

**HISTORY OF
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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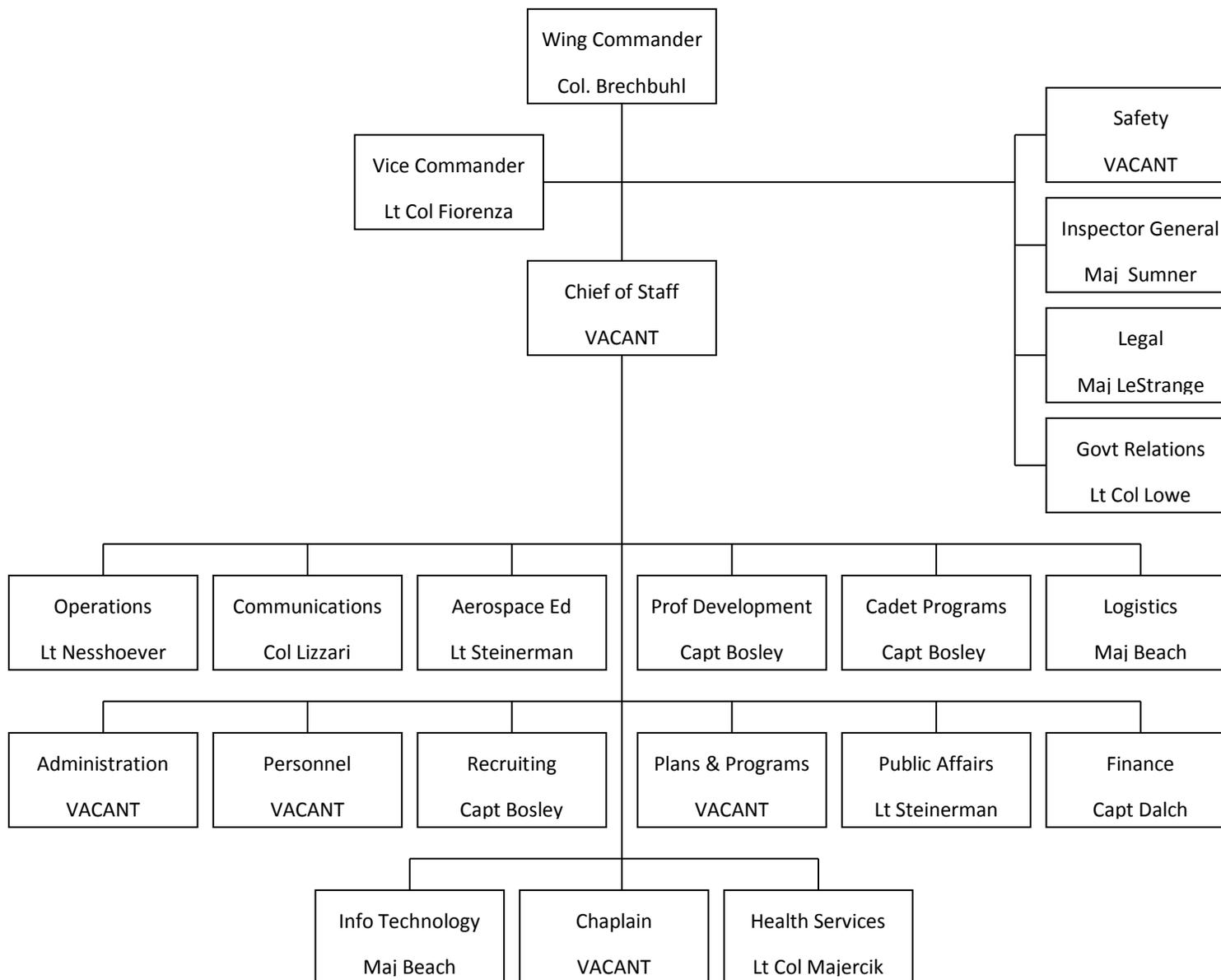
SUBJECT: Vermont Wing Annual History Approval

1. Vermont Wing Annual History for 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and prepared by 1st Lt. Peter Steinerman and submitted on 1 July 2020 is hereby approved for submission to the Northeast Region and National Headquarters Historian staff.
2. Direct any questions regarding the Vermont Wing 2019 Annual History to 1st Lt. Peter Steinerman at email psteinerman@vtcap.org.

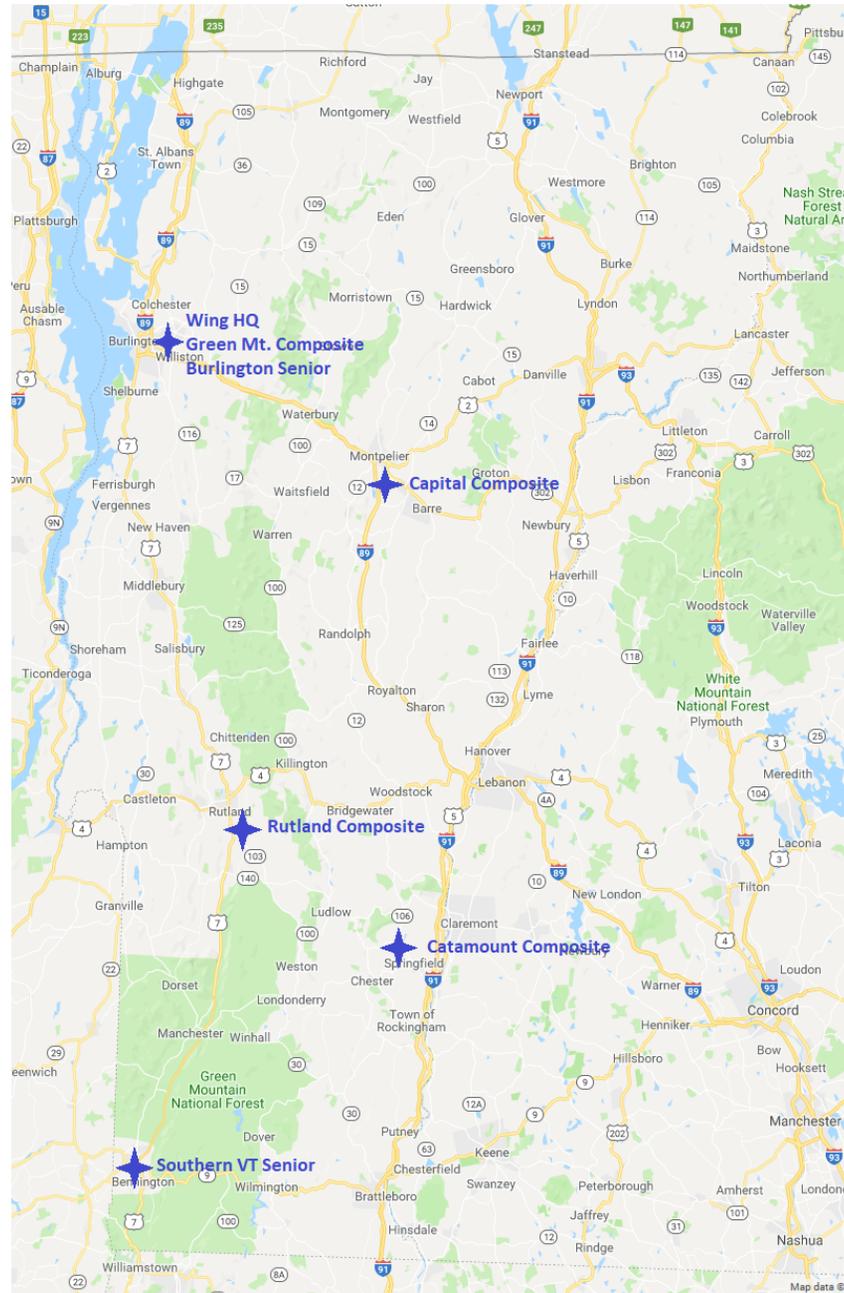
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Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol 2019 Organization Chart



VERMONT WING UNIT LOCATIONS



CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION

A. VERMONT WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL—2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, the Vermont Wing embraced its core CAP values, and commitment to community service in aerospace education: meeting the emergency response needs of our Vermont neighbors; or providing Vermont youth the leadership, technological and other skills needed to succeed, Wing members proved they were capable and ready.

On 22 June, The Vermont Wing announced the appointment of Colonel Ann A. Brechbuhl as new Wing Commander. Col Brechbuhl completed an application and selection process by the Northeast Region of Civil Air Patrol and succeeded Col Richard A. Lizzari, who completes his four-year term as Wing Commander this month.

Col Brechbuhl has served in numerous leadership positions within the Civil Air Patrol.. Most recently she served as the Commander of the Lebanon (NJ) Composite Squadron, the Squadron's Emergency Services Training officer. Since joining the NH Wing, Col Brechbuhl has also served as New Hampshire Wing Ground Team North Leader. Two of her children served as CAP Cadets and graduated from the CAP Northeast Region's Glider and Powered Flight Academies; both are now flying with the United States Air Force. Col Brechbuhl also served as a Scout Leader from 2000 through 2011. Professionally, Col Brechbuhl currently serves as Senior Associate Director of Recruitment and Leadership Programs, Norwich University, in Northfield, VT. Previously, she was the Head Coach of Hanover (NH) High School swimming and diving programs.

Col Brechbuhl brings an extensive record of leadership in the US Army, having served in various roles in infantry, military intelligence and electronic warfare units in both Germany and the United States. She is a graduate of the US Army's Airborne School, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and other educational programs. An alumnus of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Col Brechbuhl was awarded a Master's Degree in Education (with Teacher Certificate), from Emmanuel College in Boston.

The Wing safely completed an extensive schedule of monthly SAREXs, many in conjunction with sister Wings in New Hampshire, and throughout the New England Region. The Wing also conducted its second consecutive year partnering with the Vermont Department of Forestry, Parks and Recreation. The availability of fuel efficient, reliable CAP Cessna aircraft at low operating cost enabled the Department to conduct timely airborne monitoring of the health of the state's natural landscape.

The Wing expanded its educational support of schools throughout the State, and provided enrichment programming, educational materials and overall, an introduction for many students to aerospace and numerous related career opportunities.

Capital Composite Squadron (VT-033) sponsored a new unit, Newport Flight, which meets at the Northeast Kingdom International Airport Wednesday nights. Creation of the flight, commanded by 2nd Lt Jonathan St. Francis, arose from local interest in CAP. 2nd Lt St. Francis and his children were members of Catamount Composite Squadron prior while living in Newport.

B. VERMONT WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL—CAPABILITIES SUMMARY

AIRCRAFT



Cessna 172 Skyhawk (1)/Cessna 182 Skylane (2)

Performance: - Cruise Speed: 120/135 knots - Range: 520/630 nautical miles - Useful Payload: 755/650 pounds - Passengers: 2/2 - Endurance: 3½/4 ½ hours (with 1 hour reserve) - Service Ceiling: 13,000/15,000 feet Communications: Aviation Band; VHF-FM Navigation: Garmin 400/1000 GPS Airborne Imagery: High Resolution GPS encoded Digital Imagery Search and Rescue Direction Finder: - 121.5, 156.8, 243.0 & 406 MHz scanning receiver - Receives hexadecimal ID and Lat/Long info directly from 406 MHz transmitter - Aviation Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) - Marine Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB) - Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) Emergency Services Personnel • Aircrew: Pilots: 11 Observers: 28 • Ground Teams: 4 • Incident Commanders: 3 • Mission Base Staff: 18

C. VERMONT WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL- GROUND ASSETS



12 Passenger Vans (5)

7 Passenger Vans (2);

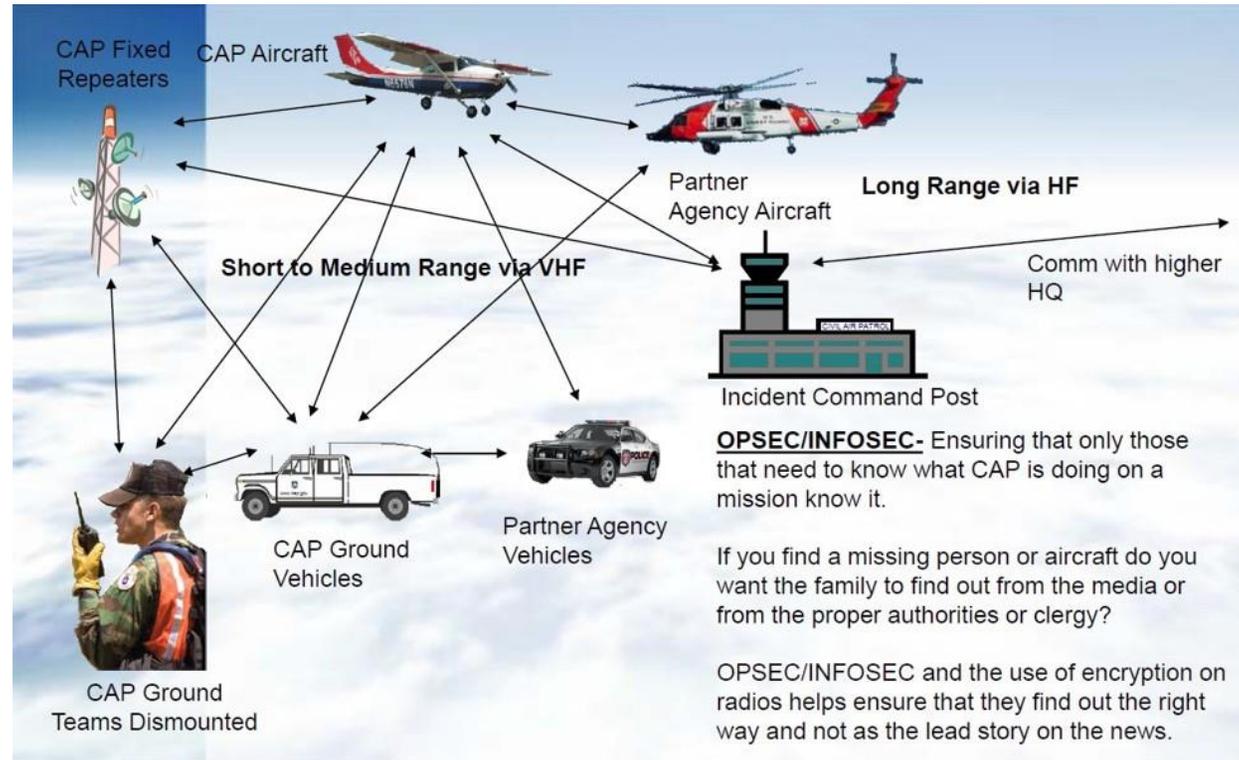
Sport Utility Vehicles (2)

Equipment:

- Mobile VHF-FM Radio
- Search and Rescue Direction Finder:
 - Aviation Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT)
 - Marine Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)
 - Personal Locator Beacons (PLB)

D.

VERMONT WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL-COMMUNICATIONS



Equipment

VHF-FM (138-160 MHz)

5 Fixed Base

3 Aircraft and 8 Vehicle mounted –

32 Handheld VHF-FM Repeaters (138-160 MHz)

3 Fixed - 2 Tactical (25 watt)

Aviation Band (118-136 MHz) -

3 Fixed Base –

3 Aircraft Mounted –3

Mobile/Handheld High Frequency/Automatic Link Establishment (HF/ALE; 3-30 MHz) - 5 Fixed Base - 2 Portable Field Deployable

Communications Trailer

- Field Deployable, Stand-Alone Communications Capability - Deployable into areas with diminished/non-existent communications due to Natural -

Equipment: - VHF-FM Mobile and Handheld - VHF-FM Tactical Repeater - HF/ALE Mobile - Aviation Band

CHAPTER II. 2019 OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2019

COMMAND

- Wing Commander Announcement sent to Senior Members
- Change of Command set for 22 June
- Requested Meetings with CODELs for Legislative Day in February
- Appointed Maj Beach as Commander for Capital Composite Squadron

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Professional Development schedule established for this year:
- SLS 2019 will be held on Mar 30-31
- CLC 2019 will be held on Jun 30-31
- UCC 2019 will be held on Sept 28-29

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Wing SAREX Conducted on 19 Jan
- 4 air and 3 ground sorties conducted for Missing Hiker and Overdue Aircraft scenarios
- Qualified a new IC3 for the Wing (total of 4)
- Re-qualified a GTL and 3 GTM3s
- Conducted Task training for aircrew, ground teams and MB Staff
- 22 Members attended

January 2019 (cont'd)

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Cambridge Elementary School, Jeffersonville
- Lead two classes on AE for fourth and fifth grade enrichment group.
- Prepared CAP AE materials for enrichment class instructor for future “hands on” projects, for 2-3 classes.
- Orange Center School, Barre
- Extensive planning and outreach related to full day of AE activities at BTV for 5th and 6th Grade class in February 20th. Approximately 35 students, six adults and I expected to participate.
- Confirmed participation at VTANG, ATC, JetBlue Airways and BTV Ground Operations.
- Possible activity at VTCAP HQ.
- Escorted Orange Center School teacher on tour and meetings at BTV to discuss and plan movements for trip.
- Prepared and submitted educational presentation and materials for three hour AE class at Orange Center School for 35 students. Class scheduled for February 1st.
- Green Mountain Technology Career Center, Hyde Park
- Participated in three enrichment classes for students in grades 9-11.
- Arranged for two speakers on careers related to aerospace: Tim McCole, Heritage Aviation; and Mr. Stephen Rosenbloom, ex-United/Continental/Air Canada ground operations/ticketing.
- Led one class on CAP Cadet Opportunities and aerospace careers.
- Continued research and outreach to BTV-area companies (e.g., Pratt and Whitney) to identify additional speakers and supportive programs.
- Continued to confirm speakers for February.

CADET ACTIVITIES

- Invitations to participate in future BTV tours were sent to all commanders of Composite Squadrons.

January 2019 (cont'd)

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- Discussed and disseminated CAP Cadet brochures to students at CESL, GMTCC, and Orange Center School. At the latter, CAP Cadet membership will henceforth be included as a “milestone” in records of students when they became members.
- Orange Center School teacher enrolled as AEM, and is interested in TOF activity and related activities.
- Discussed at length CAP enrollment with IT teacher at GMTCC, very interested. Individual currently works as civilian contract at VTANG.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- 2019 VTWG Crisis Plan drafted for review and submission
- Revised and submitted: CCT planning memorandum draft, and VTWG PIO contact list; series of “template” crisis scenario press release drafts and related “talking points” drafts.
- Working to identify media interest in coverage of February 20th AE day at BTV.

FEBRUARY 2019

COMMAND

- Attended Winter Command Council and Legislative Outreach Day
- Submitted Annual Awards for Region Consideration
- Approved Wing enrollment in the "Volunteer Match" web page for Recruiting new members

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- SAREX Held at MPV
- 12 personnel
- 3 Air and 2 Ground Sorties
- GTM and Aircrew Training SQTRs accomplished

February 2019 (cont'd)

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- *Orange Center School, Barre*

-- Lead a four hour interactive AE lesson for fifth and sixth graders at this school on February 1st. Approximately 40 students, as well as several teachers, support staff, and school principal, participated.

-- Also for this class: On February 20th, conducted a successful tour of BTV facilities, with the support and cooperation of the men and women of VTANG, JetBlue Airways, ATC Tower, VTANG/BTV Fire Department, and BTV Ground Operations. The tour involved 40 students, plus seven chaperones.

- Would like to acknowledge the extensive assistance of A1C Miles Main, SrA Ryan Crowley, Lt. Col. Laura Caputo, Major “Sledge” Wagner, Major Terri Sherry (VTANG/VTWG), and their colleagues, for making the VTANG activities a very memorable and productive highlight of the children’s visit.

-- Likewise, the officers of the VTANG/BTV Fire Department extended themselves and all involved benefitted from their time and attention.

-- Planning to leverage success with this school for recruitment and other AE activities with Major Beach in the Montpelier/Barre area.

Green Mountain Technology Career Center, Hyde Park

-Participated in two enrichment classes for students in grades 9-11:

Ann Beland, General Manager, JetBlue Burlington/Albany; and Tom Speranza, ex-VFA, ex-IBM, EAA, CFI. Thanks to Bob Fiorenza for the referral.

-Enrichment program at GMTCC subsequently terminated, will need to pursue with new administration there in the summer.

--Pursuing contacts at Hyde Park Elementary School, Stowe High School, and other local vocational high schools.

RECRUITING

- Discussed and disseminated CAP Cadet brochures to students at CESL, GMTCC, and Orange Center School. At the latter, CAP Cadet membership will henceforth be included as a “milestone” in records of students when they are in junior high school.
- Orange Center School teacher enrolled as AEM, pending reimbursement from the School, and is interested in TOF activity and related activities.
- Discussed at length CAP enrollment with two controllers at ATC during visit there.

February 2019 (cont'd)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- On February 20th AE visit to BTV, Capt. Holland arranged for television coverage on WPTZ-TV (NBC). I conducted on camera interview and VTWG was mentioned several times in broadcast.
 - URL of story was shared over 130 times, per the station's website (<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/students-get-aviation-tour-at-btv/26452973>) .
 - Link to story was also provided at CAP Newsroom (<http://www.1clickdaily.com/students-get-aviation-tour-at-btv-1550782268.291>).
 - Captioned photo of AE class visit was also covered here: <http://stateaviationjournal.com/index.php/category/state-news/vermont>.
 - Initiating research on NER/VTWG Archive program as directed.
 - Have communicated availability of BTV and other visits, materials to VTWG appropriate Cadet Squadrons. No responses in February.
 - For March, planning to review government affairs assignment and goals with Col. Lizzari, Capt. Holland.

VT-002

- Participated in the February Wing SAREX
 - For recruiting purposes several prospective new members were invited to visit and view our HQ facility
 - A separate report on Aerospace Education activities has been provided
 - Gained two new members
 - On the Commander's call, to ensure sufficient aircrew participation, requested of the Wing director of Operations, that as much as possible, SAREX incident scenarios and objectives of sorties be provided in enough advance time (at least days) to permit a well thought-out preparation by aircrews.

MARCH 2019

- AEROSPACE EDUCATION
 - Planning full day BTV tour on Friday, April 12th with approximately 60 students plus chaperones from Green Mountain Technology Career Center, Hyde Park. Will have onsite BTV "walk through" meeting with GMTCC faculty liaison Ms. Kim O'Connor on Monday, 1 April.
 - Conducted "Journey into Flight" internal AE lesson for VT-002 at monthly squadron meeting.

March 2019 (cont'd)

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- SAREX held on Mar 16 at KRUT. 13 personnel from 002, 007 and 009 participated. 3 sorties flown on 2 scenarios for 5.4 hours.
 - Two additional members completed upgrade training for aircrew positions.
 - MB Staff Tasks completed by four members.

COMMAND

- Second announcement for Wing CC applications sent by NER/CC
 - Preparations for CI 2 May - 16 June started in earnest, worksheets distributed to Staff Directorates.

RECRUITING & RETENTION

- “Volunteer Match” web page is already recommending volunteer connections.
 - Wing Facebook page has received a 70% increase in activity over past 90 days.
 - Cadet and Senior Membership continues to slide, revamping R&R efforts.

UNIT REPORTS

1. Rutland Composite VT-009

- Activities
- Weekly meetings on Thursday for Cadet program
- Cadets went on a bivouac with Springfield for a Saturday activity
- Monthly SAREX was held at Squadron
- 3 Cadets attended training in Rhode Island for Encampment staffing
- 2 senior members attended TLC training
- Recruiting
- Planned for school visits
- Gained one new Cadet
- Plans for next month
- Install antenna
- SUI on 4/13/19
- Continue with Cadet o-flights
- 3 Cadets attending RI Encampment as staff
- Visit local school for recruitment
- Contact local media for recruitment advertisement/ free ads
- Attend SAREX

March 2019 (cont'd)

- Continue training programs and meet with staff for professional development
- Awards, recognition
- 2LT Ashton and Flight Sergeant Brooks completed TLC.

2. Catamount Composite VT-007

- 4th annual VT-007 Bivouac conducted in Barton VT with both Cadets (Catamount and Rutland) and senior staff. Winter wilderness survival, shelter building, fire starting, and a communications exercise were done.
- 6 senior staff attended the TLC course in Berlin. This brings our total staff to 7 currently certified seniors.
- Modification and clean out of hanger at VSF to house CAP aircraft.
- ABU order placed for 14 uniforms for VT-007 Cadets.
- Recruiting Events
- Preparation and planning for an open house at VT-007
- Plans for next month/quarter
- Preparation for participation in the Memorial Day celebration in Perkinsville.
- Preparation for participation in the Alumni Day parade in Springfield.
- Preparation for a GTM 3 course to get all VT-007 members certified over 1 weekend.
- Preparation for first aid and CPR course certification for Cadets and seniors.
- Preparation for spring outdoor squadron clean up/repairs day.
- Communications equipment and antenna prep for installation. Waiting on weather.
- 1 Cadet promotion to C/Capt.

3. Green Mountain Composite (VT-006)

- 4 Regular Meetings during the month of March
- 2 Prospective Cadets expected to join in April
- 3 Cadet Promotions
- 5 Senior members completed various online training programs
- 3 Senior members attended in residence Training Leaders of Cadets course
- Plans for next month/quarter
- Additional meeting on a Saturday in May and motivate Cadets to attend a Wing SAREX.

APRIL 2019

COMMAND

- CI Preparations and document upload continues
- Final preparations for the Change of Command on 22 June
- Working with State Forestry on this year's survey and Fire Patrol missions
- Signed letter of support for the development and funding of Aerospace Center of Excellence to be built at BTV
- VT Wing to be provided office and hangar space as part of this long-term project.

SAFETY

- Completed and submitted SE inputs for CI.
- Attended BTV Runway Safety Action Team meeting.

CADET PROGRAMS

- Planning a recruitment effort for Capital and Rutland.
- Assisted in recruiting for Capital and Springfield will assist with Rutland.
- Moving the Wing over to utilizing the Cadet Great Start Program.
- Working on open houses in Montpelier and Rutland in late summer with the appropriate build up prior and post event follow up.
- Developing a Cadet Activities Calendar posted by the end of June.

April 2019 (cont'd)

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

--On April 12, conducted extensive aerospace careers-introduction tours at BTV with approximately 25 students from Green Mountain Technology Career Center and Lamoille Union High School. The tour included an in depth look at various departments at VTANG, including base security, vehicle maintenance, aircraft maintenance, and other areas. The briefings included an overview of the F-35 aircraft. We also conducted a detailed tour of the FAA ATC Tower.

-- VTANG portion of our visit was acknowledged by both VTANG and GMTCC faculty as being highly successful.

--I would like to note that the support and consideration by the VTANG officers was valuable and a huge benefit to the students.

--The student tour was preceded by a BTV orientation visit on April 1st with the GMTCC school liaison Ms. Kim O'Connor.

--NOTE: I have requested to be notified about possible opportunities for Cadets to participate as volunteer simulated "victims" and "protesters", and other appropriate volunteer opportunities, per discussion with VTANG officers, for their security drills.

--Awaiting confirmation from VT-006 about participation in "Aviation Night" in late July at the Lake Monsters minor league baseball game. AE activities, recruitment, and a Cadet Color Guard presentation are planned.

--Confirmed participation for AE and recruitment activities at the Thunder Road Race Track in Barre at their last race of the 2019 season, in early August.

--Will shortly begin outreach for summer and fall AE activities at Lamoille Union, Stowe High School, Hyde Park Elementary, GMTCC, Cambridge Elementary and other regional educational institutions.

--Considering possible AE activities for pediatric patients at Copley Hospital and UVM. Need to discuss with Vermont Wing leadership.

WING HISTORY

--On April 9th submitted to NER a completed archive of 2018 VTWG activities. Would recommend this archive be posted on Wing membership documentation page for reference.

BURLINGTON SENIOR SQUADRON (VT-002)

-- Participated in the April Wing SAREX

-- For recruiting purposes two prospective new members were invited to visit and view our HQ facility

-- Gained three new members

-- Three Job postings were placed on VolunteerMatch.org as an experiment to see if we can gain the benefit that the California Wing has claimed in using that Forum as a Recruiting mechanism

-- One member attended the NER Conference

-- Maj Mike Dean accepted the position of Deputy Squadron Commander.

April 2019 (cont'd)

GREEN MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE (VT-006)

- 4 - Cadet Promotions
- Additional meeting on a Saturday in May and motivate Cadets to attend a Wing SAREX
- Lines of effort:
- Getting O-Flights working smoothly
- Establishing an awards program for the Cadets
- More senior member participation.

MAY 2019

COMMAND

- Change of Command Preparations Finalized for 22 Jun.
- Transition underway, met with new Wing CC to review units, staff and issues.
- Forestry Survey Contract with the State approved by NHQ.
- Final prep for CI completed.

OPERATIONS

- SAREX Conducted on 25 May; 14 Personnel; 5 Sorties
- NHQ/DO declined to approve Form 5 waiver for 5 MPs; 1 resigned, 3 of paid by Wing; 1 pending.
- Picked up C172 from PA on 31 May.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Confirmed for summer meetings with faculty and administration at Cambridge Elementary School, Hyde Park Elementary School, Barre City Elementary School and GMTCC to discuss AE activities for 2019/2020 academic year. Strong interest.
- Participated in monthly DAE conference call for NER to review activities, at direction of Col Davidson.
- Discussed possible AE collaboration with local NASA “Solar System Ambassador”. Ambassador is Ms. Caleigh Cross of the Stowe Reporter. Still pursuing.
- Confirmed VTWG/VT-006 Color Guard participation at “Aviation Night” at Lake Monsters minor league baseball game, Sunday evening, 28 July. VTWG will be able to bring its communications trailer and tables for AE and recruitment materials to the stadium concourse. Collins Aerospace, Heritage Aviation and other local companies are being invited to participate by the Lake Monsters administration.
- Internal AE*—presented monthly “Journey into Flight” chapter summary at monthly VT-002 meeting, with a focus on the F-35. Circulated several news articles to VTWG leadership on aerospace and aviation safety for possible distribution to VTWG SMs and Cadets.
- Planning to participate in monthly “Cars and Coffee” exhibition in S. Burlington for summer, re AE and recruitment.

May 2019 (cont'd)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Confirmed with Ms. Caleigh Cross of The Stowe Reporter/News & Citizen for introductory CAP media flight in mid-June. Capt. Holland handling arrangements.
- Discussed June 2019 interview for Capt. Holland with VTANG Public Affairs for their "Between 2 Frames" social media/internal television Q&A program. Strong interest at VTANG and expect to shortly confirm date of interview.
- Scheduled CC with Col. Brechbuhl for 9 June to discuss press release and outreach for Change of Command ceremony.

WING HISTORY

- Archiving Facebook photos from VTWG page for possible use in 2019 Wing History.
- Requested of Col. Lizzari appropriate monthly reports from VTWG Directorates to facilitate completion of 2019 Wing History.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- The NHQ approved Wing website is under development and nearly completed. Expected to be completed in time for the CI. Backup plan is also under development though are some limitations for this fiscal year as there is no budget allocated to IT, so funds may have to be pulled from the Wing's reserves. There has not been an IT program in place in VT.
- Upon completion of the CI, finalize the backup plan and present to finance committee for approval. Begin documentation of processes for Wing and local units on expectations for the IT program.
- Budgeting to support IT program. By nature anything IT does not come cheap. With the expectations of backups to be done and antivirus to be up to date with the ability to somehow be managed across multiple domains is impossible without paying extra. With antivirus there is no way to manage it.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Had to move SLS date to the end of July due to conflict with IGs and Wing schedule for my squadron's SUI.
- CLC scheduled for the last weekend of September.

LOGISTICS

- Preparation for the CI.
- Development of processes to pass along to unit level delegates to assist during the annual inventories.

May 2019 (cont'd)

VT-002

- Participated in the May Wing SAREX
- Gained one new member
- Invited a member of the MN WG (Justin LaFond) to participate in the VTWG SAREX
- VT-002 explained to the WG CV that we hope to have the WG DO provide SAREX incident details a week prior to the event.
- Will propose the production of a CAP website that includes the words "Volunteer," and, "Vermont" in the URL so as to provide an immediate response to a google search for such. The site will utilize CAP NHQ's IT resources and conform to CAP's new website format. In that accord, the proposed URL will be, volunteervermont.vtwg.cap.gov. The purpose of this website will be for the sole purpose of posting volunteer position vacancies and descriptions therefor. While 002 will pioneer the site, it will be for the Wing.

VT-033

- Recruiting: Gained 1 new member, and have a possible prospective Cadet and a prospective senior member.
- Awards, recognition: SM Hamsden promoted to 2LT

JUNE 2019

COMMAND

- Change of Command
- First command and staff meeting
- Started work on annual state grant paperwork
- CI completed

OPERATIONS

- SAREX Conducted on 29 June; 11 Personnel; 5 Sorties
- Completed training plan
- Coordinated pilots to support Encampment

SAFETY

- Two new squadron safety officers were appointed (one, in Springfield, has served before).

June 2019 (cont'd)

COMMUNICATIONS

- Net Participation:
 - Conducted weekly VHF and HF nets, Wing Participation is very low; working 007 and 009 still working on antennas
 - Received NTN WT traffic
- Motorola Apex 2500: Awaiting receipt of new Base Radio for BTV
- 238CP CAP COM: Low volume issue appears to be Audio panel input level, not Radio output level
- LGM scheduling troubleshooting with radio shop.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Continued outreach to selected local area schools –Cambridge Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, GMTCC, Lamoille Union HS, Orange Center Elementary School—to schedule meetings for the 2019-2020 school year. No responses yet pending completion of school graduation events.
 - Plans include expanding outreach to Stowe HS, and others in northern Vermont.
- Initiated dialogue with Dr. Lucie DeLaBruere, who is on UVM faculty and interested in collaborating re AEX.

Internal aerospace education:

- Conducted Yeager Award related discussion of chapter eight of “Journey Into Flight” and circulated several backup media articles highlighting selected technology developments, etc. This has been conducted every month of the calendar year.
- Circulated selected technical and other media articles to VTWG and 002 leadership on related aerospace topics, for possible wider distribution.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Drafted media alerts and press release related to Change of Command Ceremony of 22 June.
 - Contacted approximately 20 Vermont and NH media outlets for coverage.
 - Confirmed interview with Col Brechbuhl at VTANG Public Affairs’ “Between 2 Frames” monthly webcast. (Recruitment/retention)
 - VPR interview <https://www.vpr.org/post/vermonts-new-civil-air-patrol-commander-aims-build-interest-all-things-aviation>
- Continued dialogue with *Stowe Reporter* correspondent to confirm media/demo flight with Capt Holland. Contact NHQ and assisted Col Lizzari in drafting related CAP non-member/media flight approval requests. Flight tentatively scheduled for 27 June, cancelled and no plans at present to reschedule. (Reporter not responding at this time.)

June 2019 (cont'd)

-- Registered for exhibit at 2019 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference for 6-7 September. Col Brechbuhl and Lt Steinerman to participate.

RECRUITING—See above.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Confirmed shipping address for incoming two new computers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Had to move SLS date to the end of July due to conflict with IGs and Wing schedule for the squadron's SUI.

CLC scheduled for the last weekend of September.

MAINTENANCE

N238CP and N710CP fully mission ready. N9824L restricted to VFR due to radio problems. Problems being worked on. Parts in transit from NHQ.

GREEN MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (VT-006)

- 2 - Cadets received 1 O-flight each
- 4 - Cadet Promotions
- Continued Aerospace AEX curriculum on 1st and 4th weeks - Expecting to get award for 2019 year
- Continuing Cadet Emergency Services level 1 Ground Team Member (GTM) training expected completion in Dec 2019
- July - Car Wash Fundraiser
- Multiple Cadets attending encampment

CATAMOUNT COMPOSITE SQUADRON (VT-007)

-- Participated in serving dinner to the Springfield Alumni Association at the VFW in Springfield. This was requested by the VFW officers. Served over 80 people.

-- Participated in the Springfield Alumni Day Parade with numerous Cadets and seniors, VT-007 Banner, and van.

-- 5th Sunday this month, planned a "fun day" at the squadron building involving games and team building exercises for Cadets and seniors from the Commander on down. Pizza and drinks were provided by the squadron. Very well attended and reported to have gone well.

-- We will be participating in the Fly-In at KVSF and will have an information table, possible plane/glider display, and will be handing out beverages at this event. We will have multiple members present to speak with people.

-- We will be participating in the annual ACE camp at KVSF

-- We are attempting to get several O Flights for July/August

-- We have several Cadets participating in NER Glider Academy at VSF

June 2019 (cont'd)

-- One new applicant Cadet in the process for membership.

VT-033

-- SUI completed on June 29th with an overall rating of EFFECTIVE and all individual areas marked as EFFECTIVE.

-- 3 prospective Cadets with one application in process and the other two pending third meeting attendance.

-- 2 prospective senior members with applications in process.

-- 1 long time senior member returning to squadron from the "ghost" squadron.

JULY 2019

OPERATIONS

-- 81.8 hours on 3 A/C for an average of 27 per plane

-- Flew at both NH and NY Encampments

-- Forestry mission ongoing.

COMMUNICATIONS

-- Turn in of EF Johnson 5300 and power supply requirement clarified by NHQ/DOK: we must turn in one in order to receive the new APX 6000.
Radio identified and prepared for shipment

-- Portable radio batteries purchased for 007 and 009 to replace un-serviceable batteries

-- Annually communications OPLAN distributed to Wing; NER/DOK has approved the plan for 21 Sep.

-- Antenna tower completed at Rutland ERC

July 2019 (cont'd)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (001, 002, 006)

- Completed VTANGs "Between 2 Frames" with Col. Brechbuhl. Distributed via social media outlets to related civilian VTANG community, VTWG.
- Completed Color Guard ceremony at Lake Monsters Minor League game, distributed recruitment and AE materials, spoke with Rutland elementary teacher about Cap activities. Spoke with VTANG recruiter about collaboration. About 2400 people in attendance. Distributed photos for internal, social media distribution

FINANCE

- Reviewed leases, accounting records and insurance policy related to VT Wing facilities as part of reserves study

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Met with teacher from Orange Center Elementary school re 2019-2020 planning, AEM recruitment.
- Reached out 2x to administrators at Cambridge Elementary, GMTCC, and Hyde Park Elementary.
- Memorandum to VTANG PA about possible future AE and Cadet Activities as discussed.
- Confirmed AE, recruitment activities at Thunder Road races, with Capital Squadron leadership.
- Stowe "Cars and Coffee" activity for recruitment, AE.

SAFETY

- Two safety issues involving VT Cadets (one at the glider academy and one at the RI Encampment) Investigations ongoing

SQUADRONS

- Several Cadets attended NH encampment or NCOLS as participants or staff at Norwich University
- Several Cadets attended RI Encampment
- Continued Aerospace AEX curriculum on 4th weeks - Expecting to get award for 2019 year
- Continuing Cadet Emergency Services level 1 Ground Team Member (GTM) training expected completion in Dec 2019
- Provided a color guard for the national anthem for the Lake Monsters baseball team and manned a CAP information booth at the event

AUGUST 2019

OPERATIONS

-- Released 67 air sorties

-- Created 19 e108's.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

-- Disseminated invitation to all VTWG squadron commands for participation in September 11th FEMA Public Affairs course in Waterbury. No responses yet.

-- Advanced PA planning for Camels Hump Rescue Anniversary SAREX anticipated for mid-October, with Major Beach (VT-033).

RECRUITMENT

-- For the third year in a row, organized and participated in recruitment/AE information table at Thunder Road Raceway in Barre on 15 August. Major Richard Beach (VT033), and a Cadet, also participated. Approximately 20 adults and Cadet prospects requested information and materials. Good visibility at this venue which attracts hundreds of families every week through the summer. Confirmed participation for August 2020.

-- Assisted Lt French of VT006 with organization for Champlain Valley Expo Fair in Essex. Wrote and disseminated invitation to VT002 for participation.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

-- Continued outreach to selected local elementary (northern Vermont) and high schools for AE activities and AEM recruitment during 2019-2020 school year.

-- Upon enthusiastic suggestion by parent at Thunder Road event, and after discussion with Maj Beach, I contacted Choice Academy in Barre for possible VTWG contribution to AE there. No response yet.

-- Reached out to EAA about possible VTWG participation at annual ACE camps in Springfield and BTV, and related events in Springfield. Received favorable response.

August 2019 (cont'd)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

-- Contacted officer at Vermont Department of Transportation regarding possible VTWG involvement in Vermont Aviation Advisory Council. Received favorable response and anticipate introductory meeting in next several weeks.

FINANCE

-- Began work on 2020 budget and reserves study

BURLINGTON SENIOR SQUADRON (VT-002)

-- Participated in the August Wing SAREX.

-- For recruiting purposes two prospective new members were invited to visit and view our HQ facility.

-- One member attended FEMA's L0449 Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula Train-the-Trainer training.

-- Participated in the VT Forestry flights mission.

-- Evaluated latest SAR search pattern techniques as proposed by the NESAs.

August 2019 (cont'd)

CATAMOUNT COMPOSITE SQUADRON (VT-007)

-- Cadets and seniors provided staffing, trainees, and logistics for the second NER glider academy.

-- Recruiting Events

- We had a "Bring a friend" event held at our weekly blues meeting.
- Cadets annually get permission from their school to hold a CAP recruiting table at their schools during the fall session of school. We will be encouraging our Cadets to continue this event. This is a uniformed event.

-- Plans for next month/quarter

-- We have a second "fly in" in October at KVSF that we will staff.

-- We will be holding another "Bring a Friend" meeting now that school is back in session. This may be easier on Cadets to find more people to attend.

-- We are looking at holding an ES GTM 3 class for a TRAINEX at VT-007 with overnight camping on site to help the Cadets and staff get to know each other better on 21SEPT19.

-- We are looking into a first aid and CPR class to be held and taught at VT-007 and this may be included in the TRAINEX.

August 2019 (cont'd)

RUTLAND (VT-009)

- Flight hours-total flight hours is maintained via Wing. 4 Cadets received first o-flights. Several forestry issions were completed.
- ES Activities-the squadron received training on ICUT and participated in monthly Sarex.
- AE activities-the third week of the month is dedicated to AE. Cadets received instruction in an aerospace module as well as discussion on aerospace current events. As a weekend event this month squadron Cadets attended the New York airshow at Stewart Airport, during airshow Cadets completed a four-page questionnaire about planes at the airshow. Squadron is preparing for B-17 coming to Rutland airport on Sept.20-22nd. As part of our external AEX we assist the EAA who sponsor this event. AS well the Adirondack balloon Festival is coming to Glens Falls, NY squadron is planning on possibly attending the Adirondack Balloon Festival on Sunday the 22nd of September.
- Recruitment-seniors 4 renewals no new members, but 3 prospective members visited this month with one definitely joining after third visit next week as application was completed awaiting payment. Cadets saw one new member and two prospective after one visit. 90-day growth was 8% overall with 11% Cadets and 7% seniors.
- Major activities- visited the New York air show with 2 seniors and 7 Cadets, antenna at ERC was completed and tested and is fully operational. Attended monthly SAREX with a flight crew no ground team. Senior member meeting was held on the fourth week of August with the re-establishment of a bi-monthly schedule created.
- Open house-during the visit of the B-17 the squadron ERC\Hangar will be open for visitors and a recruitment tent will be up.

SEPTEMBER 2019

OPERATIONS

- The next SAREX is Oct 12th to commemorate the 1944 crash on Camel's Hump. We will be working with NH to get ready for the NER RCC.
- Planning a Wing Leadership Weekend at the National Guard Building on Norwich University 23-24 Nov. The focus for this will be junior Cadets in the grade of c/TSGT and below. The senior Cadets in the Wing will develop and teach the curriculum. Concurrent training will be offered for the Seniors.
- Working with a new school, Cambridge Elementary, on Aerospace Education.
- sUAV training is planned for a couple of the Vermont members to attend a "train the trainer" in early November with the NY Wing. This will help get Vermont moving forward with getting members certified.
- Our larger drone - Endurance UAV- has been down at National for the annual NESA training. This should be shipped by the start of October.
- Participated in annual Vermont Emergency Management Conference in Fairlee. Held discussions with executives from FEMA, Department of Public Safety, and other agencies about capabilities presentations for their staffs and discussed CAP in workshops. Disseminated CAP materials to attendees.
- Discussed CAP opportunities with participants at DPS PIO seminar in Waterbury. Disseminated CAP literature to front office.
- Registered two CyberPatriot teams.
- Created VTWG Team Drives and initiated migration of Wing documents to improve communications within the Wing.

OCTOBER 2019

OPERATIONS

- We held a SAREX on Oct 12th to commemorate the 1944 crash on Camel's Hump, with an aerial repeater and ground team from NH to get ready for the NER RCC. We flew 11 air sorties and sent a ground team to the top of Camel's Hump. We worked with NH crews both in the air and on the ground, and had a great time. The weather cooperated and the view from the top of "peak" foliage season was awesome!
- Participated in the NER RCC, with 33 targets.
- Planning a Wing Leadership Weekend at the National Guard Building on Norwich University 23-24 Nov. The focus for this will be junior Cadets in the grade of c/TSGT and below. The senior Cadets in the Wing will develop and teach the curriculum. Concurrent training will be offered for the Seniors to cover the AE Technician rating.
- Signed up an AEM member and are planning our first AE teacher flight.
- sUAV training is planned for a couple of the Vermont members to attend a "train the trainer" in early November with the NY Wing. This will help get Vermont moving forward with getting members certified.
- Two Cyber Patriot teams participated in the 1 Competition round on 10/26. Team 2 came in 3rd place in the state competing against 4 high school teams.

NOVEMBER 2019

Wing Staff and Squadron Commanders
Vermont Wing, CAP

CHAPLAIN: - VACANT Accepting Applications now

SAFETY BRIEFING: -: Capt Chuck Webster

November 2019 (cont'd)

COMMANDER'S NOTES: - Col Ann Brechbuhl

1. Spring OPSEVAL is 27 Mar – 5 July. Initial injects 27 April with activity 11-22 May, mostly over the weekend 16-17 May.
 - a. There will be a lot of AP. Here is the FEMA Region 1 public facing website of CAP photos:
<http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7718d58b4f7f46a9a725586d685e5993>
 - b. The Region evaluation will be very similar to the NER RCC exercise we had on Nov 1-6.
 - c. I'd really like to see 2-3 AP in each squadron

2. IC-300-400 scheduled in Feb in Long Island. Email from NER to register went out last week

3. We held the first Cadet Leadership Weekend on Nov 23-24. Cadets from all four composite squadrons participated in a weekend of good training, great food and new friends. Many thanks to Capt Bosley, the Director of Cadet Programs, and Capt Williams and C/1st LT Powlus for organizing it.

4. AE Technician in a Day, during the Cadet Leadership Weekend, was also a success. Col & Lt Col Cooper, from NER, came and covered all of the AE Technician requirements and brought all of the STEM kits to let us try out. Thank you to 1st Lt Steinerman for arranging this.

5. Directors need to be making regular scheduled conference calls with their counterparts in the squadrons. You are the usually primary source of mentorship for them. Please ensure that you have a deputy and let me know who that is. The calls need to be quarterly, at a minimum and include myself and the Chief of Staff as invitees.

6. Vermont Wing has several critical vacancies:
 - Chaplain
 - Chief of Staff
 - Communications
 - Diversity Officer
 - Logistics Officer

November 2019 (cont'd)

Director of Recruiting & Retention

Please contact Capt Melton or Col Brechbuhl to apply. Please RECRUIT people who are potentially willing and able to do these jobs.

CHIEF OF STAFF's NOTES: - VACANT Accepting Applications Now

VICE COMMANDER NOTES: - Lt Col Bob Fiorenza

SAFETY: Capt Chuck Webster

INSPECTOR GENERAL: Maj Andy Sumner

Upcoming SUIs in 2020:

CI results

Outstanding discrepancies needing resolved (with suspense dates)

LEGAL: Maj Michael LeStrange

FINANCE: - Capt Charlie Dalch

Building maintenance update

ADMINISTRATION: - Capt Wilma Melton

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ADVISOR: - 2nd Lt Scott Lowe

November 2019 (cont'd)

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICER: - 2nd Lt Scott Lowe

Update on legislative squadron

Info on how to sign up your legislator

OPERATIONS: - Capt Michael Nesshoever

Any real missions

Upcoming NER OPSEVAL

Aircraft rotation schedule for next 12 months.

Upcoming events/issues

Alert Roster

DIRECTOR OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE – Lt Col Robert Fiorenza

I have attached the flying hours for FY 2020 first 2 months. Vermont flew 99 hours with 3 aircraft. This is right on track to meet the CAP target of 200 hours per year per aircraft.

Commanders, please review your targets and update them as appropriate. The only revised targets I have received to date are from Burlington. I have used the targets from 2019 for the other units. Commanders are still able to revise targets for future months. I have also attached the ranking of Wing flying hours. This is what we should be shooting for. However, we are not there yet. I obtained these numbers by submitting our data during the first few hours of the month. Our numbers are the sum of September and October flying hours, and the rest of the Wings only have September included.

N9824L is at RUT, N710CP at MPV and N238CP at BTV. All 3 have fresh annuals. The most recent one was 24L. Since this was the first inspection for 24L after it arrived in Vermont, it had a large backlog of deferred maintenance. We used this as an opportunity to evaluate Heritage maintenance for acceptance by NHQ as a consolidated maintenance facility. The inspection went well, and they were approved. They do quality work, but also important to us, I expect Heritage to do annuals in half the time we are accustomed to. Our 3 planes will now go to BTV for annuals.

November 2019 (cont'd)

The only significant maintenance I expect is a day or two for 238 to spend in Middlebury to replace a transmitter as well as resolve the low audio problem for the 2M FM. This should happen in less than a week.

Commanders who wish to retain or acquire an aircraft, should contact Mike Nesshover or Chris Clarke.

Commanders, please forward to your flight crews.

Fly safe and rack up those hours.

	VERMONT						FY 2020						TOTAL			
	BTV			RUT			DDH			MPV				VSF		
	Pilot Hours	A/C Down	Days	Pilot Hours	A/C Down	Days	Pilot Hours	A/C Down	Days	Pilot Hours	A/C Down	Days		Pilot Hours	A/C Down	Days
	Plan	Actual	Days	Plan	Actual	Days	Plan	Actual	Days	Plan	Actual	Days		Plan	Actual	Days
Oct	30	24.9		15	6.9		5.4	5.4		10	7.5		0	31	44.7	
Nov	20	34.6		15	11		10	0	30	10	8.4	12	0	30	54.2	
Dec	15			10			10			10					#####	
Jan	15			10			10			0					#####	
Feb	15			10			10			10			10		#####	
Mar	25			12			15			10			10		#####	
Apr	30			12			15			10			10		#####	
May	30			12			15			4			10		#####	
June	30			15			15			4			10		#####	
July	30			15			15			4			10		#####	
Aug	30			15			15			4			10		#####	
Sept	30			15			15			17			10		#####	
Total	300	59.5	0	156	18	0	150	5.4	30	93	15.9	12	80	0	61	98.9
Adj Tgt	300			156			138			90			67			
200 HR Tgt	200			200			184			193			167			
				TOTAL WING PLAN			##						RF 11-2019			
				WING ACTUAL YTD			99									

November 2019 (cont'd)

EMERGENCY SERVICES: - Capt Tom Williams

CADET PROGRAMS: - Capt Joe Bosley

AEROSPACE EDUCATION: - 1st Lt Peter Steinerman

sUAV - Col Mike Davidson

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: - Capt Joe Bosley

PERSONNEL: - Capt Wilma Melton

Recent Promotions

Immediate HQ Staffing Needs

Chaplain

Chief of Staff

Communications

Diversity Officer

Logistics Officer

Director of Recruiting & Retention

RECRUITING AND RETENTION: - Vacant – Accepting Applications Now

November 2019 (cont'd)

Recruitment (1st Lt Peter Steinerman, VT002)

Squadron Open House Events FY 20 Planned/Accomplished

Fall

Green Mountain

Burlington

Capital

Catamount

Rutland

Bennington

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: - Capt Bryan Holland

LOGISTICS: - VACANT – Accepting Applications

TRANSPORTATION: – Lt Col Karl Senior

Any maintenance news or reminders

COMMUNICATIONS: - Col Rick Lizzari

Results of COMEX

HF participation

Status of repeaters

ReadyOps

News on radio upgrade status

November 2019 (cont'd)

IT: - Maj Richard Beach

Website update status – new NHQ format

Social Media protocols

Status of squadron pages

New computers/Windows 10

WING HISTORIAN: - 1ST Lt Peter Steinerman

DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY: - Vacant

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING: - Vacant

HEALTH SERVICES OFFICER: - Vacant

SQUADRON CC REPORTS: (Flight Hours, ES Participation, Recruiting Numbers, Major Activities)

VT-002 Burlington Senior Squadron – 1st Lt Peter Slocombe

1. Flight hours -
2. ES
3. Recruiting Events -
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. 28 Seniors, 0 Cadets
7. # O Flights --
8. # Cadets without first O Flight -- N/A

November 2019 (cont'd)

VT – 006 Green Mountain Composite Squadron – Michael French

1. Flight hours -
2. ES -
3. Recruiting Events
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. # Seniors, #Cadets
7. # O Flights
8. # Cadets without first O Flight

VT – 007 Catamount Composite Squadron

1. Flight hours -
2. ES -
3. Recruiting Events
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. # Seniors, #Cadets
7. # O Flights
8. # Cadets without first O Flight

VT – 009 Rutland Composite Squadron – 1st Lt Alan Colvin

1. Flight hours -
2. ES -
3. Recruiting Events
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. # Seniors, #Cadets
7. # O Flights
8. # Cadets without first O Flight

November 2019 (cont'd)

VT – 033 Capital Composite Squadron – Maj Richard Beach

1. Flight hours -
2. ES -
3. Recruiting Events
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. #Seniors, #Cadets
7. # O Flights
8. # Cadets without first O Flight

VT – 034 Bennington Senior Squadron – Brian Doxsee

1. Flight hours -
2. ES -
3. Recruiting Events
4. Major Activities -
5. Open House –
6. # Seniors, #Cadets
7. # O Flights
8. # Cadets without first O Flight

DECEMBER 2019

-- "Wreaths Across America"

Capital Squadron at Randolph Veterans Cemetery

Green Mountain Squadron at FT Ethan Allen Cemetery

Both were covered by local TV (<https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/local-news/veterans-buried-in-colchester-honored-on-wreaths-across-america-day/>)

-- Article on VTWG Civil Air Patrol support of the Vermont Department of Forestry was picked up and distributed to news outlets nationwide by the Associated Press, as well as local Vermont television stations.

<http://stateaviationjournal.com/index.php/state-news/vermont/vermont-Wing-of-the-civil-air-patrol-supports-state-forestry-division-in-large-scale-aerial-surveys>

<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/civil-air-patrol-helping-monitor-vermont-state-forests/30307963#>

https://www.dailyprogress.com/civil-air-patrol-helping-state-monitor-vermont-forests/article_29d99fdf-b354-58dc-b39a-32025f07c5ee.html

-- Robert Johnson, CAP member for over 40 years and prior VTWG CC, died recently.

APPENDICES: ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS--2019

APPENDIX I-INTERNAL AEROSPACE EDUCATION

All VTWG Squadrons reported that many of their Senior Members earned the Yeager Award in 2019 (002---18.52%; 006—14.29%; 007-53.85%; 009—11.11%; 033—33.29%; 034—7.14%).

APPENDIX II—LOGISTICS

Maintenance Officer—Lt Col Robert Fiorenza

1. Aircraft Utilization Reports for 2019 CY follow.

VERMONT

FY 2020

	BTV		RUT			DDH		MPV			VSF		TOTAL			
	Plan	Pilot Hours Actual A/C Down Days														
Oct	30	24.9	15	6.9	5.4	5.4	10	7.5			0	31	44.7			
Nov	20	34.6	15	11.2	10	0	30	10	8.4	12	0	30	54.2			
Dec	15	12	10	0	10	1.3	31	10	2.6		0	31	15.9			
Jan	15	14.4	10	1.4	10	15.6	21	0	6.5	7	0	31	37.9			
Feb	15	10.8	10	3.6		15.1		10			10	29	#####			
Mar	25	12.1	12		31	15.1		10	2.2	31	10	31	#####			
Apr	30		12			15		10			10		#####			
May	30		12			15		4			10		#####			
June	30		15			15		4			10		#####			
July	30		15			15		4			10		#####			
Aug	30		15			15		4			10		#####			
Sept	30		15			15		17			10		#####			
Total	300	108.8	0	156	23.1	31	150	52.5	82	93	27.2	50	80	0	183	211.6
Adj Tgt	300			143			117			80			40			
200 HR Tgt	200			183			155			173			100			
				TOTAL WING PLAN					540					RF 4-2020		
				WING ACTUAL YTD					212							

APPENDIX III-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

22 JUNE 2019, S. Burlington, VT—Vermont Wing Change of Command, Honors and Awards Ceremony (Edited Transcript)

Col Mike Davidson, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

MC: Good evening Ladies and gentlemen, I am Colonel Michael Davidson, former Vermont Wing Commander, and your master of ceremonies for this evening's events. On behalf of Colonel Richard Lizzari and the rest of the Vermont Wing Command Staff, welcome to the 2019 Vermont Wing Awards Banquet and Change of Command Ceremony where Col Richard Lizzari will relinquish command to Lt Col Ann Brechbuhl.

The Northeast Region Commander, Colonel Jack Ozer

And his Wife Deborah

The Outgoing Vermont Wing Commander, Colonel Richard Lizzari

And his Wife Rosemary

The New Hampshire Vice Wing Commander, Lt Colonel Charles Freeman

The Incoming Vermont Wing Commander, Lt Colonel Ann Brechbuhl

And her children, Captain Christian Brechbuhl, USAF

And First Lieutenant Katherine Brechbuhl, USAF.

I also wish to recognize my fellow former Vermont Wing Commanders in attendance this evening:

Col Richard Probst

Col Esther Abrams,

Col Robert Johnson,

And Col James Rowell.

Vermont Wing CAP Annual Awards Presentations

MC: We will now proceed with the formal presentations for the evening. Tonight we will be recognizing members from the Wing for superior commitment, performance and outstanding service. Col Ozer, Col Lizzari and Col Brechbuhl please come forward to present the Awards.

We will begin with Cadet of the Year, Cadet Captain Abigail Williams, please come forward.

Cadet of the Year: Cadet Captain Abigail G. Williams, Catamount Composite Squadron

Cadet Captain Abigail G. Williams distinguished herself as Cadet Commander, Catamount Composite Squadron, Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol from 1 January 2018 through 31 December 2018. During this period, Captain Williams provided steadfast support and mentoring for the junior Cadets assuring their successful assimilation into the Cadet Program. Her leadership style and intellect is ideally suited for the rigors of molding young adults into respectful, dedicated and up-standing airmen. Captain Williams achieved pre-solo status and has been accepted to the 2019 Glider Academy where she plans to complete her Glider Solo rating. In recognition of her outstanding leadership and commitment to CAP, Captain Williams was selected to be the Cadet Commander at the 2019 Rhode Island Wing Spring encampment. Captain Williams is also a superior student, achieving high marks in most every academic endeavor she undertakes, and is submitting her application for early admittance to Norwich University (which I have heard recently, she has been accepted). She also serves on the teen council and Cadet advisory board sharing her perspective on important issues affecting her peers. In addition to all of her Civil Air Patrol and academic achievements, Captain Williams also holds a part time job. The outstanding service, performance and commitment of Captain Williams reflects great credit upon herself, the Catamount Composite Squadron and the Vermont Wing.

Signed:

Richard A. Lizzari, Colonel

Vermont Wing Commander

Senior Member of the Year: Major Richard Beach, Capitol Composite Squadron

Major Richard Beach distinguished himself as Deputy Commander for Seniors, Capitol Composite Squadron, Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol from 1 January 2018 through 31 December 2018. During this period, Major Beach provided steadfast support and dedication to not only his Squadron, but to the Wing as a key staff member. Among his fourteen Wing and Squadron duty assignments, Major Beach served as Wing Chief of Staff, Director of Logistics, Director of Professional Development, and Director of Information Technology. He spent countless hours traveling throughout the Wing to support unit inventories, assisting with computer and information technology issues, managing electronic mail accounts and distribution lists, and the Wing Member Portal and providing Squadron Leadership School, Corporate Learning Course and Training Leaders of Cadets. Major Beach's selfless service, dedication to excellence and service exemplify the Civil Air Patrol Core Values and serve to set a standard of volunteer service for others to follow. In addition to his CAP duties, Major Beach is an Information Technology professional working for the State of Vermont, a National Guardsman serving in the 229th Cyberspace Operations Squadron of the Vermont Air National Guard and enrolled in a Masters of Information Security Operations degree program at Champlain College. The outstanding service, performance and commitment of Major Beach reflects great credit upon himself, the Capital Composite Squadron and the Vermont Wing.

Signed:

Richard A. Lizzari, Colonel

Vermont Wing Commander

Billy Mitchell Award Presentation: C/2Lt Ian Powlus

MC: The Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award honors a fearless pilot whose patriotism, foresight, and tenacity surpassed the ridicule he faced.

The "Father of the Independent Air Force," Billy Mitchell led an aerial bombing demonstration resulting in the sinking of the surplus German battleship *Ostfriesland* in 1921. The Navy had said such a feat would be impossible, and the Army remained skeptical toward airpower. Mitchell continued his all-out public campaign for airpower, even facing court-martial for his persistence. He knew that in the new "aeronautical era," military airpower, operating independently of ground and sea forces, needed to be the first line of defense. Not until World War II did the full U.S. military establishment realize how right he was. After the Allied victory, and by a special act of Congress, Mitchell was posthumously awarded a gold medal. With General Mitchell as their role model, Cadet officers know that speaking truth to power is a moral duty.

The Mitchell Award marks completion of Phase II of the CAP Cadet Program, recognizing sustained excellence in all four areas of Cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. Further, Mitchell Cadets must have passed comprehensive examinations on leadership and aerospace topics and have completed a week long encampment immersing them in a challenging Core Values and Stem environment.

The U.S. Air Force respects Mitchell Award recipients' accomplishments. Mitchell Cadets who enlist in the Air Force enter the service at the advanced grade of E-3, Airman First Class. The service also looks favorably upon Mitchell Cadets when evaluating AFROTC and Academy applicants.

Once a Cadet earns the Mitchell Award, he or she becomes a Cadet Officer, is promoted to the grade of Cadet second lieutenant, and is challenged to lead and serve junior-ranking Cadets, while continuing to develop into a “dynamic American and aerospace leader.”

MC: C/Lt Powlus will now accept the Squadron of Merit Award on behalf of the Green Mountain Composite Squadron for 2018.

Vermont Wing Squadron of Merit 2018: Green Mountain Composite Squadron, Accepting on behalf of 1st Lt French, C/2Lt Ian Powlus.

MC: Squadron of Merit is an annual award established to recognize the top Cadet or composite squadron in each Wing. Each squadron selected will receive a distinctive certificate and streamer. Wing commanders will receive nominations for approval along with award elements for presentation.

Wing Headquarters will designate the Squadron of Merit based on the following criteria:

- (1) Squadron Strength - A minimum of 12 Cadets at the beginning of the calendar year.
- (2) Squadron Growth Rate - Reflected by an active recruiting and retention program.
- (3) Cadet Achievement - Reflected by Mitchell, Earhart, Phase IV and Spaatz awarded during the calendar year.
- (4) Cadet Encampment Attendance -Reflected by first-time encampment attendance of squadron Cadets.
- (5) Cadet Orientation Flight Participation -Reflected by the participation of squadron Cadets in the Flight Orientation Program.

Wing Commander Commendation Awards:

MC: Col Lizzari has identified a number of key staff members that require special recognition this evening with Wing Commander Commendation Awards. When I read your name, please come forward for recognition.

Col Esther Abrams has served the Wing and Civil Air Patrol for many, many years. She is being recognized this evening specifically for the advice and council she has provided to Col Lizzari during his tenure as Wing Commander and for the hundreds of hours spent accomplishing mission reconciliations, serving as the Wing's primary Flight Release Officer and her dedication to the financial wellbeing of the Wing.

Lt Col Karl Senor has served in various capacities during his long tenure with the Vermont Wing. He has dedicated hundreds of hours as the primary Wing Auditor ensuring the necessary check and balance in our accounting is accomplished, as a member of the Finance Committee, and for his all of his efforts as the Wing Transportation Officer in keeping the Wing Vehicle Fleet in top shape.

Mr. (and Lt Col) James Daigle provided the Wing with support that far exceeded expectations in his role as Wing Administrator. He is a problem solver, and not only promptly brings potential problems to the attention of the Commander and finance committee, but always has a suggested plan to resolve the issue. His attention to detail and work ethic are superior and has become an important member on the Wing Staff. While not required, and actually discouraged by Corporate in a strange way, Lt Col Daigle also is a long serving volunteer with the Wing as Aircrew member, Ground Team Leader and Flight-Line Supervisor.

Maj Fred Squires has been, and is, the voice of the Vermont Wing Land Mobile Radio and has participated as Mission Radio Operator or Communications Unit Leader (or both) on most every SAREX and every single Operations Evaluation for the past decade. As a Pilot and Mission Observer, he often sought the less glamorous Mission Base Staff role to ensure the oversight and communication with the Ground Teams and Aircrews was always accomplished. His selfless dedication to a singular task is noteworthy and why Fred is being recognized with this evening.

Capt. Charles Webster, who could not attend this evening, which is probably best since he would hate this public attention, is being recognized for his tireless efforts as the Wing Safety Officer, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Assistant Standardization and Evaluation Officer. Capt. Webster also filled in as Wing Director of Operations for nearly 6 months while Capt. Mike Nesshover as was off at Pilot Training for his Commercial Pilot job in Alaska. Capt. Webster's attention to detail, meticulous nature and insistence on excellence is exemplary. Whether it is tire pressure, aircraft cleanliness, or flight safety, Capt. Webster is a tenacious advocate for the normalization risk management into every activity that directly contributes to the safety of our members.

Capt. Charlie Dalch has dutifully served as the Director of Finance for the past four years. His quiet demeanor and calm professional nature never belies the passion for timely and accurate information. Always the Southern Gentlemen, when he feels strongly about a subject, expect a vigorous debate and be sure you are armed with the facts or you will be defeated. Capt. Dalch's efforts in ensuring the Wing is on the correct side of the ledger have left us in fantastic financial shape and ideally positioned for the future.

1st Lt Peter Steiner has been involved in CAP for 5 years and in that time he has been a lightning rod of energy and enthusiasm for our Aerospace, Public Affairs and Emergency Services programs. Lt Steiner has spent hundreds of hours in out-reach to get the Wing into the public eye at countless public events at the Thunder Road Race Track, Lake Monsters Baseball games, Cars and Coffee, and many aviation related events held around the State. He has also provided aerospace education to nearly one-hundred middle and high school students in communities throughout Central and Western Vermont. He has also reached out to local technical education schools to provide tours at the Burlington International Airport the Vermont Air National Guard to provide immersion in careers in Aerospace.

Service Recognition:

We will now recognize long serving members in attendance this evening for their service to Civil Air Patrol

Name	Years of Service
Major Michael McDermott	19
Lt Col Karl Senor	19
Lt Col Kathleen Fellows	24
2d Lt Edith Fellows	24
Maj Jeffrey Gaudet	27
Capt Thomas Williams	27
Lt Col James Daigle	28
Major John Hanning	28
Col William McManis	30
Col Richard Probst	35
Col Esther Abrams	41
Col James Rowell	42
Col Robert Johnson	42
Lt Col Robert Fiorenza	48

Change of Command Ceremony

MC: Now ladies and Gentleman for the final event of the evening, the Change of Command. I would like to invite Region Commander, Colonel Jack Ozer, to say a few words.

MC: Col Ozer will now conduct the promotion of Lt Col Brechbuhl to Colonel. Lt Col Brechbuhl, Captain Brechbuhl and Lieutenant Brechbuhl, please come forward for the pinning.

Promotion of Lt Colonel Brechbuhl to Colonel

MC: Thank you. Now for the change of command.

The ceremony you are about to see is a time honored tradition rooted in military history, dating back to the 18th century, during the reign of King Fredrick the great of Prussia. During that time, organizational flags were developed with color arrangements and symbols unique to each particular unit. To this flag and its commander, the soldiers of the unit would dedicate their loyalty and trust. When a change of command took place, the flag was passed to the individual assuming command. The flag exchange gesture was accomplished in front of the unit, so all could witness a new leader assuming their position as commander of the organization. The officer who controls the flag also controls their subordinates and their alliances. The symbolic tradition has survived through military history, and today the passing of the Vermont Wing flag will be the key event of this ceremony. ###

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APPENDIX IV- Public Affairs

1st Lt Peter Steinerman, Director

1. The Wing was afforded local coverage for the appointment of Col Ann Brechbuhl as the incoming Wing Commander; and for its Aerospace Education activities. Col Brechbuhl also conducted an extensive interview with the VTANG public affairs program, “Between Two Frames.”
 - A. *For the first time in its history*, the Vermont Wing was afforded national news coverage for its unusual support of the Vermont State Forestry Service via an Associated Press story (<https://apnews.com/274042394f1c2aa2d51b17e3b9409285>) distributed to thousands of news outlets nationwide; as well as local television and other coverage featuring VTWG MP Capt Bryan Holland.
2. Public Affairs made extensive use of social media to promote the Wing’s activities as appropriate; as a means to helping create awareness of the Wing throughout Vermont and among our allied emergency response and other public service agencies. Particular focus was afforded to the VTANG and other local community groups. As much as possible, the involvement and success of the Wing’s individual Senior Members and Cadets was brought to the fore. Recruitment, awareness, and retention were vital goals of these efforts.
3. The Wing’s public affairs activities also focused on regular and appropriate proactive contacts and education of the State’s print, television and radio outlets.
5. Public Affairs worked as closely as possible with Wing Squadrons to ensure adherence to CAP standards, tools and methods, in regards to their external communications. The Public Affairs staff completed the Wing’s Crisis Communications Plan and updated it with Squadron and Wing Contacts; as well as the required “template” press releases.
6. See VTWG press releases and photos (follows).

APPENDIX V--Finance

Capt. Charles G. Dalch, Director

- The Finance Directorate continues to provide oversight for the accounting and reporting functions of the Wing.
- Annual budgets are prepared by Finance and are approved by the Wing Finance Committee.
- Annual funding requests to the State of Vermont are coordinated by Finance.
- Monthly financial reports are submitted to the Wing Finance Committee and to Squadron Commanders.
- Quarterly Wing Finance Committee meetings are coordinated by Finance.

APPENDIX VI—Government Relations

Lt Col Scott Lowe. Government Relations Advisor (GRA)

On 23 July 2019 Scott Lowe from VT-002 was appointed the duty of Government Relations Advisor (GRA). With this duty came the added post of Legislative Liaison and the responsibility of creating the Vermont Wing's first Legislative Squadron. Also, since Legislative Squadron members are granted an honorary grade of Major during their time in office, Lowe was promoted to the temporary grade of Lt. Colonel. This is in keeping with Air Force requirement of establishing a clear chain-of-command structure.

Until Lt. Col. Lowe's appointment to GRA there had not been a program in place and no one within the Wing with GRA to provide a structure. After researching other Wings, Lowe determined the best option was to replicate the Legislative Squadron program established by the New Hampshire Wing. To that end he contacted his NH counterpart, Lt. Col. Bruce Determann, who provided a framework and suggestions for starting and managing a Legislative Squadron.

Lt. Col. Determann's top two recommendations was to start with a small goal of about 6 legislators and testify to as many appropriate committees as possible. The 2020 Legislative Session for Vermont began 7 January 2020 and by the end of February Representatives Marcia Gardener (Richmond) and Jim McCullough (Williston) agreed to become Squadron members. In addition, as a way to promote the new Squadron, Lt. Col. Lowe had arranged to have the Vermont Wing participate in the annual Legislate Aviation Day. This would have included a static display of a CAP aircraft and vehicles at the tour or Edward F. Knapp State Airport as well as a 25-minute presentation to the House and State Senate Transportation Committees.

However, on 13 March it had been decided that the House would shut down "temporarily" citing safety concerns over the coronavirus outbreak. Unfortunately, the public was never allowed back into the State House and all events and testimonials of any kind were cancelled for 2020. Michele Boomhower, Division Director, Vermont Agency of Transportation, reached out to express her approval of the Legislative Squadron and asked that she be contacted January 2021 to reschedule VTCAP's participation in Legislate Aviation Day as well as testimonies to the Transportation Committee. In addition, Representative McCullough advised Lt. Col. Lowe to suspend recruitment until the same timeframe. He felt that, while not inappropriate, the Representatives will be focusing on the fallout of the coronavirus shutdown for the remainder of the year. McCullough felt that advocating for a Legislative Squadron at this specific time could, potentially, leave a poor impression of CAP.

On 28 May 2020, Lt Col Kimberly C. Frady, Deputy Director of Government Relations, sent out an invitation for to all Government Relations Advisors to join a new, on-line forum referred to as the "GRA Team". This initiative will serve as a platform to network with all CAP GRA's across the country and directly with the NHQ Government Relations Directorate (GRV). Lt. Col. Lowe will be utilizing this forum to discuss the best practices for approaching State and Federal Representatives in this era of global pandemic.###



CAP SENIOR Membership Statistical Report

Report For: May 2020

Region	Wing	Unit	Current Month		-- Monthly Growth --			-- Annual Growth --			-- Monthly Recruiting --			-- Annual Recruiting --			-- Annual Retention --		
			New	Renew	Apr-2020 Total	May-2020 Total	Pct Chg	2019 Total	2020 Total	Pct Chg	May-2020 New	May-2020 Total	Pct New	2020 New	2020 Total	Pct New	2019 Total	2020 Renew	Pct Rnw
NER	VT	000	0	3	13	14	7.69	14	14	0.00	0	14	0.00	0	14	0.00	14	12	85.71
		001	0	1	17	17	0.00	16	17	6.25	0	17	0.00	0	17	0.00	16	14	87.50
		002	0	2	28	28	0.00	27	28	3.70	0	28	0.00	6	28	21.43	27	22	81.48
		006	0	0	7	7	0.00	8	7	-12.50	0	7	0.00	1	7	14.29	8	6	75.00
		007	0	0	12	12	0.00	13	12	-7.69	0	12	0.00	3	12	25.00	13	11	84.62
		009	0	1	18	18	0.00	15	18	20.00	0	18	0.00	3	18	16.67	15	13	86.67
		033	1	1	16	17	6.25	9	17	88.89	1	17	5.88	5	17	29.41	9	10	111.11
		034	0	0	14	14	0.00	7	14	100.00	0	14	0.00	8	14	57.14	7	7	100.00
		Total	1	8	125	127	1.60	109	127	16.51	1	127	0.79	26	127	20.47	109	95	87.16
		Total		1	8	125	127	1.60	109	127	16.51	1	127	0.79	26	127	20.47	109	95

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CAP CADET Membership Statistical Report

Report For: May 2020

Region	Wing	Unit	Current Month		-- Monthly Growth --			-- Annual Growth --			-- Monthly Recruiting --			-- Annual Recruiting --			-- Annual Retention --		
			New	Renew	Apr-2020 Total	May-2020 Total	Pct Chg	2019 Total	2020 Total	Pct Chg	May-2020 New	May-2020 Total	Pct New	2020 New	2020 Total	Pct New	2019 Total	2020 Renew	Pct Rnw
NER	VT	000	0	0	4	4	0.00	1	4	300.00	0	4	0.00	0	4	0.00	1	1	100.00
		006	0	1	19	19	0.00	24	19	-20.83	0	19	0.00	5	19	26.32	24	13	54.17
		007	0	0	10	10	0.00	19	10	-47.37	0	10	0.00	3	10	30.00	19	7	36.84
		009	0	1	15	15	0.00	9	15	66.67	0	15	0.00	8	15	53.33	9	6	66.67
		033	0	1	16	16	0.00	8	16	100.00	0	16	0.00	9	16	56.25	8	9	112.50
		Total	0	3	64	64	0.00	61	64	4.92	0	64	0.00	25	64	39.06	61	36	59.02
Total		0	3	64	64	0.00	61	64	4.92	0	64	0.00	25	64	39.06	61	36	59.02	

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APPENDIX VI-2019 VERMONT WING NEWS RELEASES, PHOTOS AND NEWS COVERAGE

January 2019-- Mr. Stephen Rosenbloom, veteran United/Continental/Air Canada ground operations/ticketing agent, speaks to students at the Green Mountain Technology Career Center/Lamoille Union High School (Hyde Park). The presentation was part of a series of VTWG-facilitated speaker series on career opportunities in the aerospace industry.



1 February, 2019—Students at the Orange Center School in Barre were afforded an introduction to aerospace science and technology. The class was in preparation for their upcoming visit to Burlington International Airport (KBTV). For many, it would be their first visit to an airport, their first escalator ride, and their first views of aircraft,





For Immediate Release

PHOTO ATTACHED

CONTACT: Lt. Peter Steinerman, Vermont Wing, Civil Air Patrol (psteinerman@vtcap.org)

VERMONT WING OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL HELPS EDUCATE LOCAL STUDENTS ON AVIATION CAREERS AND OPERATIONS AT BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

S. BURLINGTON, VT (February 25, 2019)—More than 40 fifth and sixth graders from the Orange Center School near Barre, Vermont, enjoyed an extensive introduction to aviation careers and the workings of their local international airport last week. The tour, organized under by the aerospace education program of the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) here, afforded the excited students a close look at the Burlington International Airport’s air traffic control tower, a “behind the scenes” tour of ground operations and an informative talk with the general manager of Burlington Airport operations of JetBlue. The tour ended with a “walk around” (narrated by one of the Guard’s pilots) of a Vermont Air National Guard F-16 “Viper;” and a visit to the personnel, vehicles and other equipment of the Airport’s Fire Department.

The 60,000 members of the CAP, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, perform search and rescue, homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP’s Cadet Programs. The Vermont Wing of CAP has squadron locations throughout the State, providing critical services and volunteer opportunities for all Vermonters including youth. Visit vtcap.org to learn more. ###

“Class” Portrait—Fifth and sixth graders of the Orange Center School (Barre) during their KBTV tour.



In addition to an up close and personal visit with a Vermont Air National Guard F-16 Viper, hosted by a VTANG pilot; the students visited the BTV/VTANG fire station (top); and had a candid discussion of JetBlue operations and careers with the airline's BTV operations manager.



April 2019—Students from GMTCC/Lamoille Union HS visited BTV and VTANG for a close look at the career possibilities in aviation.





May 2019—Southern Vermont Senior Squadron (VT-034) conducted a recruitment event at their home base at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport in Bennington.



RECRUITS NEEDED for volunteer service as officers in the **BENNINGTON SQUADRON** of the **CIVIL AIR PATROL**.

The squadron currently has openings for the following duties:

AIRCREW: Serve as a mission scanner or mission observer on search-and-rescue, airborne photography, and disaster-relief missions as tasked by the Air force and FEMA.

GROUND TEAM MEMBER: Provide the "boots on the ground" for search-and-rescue and disaster-relief missions.

MISSION BASE STAFF: Work with incident commanders to coordinate operations in the field.

Training opportunities in CAP include:

FEMA online courses on the Incident Command System

US Air Force Air University online courses

National Emergency Services Academy mission training in Indiana

Staff officer positions are also available for personnel and administrative positions, medical officers, and a chaplain, for recruits with appropriate professional training.

For more information about these and other opportunities, contact Lieutenant Iral Friday at ifriday@vtcap.org.





5 May, 2019 –Cadets and Senior Members of the Rutland Composite Squadron (VT-009) stand with Vermont Governor Phil Scott during the Town's Loyalty Day Parade.



6 May, 2019 –Cadets from the Catamount Composite Squadron were recognized for their promotions at the Vermont State House. From left to right: 2nd Lt John Noll, C/Capt Ian Powlus, Vermont House of Representatives Speaker Mitzi Johnson, , C/Maj Abigail Williams, C/2Lt Ava Pawelczyk (Mitchell Award) and Captain Thomas Williams.



26 May, 2019-- Congratulations to VT-007's Cadet Gabriel A. Trivino on his promotion to C/Airman First Class. From left, 2Lt John C. Noll, DCC; C/Amn Trivino, 2nd Lt Jorge A. Trivino-AE Officer, and Capt Thomas Williams.



*27 May, 2019—Members of Green Mountain Composite Squadron represent the Wing in the Memorial Day Parade in Essex.
From Left to right: C/MSgt Ethan Ravlin, C/Capt Ian Powlus, C/CMSgt Hunter Smith, and C/CMSgt Michael French*





BURLINGTON SENIOR SQUADRON

CIVIL AIR PATROL

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: SQDN CC

SUBJECT: Commander's Intent

Our mission is to:

- 1) Be the best at what we do. For us, this means becoming experts in both:
 - a. Emergency Services, and
 - b. Aerospace Education.
- 2) To assist with Cadet Programs when practicable.
- 3) To serve our community by responding when called upon by the United States Air Force or one of our customers.

What, right, looks like. We will:

- 1) work together in harmony, respecting each other's assigned duty, grade, and rank;
- 2) analyze the risks while holding safety above convenience;
- 3) be guided by our superiors, rules, and regulations;

- 4) take our training seriously, and attend and train regularly in the areas of our ratings and qualifications;
- 5) take the greatest care with our airplanes and other vehicles and equipment, as if they were our cherished personal property;
- 6) welcome newcomers so as to make them desirous to return and join our organization;
- 7) recognize our members as the corporation's greatest asset; and take care not cause any members to desire to quit the organization;
- 8) continuously act in an honorable manner so as to be beyond reproach, and hold ourselves out to our community as its servants, worthy of its trust; in so doing, we will cause the Air Force and our customers to desire to work with us;
- 9) achieve success by continuously improving ourselves, in either specialty qualifications, the professional development of a specialty track, or both.

//SIGNED//

PETER SLOCOMBE, 1st Lt, CAP

Squadron Commander

cc:

VTWG CC; VTWG CD; SQDN

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SUBJECT: Commander's Philosophy

Our missions:

- 1) Emergency Services
- 2) Aerospace Education
- 3) Cadet Programs when practicable

Generally, it is not enough to simply hold aeronautical ratings; meeting our missions requires us to:

- 1) hold at least one duty position as squadron or wing staff officers,
- 2) hold incident command staff qualifications,

- 3) acquire technician, senior, and master ratings in at least one specialty track,
- 4) among other Aerospace Education requirements, obtain a general knowledge of Aerospace, and
- 5) continue to advance in level within the Professional Development Program.

Among others, the incident command staff, or incident management team, can include members with the following Operations Qualifications ratings:

- 1) Incident Commander
- 2) Mission Safety Officer
- 3) Liaison Officer
- 4) Public Information Officer
- 5) Operations Section Chief
- 6) Planning Section Chief
- 7) Logistics Section Chief
- 8) Finance/Admin Section Chief
- 9) Air Operations Branch Director
- 10) Ground Branch Director
- 11) Communications Unit Leader

Senior members show that they have general knowledge in the history of Aerospace, and Aerospace as an applied science, by passing the Yeager Award exam in the Learning Management System.

The best way to choose a specialty track and duty position, is to review the specialty track pamphlets, generally in the 200 series of CAP Pamphlets on gocivilairpatrol.com, and pick the one, or those, that interest(s) you the most. Each specific specialty track pamphlet contains a series of tasks listed on a sign-off sheet; the sign-off sheet generally lists its corresponding duty position.

Members must be cognizant of what they need to do next for their professional development. To do this, please use CAP Regulation 50-17 as your guide.

In the performance of your duties you are expected to:

- 1) Deviate from given instructions, so as to work toward attaining the goal of the mission, where it is apparent that such instructions have become obsolete and new instructions are not readily obtainable.
- 2) Take charge of the tasks you are given and do what needs to be done to achieve the goal of the mission; while at the same time respecting the law, our rules, regulations; and the people around you.
- 3) If a pilot, perform more than twice the take-offs and landings required by FAA currency rules.

This may seem overwhelming; but remember, no one is being asked to contribute more than they can.

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PETER SLOCOMBE, 1st Lt, CAP

Squadron Commander

cc:

VT WG CC, CV, SQDN

12 June, 2019—VTWG aircrews (seen here at Wing HQ at KBTV) assembled for a State-wide SAREX.





MEDIA ALERT

For: Photo, Volunteer, Community Affairs, Family, and Local News Editors

Not for Publication

VERMONT WING OF CIVIL AIR PATROL TO CONDUCT CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Awards Program That Evening Will Recognize Accomplishments by CAP Youth, Senior Members

WHAT: The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), announces the appointment of Colonel Ann A. Brechbuhl as new Wing Commander. Col Brechbuhl completed an application and selection process by the Northeast Region of Civil Air Patrol and succeeds Col Richard A. Lizzari, who completes his four-year term as Wing Commander this month. Previously, Col Brechbuhl served as Commander of the Lebanon (NH) Composite Squadron, following many years of leadership positions in the Civil Air Patrol and other youth organizations.

The change of command, as well as awarding of commendations for exemplary CAP service, will be conducted at a banquet on Saturday evening, 22 June.

PARTICIPATING: The Leadership of the Northeast Region and Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and Senior Members and Cadets from squadrons throughout Vermont.

INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE: Colonels Ann A. Brechbuhl and Richard A. Lizzari, before and after the Ceremony.

WHEN: Saturday, 22 June, 2019, 5:00 PM.

WHERE: Delta Hotel and Conference Center, 1117 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT

MEDIA CONTACT: Capt Bryan Holland, Public Affairs Officer, Vermont Wing – 802-598-1800, bholland@vtcap.org.

About The Vermont Wing, Civil Air Patrol

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Vermont Wing members actively work with local schools and other community organizations by promoting aerospace education efforts; providing aerospace education units of instruction; assisting with materials, people and appropriate programs; and arranging field trips to local airports, aerospace companies and organizations.

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22 June, 2019—Incoming VTWG Commander Col Ann Brechbuhl receives her new rank, with the help of Captain Christian Brechbuhl, USAF (left), and 1st Lt Katherine Brechbuhl, USAF.



VTWG Commander Col Ann Brechbuhl was interviewed on VTANG's "Between 2 Frames" about her new post. The interview, which aired 17 July, can be found at <https://www.158fw.ang.af.mil/MEDIA/VIDEOS/video/697297/>.



28 July, 2019—Cadets from VT-006 presented the colors before a crowd of over 2000 baseball-loving Vermonters at a Lake Monsters game.



August 2019 –The Vermont Wing was proud to announce that two Cadets had earned their wings, benefitting from funds and volunteer FAA Certified Flight Instructors from CAP, cadets receive official instruction towards initial pilot training. Cadet/Captain Abigail Williams (top photo), and Cadet/2nd Lt Kit Oney, are with the Green Mountain Composite Squadron (S. Burlington, NER-VT006) and the Catamount Composite Squadron (Springfield, NER-VT007), respectively. Cadet/Captain Williams is the Cadet Commander of VT006. Williams recently earned her glider solo wings through CAP’s National Glider Academy. Cadet Kit Oney is the 30th cadet to earn her Private Pilot Certificate (PPC) via the “Cadet Wings” program, and the first cadet to earn a Glider PPC under the program.



12 October, 2019 –Cadets and SMs of both VTWG and the New Hampshire Wing came together to conduct a SAREX to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the heroic rescue by CAP Cadets of the lone survivor of a US Army Air Force B-24 Liberator bomber 16 October 1944 (see 1944 press photo below). Extensive training of ground teams and aircrews was safely and successfully conducted.











7 November, 2019 –Cadets and SMs of the Vermont Wing assembled at VTANG to join with the Guard on “Airman Appreciation Day,” and to acknowledge the historic arrival of the 158th Fighter Wing’s first F-35A Lightning II aircraft. VTWG officers took the opportunity to set up a static display of the VTWG’s Cessna 182 G1000 aircraft and distribute CAP informational literature.



22-23 November, 2019 – Cadets and Senior Members from VTWG squadrons assembled at Norwich University for the Wing’s annual leadership conference.







Two Captioned Photos Attached

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VERMONT WING OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL SUPPORTS STATE FORESTRY DIVISION IN LARGE SCALE AERIAL SURVEYS

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT (DECEMBER 17) – The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has completed its second year of collaboration with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department monitors forest health in Vermont, including annual surveys from the air and on the ground.

The flights taken with the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in both 2018 and 2019 enabled the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to survey the entire state of Vermont and identify areas of forest disturbance. These disturbances included defoliation by forest pests, areas of tree mortality, and forest damage due to weather events, among other causes. “Because of these flights, we were able to map over 70,000 acres of damage due to forest tent caterpillar in 2018,” said Joshua Halman, Forest Health Specialist with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

“Follow-up flights in 2019 allowed us to see that the outbreak of this insect was coming to an end, with just over 500 acres mapped statewide. We map these damages with the help of the USDA-Forest Service, which provides interactive tablets, software and support for the project.”

“The Vermont Wing, like all Civil Air Patrol operations nationwide, reduces taxpayer costs by relying on our volunteer pilots. Our small, fuel efficient Cessna aircraft reduce carbon emissions,” said Col Ann Brechbuhl, Commander of the Vermont Wing.

“These flights and our long standing collaboration with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, demonstrate both our Wing’s versatility, as well as our ability to support time-critical state agency functions,” said Col Ann Brechbuhl, Commander of the Vermont Wing. “We look forward to helping the Department in future conservation and related missions.”

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About The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is responsible for the conservation and management of Vermont's forest resources, the operation and maintenance of the State Park system, and the promotion and support of outdoor recreation for Vermonters and our visitors. In addition, FPR is responsible for the acquisition, planning coordination and administration of all Agency of Natural Resources lands. Department employees are stationed throughout Vermont, including offices in Montpelier and at five regional locations. (<https://fpr.vermont.gov/about/our-mission>)



Photo Courtesy of Vermont Wing, Civil Air Patrol

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT (December 17) --The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has completed its second year of collaboration with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department monitors forest health in Vermont, including annual surveys from the air and on the ground. Pictured (left to right): Josh Halman, Forest Health Specialist; Capt Bryan Holland, CAP Mission Pilot; and Emily Meacham, Protection Forester. ###



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SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT (December 17) --Dan Dillner, Protection Forester, accompanies The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol on a recent mission monitoring the health of the State's forests. The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has completed its second year of collaboration with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. ###



MEDIA ALERT (02 pages)

For: Photo, Youth/Family, Community Affairs, and Local News Editors

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VERMONT WING OF CIVIL AIR PATROL HONORS VETERANS LAID TO REST IN VERMONT CEMETERIES ON NATIONAL “WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY, “SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

WHAT: The Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), along with other volunteer groups, will be honoring veterans laid to rest at two Vermont cemeteries on “National Wreaths Across America Day.” Cadets and Senior Members of the Vermont Wing will be placing a live, balsam fir wreath at the headstone of veterans buried at these two cemeteries, reflecting the volunteers’ patriotic spirit and acknowledging the ultimate sacrifice each veteran had made for our country. The Vermont Wing ceremonies will be taking place simultaneously with similar events at more than 1,600 cemeteries in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

An inspirational video on “Wreaths Across America,” produced by Cadets in the Vermont Wing, can be found at: www.vtcap.org. Please share it with your audiences.

DATE: Saturday, 14 December, 2019, see below for times.

WHERE and WHEN:

12 Noon—Green Mountain Composite Squadron: Fort Ethan Allen Cemetery, College Parkway (across from Camp Johnson), Colchester, VT;

10 AM—Capital Composite Squadron: Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 487 Furnace Road, Randolph Center, VT.

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Colchester--Major Barbara Leary, Green Mountain Composite Squadron, Vermont Wing, CAP, 802 598-8702 (*On Saturday, 14 December-Do not publish*).

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Commander, Vermont Wing, Civil Air Patrol: Col Ann Brechbuhl, abrechbuhl@vtcap.org (*Do not publish*).

Additional Information

“Wreaths Across America Day” is a free event, open to all. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, copy and paste:

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/>

About Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

About The Vermont Wing, Civil Air Patrol

CAP is the official volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Vermont Wing headquarters is located in South Burlington. Squadrons are located in S. Burlington, Barre/Montpelier, Rutland, Bennington, and Springfield.

The CAP Cadet Program is a year-round program where Cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, camp, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits. If you are dreaming about a career in aviation, space, or the military, CAP’s Cadet Program is for you. To become a cadet, you must be at least 12 years old and not yet 19 years old. Vermont Cadets have opportunities to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and other activities during the summer.

Vermont Wing members actively work with local schools and other community organizations by promoting aerospace education efforts; providing aerospace education units of instruction; assisting with materials, people and appropriate programs; and arranging field trips to local airports, aerospace companies and organizations.

The Vermont Wing provides search and rescue and disaster relief missions, and other support, for many local and Federal agencies—e.g., the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Vermont State Police, Vermont Air National Guard, and others -- by providing incident awareness assessment, airborne photography of large areas of the Northeast United States, urgent VIP transport, delivery of emergency medical supplies, and many other missions. For additional information, visit www.vtcap.org.

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