

History of

MAINE WING

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MEMORANDUM FOR NER/HO

FROM: MEWG/CC

SUBJECT: CY2022 Maine Wing History

This document presents the approved Maine Wing history for Calendar Year 2022.

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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

Maine Wing had personnel ready for possible support for a number of ground searches during the year, but wing assistance was not needed.

The year was spent at each TrainEx working on increasing the number of SETs to evaluate personnel on skills, increase the number of GMT qualified personnel, increase the number of airborne photographers.

Disaster Response

Under Emergency Services/Disaster Relief (ES/DR), Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) calculates that Maine Wing delivered over 100,000 pieces of PPE to government, non-profit, education and faith based communities during COVID response ending in May 2022. That includes one mission (five flights) to deliver vaccines to the hospital in Fort Kent. I haven't counted all the ground-based mission sorties, but it was probably in excess of 100 vehicle trips and many hundreds of volunteer hours by the Maine Wing. ES/DR Staff participated in daily and weekly conference calls with MEMA and other state and federal agencies. MSG Christopher Currier of the Maine National Guard, MEMA's Logistics Officer during the pandemic, said "Without your support we could not have done our job, as funding and personnel could not be sourced for deliveries. Please convey my gratitude to the personnel in all of the individual units who made deliveries for us. They traveled from Sanford all the way to Presque Isle, without fail. No one knows more about the effects of their contribution than I."

Homeland Security

No homeland security missions during FY2022.

Counterdrug Operations

No counterdrug operations missions during FY2022.

Chapter II - AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Out of the 10 squadrons, 100% have AEO assigned. Ninety percent of the squadrons have an assistant AEOs to aid to the primary AEO. One hundred percent of the squadrons had a meeting and reviewed the upcoming activities that will be accomplished for the next fiscal year.

We have 100% of the primary AEO's enrolled in the AE Specialty Track. We had four squadrons enroll and complete the AEX program this year. Model Rocketry was a big hit for squadrons this year with 40% of the squadrons completing the program. The Maine wing hosted a Rocket Day in Pittsfield. We had 10 Cadets earn their Rocketry Badge. Some squadrons are still working toward completing Rocketry badges for the cadets carrying on to this year.

We had 70% of squadrons participate in STEM kits. Of the 10 assigned AEO's 50% 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.

External Aerospace Education

Currently this year we have a total of 13 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. A few squadrons participated in the High-Altitude Balloon challenge.

Chapter III - CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs and Activities

April the Wing held a Squadron Competition. Four Squadrons attended and had a friendly competition of Drill, Ethical Dilemma Scenarios, Uniform Inspections, and Battleship Drill. For the first time, the Wing held an NCO Academy. The event was held on two separate days due to COVID restrictions not allowing overnights. Over 20 cadets were in attendance.

Due to COVID restrictions, Airman Clinic was going to be held virtually. Less than a month before the virtual event our Wing was moved to Phase 3 allowing overnight activities. The team quickly adjusted and we were able to hold an Airman Clinic in person. We went from 5 students signed up for virtual to 24 cadets in person.

June the Wing held a Cadet Ball after not holding one in many years. Over 80 people were in attendance including Region Commander Col Hume, Vice Commander North Col Carello, Maine Wing Commander Col Cote, and CAPUSAF Matthew Hunter. Awards from 2021 were handed out. Members ate dinner, danced, and socialized all evening.

Encampment was held at Bog Brook Training site in July. 25 cadets were on staff and 47 students graduated. Yearly the Wing volunteers at the International Sea Plane Fly-in. We had the largest turnout of cadets, with over 40 in attendance over the weekend. Cadets moved seaplanes, worked the recruitment booth, sold water, and directed the public.

In October, the Wing held a Rocket Day. Cadets had the option to work on the Titan or Saturn phase of the Rocketry Badge. After a day of building and launching rockets, 10 Cadets earned the Rocketry Badge.

November was the Wing's first Cadet Competition in many years. Five Squadrons attended and the top squadrons are headed to Region Competition in Spring 2023.

The Cadet Advisory Council held monthly meetings. During this time, they received approval for 5 proposals.

Three Squadrons earned the Quality Cadet Unit Award ME-035 Bangor, ME-056 Waterville and ME-077 Auburn Lewiston.

Drug Demand Reduction Program

No identified activity.

APPENDIX I: Core Mission Data and Statistics

Operations

Maine Wing maintains five aircraft:

N740CP - KAUG, Mission Ready C-182 G1000.

N983CP - KBGR, Mission Ready C-172.

N585CP - KSFM, Mission Ready C-182 G1000.

N681CP - KPWM, Mission Ready C-172 G100.

N9869C – KLEW, Mission Ready C-182RG.

(Assigned temporarily while the New Hampshire Wing uses N50MB C-206.)

Train-Exes were performed each month around the State of Maine.

All 14 pilots completed the CAP Hq directed Profile 7 funded training prior to 31 December.

Aerospace Education

See Aerospace Education information in Chapter II above.

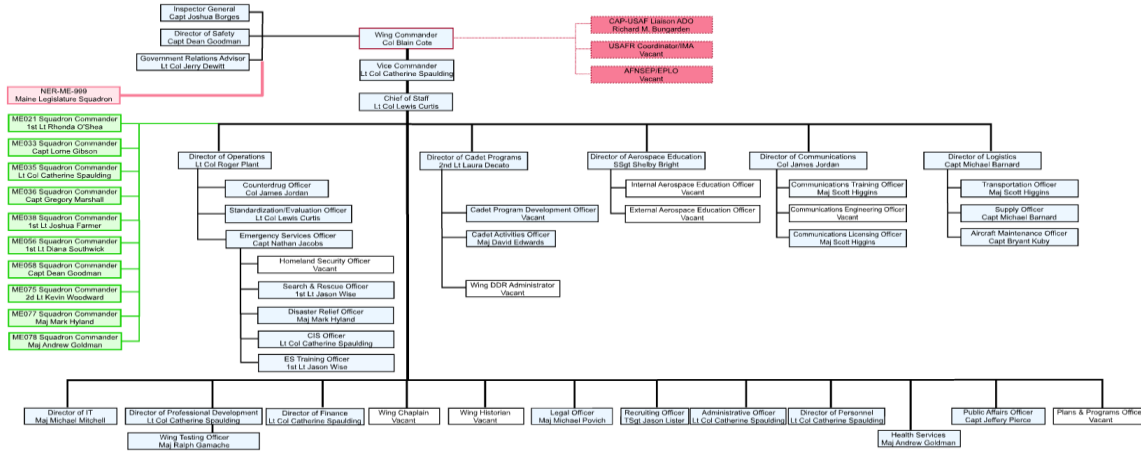
Cadet Programs

See Cadet Programs information in Chapter III above.

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	Blaine Cote	Colonel
Vice Wing Commander	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Chief of Staff	L Gregory Curtis	Lieutenant Colonel
Command NCO	Selena Cowland	Master Sergeant
Logistics	Michael Barnard	Captain
Communications	James Jordan	Colonel
Education & Training	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Personnel	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting & Retention	Jason Lister	Technical Sergeant
Public Affairs	Jeffery Pierce	Captain
Information Technology	Michael Mitchell	Major
Financial Management	Catherine Spaulding	Lieutenant Colonel
Health Services	Andrew Goldman	Major
Inspector General	Joshua Borges	Captain
Safety	Dean Goodman	Captain
Government Relations	Jerry DeWitt	Lieutenant Colonel
Legal	Michael Povich	Major
Cadet Programs	Laura Decato	First Lieutenant
Aerospace Education	Shelby Bright	Technical Sergeant
Operations	Roger Plant	Lieutenant Colonel
Emergency Services	Nathan Jacobs	Captain
Vacant Staff Positions – Historian, Plans & Programs, Chaplain		

APPENDIX III: Wing Staff - Data and Statistics

Logistics

In Logistics for FY2022

The FY22 MEWG Utilization Report indicates that 78.3 powered flight hours were recorded for all aircraft A9 maintenance sorties. That total includes all required minor and major maintenance as well as unexpected minor problem calls, many of which could be done locally. The FY22 report lists six aircraft, but in the meantime the MEWG and NHWG have swapped N50MB and N9869C. N50MB is now in NHWG, N9869C is now in MEWG, so MEWG currently has five aircraft.

MEWG is fortunate in that we now have CAPNHQ approved maintenance facilities in every aircraft location in the state. This is particularly convenient for minor issues like oil changes, tire repairs, minor electrical issues, etc. The two CAPNHQ approved central maintenance facilities are located in Fitchburg, MA and Sanford, ME. Those two facilities are utilized for annual inspections, engine changeovers and other major requirements.

Vehicles

We have a few vehicles that are getting age on and in need of replacement. Total miles driven for all Maine Wing vehicles was 34,486 miles for the FY2022. Maintenance has been completed and uploading the reports. We transferred the vans between 038 and 058 due to the use of the HF capabilities.

Supplies

Maine Wing received new computers to help replace outdated and unserviceable computers. Annual

inventory was completed.

Communications

Ready Op was completed with equipment located on five of the repeater stations in the state.

Education & Training

Maine Wing did not host education and training courses but members were encouraged to participate in NER's courses when offered. Worked with individual members and squadrons to assist them in advancing in their professional development levels, specialty tracks and promotion requirements. Nineteen members completed Level 1, 9 completed Level II, 1 completed Level III and no one completed Level IV & V.

Administration

The Wing Administrator returned to working in the new Wing Headquarters office located at Camp Keyes. Director of Administration maintained Wing personnel files and made sure that Wing supplements were current, approved and posted to the NHQ website.

Personnel

There were several personnel changes at the Wing level. CISM Officer maintains currency and has made squadron presentations on the CISM program and how members can access it. Fielded several calls but not as many as last year.

Recruiting & Retention

Even following the different COVID protocols in CY2022, Maine Wing showed an overall growth in senior members and cadets. Additionally, the growth led to the forming of a squadron from a flight, the 21st Composite Squadron at Brunswick Executive Airport, Brunswick, ME.

Maine Wing Units' Membership Totals Over the Calendar Year:

ME-000 – Inactive Members – 13 Mbrs - 8 Seniors (-1) 5 Cadets (+5)

ME-001 – Wing Members – 9 Senior Mbrs (+1)

ME-021 – Composite Squadron – Brunswick – 10 Senior Mbrs, 19 Cadets, 29 Total (+10)

ME-033 – Composite Squadron – Presque Isle – 12 Senior Mbrs, 17 Cadets, 29 Total (Same)

ME-035 – Composite Squadron – Bangor – 22 Senior Mbrs, 19 Cadets, 41 Total (-13)

ME-036 – Composite Squadron – Augusta – 13 Senior Mbrs, 11 Cadets, 24 Total (+2)

ME-038 – Composite Squadron – Bar Harbor – 13 Senior Mbrs, 7 Cadets, 20 Total (Same)

ME-056 – Composite Squadron – Waterville – 6 Senior Mbrs, 22 Cadets, 21 Total (+7)

ME-058 – Composite Squadron – Portland – 24 Senior Mbrs, 27 Cadets, 51 Total (+3)

ME-075 – Composite Squadron – Machias – 5 Senior Mbrs, 15 Cadets, 20 Total (+4)

ME-077 – Composite Squadron – Lewiston/Auburn – 25 Senior Mbrs, 21 Cadets, 46 Total (+3)

ME-078 – Sanford Comp. Squadron – Sanford – 14 Senior Mbrs, 25 Cadets, 39 Total (+8)

ME-999 ME State Legislative SQDN – 23 Mbrs (Same)

Plans & Programs

No specific Plans & Programs directorate activity during FY2022.

Public Affairs

In 2022, Maine Wing Increased its Facebook presence by:

Creating a Maine Wing Page, for sharing Wing news and the great work our members are doing.

This strategy also, helped Maine Wing increase social media engagement on the squadron level. As more squadrons are regularly updating their pages and we share that content on the Maine Wing page.

This continues to be a point of focus as it is a free form of outreach that has a broad impact.

Maine Wing was able to get some press coverage in 2022:

August 2022:

I was able to get Town Square Media to integrate the Maine Wing into an article about the Greenville Fly In: <https://wjbq.com/planes-will-be-gliding-along-moosehead-lake-in-greenville-maine/>

WVOM-FM interviewed me about the Fly In and the Maine Wing in general, they also edited the interview to be their public affairs show for the weekend.

October 2022:

Town Square Media did an article about C/MSGT Zachary Vogel receiving his FAA Private Pilot's Certificate. https://wjbq.com/this-maine-high-school-senior-is-better-than-us/?fbclid=IwAR2o6gHKIc_iZLRPfZ4aobQ-gDLD-yxIC89qyYNT9g_qbqShetjgwGteoSE&utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral

December 2022:

The County Composite Squadron had a great article about CAP and Squadron growth: <https://fiddleheadfocus.com/2022/12/29/news/civil-air-patrols-youth-membership-quadruples-in-arostook/?fbclid=IwAR2n6RGaS1eQSsWInGKR5KTvcqrlzawTvGxLBttlgWnS7zX1ve4hsgUcxwg>

Maine Wing Members Featured on Wreaths Across America Radio:

Colonel Cote, Captain Goodman, Major Higgins, and C/MSGT Vogel were all featured on Wreaths Across America Radio in 2022.

[Stream Col Blain Cote Maine Wing by WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/radio](https://www.wreathsofamerica.org/radio) | [Listen online for free on SoundCloud](#)

[Stream Meet The Civil Air Patrol Captain Dean Goodman by WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/radio | Listen online for free on SoundCloud](#)

[Listen to Scott Higgins Maine Wing by WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/radio in Meet The Civil Air Patrol playlist online for free on SoundCloud](#)

[Listen to C/MSGT Zachary Vogel Auburn-Lewiston Squadron CAP by WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/radio in Meet The Civil Air Patrol playlist online for free on SoundCloud](#)

Information Technology

Updating MEWG Website and getting computers updated with Windows 10. Working on several computers that need repair and/or parts.

Financial Management

Finance committee met quarterly as required and reviewed all financial reports. Members of the finance committee took turns doing the Internal Financial reviews and the WA uploaded them in a timely manner. All bank statements were reconciled, approved and uploaded. Monthly financial reports were sent to the squadrons for review.

Health Services

Maine Wing finished the year in Phase III for COVID Response after having started the year in Phase I with squadrons using hybrid meeting formats with 10 or less in-person meetings and/or virtual meetings. The Wing achieved Phase III allowing face-to-face meetings. Squadrons exercised caution periodically when their county was in a high risk for COVID, they would revert to hybrid/virtual meetings for a few weeks until the situation lowered the risk to return to face-to-face meetings.

Inspector General

Five squadrons received SUIs during CY2022 – ME-036, ME-033, ME-038, ME-078, and ME-075.

Safety

Safety worked closely with the Health Services Officer to keep members apprised of the COVID protocols and phases throughout the year. All squadrons completed their Safety Day by the end of March.

Wing Safety held a safety day in for wing personnel to increase their safety awareness, instruct them on the new CAPSIS in eServices to include how to do mishap reporting.

Government Relations

Maine Wing was able to maintain a Legislative Squadron with Maine Representatives and Maine Senators. COVID prevented any face to face meetings and restrictions to the government buildings to issue membership cards and recruit new elected members.