

HISTORY OF

Louisiana Wing

Civil Air Patrol

Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

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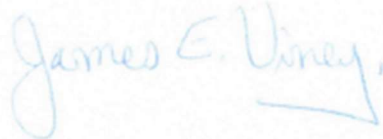
11 April 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR SWR/CC

FROM: LAWG/CC

SUBJECT: LAWG 2021 History

I approve this 2021 history of Louisiana Wing.



JAMES E. VINEY, Colonel, CAP
Wing Commander

cc:
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INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF

Unit Commander	James Viney	Colonel
Vice Commander	Todd Scioneaux	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff	Amos Plante	Lieutenant Colonel
Advisor to the Commander	Cecil Scarbrough	Colonel
Asst Advisor to the Commander	Patrick Yglesias	Colonel
Command NCO	James LaChute	Senior Master Sergeant

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Chapter I OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

There were no SAR missions in Louisiana during 2021.

Disaster Response

After Hurricane Ida struck, Louisiana Wing immediately responded, initially under separate State and FEMA missions. The State Response, 21-1-5582, ran from 29 August to 15 September. Starting on the same day was a FEMA Response, 21-1-5579, which continued until 3 September. A second FEMA Response, 21-1-5579A lasted until 26 September. A further challenge to participants were Phase I COVID protocols, but members rose to the occasion and successfully accomplished what was needed. Texas and Tennessee Wing provided assistance with both manpower and air assets. Of special note, during one of the AP sorties, an overfly of a sunken and leaking barge in the Mississippi River was spotted, photographed, and reported, thus mitigating an environmental concern.

Homeland Security

A Homeland Security demonstration mission of Homeland Security and Disaster Relief capabilities for the Berwick (Louisiana) Police Chief was planned and approved. It did not occur because an aircraft was not available.

Counterdrug Operations

There was no CD activity in Louisiana during 2021.

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Lt Col Jerry Wall was appointed as the Wing Internal Aerospace Officer and 1st Lt Jud Ertle was appointed Director of Aerospace Education. Lt Col Kathy Beauford remains as External Aerospace Education Officer. The Wing started monthly Zoom Meetings for the Squadron Primary AEOs.

External Aerospace Education

Squadrons did AE presentations for a wide range of outside organizations in 2021. These were the Boy Scouts of America, American Legion, Sumner High School, Chef Starbase Program, Rotary International, Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 614, Mt Zion Baptist Church Aviation Day, and the Fort Polk Chapel Youth Association. The External Aerospace Education Officer made in-person presentations to The Children's Museum in Baton Rouge and twice to the Maritime Museum in Madisonville.

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

In 2021 Louisiana Wing had the most squadrons earn the QCUA award. One cadet earned his Spaatz after several years with no Spaatz recipients in the Wing. LAWG was the host for RCLS. NHQ approved accreditation of the RCLS as a Cadet Special Activity. Cadets completing the course are now authorized to wear the NCSA Ribbon. LAWG brought back the NCC competition and was able to send an LAWG Team to the region competition after years of absence.

Cadet Activities

The Encampment was held at Keesler AFB in 2021, for the first time in decades. Also, for the first time since 2008, cadets were able to participate in a C-130 orientation flight. There was a former NFL (Saints) player as a guest speaker for the cadets. Due to COVID restrictions CETP was conducted virtually with 31 cadets enrolling in ALS, NCOS, Camp Curry, and the C/CC Course.

Drug Demand Reduction

There was no DDR activity in Louisiana during 2021.

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

Operations

Hurricane Ida

WALDO operations covered 1,012 square miles plus additional areas for traditional AP operations:

FEMA Waldo – 120,156 photos or 6,008 gigapixels of data

FEMA AP – 705 photos

GOHSEP AP – 981 photos

Mission was accomplished with 12 aircraft flying 148 total sorties.

Aerospace Education

In 2021 five Aerospace Education Members were recruited. 22 Senior Members earned the Yeager Award. The Wing Yeager award was won by the Alvin Callender Composite Squadron with 7 Senior Members completing Yeager. One Senior Member earned the Master Level Specialty Track, 6 earned the Senior level, and 6 earned the Technician level.

Internal Aerospace Education

The Wing started monthly Zoom Meetings for the Squadron Primary AEOs and conducted 4 meetings in 2021.

External Aerospace Education

Nine Squadrons did AE presentations to outside groups. The External Aerospace Education Officer made three in-person presentations to outside groups.

Cadet Programs

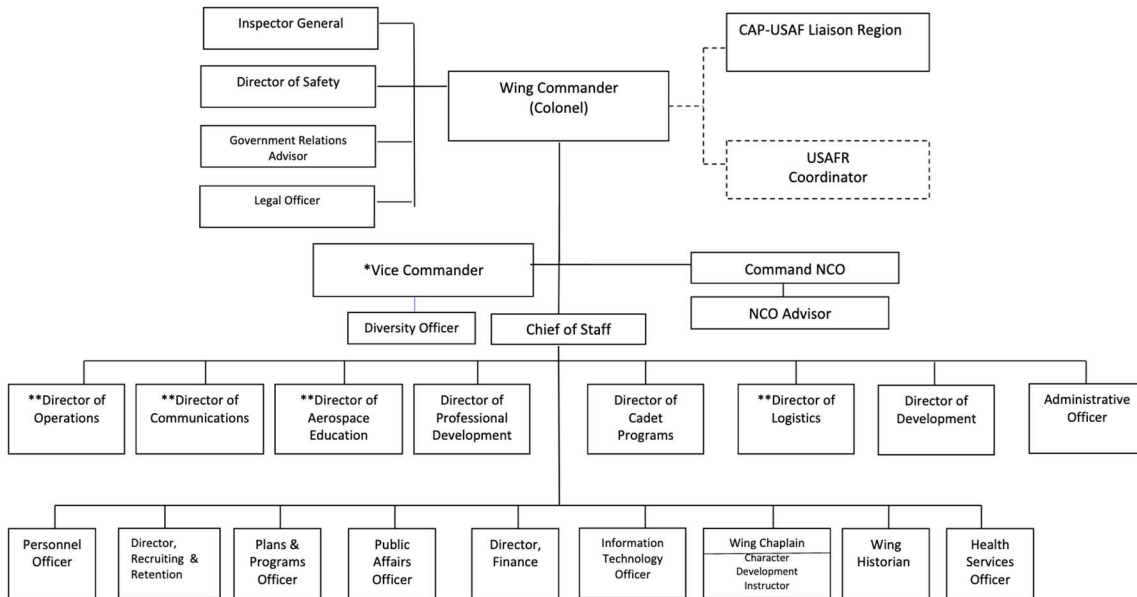
In 2021 Louisiana Wing saw the most squadrons to earn the QCUA award with 8 (54.143 %).

There were 159 front seat Orientation Flights and 121 back seat. Encampment had 117 participants overall with 115 completing.

Due to COVID restrictions, CETP was conducted virtually. 31 cadets took ALS, 9 NCOs, 6 Camp Curry, and 5 C/CC Course. There no OBC students. 26 Senior Members completed TLC.

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Organization Chart

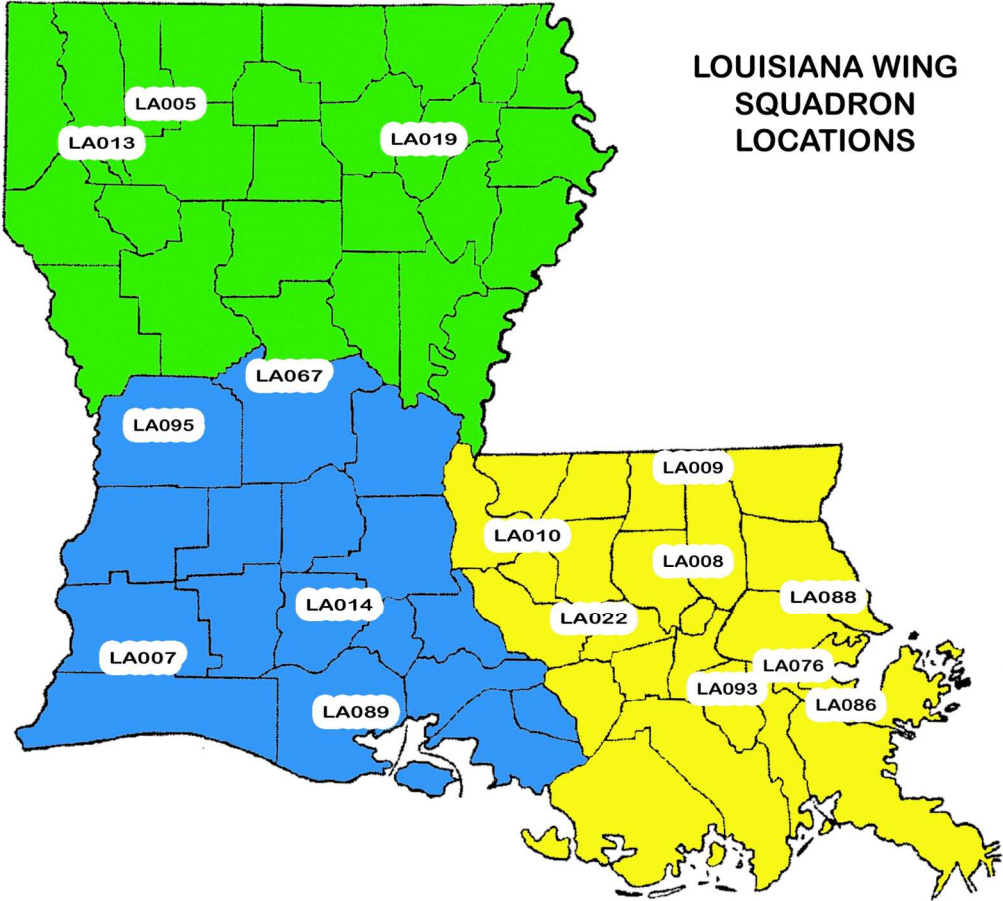


2021 Unit Command and Staff Listing

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Unit Map



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Logistics	Robin Soroe	Major
Communications	Kenneth Brummett	Major
Professional Development	Jo Lynn Ergle	1st Lieutenant
Administration	Amos Plante	Lieutenant Colonel
Personnel	Amos Plante	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting and Retention	None assigned	Select Rank
Plans and Programs	Suellen Yglesias	Lieutenant Colonel
Public Affairs	Daniel Stoute	Captain
Information Technology	Richard Lauterbach	Lieutenant Colonel
Financial Statement	Mary Berkowitz	Lieutenant Colonel
Chaplain	Larry Beane	Captain
Historian	James LaChute	Senior Master Sergeant
Health Services	Phillip Smith	Major
Inspector General	William Hunton	Lieutenant Colonel
Safety	John McCrory	Major
Government Relations	Cecil Scarbrough	Colonel
Legal	Daniel Oppenheim	Captain
Director of Operations	Patrick Kerr	Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Emergency Services	Tracy Breithaupt	Major
Director of Cadet Programs	Victor Santana	Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Aerospace Education	Frontis Ergle	1st Lieutenant

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

Logistics

One aircraft, tail number N4974N, was transferred from the Green Flag operation to Green Flag West. N646CP was received as a replacement.

One 15 passenger van assigned to LA008 in Hammond was destroyed by Hurricane Ida. One passenger van and two 7 passenger vans were retired and replaced by three 15 passenger vans. The van assigned to LA008 was not replaced in 2021.

Communications

Due to COVID there were no Communication exercises in 2021. Work continued on the repair of hurricane damage to the Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, and Lacombe Repeaters. After eight years the New Orleans Repeater was relocated to the Whitney Hancock Building, the tallest building in New Orleans. Wing members participated in the National HF Net, five days a week. We started receiving the Motorola APX radios to replace the EF Johnsons.

Professional Development

2021 proved to be a challenging year due to the pandemic and our PD completions are down from the previous year. In Louisiana Wing, our senior members completed the following Professional Development activities:

Two In-person Level 2 classes held virtually - Spring and Fall Academy

Total Specialty Track Ratings earned during this period - 47

Total PD Levels completed and awarded to members - 87

Administration

Six Louisiana Wing Supplements were re-certified during 2021. All were done on time. One supplement was revised, approved and reissued. Administration was inspected during five SUIs virtually due to ongoing COVID restrictions. The LAWG 2021 CI had Zero Discrepancies for Administration, resulting in an Effective rating. This was in contrast to Three Discrepancies for the 2017 CI. The LAWG/DA moved to Florida and is assigned as the Florida Wing Director of Administration. Until a primary replacement is found the job is being filled by an alternate, the Chief of Staff.

Personnel

Personnel was inspected during six SUIs. These were done virtually due to ongoing COVID restrictions. The LAWG 2021 CI had Zero Discrepancies for Personnel, resulting in an Effective rating. The LAWG/DP earned the Master rating in Personnel. The LAWG/DP moved to another wing at the end of this year. Until a primary replacement is found the job is being filled by several alternates under the guidance of the Chief of Staff.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

(Continued) Recruiting and Retention

Louisiana Wing total membership increased from 582 in January to 662 in December. Senior Members grew from 301 (+ 54 in LA-000) to 329 (+ 50 in LA-000). Cadets went from 206 (+10 in LA-000) to 256 (+20 in LA-000). Cadet Sponsors doubled from 2 to 4. AEMs more than quadrupled from 4 to 19. Even State Legislative members increased from 4 to 5.

Plans and Programs

A Commanders's Call, Wing Staff Meeting, and Awards ceremony was organized. The main purpose was to present awards that could not be handed out the previous year. Additionally, the Annual Christmas Party was planned.

Public Affairs

20 articles were released to both electronic and print media during 2021. Six of them occurred in the period before, during, and after Hurricane Ida. All of the Hurricane Ida releases were edited by NHQ/PA and NORCOM/1st AF before release nationally.

Information Technology

Participated in the field computer replacement program with the acceptance of 4 laptops.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Financial Statement

	Budgeted	Rec/Expensed
Income	\$145,089.00	\$133,985.40
Expense	\$145,089.00	\$135,582.02
Net Income		(\$1,596.62)

Note: State Appropriation for Fiscal 21 (1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021) was \$96,000.00. The annual audit was performed remotely by the Wing Financial Analyst. Louisiana received a rating of Satisfactory. No discrepancies noted.

Chaplain

The Chaplain Corps for the Louisiana Wing, Civil Air Patrol for the year of 2021 consisted of 10 total members reporting, including reports from five Chaplains and five Character Development Instructors (CDIs). We mourned the death of our Wing Chaplain, Ch, Maj Donald Hoy, who passed away on 9 Sept 2021. Ch, Capt Larry Beane was appointed Wing Chaplain on 3 Nov 2021. The Corps reported 455 activities completed, 1,035 hours engaged, 9,064 miles driven, and \$506 spent. This does not include Chaplain Hoy's numbers, as they are no longer visible in eServices.

Historian

The 2020 Annual History Report was completed and submitted to Region, the first for the current Wing Historian. Through the CAP Mentoring Program, a prior Louisiana Wing Historian became mentor to the current. Research into Louisiana Wing History began with the WWII Coastal Patrol Base on Grand Isle. Focus quickly switched to finding the specific burial site of 1Lt Frederick S. Englert, a CAP pilot who died on a WWII mission, with the intent of eventually laying a wreath or other such honors. Documents listed only the cemetery. The cemetery could not find him listed as being buried there. Inquiries were made with various organizations such as the funeral home and Coroner's Officer with no success. Note, in the early part of January, 2022, the cemetery was able to confirm his grave location. His name is not on the headstone with the rest of the family.

Health Services

COVID 19 continued to be predominant player, preventing face to face meetings in the early part of year. Cadets, seniors, and wing staff met via Zoom through most of the year with a return to face to face when LAWG went to Phase 2. Seniors followed same steps. There were numerous cases of COVID throughout the wing with one reported death.

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Inspector General

The Wing IG, Inspector General Assistants, Inspection Augmentees and Trainees conducted 9 Subordinate Unit Inspections (SUI) along with preparing and coordinating for the 2021 CAP-USAF / CAP Compliance Inspection. Due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions, all of the inspections were done remotely in IAW NHQ directives. The preparation for the Wing Compliance Inspection culminated with a Mock CI conducted in August of 2021. The Louisiana Wing Compliance Inspection was conducted from 5 August to 11 November 2021, resulting in an Overall Grade of EFFECTIVE. During the Out brief, the CAP-USAF CI Team awarded the "Superior Performer" to the Wing IG. On 25 October 2021, the former Wing IG, Lt Col Todd Scioneaux, was selected to become the SWR IG and Lt Col William Hunton was appointed as Louisiana Wing IG.

Safety

The Wing had five Bodily injury, two Aircraft, one Facility and one Vehicle mishaps. The Bodily injury mishaps occurred during the LAWG Encampment 10 July to 16 July and two of the mishaps had preexisting conditions. The Aircraft mishaps included aircraft N389CP, assigned to LA-076, and was caused by the pilot becoming ill while enroute to Alexandria for JROTC Orientation flights on 3 June. N986CP, being flown by a Texas Wing pilot during a NESA event on 30 May, developed a rough running engine on takeoff. Both mishaps resulted in no damage. The Facility and vehicle mishaps occurred during Hurricane Ida on 29 August 21 and resulted in the Squadron building and the CAP van (16034) assigned to LA-008 both being total losses.

Government Relations

Since COVID prevented any direct contact with members, or even the placing of a display at the Capitol, participation in the Legislative Day in February was done virtually.