

History of

MAINE WING

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Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

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MEMORANDUM FOR NER/HO

FROM: MEWG/CC

SUBJECT: CY2021 Maine Wing History

This document presents the approved Maine Wing history for Calendar Year 2021.

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BLAIN COTE, Colonel, CAP
Wing Commander

INTRODUCTION OF MAINE WING STAFF

Maine Wing Command Staff

Wing Commander	Blain Cote	Colonel
Vice Commander	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff	L Gregory Curtis	Lieutenant Colonel
Command NCO	Selena Cowland	Master Sergeant

Chapter I - OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

In CY 2021, the Maine Wing only responded to one mission for SAR. It was in Norridgewock ME, looking for a 38-year old male who was developmentally disabled. We spent two days searching the area near his group home when he was found about 18 miles away in the woods behind Burger King in Waterville ME. He was slightly hypothermic.

Disaster Response

Maine Wing was the primary transporter for the Maine Emergency Management Agency for dispersing personal protective equipment to county emergency management agencies, hospitals, and first responders. Maine Wing flew vaccine to northern Maine when the Maine Center for Disease Control could not find a quick enough way to move it from Augusta to Fort Kent.

Homeland Security

No homeland security missions during FY2021.

Counterdrug Operations

No counterdrug operations during FY2021.

Chapter II - AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Out of the 10 squadrons, 90% have AEO assigned. Seventy percent of the squadrons have an assistant AEOs to aid to the primary AEO. Ninety percent of the squadrons had a meeting and reviewed the upcoming activities that will be accomplished for the next FY. We only had 30% of the AEO's attend a Region or National AEO school. We have 90% of the primary AEO's enrolled in the AE Specialty Track. We had one squadron enroll and complete the AEX program this year. Model Rocketry was a big hit for squadrons this year with 80% of the squadrons completing the program. Some squadrons are still working toward completing Rocketry badges for the cadets carrying on to this year. We had 40% of squadrons participate in STEM kits. Of the 9 assigned AEO's 60% have completed the Yeager Award with several other squadron members completing it as well. The one thing we need to work on for next year is AE Award nominations. The Maine Wing had an Aerospace Education Officer of the Year for 2021.

External Aerospace Education

Currently this year we have a total of 10 AEM members signed up under the Maine Wing. We have been working on getting information out to the members about TOP Flights. We had one squadron participate in the ACE program. We have had squadrons reach out to other community organizations about spreading information about our AE mission. Many squadrons have been working with the Scouts and other private high schools. For above and beyond we had a few squadrons participate in the following ME078 accomplished sending an item to the ISS to orbit around Earth and received the item back just recently. They will continue to search for other unique opportunities. In early FY22, October. They have planned a visit from a Blackhawk helicopter squadron with the unit commander giving a briefing and orientation to the capabilities of the rotorcraft.

Chapter III - CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

Majority of the Maine Wing squadrons started the year holding virtual meetings due to an increase of COVID over the winter. By late spring, the numbers were dropping and the squadrons started meeting back in-person. Throughout the year, squadrons had to rotate back to virtual meeting when meeting locations had restrictions or too many members had COVID. Some squadrons had senior members meet virtually while the cadets and Cadet Programs senior members met in person to help lower the amount of people in contact. We lost members due to virtual meetings and lack of activities. However, we also worked together and hosted virtual group trainings and shared guest speakers.

Cadet Activities

Maine Wing Cadet activities were limited in 2021 due to COVID-19. Three cadets graduated from the recently concluded Regional Cadet Leadership School: C/2Lt Sarah Neal, C/CMSgt Matthew O'Shea, and C/CMSgt Sean Haggerty. The RCLS ran from 26 Dec to 3 Jan entirely virtual and, in some instances, more academically challenging than they may have experienced in school.

Airmen's Clinic was held in April but instead of being the usual long weekend overnights it was held virtually. The turnout was high and the event was successful. Encampment planning was delayed due to not knowing if one could be held with the COVID numbers. Encampment took place at Camp Hinds over two separate weeks to lower the number of cadets per week.

In September, the Blue Angels came to the Great State of Maine Airshow. Cadets had the opportunity to have a meet and greet with a Blue Angels pilot and ground crewmember. Cadets also staffed a recruitment booth during both days of the show. The International Seaplane Fly In was held in September, cadets volunteered for the weekend helping move the planes and direct the crowd. As the COVID case numbers lowered in the fall, squadrons were able to participate in the Maine Bicentennial Parade and different Veterans Day events across the State.

Drug Demand Reduction

Due to COVID protocols, no DDR activities outside of the squadrons was accomplished.

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

Operations

Maine Wing held 8 TrainEx's during the FY2021, flying 97 sorties and performing 30 ground sorties. Forty-nine pilot proficiency sorties were flown. Five aircraft sorties and 53 ground sorties were needed to support Maine Emergency Management Agency and Maine Center for Disease Control with distributing vaccines to Fort Kent, ME and personal protective equipment to numerous hospitals, fire stations, and county emergency management agencies (EMA). The Vice Wing Commander also gave support to the Penobscot EMA to manage that agency's administration and equipment procurement.

Aerospace Education

All Maine Wing squadrons conduct periodic aerospace education for their cadets and senior members.

Internal Aerospace Education

77 Composite Squadron had guest speakers from different aerospace industries. The Auburn Squadron hosted a guest speaker Mr. Tony Leavitt on October 28th, at 18:15. Mr. Leavitt discussed his 13-year career working for NASA's Office of Education, NASA's historical role in aviation, and current NASA programs involving aeronautics. The Auburn Squadron hosted a guest speaker Mr. Gary Moulton, a former FBI/ Homeland Security Agent specializing in Aviation. He also holds his private helicopter certificate. And arrived at the Auburn Municipal Airport via helicopter.

External Aerospace Education

For the first time in 13 years, 2 cadets from the Lewiston HS AFJROTC unit flew JROTC cadet orientation sorties.

Maine Wing had 10 AEM's singed up.

Machias Cadets provided a briefing of what CAP was about to a group of retired educators from the Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Many positive comments from those in attendance were provided.

Cadet Programs

The Maine Wing flew 122 cadet orientation sorties during FY2021.

Quality Cadet Unit Awards have been made and Maine has 2 QCUA Units: Bangor and Machias.

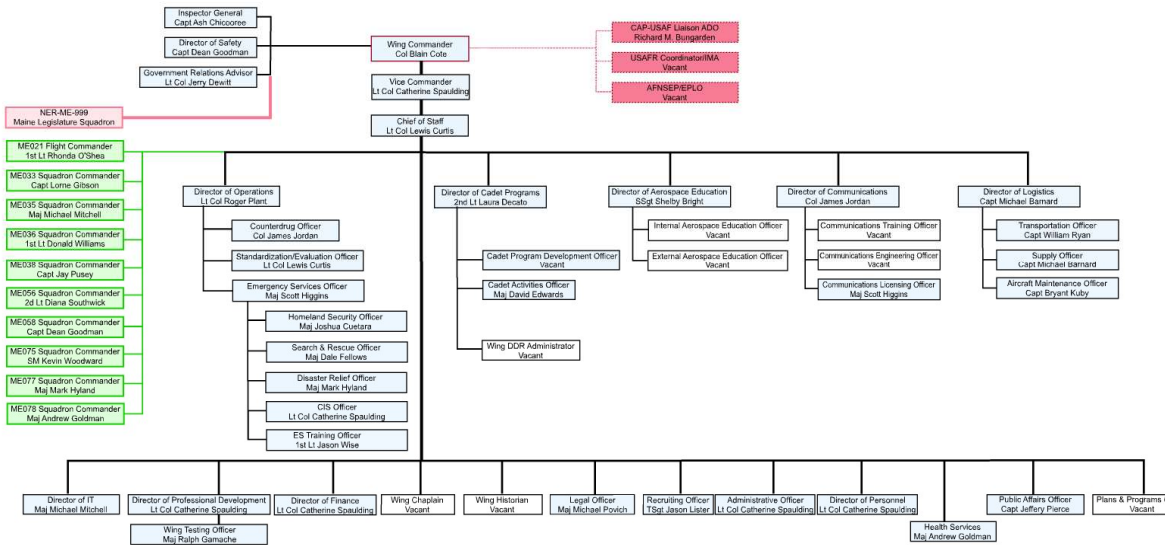
Bar Harbor Cadets participated in a US Flag raising ceremony at Birch Bay Retirement Village, which has been an annual event.

Maine Wing cadets and senior members visited Pease ANGB, Portsmouth, NH in early October to tour the KC-46 Pegasus, fly the KC-46 simulator and fly the boom in the boom simulator passing gas to a C-17 using the new video system. They also visited the Air Guard Fire Station to learn their operations and support to the local community.

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Maine Wing Organization Chart

MAINE WING CIVIL AIR PATROL HEADQUARTERS



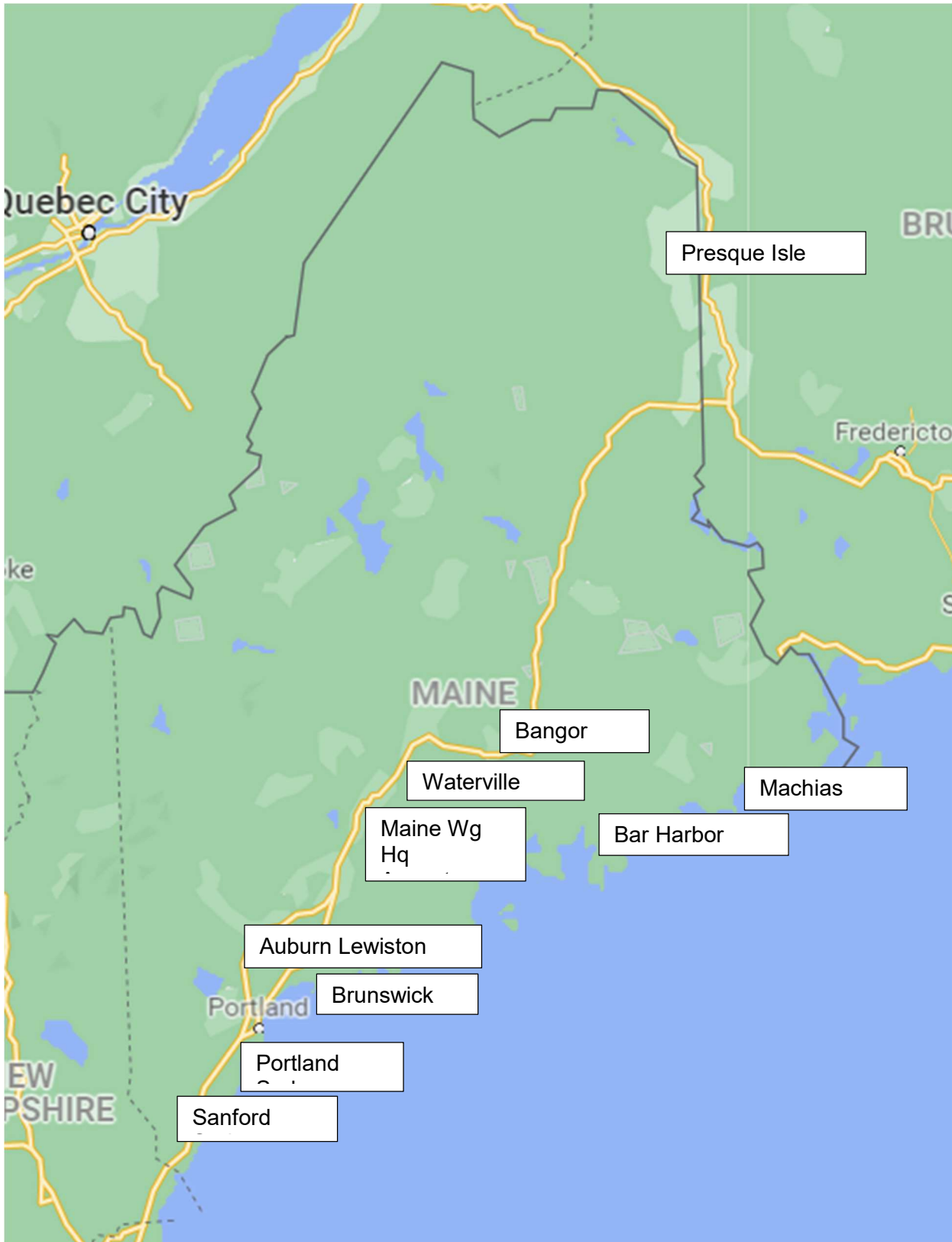
Maine Wing Command and Staff Listing

Wing Commander
 Vice Commander
 Chief of Staff
 Command NCO

Blain Cote
 Catherine Spaulding
 Gregory Curtis
 Selena Cowland

Colonel
 Lieutenant Colonel
 Lieutenant Colonel
 Master Sergeant

Maine Wing Units



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Logistics	Michael Barnard	Captain
Communications	James Jordan	Colonel
Professional Development	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Personnel	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting and Retention	Jason Lister	Technical Sergeant
Plans and Programs	None	Select Rank
Public Affairs	Mark Hyland	Major
Information Technology	Michael Mitchell	Major
Financial Statement	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Chaplain	None	Select Rank
Historian	None	Select Rank
Health Services	Andrew Goldman	Major
Inspector General	Ash Chicooree (NHWG)	Captain
Safety	Dean Goodman	Captain
Government Relations	Jerry DeWitt	Lieutenant Colonel
Legal	Michael Povich	Major
Cadet Programs	Rhonda O'Shea	1st Lieutenant
Aerospace Education	Shelby Bright	Technical Sergeant
Operations	Roger Plant	Lieutenant Colonel
Cadet Programs	Rhonda O'Shea	1st Lieutenant
Emergency Services	Scott Higgins	Major

Logistics

Due to demolition of the building the Wing Headquarters office and storeroom were in at Camp Keys, the Maine Wing Supply Storage Room moved from Augusta MEWG HQ to a heated storage facility in Auburn. Seventy-nine sorties were flown to keep the Maine Wing aircraft in mission ready status flying to Fitchburg, MA, Sanford, ME, Portland, ME, and Portsmouth, NH for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

Communications

Acquiring equipment and locations to setup Ready OP for coast to coast communication within CAP.

Professional Development

No professional development courses were offered due to COVID. Worked with squadrons to assist their members in advancing in their professional development levels, specialty tracks and promotion requirements. Ten members completed Level 1, 3 members completed Level 2, 3 members completed Level 3, 1 completed Level 4 and 1 completed Level 5. We had 7 members complete their Yeager.

Administration

Due to demolition of the building the Wing Headquarters office and storeroom were in at Camp Keys, the Wing Administrator has had to work out of his home and worked well within the COVID protocols.

Personnel

CISM Officer maintains currency and has made squadron presentations about the CISM program and how members can access. Due to COVID Officer fielded calls from more members than in previous years.

Recruiting and Retention

A Climate Survey was conducted during May 2021 to determine the morale of the Maine Wing.

Maine Wing Members:

144 Cadets (4.9 percent increase during the year)

182 Seniors (7.8 percent decrease during the year)

326 Members

NEW

Cadet Count by Gender

38 Female cadets

109 Male Cadets

****Seek to target more Female Recruits****

Yearly Renewal Rate: 70%

Plans and Programs

No specific Plans & Programs directorate activity during FY2021.

Public Affairs

Public Affairs issued press releases in February to the Sun Journal in Lewiston, ME and were picked up by CAP Props weekly newsletter.

Information Technology

No specific changes to Information Technology for the year.

Financial Statement

Finance committee met quarterly and reviewed all financial reports. Internal financial reviews were completed and uploaded in a timely manner. All bank statements were reconciled and uploaded as required. Reports are sent to each squadron monthly as required.

Health Services

COVID protocols dominated all activities in the Maine Wing for FY2021. The Wing experienced all 3 Phases during the year and beginning the year in Phase II. The positivity rate decreased enough by June to transition to Phase III. Early December the positivity rates required returning to Phase II.

Inspector General

75 CS, 78 CS, and 58 CS had Subordinate Unit Inspections (SUI) during FY2021.

Maine Wing had their Compliance Inspection conducted during May 2021 starting on 11 May. The in-person portion of the inspection was conducted on 25 June.

Safety

A safe year for Maine Wing.

One ground vehicle mishap – Augusta van backed into telephone pole by CAP-USAF Inspection Team. Vehicle repaired.

One aircraft mishap – N681CP had a flat tire on final landing. No other damage to aircraft. Left main tire and tube replaced.

Government Relations

Due to COVID protocols, there was no contact with Legislative Squadron members. The squadron has 35 members. Conducted virtual meetings with all Congressional representatives' staffs.