

# HISTORY OF THE

Kentucky Wing

Civil Air Patrol

Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

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## **INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENTS**

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COMMANDER'S APPROVAL LETTER

## **INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF**

Wing Commander	Brian W. Schmuck	Colonel
Vice Commander	Eric S. Milles	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff Support	Thomas M. Wendlegast	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff Operations	Chuck Milam	Major
Command Chief	Michael C. Felts	Chief Master Sergeant
Command NCO Advisor	Douglas Cordova	Senior Master Sergeant

## Chapter I OPERATIONS

### Search and Rescue

Kentucky Wing was tasked with two SAR Missions during CY 2021.

**Mission # 21M0157** on 17 April 2021 was tasked by AFRCC for an ELT at Muhamad Ali International Airport (SDF). Upon dispatching of UDF Team from Bowman Field (LOU) they conducted electronic search of Bowman Field and then proceeded to SDF. Upon arrival at SDF the team reported sudden silence of ELT Signal from the United Parcel Service (UPS) World Port facilities. They later discovered that UPS was conducting long term ELT test of their equipment. KYWG utilized 7 members, with 21 total man hours invested in the search.

**Mission # 21M0481** on 20 September 2021 was tasked by AFRCC for an ELT at Willow Island Airpark (58KY) southwest of Shelbyville, KY. An urban direction finding (UDF) team from Stuart Powell Cadet Squadron (KY122) was dispatched to respond. The UDF Team located an aircraft on the field that had not flown in some time. 5 personnel were signed into the mission. AFRCC credited KYWG with a Non-Distress Find.

### Disaster Response

Kentucky Wing was called upon for four disaster relief missions during CY2021.

**Mission # 22C3674** was opened by the CAP NOC in support of local COVID19 operations on 5 OCT 2021. The purpose was to provide Points of Distribution (POD) operations across Kentucky. Support centered around the community food banks, and POD sites in the unloading, organizing, and delivery of food items and supplies for the community. Auxiliary Airmen from KYWG HQ (KY001), Frankfort Composite Squadron (KY058) Bowman Field Senior Squadron (KY214), Stuart Powell Cadet Squadron (KY122), Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron (KY300), Group II HQ (KY502), and Group V HQ (KY505). 33 members were signed into the mission. This mission was extended into CY22. This effort is included for Presidential Disaster Declaration.

**Mission # 22C4209** was opened by the CAP NOC on 11 December 2021 at the request of Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) in support of a severe tornado outbreak starting in Southwestern Kentucky extending through Central Kentucky. 40 Auxiliary Airmen signed into the mission from INWG, ILWG, OHWG, MIWG, KYWG, and GLR in support. A total of 26.3 hours were flown on 15 air sorties and 6 ground sorties in support gathering photo assessment of the tornado track with Maysville, KY being the hardest hit. This tragedy is included in a Presidentially declared Disaster.

**Mission # 21-1-4215** was opened by FEMA on 14 December 2021 at the request of the National Weather Service. Flight operations were conducted to retake photos of the tornado track. 23 Auxiliary Airmen were signed into the mission for a total of 3.1 hours of flight time. These operations are included in a Presidentially declared Disaster.

**Mission #22C4235** was opened by CAP NOC on 16 December 2021 at the request of Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) to support local communities that were suffering from the aftereffects of storm and tornado damage of 11 Dec 2022. The mission lasted 15 days with 62 Auxiliary Airmen supporting. A total of 26.5 tons of food and supplies were unloaded, organized, and prepared for distribution utilizing 70 ground sorties. These operations are included in a Presidentially declared Disaster.

**Homeland Security**

Kentucky Wing was not assigned any Homeland Security missions for CY2021.

**Counterdrug Operations**

Kentucky Wing no longer participates in the Counterdrug mission set.

## Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

### Internal Aerospace Education

Kentucky Wing hosted its first STEM Academy and AEO Workshop December 3-5 2021 in Bowling Green, KY that hosted 33 cadets from 8 squadrons. Those cadets that graduated received their STEM badges. 11 senior members participated in the AEO Workshop.

14 Units were awarded the Aerospace Achievement Unit Award for CY22. They included:

KY - 011 - PADUCAH CADET SQDN  
KY - 050 - BOONE COUNTY CADET SQDN  
KY - 057 - BOWLING GREEN SENIOR SQUADRON  
KY - 073 - 73RD SENIOR SQUADRON  
KY - 122 - STUART POWELL CADET SQUADRON  
KY - 131 - HEARTLAND COMPOSITE SQUADRON  
KY - 216 - FORT CAMPBELL COMPOSITE SQDN  
KY - 221 - BLUE GRASS SENIOR SQDN  
KY - 222 - VAN METER CADET SQUADRON  
KY - 223 - OWENSBORO COMPOSITE SQUADRON  
KY - 225 - ELKHORN CADET SQUADRON  
KY - 300 - SOUTHERN KENTUCKY CADET SQUADRON  
KY - 357 - LAKE CUMBERLAND CADET SQUADRON  
KY - 762 - KENTUCKY VOLUNTEER TRAINING FLIGHT

Kentucky Wing had 7 Teams participate in CYBERPATRIOT XIII. :

Frankfort Composite Squadron	CyberPhoenix HS	All Service
Frankfort Composite Squadron	CyberPhoenix MS	Middle School
GLR-KY050 Boone County Cadet Squadron		All Service
GLR-KY-300, Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron	Spartan Alpha	Middle School
GLR-KY-300, Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron	Spartan Bravo	All Service
GLR-KY-300, Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron	Spartan Omega	All Service
Heartland Composite Squadron		All Service

### External Aerospace Education

A more focused effort was put forth as KYWG airmen worked to expand the external Aerospace Education mission. CMSgt Cory Felts and Ms. Lindsay Ames' 5th grade STEM class received the ACE Plus Adopt Spirit Award for their partnership at Tate's Creek Elementary School in Lexington, KY. Capt Janet Bryant was named ACE "Special" Science Teacher for her work at The Hive, a school where young adults with many types of disabilities work on social, daily living skills and educational activities. Kentucky Wing was able to conduct 63 sorties in support of AFJROTC Orientation Flights in support of AFJROTC units for Russell Springs, Casey County, South Laurel, and Bell County High schools. They were scheduled to support AFROTC Flights for the University of Kentucky, but were unable to due to cancelation.

Kentucky Wing was able to conduct 4 sorties for TOP flights which were for educators around the state that included TV media exposure in Lexington, KY.

## Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

### Cadet Programs

The cadet program in the Kentucky Wing continued to suffer from the effects of COVID19, and the impact reduced participation at local unit meetings, and wing wide activities were forced to implement through COVID19 CAP and State protocols. Cadet membership suffered throughout 2021; however, it started to regain strength as the lifting of restrictions were released. During this period, cadet mission participation was strong, with cadets wanting to put their training and skills to use in their communities. Points of distribution were of the largest mission activity especially centered in Danville, and Bowling Green. Orientation Flights were absent throughout the wing. Many cadets took advantage of special allowances to continue their advancement while restrictions were in place. Cadet's and their families sought out as many opportunities they could in this less than ideal environment. A new cadet wing commander was appointed C/Capt Cole Blakeman from the Stuart Powell Cadet Squadron KY122 in Danville.

### Cadet Activities

**NCSA Review Board.** The wing commander held the annual National Cadet Special Activity (NCSA) Review Board for cadets and senior members who intend on attending one of the multiple activities held around the country. This board is held to determine those that are selected for Green Lights and advanced slotting by NHQ Cadet Programs. It is also an opportunity for the wing commander to learn more about the cadets in the wing and hear directly from the cadets what they want or need from the wing for their program. There were \_\_\_\_\_ members who sat for the board which was conducted virtually through the KYWG gotomeeting platform. Those that were selected for Green Lights were:

1) C/2d Lt Laura Peck, KY050 Boone County Cadet Squadron National Blue Beret, Osh Kosh, WI 2) C/MSgt Kathryn Standford, KY222 Van Meter Cadet Squadron, National Flight Academy Academy-Glider, Mattoon, IL 3) C/TSgt Kaitlynn Tyler, KY222 Van Meter Cadet Squadron, National Flight Academy-Balloon, Mattoon, IL. SENIORS, 1st Jason Sattich, KY123 KYANG Composite Squadron, Air Force Space Familiarization Course, Patrick AFB, FL

**CAP National Legislative Day Selection Board.** The wing commander and Command NCO held this annual selection board to interview cadets from around congressional districts in the Commonwealth to represent Kentucky Wing as a member of the Legislative Affairs delegation in Washington, DC where they were are the main presenters for CAP's missions, and how their participation has been beneficial as a young person. Those that were selected for service as a team member were:

Team 1: C/Maj Jackson Yates, KY-011, C/Capt Olivia Vessels, KY-223, C/Capt Chloe Birt, KY-122, C/1stLt Ryan Brown, KY-300, C/SMSgt Reece Oliver, KY-058.

Team 2: C/Capt Cole Blakeman, KY-122, C/Capt Ben Allen, KY-123, C/1stLt Mason Rowe, KY-223, C/2dLt Laura Peck, KY-050, C/2dLt Emily Spencer, KY-225. CMSgt Cory Felts, KY001, LtCol Bob Sobotka, KY-001.

Along with briefing legislators and their staff, these auxiliary airmen had the honor of briefing Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, CMSSF Towberman on his first CAP briefing ever.

**Summer Encampment.** After a year absence, Kentucky Wing held it's summer encampment at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC) in Greenville, KY. Cadets and senior members were able to participate in a number of educational opportunities that followed the NHQ standard curriculum. A highlight for the students and staff were the Blackhawk helicopter orientation flights provided by the Kentucky National Guard as well as CAP Orientation Flights out of nearby Muhlenberg County Airport.

**Great Lakes Region Cadet Leadership School (RCLS)** Kentucky Wing again hosted the Great Lakes Region Leadership School under the direction of CMSgt Cory Felts from 27 DEC 2021- 2 JAN 2022 at Fort Knox, KY. The course is a highly academic rigorous environment for cadets in the grade of C/MSgt and above. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year KYWG has hosted this course that is a prerequisite for the Ira C. Eaker Award.

**Kentucky Wing Cadet NCO Academy.** This course was held from 27 DEC 2021-2 JAN 2022. at Fort Knox, KY. The goal of this course is to provide the cadet with a foundation for the intermediate phases of the cadet training in Civil Air Patrol. NCOLC stresses the fundamental aspects of instructional techniques, evaluation methods and intermediate leadership laboratory skills.

**Wreath Laying at State Capitol Rotunda for Wreaths Across America.** On 13 December cadets gathered for the annual laying of a wreath in the State Capitol Building in Frankfort by Civil Air Patrol in association with the Wreaths Across America program. This year C/Capt Matthew Barham was honored to assist Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor Andy Besher in laying the wreath at the ceremony. Governor Besher posed for photos with the cadets who attended.



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

### **Operations**

(INSERT 2021 FLIGHT OPS DATA HERE (graphics) Get from Lt Col Stinson)

### **Kentucky Wing COVID19 Deployment to Philadelphia, PA-**

#### **Training Missions-**

#### **Grey Flag-**

Kentucky Wing was unable to field an aircrew or communications team for the Great Lakes Region Emergency Services Competition. They were able to field a Ground Team comprised of all senior members that brought home first place honors in the Ground Team category. Team members were Capt Nathan Gooch, MSgt Huffacre, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Lense, and

### **Aerospace Education**

(photos of STEM Academy, ACE Awards, etc)

#### **Internal Aerospace Education**

#### **External Aerospace Education**

### **Cadet Programs**





## Units assigned to the KYWG

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commander</b>
KY-000 Kentucky Wing Reserve Squadron	Frankfort, KY	Col Brian Schmuck
KY-001 Kentucky Wing Headquarters Squadron	Frankfort, KY	Col Brian Schmuck
KY-011 Paducah Cadet Squadron	Paducah, KY	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt David Neavill
KY-039 Louisville Composite Squadron	Louisville, KY	Maj Tonya Steyn
KY-050 Boone County Cadet Squadron	Walton, KY	Capt Pamela Miller
KY-057 Bowling Green Senior Squadron	Bowling Green, KY	Capt Janet Bryant
KY-058 Frankfort Composite Squadron	Frankfort, KY	Capt Kay Scheffler
KY-073 73 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Squadron	Cincinnati, OH	Capt Steve Warrick
KY-122 Stewart Powell Cadet Squadron	Danville, KY	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Pam Birt
KY-123 KYANG Composite Squadron	Louisville, KY	Lt Col Karen Hirsh
KY-131 Heartland Composite Squadron	Elizabethtown, KY	Lt Col Jordan Clouse
KY-214 Bowman Field Senior Squadron	Louisville, KY	Maj Phil Danhouer
KY-216 Ft Campbell Composite Squadron	Clarksville, TN	Lt Col Joel Evans
KY-221 Lexington Senior Squadron	Lexington, KY	Capt Nathan Rover
KY-222 Van Meter Cadet Squadron	Lexington, KY	Capt Will Von Brandenburg
KY-223 Owensboro Composite Squadron	Owensboro, KY	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Tammy Vessels
KY-225 Elkhorn Cadet Squadron	Georgetown, KY	1 <sup>st</sup>
KY-300 Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron	Bowling Green, KY	Maj Andrew Miller
KY-357 Lake Cumberland Cadet Squadron	Somerset, KY	Capt Nathan Gooch
KY-502 Group II Headquarters	Bowling Green, KY	Maj Angela Felts
KY-503 Group III Headquarters	Louisville, KY	Maj Michael Weimer
KY-504 Group IV Headquarters	Walton, KY	Lt Col Jaimie Henson
KY-504 Group V Headquarters	Flemingsburg, KY	Lt Col Les Lewis
KY-753 KY Volunteer Training Flight	Bowling Green, KY	CMSgt Cory Felts
KY-999 Kentucky State Legislative Squadron	Frankfort, KY	Lt Col Eric Milles

# Unit Map



- Units - 
- Group HQ- 

APPENDIX III: KYWG Staff - Data and Statistics

Logistics	Nick Greenman	Captain
Communications	Danny Adams	Major
Professional Development	Michael Bryant	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration	Robert Sobotka	Lieutenant Colonel
Personnel	Robert Sobotka	Lieutenant Colonel
Plans and Programs	Anthony Riegling	Lieutenant Colonel
Public Affairs	Stacy Foncannon	Captain
Information Technology	Marvin Bryce	1st Lieutenant
Finance	Anthony Riegling	Lieutenant Colonel
Chaplain	William Jenkins	Major
Historian	Darrel Williamson	Colonel
Health Services	Katherin Sproul	Captain
Inspector General	Tom Schmidt	Lieutenant Colonel
Safety	Keith Noe	Lieutenant Colonel
Government Relations	CMSgt Cory Felts	Chief Master Sergeant
Legal	Evan Jones	Lieutenant Colonel
Transportation	Michael Lense	1st Lieutenant
Emergency Services	Ian Burkett	Major
sUAS	David Pinnela	Captain
Stan/Eval		Select Rank
Cadet Programs	Nick Birt	Major
Operations	George Stinson	Lieutenant Colonel
Aerospace Education	Cory Felts	CMSgt

### APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

Logistics:

Communications: ORMS Report of Items

Professional Development:

Kentucky Wing demonstrated continued Education and Training progress.

Administration:

Kentucky Wing processed \_\_\_\_\_ Organizational Actions during CY21. KYWG has supplements or pamphlets covering Finance, Operations, and Awards Programs .

Personnel:

Kentucky Wing has a vibrant and active awards program. Each year awards are presented to deserving members for their efforts for each calendar year.

#### 2021 Kentucky Wing Awards

AWARD	UNIT / MEMBER	HOME
Air Force Association Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	C/Lt Col Meagan Miller	KY-050
Air Force Sergeants Association Cadet of the Year	C/CMSgt Bernice Blanton	KY-131
American Legion Outstanding Squadron Award	KY-300	KY-300
Cadet of the Year	C/Capt Ben Allen	KY-123
Cadet Squadron of the Year	KY-122	KY-122
CAP AE Teacher of the Year Award	Maj Logan Felts	KY-300
CAP AEO of the Year	Maj John Swiecki	KY-073
Character Development Instructor of the Year	Capt Nicholas Greenman	KY-057
Col David Kantor Operations Support Officer of the Year Award	Maj Ian Burkett	KY-001
Col Dion DeCamp Ground Team of the Year Award	KY-122	KY-122
Col Edwin Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year	Lt Col George Stinson	KY-001
Col Robert Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year Award	Capt Stacy Foncannon	KY-357
Communicator of the Year	SMSgt Kenneth Haydon	KY-058
Composite Squadron of the Year	KY-131	KY-131
Education & Training Officer of the Year	Maj Stephen Warrick	KY-073
Finance Officer of the Year	Capt Paula Sandford	KY-222

Frank Brewer Award-Cadet	C/2d Lt Daniel Schraffenberger	KY-050
Frank Brewer Award-Lifetime	Lt Col Joel Evans	KY-216
Frank Brewer Award-Senior Member	1st Lt David Pinella	KY-073
George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year Award	CMSgt Michael Felts	KY-762
Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year	Maj Nicholas Birt	KY-505
Jim Brewer Memorial Unit Commander of the Year	Maj Stephen Warrick	KY-073
Lt Col Alice Faye Noble SM of the Year Award	Lt Col Mike Wendlegast	KY-001
Lt Col James Gutermuth Property Manager of the Year Award	Capt Nicholas Greenman	KY-057
Lt Col Thomas Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year	Lt Col Robert Sobotka	KY-001
Major Joseph Johnson Ground Team Member of the Year	Maj Andrew Miller	KY-502
Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year	MSgt Christopher Huffaker	KY-122
Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year	TSgt Patrick Maloney	KY-123
Norm Edwards Counter Drug Officer of the Year Award	Maj Angela Felts	KY-502
Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year	C/CMSgt Bernice Blanton	KY-131
Recruiting and Retention Member of the Year	Maj Stephen Warrick	KY-073
Safety Officer of the Year	CMSgt Michael Felts	KY-762
Senior Chaplain of the Year Award	Capt (Ch) Bill Jenkins	KY-001
Senior Squadron of the Year	KY-073	KY-073
Squadron Chaplain of the Year	Lt Col (Ch) Carlos Ortiz	KY-222
Squadron of Merit	KY-122	KY-122
Stuart Powell Memorial Jr Cadet Officer of the Year Award	C/Capt Matthew Barham	KY-058
Wing Staff Member of the Year	Lt Col Robert Sobotka	KY-001

#### 2021 GLR of the Year Award Recipients

AWARD	UNIT / MEMBER	HOME
Air Force Association Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	C/Lt Col Meagan Miller	KY-050
Air Force Sergeants Association Cadet NCO of the Year	C/CMSgt Beranice Blanton	KY-131
CAP AE Teacher of the Year Award	Maj Logan Felts	KY-300
Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year	Maj Nicholas Birt	KY-505
Senior Member of the Year Award	Lt Col Mike Wendlegast	KY-001
Col David Kantor Operations Support Officer of the Year Award	Maj Ian Burkett	KY-001
Col Edwin Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year	Lt Col George Stinson	KY-001
Safety Officer of the Year	CMSgt Michael Felts	KY-762

#### 2021 NHQ of the Year Award Recipients

AWARD	UNIT / MEMBER	HOME
Air Force Sergeants Association Cadet NCO of the Year	C/CMSgt Beranice Blanton	KY-131
Col David Kantor Operations Support Officer of the Year Award	Maj Ian Burkett	KY-001

## APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Recruiting and Retention: R and R Reports for KYWG 2021

Plans and Programs: Copy of Strat Plan and final status.

Kentucky Wing has a developed strategic plan that will cycle out at the end of CY21. Below is the final results of the tracking of the goals and projects that were applicable to this year.

Public Affairs:

Information Technology



### APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Financial Statement: Copy of Wing Budget and Final Balance Sheet/ FM Committee Minutes

Chaplain: Support Activities

Historian:

Kentucky Wing is continuing to evaluate its historical holdings, and has gained several uniform items in CY2021. The Kentucky Aviation Museum in Lexington brought a WWII "Ike" Jacket to the KYWG collection. Maj Jill Smith donated several uniform pieces that covered, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam war eras. These items are currently in the Kentucky Wing repository at the Kentucky Wing Headquarters.

Health Services: COVID19 Mobilization Team info. Plans/notes

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Inspector General: List of units inspection and grades in 2021

Safety: Safety Stats

Government Relations: Run down of program