing and give all members an opportunity to get qualified in one level of ground team qualification during an extended weekend. Since the success of the first GTA, it has turned into an annual event. It is open to all members with at least a General ES Qualification who have completed FEMA's IS 100 and IS 700.

The goal of the school is to get each person complete with one level of ES training by the end of the weekend. If you come in with a General ES qualification, you should get everything you need for GTM3 by the end of the activity, if you come in with GTM3 qualification, you should be able to get GTM2, and if you come in with GTM2, you should be able to get everything you need for GTM1 and/or GTL.

: What is the Winter Survival Weekend?

The Winter Survival Weekend (WSW) was created in 2003 to with two goals:

1. Teach members to live in extreme cold weather conditions while learning basic winter survival skills.
2. Teach members to conduct search operations in winter weather conditions.

It is open to all personnel with at least a General Emergency Services (GES) Rating. Those who have attended previously are welcome to apply to serve as team leaders or staff members.

Disaster Response
No operation reported

Homeland Security
No operation reported

Counterdrug Operations
No operation reported

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

The “Great Minnesota Wing Aerospace Education Fling” – 240 participants

“Aeronautical Overload” -- The Great Minnesota Wing Aerospace Fling!

Saturday, 18 May 2019 dawned as a cool, rainy Minnesota day

but it did not dampen the ‘Great Minnesota Wing Aerospace Fling’ held at Wing Headquarters at Fleming Field, South Saint Paul, MN.

The event was advertised as “an exciting day of Aeronautical Overload” and it certainly lived up to the pre-event hype.

The event was held to provide a thrilling, fun-filled day of aerospace activities for Civil Air Patrol members, friends, and family. When guests arrived, the wing hangar had been transformed into a panoply of aerospace education (AE) exhibits and activities. Inside the hanger, guests were able to ride a hovercraft, operate flight simulators, sit in a powered parachute, conduct air pressure experiments, learn about model rocketry, astronomy, meteorology, and more.

Lt Col Paul Prior, MN Wing Director of Aerospace Education said the genesis of the event “started with a brainstorming session back in January 2019. We didn’t really have set expectations. Maj Zurales picked up the ball and got things going. It just grew as it went along and the event today really showcases the AE skills that the Civil Air Patrol has.”

External Aerospace Education

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

MINNESOTA WING CADET COMPETITION

The 2019 MN Wing Cadet Competition will be on September 28nd at the St Cloud Army Aviation Support Facility located at 2185 45th Ave SE, St Cloud, MN 56304. It will be held IAW [CAPP 52-4](#), updated Feb 2015, and the new [CAPP 60-33](#). This is the first of three cadet competitions (Wing, Regional, and National). The top two winners of this competition will advance and represent Minnesota Wing at the North Central Region Cadet Competition. Two teams from each region will advance to the National Cadet Competition held in the summer. If you have any questions regarding the events, please review CAPP 52-4.

Cadet Activities

Activity Name: Winter Survival Weekend 2019 **Dates:** 25-Jan-2019 to 27-Jan-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN066 NORTHLAND COMPOSITE SQDN

Location: Woods near Bemidji, MN

Activity Name: Cadre Selection Exercise (CSE) **Dates:** 22-Feb-2019 to 24-Feb-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ

Location: Camp Ripley

Activity Name: Destination: Strategic Air Command **Dates:** 16-Mar-2019 to 17-Mar-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN042 SAINT PAUL COMPOSITE SQDN

Location: SAC & Aerospace Museum, Ashland NE

Activity Name: Cadre Training Weekend (CTW) **Dates:** 28-Mar-2019 to 31-Mar-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ

Location: Camp Ripley

Activity Name: Great MN Wing AEROSPACE FLING **Dates:** 18-May-2019 to 18-May-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ

Location: MN Wing Headquarters

Activity Name: 2019 MN Wing Encampment **Dates:** 29-Jun-2019 to 06-Jul-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ

Location: Camp Ripley

Activity Name: Duluth Aviation Expo **Dates:** 20-Jul-2019 to 21-Jul-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN016 DULUTH COMPOSITE SQDN

Location: Duluth International Airport

Activity Name: Destination: Dayton - Field Trip **Dates:** 01-Aug-2019 to 04-Aug-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN042 SAINT PAUL COMPOSITE SQDN

Location: Museum of the USAF, Dayton OH

Activity Name: Summer Survival **Dates:** 16-Aug-2019 to 18-Aug-2019

Sponsoring Unit: MN010 GRAND RAPIDS COMPOSITE SQDN
Location: Marcell, MN

Activity Name: Red Wing BlackCAP Training **Dates:** 27-Sep-2019 to 29-Sep-2019
Sponsoring Unit: MN104 RED WING COMPOSITE SQDN
Location: Red Wing Squadron Hangar

Activity Name: 2019 Minnesota Leadership Academy (MLA) **Dates:** 16-Oct-2019 to 20-Oct-2019
Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ
Location: Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN

Activity Name: Winter Training UBX **Dates:** 21-Nov-2019 to 22-Dec-2019
Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ
Location: Squadrons

Activity Name: Wreaths Across America **Dates:** 14-Dec-2019 to 14-Dec-2019
Sponsoring Unit: MN001 MINNESOTA WING HQ
Location: Various

Drug Demand Reduction

13 units have personnel assigned to Drug Demand Reduction

APPENDIX I: Core Mission Data and Statistics *(Data in support of the Narrative)*

Operations

No operation reported

Aerospace Education

1. AEROSPACE EDUCATION (AE) 215 SPECIALTY TRACK

GOAL: To improve Track 215 rating of Units AEOs one level

MEASURE: AEOs/AEOs will attain one higher 215 track technician rating

DUE DATE: 31 December 2019

2018 DATA: MNWG Units have seven "Technician" and two "Senior" AE rated AEOs.

2019 DATA: MNWG Units have 3 "Technician", 5 "Senior" and 1 "Master" rated AEOs.

2. AEROSPACE EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM (AEX)

GOAL: To increase Aerospace Education Excellence Award Program (AEX) participation

MEASURE: 80% of MNWG Units participate/complete six AEX activities during 2019

DUE DATE: 31 December 2019

2018 DATA: Three MNWG Units participated/completed the 2018 AEX Program

2019 DATA: Five MNWG Units participated in the 2019 AEX Program, and four Units completed the 2019 AEX Program

3. CIVIL AIR PATROL STEM KIT PROGRAM

GOAL: To increase Aerospace Education STEM Kit participation

MEASURE: 80% of MNWG Units participate/complete six AEX activities during 2019

DUE DATE: 31 December 2019

2018 DATA: 16 MNWG Units participated/completed the 2018 STEM Program

2019 DATA: 14 MNWG Units participated, and 8 completed the 2019 STEM Program

4. AEROSPACE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SENIOR MEMBERS (AEPSM)

GOAL: To increase the number of MNWG Senior Members completing the Yeager Award

MEASURE: 50 Senior Members will complete the Yeager Test

DUE DATE: 31 December 2019

2018 DATA: During 2018, three MNWG Units achieved 80%

2019 DATA: AEPSM (Yeager) Total: 422 completed out of 771 Seniors (54.73%)

5. AEROSPACE EDUCATION (AE) AWARD NOMINATIONS

GOAL: To submit nominations for AE awards (such as Brewer, AEO of the Year, and AE Teacher of the Year) to higher headquarters

MEASURE: Place copies of three forwarded nominations in AE Directorate files

DUE DATE: As appropriate considering the due date of award nomination submissions

2018 DATA: Two nomination for AE awards were submitted

2019 DATA: Three nominations for AE awards were submitted

6. AEROSPACE EDUCATION MEMBERS (AEMs)

GOAL: To increase the number of Aerospace Education Members (AEMs) in the State of Minnesota

MEASURE: Five more teachers will be recruited and participate as AEMs

DUE DATE: 31 Dec 2019

2018 DATA: 37 teachers participated as AEMs

2019 DATA: 162 teachers participated as AEMs

7. MINNESOTA WING CONFERENCE AEROSPACE EDUCATION (AE) SESSIONS

GOAL: To develop an AE session within the MNWG Annual Conference covering AE topics such as AE End-of-Year Activity Reporting, and AE Plan of Action development.

MEASURE: AE breakout session materials will be collected/produced and a sign-in roster of squadron AEOs and Commanders who attended session will be effected.

DUE DATE: 31 Dec 2019

2018 DATA: During 2018, no AE breakout session covered these topics.

2019 DATA: AE conducted five (5) AE breakout sessions during MNWG Conference

8. AEROSPACE EDUCATION (AE) BULLETINS

GOAL: To produce an electronic AE Bulletin Board within the Minnesota Wing Web Site.

MEASURE: A minimum of four quarterly bulletins available for Minnesota Wing will be published

DUE DATE: 31 December 2019

2018 DATA: No AE newsletters/bulletins were published

2019 DATA: Four AE Newsletters/bulletins were published

2019 Aerospace Education Activity Reports

*19 of 23 Minnesota Wing Units completed and submitted a FY 2019 AE Activity Report.

NOTE: Many Units upload "Above and Beyond" data into eServices FY 2019 AE Activity Reports.

"Above and Beyond" highlights include:

- • Aerospace Excellence (AEX)
- • Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) kits
- • Model Rocketry
- • Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flights

Internal Aerospace Education

See above

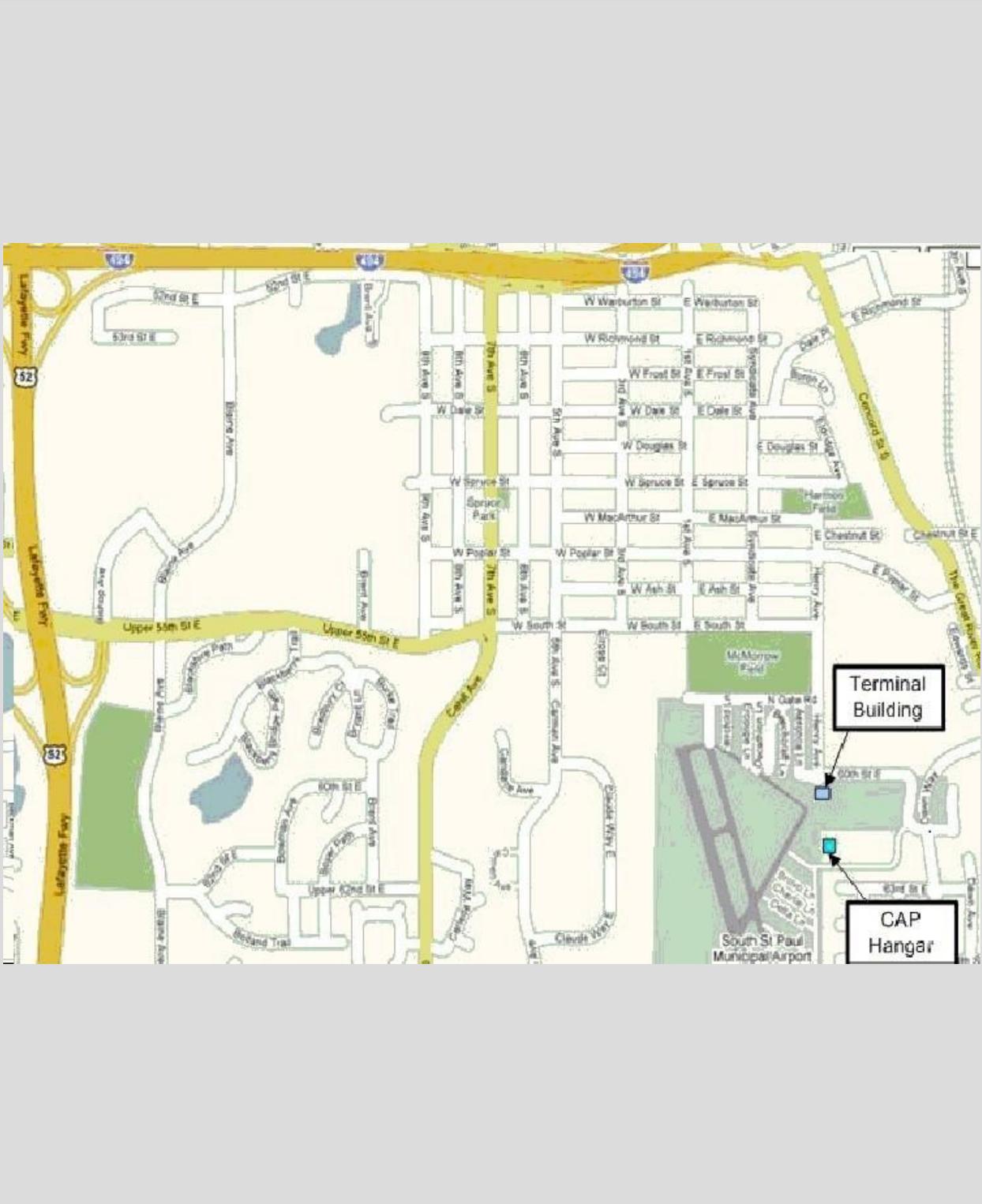
External Aerospace Education

See above

Cadet Programs

No operation reported

Unit Map



APPENDIX III: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Logistics	James Rutten	Lieutenant Colonel
Communications	Ronald McCarthy	Lieutenant Colonel
Professional Development	Douglas Killian	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration	Gerald Rosenzweig	Captain
Personnel	Shannon Bauer	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting and Retention	Dennis Swanson	1st Lieutenant
Plans and Programs	Carrie Niemann	Major
Public Affairs	Randall Knox	Captain
Information Technology	Stanley Kegel	Lieutenant Colonel
Finance	Martin Sommer	Major
Chaplain	Jill Holm	Lieutenant Colonel
Historian	Donald Mikitta (TDY)	Lieutenant Colonel
Health Services	Robert Taylor	Major
Operations	Gregory Erickson	Captain
Inspector General	Lion Templin	Captain
Safety	Richard Wayman	1st Lieutenant
Government Relations	Kevin Sliwinski	Colonel
Legal	Kevin Dunlevy	Lieutenant Colonel
Aerospace Education	Paul Prior	Lieutenant Colonel
Emergency Services	Thomas Fitzhenry	Major
Cadet Program	Ellen Browning	Lieutenant Colonel