

HISTORY OF KANSAS WING

Civil Air Patrol
Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

1 January 2021 through 31 December 2021



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11 April 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: KSWG/CC

SUBJECT: Approval of KSWG Annual History for 2021

1. Please accept this memorandum as proof of my approval of the KSWG Annual History for 2021.
2. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address and phone numbers can be accessed in eServices or from the National Directory.

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

ROGER EATON, Colonel, CAP
Commander

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INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF

Unit Commander	Roger Eaton	Colonel
Vice Commander	Eric Davis	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff	Chris Snyder	Lieutenant Colonel
Director Operations	Doug Dutton	Lieutenant Colonel
Director Cadet Programs	Doug Crockett	Lieutenant Colonel
Director Aerospace Education	Cathy Mages	Major
Director Professional Dev.	Stacey Kreitz	Major

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Chapter I OPERATIONS

Commanders Intent – Emergency Services

We will align our resources and training to support our predominate missions.

Strategic Direction – Emergency Services (desired state)

- High proficiency for Air Force Missions
- Aligned to support American Red Cross
- Expanded support of state agencies
- Expanded radio communications capabilities and proficiencies

Search and Rescue

The Kansas Wing had three SAR ELT missions this year. In addition there were three AF missions to transport critical blood by air, resulting in three “saves” for the three missions. The Wing conducted several SAREX’s exercising both ground and air units.

Disaster Response

Much of Disaster Response activity this year revolved around COVID support for the state. In addition to transporting vaccine, the wing supported vaccination sites with traffic and crowd control. Additional advanced FEMA training was offered to wing personnel to increase the number of qualified personnel supporting Kansas Department of Emergency Management. The head of the Kansas National Guard awarded wing members a ribbon in appreciation for the wing support of the state COVID efforts. In one instance, the wing vans provided vaccine transportation for 42 towns in Kansas on an expedited basis.

In addition to the COVID response, the wing vans carried out the ongoing STAT blood transport missions for the Red Cross in the region, with an increase of 50% of these sorties over last year. Some of these sorties were called out in very early morning and wing volunteers responded quickly to deliver the life-saving blood to region hospitals.

Wing aircrews also carried aerial photography to support FEMA and state needs for current photos of critical infrastructure and potential flooding locations.

Homeland Security

In previous years Kansas Wing was called to provide aircrews and aircraft for Kansas National Guard JPATS personnel training on the Smoky Hill range. No sorties for this mission were requested this year but the Wing stood ready to do the sorties if needed.

Counterdrug Operations

No Counterdrug Tasking was requested from Kansas Wing in 2021.

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Commander's Intent – Aerospace Education

We have a treasure of aerospace education resources. To get the most value from those resources we will develop schedules, kits and activities that are aligned with the CAP AE curriculum.

Strategic Direction – Aerospace (desired state)

- Compelling senior AE program
- Engrained knowledge of basic AE curriculum for cadets
- Expanded participation with external organizations

Internal Aerospace Education

Along with other wings, Kansas has been impacted significantly by COVID with regard to AE progress. Air shows were cancelled as were other AE-related events during 2021. Many senior members as well as cadets were not able to attend meetings, or in many cases were not in Zoom sessions. . Kanas Wing did take action during this period, producing some remote video presentations that could be used by squadrons for AE training. Additionally, a strong plan of action for post-COVID activities was begun. This plan has grown and developed into the early part of 2022, and we are looking forward to further AE improvements. These activities support the Commander's Intent shown above.

External Aerospace Education

Several of the squadrons, along with the wing, had a robust AE program planned for 2021 but were not able to fully execute during the restrictions imposed. Several squadrons managed to finally have a rocket launch after working on their rocket construction much longer than planned

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Commander's Intent – Cadet Programs

The cadet programs transform the lives of cadets through character and leadership development.

Strategic Direction – Cadet Programs

- Easily repeatable followership and leadership opportunities for cadets and Senior leaders of cadets
- Inspirational leadership culture
- Self-disciplined fitness culture
- Eager participation by Cadet Advisory Council

Cadet Programs

The continued strategic direction of the KSWG Cadet Program is “Transforming the lives of cadets through character and leadership development.”

In spite of the pandemic's ups-and-downs, a few cadets managed to attend summer activities. In-person meetings were permitted for much of the year, albeit restricted. We believe that this has helped us bounce back in numbers somewhat. While the pandemic has diminished some activities and efforts, we have also learned to rely on technology to get things done. Moving forward, these lessons will improve communication as people are more willing to have a virtual meeting than prior to the pandemic. Everyone has learned how to play in the virtual space.

Cadet Activities

Despite COVID restrictions, the Wing was able to provide cadet orientation rides consistent with the existing COVID levels. This was true for our own CAP cadets, as well as ROTC and JROTC cadets around the state.

A big achievement was the winter encampment in December, 2021. Wing members, with some assistance from North Central Region, were able to put the encampment together as COVID restrictions were eased, and it was a very successful encampment. BGen Aye visited the encampment and was able to spend some quality time with the attending cadets.

Cadets also assisted with the Melvern vaccination site sponsored by the state to make available vaccines in outland areas.

A big hit with the cadets was the resumption of glider orientation flights with the easing of COVID rules. A very successful evolution was held in Emporia, KS, with both glider and powered orientation flights using wing glider and tow aircraft.

Drug Demand Reduction

No Drug Demand Activities during 2021.

APPENDIX I: Core Mission Data and Statistics

Operations

A summary table of Kansas Wing Operations can be found in Appendix III of this document.

Aerospace Education

Further development of the wing Plan of Action for AE includes more “teachers” from senior member leadership for the AE program. Many of the more senior members have lived a good part of aviation history or have deeply developed resources and knowledge of AE from work or avocation. Wing staff are seeking to mobilize these resources to provide more senior interest in AE, including achieving Yeager status, as well as sharing their knowledge with cadets. A current copy of the Wing POA is attached for activities in the last three months of 2021 going forward into 2022.

Internal Aerospace Education

Cadets in the wing did accomplish several milestones in AE despite the COVID issues. T

- Earhart Award 3
- Mitchell Award 6
- Eaker Award 1
- Wright Brothers Award 20

External Aerospace Education

Additional outside AE activities scheduled included an Aviation Day at Topeka that was rescheduled due to COVID and had to be cancelled due to a large snowstorm. Nevertheless, the Wing already has scheduled events at the big airshow in the Kansas City area with the Thunderbirds and other regional aviation events. It is important to show the 2021 planning that occurred so that the 2022 AE events take place.

Cadet Programs

Cadet Programs Goals for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year:

1. Double the number of cadets in the KSWG

As of 31 March 2022 there has been a 17% increase in cadet membership in the wing

2. All Squadron qualify for the Quality Cadet Unit Award

As of 31 March 2022 one squadron meets the requirements for QCUA

3. Plan and host an encampment and at least one other wing-level cadet leadership course

KSWG hosted a winter encampment from 27 Dec 2021 through 2 January 2022

4. Increase application and participation in the Cadet Wings Program

One cadet applied for the Wings Program in 2021 and was awarded a Cadet Wings Program scholarship to obtain a Private Pilot's Certificate in early 2022.

Highlights 2021

Promotions:

- Wright Brothers Awards were earned by 20 cadets
- Billy Mitchell Awards were earned by 6 cadets
- Amelia Earhart Awards were earned by 3 cadets
- Ira C Eaker Award was earned by 1 cadet

Activities:

- 19 Cadets attended the October 2021 KSWG Conference
- 60 KSWG cadets attended their first encampment in 2021
- 3 Cadets attended National Cadet Special Activities
- 14 Senior Members attended National Cadet Special Activities
- More than 125 cadet Orientation Rides were provided

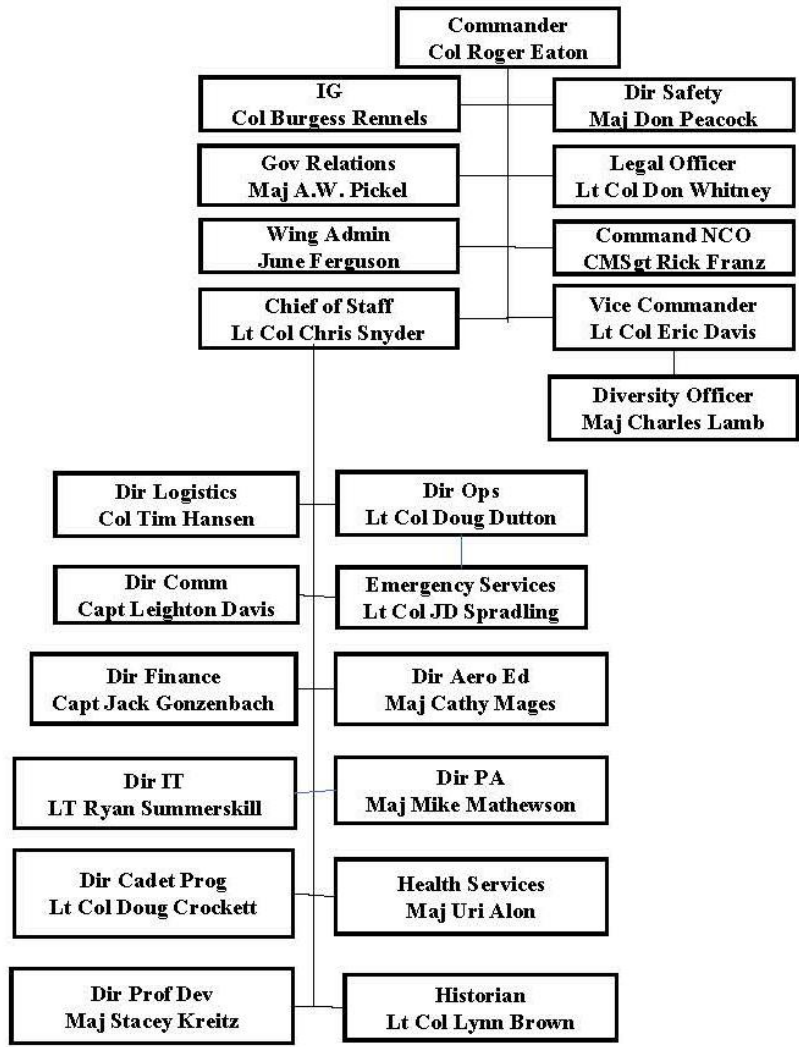
Professional Development

- 68 KSWG Senior Members are enrolled in the Cadet Programs Specialty Track with:
 - Technician Rating is held by 23 KSWG Senior Members
 - Senior Rating is held by 16 KSWG Senior Members
 - Master Rating is held by 10 KSWG Senior Members
- Training Leaders of Cadets
 - 40 graduates of the Basic Course
 - 12 graduates of the Intermediate Course

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Organization Chart

Kansas Wing Staff
Revised 30 Mar 2022

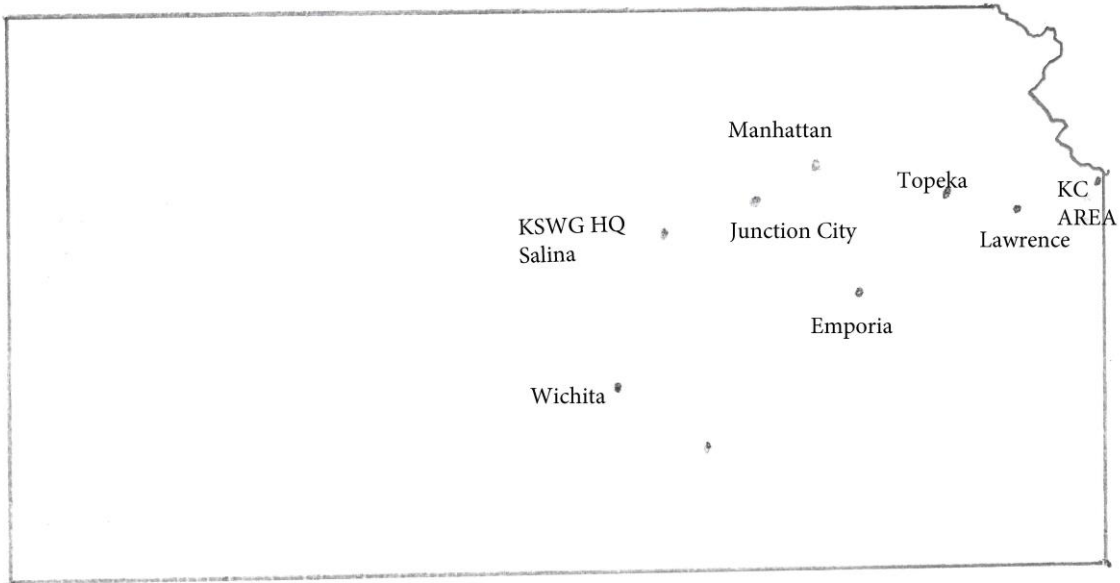


Unit Command and Staff Listing

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Director Logistics	Tim Hansen	Colonel
Director Prof. Development	Stacey Kreitz	Major
Director Communications	Leighton Davis	Captain

Unit Map

KANSAS CITY AREA
New Century
Heartland
Kansas City, KS



Kansas Wing and Squadron Locations

Logistics	Tim Hansen	Colonel
Communications	Leighton Davis	Captain
Professional Development	Stacey Kreitz	Major
Administration	June Ferguson (Civilian)	Select Rank
Personnel	Not Assigned	Select Rank
Recruiting and Retention	Not Assigned	Select Rank
Plans and Programs	Robin Dutton	Major
Public Affairs	Mike Mathewson	Major
Information Technology	Ryan Summerskill	1st Lieutenant
Financial Statement	Jack Gonzenbach	Captain
Chaplain	Not Assigned	Select Rank
Historian	Lynn Brown	Lieutenant Colonel
Health Services	Uri Alon	Major
Inspector General	Burgess Rennels	Colonel
Safety	Don Peacock	Major
Government Relations	A W Pickel	Lieutenant Colonel
Legal	Don Whitney	Lieutenant Colonel
Emergency Services	Not Assigned	Lieutenant Colonel
Diversity Officer	Charles Lamb	Major
Command NCO	Rick Franz	Chief Master Sergeant

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

Operations Summary Table

WMIRS 2021 Calendar Year Ending Report		1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021			
<u>Sym</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of</u>			<u>Notes</u>
		<u>Missions</u>	<u>Air Sorties</u>	<u>Ground Sorties</u>	
A01	SAR Missing Person	0	0	0	
A01	SAR ELTS	2	3	3	
A01	AF Funded ARC Missions	3	6	3	3 lives saved
A05	Exercises	6	32	34	
A06	College ROTC	2	14	0	
A07	Flight Evaluations	2	44	0	
A08	JR ROTC	8	47	1	
A09	Maintenance	2	59	7	
A12	Pilot Proficiency	2	126	4	
A15	Cadet Orientation Flights	2	199	7	
A17	Flight Clinic	1	5	0	
A19	Teacher Orientation	1	2	0	
A50	Inspections	2	0	4	
A96	Air Force Route Survey	1	4	0	
A99	ASOS Support	1	0	0	
B14	Covid Vaccine Deliveries	1	0	10	43 Towns / 83 Hours
B14	Covid Ventilator Transport	1	0	0	
B MISC	Corp Travel	1	0	1	New
C14	Covid Vaccination Support	1	0	21	1 Clinic / 5 days / 21 members / over 200 hours
C80	UAS Training	1	0	4	
C99	ARC Missions	154	0	237	A 50% increase from prior year
C99	KSWG Winter Encampment	1	0	32	
C Misc	Member Flights	1	1	9	
TOTALS:		196	542	377	
Hours Flown - Powered		638			
Number of Glider Flights		103			
Senior Members		210			
Cadets		171			
Squadrons		9			
Flights		1			
Single Engine		5			
Gliders		1			
Vehicles		16			
Trailers		2			
Repeaters		12			
VHF/FM		112			
HF		35			
Lives saved (Per USAF)		3			

Logistics

With all of the challenges of COVID plus increased Red Cross sorties, to communications activity and bringing aircrews back up to speed after COVID, logistics has steadfastly supported wing operations. It should be noted that wing vans were and are key pieces of the support given to the state and others, especially in the more remote regions of the state where other transportation options are less numerous. The number of vehicles and equipment remain stable and well maintained through the support of wing logistics.

Communications

Wing communications staff have supported and participated in the national and regional radio communications nets, and have gained recognition from Region for their participation and support. Wing and squadron staffs have become more proficient with the various combinations of fixed and airborne repeater functions necessary to the CAP mission. They have also gained skills in HF communications using fixed antenna sites and the CAP HF-equipped vans for a necessary backup in the case of widespread communications system interruption. In one squadron, communications members logged 274 days of active participation (2 way radio checks) in HF radio exercise on national or regional levels using the unit HF-equipped van.

Professional Development

Additional emphasis on professional development has been directed by the Commander to bring along younger senior members into command positions, and to enhance support for KDEM and FEMA during disaster response operations. This emphasis has led to several younger members stepping up into command roles for their respective units, revitalization of a unit, and increased bench strength for FEMA and KDEM support. KDEM has responded with additional CAP missions to support state activities, especially in the logistics support for COVID response.

Administration

June Ferguson, the wing civilian employee, serves the staff as a administrative and accounting assistant.

Personnel

None assigned.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Recruiting and Retention

.As no recruiting and retention officer is assigned, the tasks fall to Commanders and senior leadership in the wing and squadrons to fulfill this task. COVID has made both of these items more difficult, but an uptick was noted in the fall of 2021 when the COVID restrictions were relaxed and potential candidates could look forward to more external activities. We also note that the winter encampment may result in more cadet recruiting as it shows activities returning to normal.

Plans and Programs

Plans and Programs organized and hosted the Kansas Wing Conference.

Public Affairs

Public Affairs has initiated a publication called the Wingman to keep wing personnel aware of events and general interest information for the Kansas Wing. Over 30 press releases were distributed across the state. Social media templates were developed and utilized.

Information Technology

IT has worked diligently throughout the year to support wing and squadron needs. The IT officer also provided inputs to cyber training and support for the wing's robust communications activity with regional and national communications nets.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Financial Statement

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Accrual Basis

Kansas Wing HQ, Civil Air Patrol
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021

	Dec 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1016000 · Cash in Bank	
1016110 · Wing Checking--UMB Bank	
1016114 · Wing Checking--UMB Bank	68,146.64
1016115 · Cadet (Aye) Scholarship Fund	3,625.00
Total 1016110 · Wing Checking--UMB Bank	71,771.64
1016180 · Cadet Activities--UMB Bank	25,472.78
1016300 · Unit Funds--UMB Bank	
Miscellaneous Income	656.00
1016304 · KS003-Konza Composite Sq	538.38
1016305 · KS034-Kansas City Composite	869.36
1016310 · KS035-Topeka Eagle Composite	2,294.11
1016315 · KS055-Heartland Cadet	6,475.40
1016320 · KS061-Lawrence Composite	1,781.05
1016325 · KS066-Flint Hills Composite	2,706.60
1016335 · KS092-Smoky Hill Composite	3,208.15
1016340 · KS123-New Century Composite	12,228.27
1016345 · KS125-Emerald City Composite	
1016346 · KS125-Emerald City CS	1,691.31
1016347 · KS077-77th Composite Flight	7,033.10
Total 1016345 · KS125-Emerald City Composite	8,724.41
Total 1016300 · Unit Funds--UMB Bank	39,481.73
Total 1016000 · Cash in Bank	136,726.15
Total Checking/Savings	136,726.15
Accounts Receivable	
1110000 · Accounts Receivables	
1120000 · Accounts Receivables	3,718.84
Total 1110000 · Accounts Receivables	3,718.84
Total Accounts Receivable	3,718.84
Total Current Assets	140,444.99
Fixed Assets	
1500000 · Fixed Assets	
1570000 · Fixed Assets - Other Equipment	8,500.00
1575000 · Accum Depr - Other Equipment	-8,500.00
Total 1500000 · Fixed Assets	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	140,444.99
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2015000 · Accounts Payables	4,054.09
Total Accounts Payable	4,054.09
Total Current Liabilities	4,054.09
Total Liabilities	4,054.09
Equity	
3000000 · Net Assets	
3005000 · Current Year Net Assets	
3015000 · Net Assets - Unrestricted	120,504.82

Chaplain

Kansas Wing currently does not have a Wing level chaplain assigned and is actively seeking a qualified chaplain to fill the role. For 2020, the wing relied on squadron chaplains to provide spiritual care, moral leadership, and character development to squadrons with vacant chaplain positions as requested by squadron commanders.

Historian

The historian's tasks have included working with squadron and wing staff to produce the annual histories, and collection and documentation of historical items during the year.

Health Services

Health services has provided professional advice and information to the Commander and staff regarding COVID restrictions and compliance with state, federal, and national headquarters directives.

Administration

Administration is handled by a civilian employee of CAP working from the Salina headquarters. She keeps track of all financial and other reports needed by the region and national headquarters, and assists the commander and wing staff with other items as needed.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Inspector General

Safety

Safety is an overall concern in any CAP activity. Each squadron held a safety standdown during the year. The ORM program is used extensively by ground unit and during training;. Stan/Eval officers in squadrons with assigned aircraft and pilots hold an aviation safety presentation each month during meetings, and encourage good safety habits while operating CAP aircraft.

Government Relations

A new government relations officer has been assigned and has made many contacts with state and national officials already. There are a number of items where CAP needs support and assistance, and also places where CAP can serve the state with its capabilities, particularly with emergency services and disaster response. The wing has encouraged several senior members to become IC-qualified to better assist Kansas Department of Emergency Services (KDEM) during times of increased operations at KDEM. Especially during COVID, the State of Kansas and other county and municipal entities have seen the capabilities of CAP to help with disaster response, and the wing has made many friends through this effort. The governmental relations officer is tasked with growing this friendship and the tasking opportunities that may flow from that growth.

Photo

Model rocketeers readying for launch during KS 123 rocket event. One of the few outside activities we were able to do under COVID restrictions.

