

HISTORY OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt Col Shawna Hoekstra, CAP
FROM: Col Christopher Ballard, MIWG/CC
SUBJECT: Approval of 2021 MIWG History

I approve the publication and forwarding of the 2021 Michigan Wing History to NHQ.
Thank you for all of your hard work this year, and congratulations on your selection as the
GLR Historian of the Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher A. Ballard".

CHRISTOPHER A. BALLARD, Colonel, CAP
Michigan Wing Commander

ANNUAL HISTORY TEMPLATE ENTRY POINTS

(Region Headquarters shown – change unit name, signature blocks and insignia to use for wings, groups, squadrons.)

INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENTS

TITLE PAGE
COMMANDER'S APPROVAL LETTER

INTRODUCTION OF WING STAFF

Christopher Ballard Wing

Commander

Steve Tupper Vice

Commander

Kyle Curtiss Chief of Staff

Colonel

Lieutenant Colonel

Major

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

On the following pages, please provide one page for each chapter, with one or more paragraphs for each section of the chapter.

Chapter I OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

In MIWG Search and Rescue and Disaster Response are grouped in with Emergency Services. The Emergency Services (ES) information is as below: MIWG participated in the Region SAREX 21-T-4228 during Jan/Feb 2021. 20 members participated in 6 simulated tasks.

In line with continued training for the COVID response in MIWG, 38 members participated in a Point of Distribution simulation as part of Operation Steamroller 21-T-4532 in March 2021.

The annual Operation Red Fox 21-T-5039 occurred in June 2021 with 40+ members participating in 3 ground teams coordinating with aircrews for Search and Rescue practice.

Michigan Wing's very own Operation Wolverine, a NESA event, mission number 21-T-5309 is a cadet led event. It is unique because it is the SARX where cadets are completely in charge and the Seniors shadow them only for safety purposes. As always it was in August. 50+ members participated in this mission which included simulated missing aircraft and aerial photography tasks.

MIWG participated in Operation Gray Flag held in December 202. MIWG personnel supported Great Lakes Region ES training, including SUAS (drone) teams practice.

There was one Actual mission, numbered 21-C-5199 in June 2021. Crews were tasked with Aerial Photography on the coastline to document erosion.

Disaster Response

In MIWG, the Disaster Response is a part of the ES department and details regarding Disaster Response are included in the Search and Rescue section.

Homeland Security

Members of the Homeland department traveled to Washington, DC to brief members of Congress on the CAP missions of 2020 and the current state of membership and usable resources.

Counterdrug Operations

With the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes in Michigan, MIWG no longer has Counter Drug missions.

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Information provided by Maj Mike Seiloff, who was DAE for 2021:

Assistant Wing AE, 1Lt Jim Van Prooyen personally contacted multiple MIWG Units and offered to provide introductory lessons in Radio Astronomy within the COVID Remobilization Guidelines. Response was very spotty and resulted in no requests for such from Internal AEOs. Pat Gorman was developing several training classes that could be delivered either online or in-person. Unsure of what was completed.

While the NHQ Reports available online now provide the ability to easily extract by specific Wing, and further refine by CAP Unit vs AEM, this same database no longer provides the ability to extract STEM Kit Recipients by date ranges. Therefore, an answer that is specific to only 2021 can not be extracted from the published data.

AEX awards to units and schools: MIWG Units: 11 Completions out of 40 MIWG Units;
MIWG Schools: 0

External Aerospace Education

Information provided by Maj Mike Seiloff, who was DAE for 2021:

MIWG AE Initiated and continuing preliminary discussions with the following organizations regarding the following External AE Proposals:

Kalamazoo Air Zoo: A "proof of concept proposal" to develop and assist with the installation of an on-site display that continuously monitors and displays meteor entering Earth's atmosphere over a designated area over Michigan.

St Philip Catholic High School (Battle Creek): Working with the the Physical Science Teacher to develop lesson plans and then teach innovative lessons on Radio Astronomy to her elective Astronomy Class

There were sixteen (16) schools that registered for the ACE Program in 2021-22 (See MI in the Attachment)

There were three (3) Adopt-a-Classroom (now known as ACE Plus Program) participants in MIWG in 2021

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

It is suspected that the phase changes pulling cadets to and from in person meetings caused a loss in cadet membership. Cadets who remained were busy working on their leadership program.

The most common achievement was Wright Brothers with 43 cadets achieving.

Next Mitchel with 10.

Then Earhart with 4, followed by Eaker with 2.

Cadet Activities

Encampment 2021 was a success despite COVID challenges.

Multiple cadets were able to take their O-Flights during acceptable phases of operation.

Cadets participated in SARX missions including cadet led Operation Wolverine during acceptable phases of operation.

Due to phase changes and COVID challenges, cadet unit meetings shifted between online and in person formats several times. MIWG cadets rose to all of the challenges COVID threw at them the Wing is very proud of how the cadets handled these challenges.

Drug Demand Reduction

There were no Drug Demand Reduction activities in 2021.

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

Operations

Please see Chapter 1-Operations of this report.

Aerospace Education

Please see Chapter 2- Aerospace Education of this report.

Internal Aerospace Education

Please see Chapter 2- Aerospace Education of this report.

External Aerospace Education

Please see Chapter 2- Aerospace Education of this report.

Cadet Programs

Please see Chapter 3-Cadet Programs of this report.

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Organization Chart

The new organizational chart since the change of command has not been written as of this time.

Wing Command and Staff Listing

See Introduction of Wing Staff section at the beginning of this report and APPENDIX III: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics section of this report.

APPENDIX III: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

(2021 was a change of command year. These are the officers who held the positions for the majority of 2021)

Logistics: Nick Ewing	Major
Communications: Shawn Wyant	Lieutenant Colonel
Professional Development: Michael Hoekstra	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration: Paul Kloehn	Lieutenant Colonel
Personnel: Paul Kloehn	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting and Retention: Kristen Walker	Major
Plans and Programs: Kirstie Bunge	2nd Lieutenant
Public Affairs: Bill H VanderMolen	1st Lieutenant
Information Technology: Luke Bunge	Captain
Financial Statement: Donald Bunka	Select Rank
Chaplain: Lang Yang	Lieutenant Colonel
Historian: Shawna Hoekstra	Lieutenant Colonel
Health Services	Select Rank
Inspector General: Rory Locke	Lieutenant Colonel
Safety: Kent Bankhead	Major
Government Relations: James Matthews	Lieutenant Colonel
Legal: David Malinowski	Captain

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

Logistics

The Historian has no information at this time.

Communications

The Historian has no information at this time.

Professional Development

Contributed by Lt Col Michael Hoekstra, MIWG Profesional Development Department head for 2021:

I made the transition by attending training courses organized by the Volunteer University leadership and spoke with them through Microsoft Teams and by phone to address case-by-case situations because early on there were quite a few bugs in the system. From there, over the course of several months, I scheduled Zoom meetings and phone calls, or had email conversations with representatives from every Squadron and Group in Michigan. As a result of these efforts, the number of approved Volunteer University Instructors quadrupled over the next several months. Unfortunately, the Volunteer University leadership was under significant strain to keep up with the incoming applications, so it sometimes took a couple months for someone to get approved as an Instructor; now, the process only takes a couple weeks at most. It has also been a significant struggle to train members, especially Commanders, to use the new system. However, once they get past the learning curve, they come to respect and prefer the new system.

Due to COVID, there were no in person sessions since the program's launch. I directed a Level 4 cohort in Michigan Wing in 2020 and a Level 5 cohort through all of 2021. I also helped a few individual members complete Level 1 and Level 2: Part 1.

Compared to other Wings, we were in the Top 10 for number of approved Instructors, and maybe Top 5. I directed a Level 4 cohort that concluded at the end of 2020 and a Level 5 cohort that met throughout all of 2021. The following members of Michigan Wing / Great Lakes Region served as Instructors or Guest Speakers for the MIWG Cohorts 401 and 501: Maj Gen Edward Phelka, Brig Gen Regena Aye, Col Chris Ballard, Col Leo Burke Lt Col Michael Hoekstra, Lt Col Mike Saile, CMSgt James Gregory
Maj Robert Townsend organized an unknown number of training sessions for Levels 1-3 while serving as my Assistant Director of Education and Training.

Administration

The Admin department is combined with the Personnel department, please see Personnel section for more information

Personnel

The Personnel department processed many awards, the most notable of them are listed here:

Award	Recipient
Senior Member of the Year	Lt Col Eric V. Scott
Cadet of the Year	C/Maj Jared E. Terry
Outstanding Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year	C/MSgt Alexander Dontu
Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year	1st Lt John C. Rzepka
Brewer Award – Senior Member	Capt Matthew J. Roberts
Colonel Robert (Bud) V. Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year	Lt Col Robert L. Bowden
Col David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year	Lt Col Mario G. Accardo
Character Development Instructor of the Year	Lt Col Mary C. Thornton
Communicator of the Year	Lt Col Gregory W. Johnson
George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year	Lt Col James H. Matthews Jr.
Professional Development Officer of the Year	Lt Col Michael D. Hoekstra
Property Manager of the Year	1st Lt Stephen K. Donnelly
Safety Officer of the Year	1st Lt Gary J. Ebels
Senior Chaplain of the Year	Lt Col Mark E. Bell
Historian of the Year	Maj Shawna Hoekstra
Unit Historian of the Year	1st Lt Darrell R. McClendon II
Michigan Wing Top Prop	Maj Roy A. Kauer
Lt Col Mildred J. and Gordon G. Boehmer Award	Maj John P. Bowers
Squadron of Merit	Maj Kevin A. Adams Memorial Composite Squadron

The MIWG also received a Unit Citation for the work the wing did in 2020

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Recruiting and Retention

The Historian has no information at this time.

Plans and Programs

The only item assigned to this department was to update the Wing calendar. There have been no other actions in this department

Public Affairs

The Historian has no information at this time.

Information Technology

Laptop upgrades throughout the Wing were started, the project is ongoing as of the writing of this report.

Financial Statement

The Historian has no information at this time.

Chaplain

The Historian has no information at this time.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Historian

2021 was another difficult year for the Historian Department. Due to the phase of operations changes throughout the year, multiple projects with museums were put on hold again, so the department concentrated on professional development of the assistants, and archive work.

The Patch Collection Program launched in 2020 came to a close with the collection of physical patches from some of the units and groups throughout MIWG. Participation was minimal. Due to Maj Andrew Browning's (MNWG) sharing digital copies of his personal collection, we were able to gather digital copies from units that did not send anything to the archive and digital copies of legacy patches no longer used from various units. Assistant Wing Historian 1st Lt McClendon added legacy patch reproductions.

Assistant Wing Historian 1st Lt. Muzik scanned a very large book of copies of newspaper clippings from the 1940s into a usable PDF resource. There were only about 10 of these books produced and only one in the archive, the rest are lost.

The Command Coin Collection project was launched in 2021 and is expected to complete in 2022.

A Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to Joyce Gilbert-Cabanas. She served in MIWG, but now resides in FLWG. Maj Shawna Hoekstra coordinated the ceremony with FLWG. There was a virtual component to the ceremony. Please see the Diversity section in this report for the details of an Equal Opportunity incident that occurred during it.

Sorting and preserving continues in the archive. There was a leak in 2021, and multiple photos were damaged beyond usability. However, I don't think these photos would have made it into the collection anyway. They appeared to be personal photos that were mixed into the box that was donated.

It should be noted that many contributions made to this report are from officers who no longer hold staff positions in MIWG. There was a change of command in late August and many of the Wing staff changed.

Health Services

A new Health Officer came on board at the change of command in September 2021. Maj Hendrix does not have information from any time before she came onboard. However, since joining Wing Staff, she has started giving sessions during online Wing meetings regarding different health items impacting pilots such as cataracts: how they develop, how to prevent them, and how to take care of your eyes post cataract surgery.

Administration

Please see earlier Administration section in Appendix 3.

Inspector General

The Historian has no information at this time.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Safety

This information is submitted by Maj Kent Bankhead

Through 2021 Maj Bankhead offered monthly virtual safety meetings to all members of MIWG so members could stay current through the multiple phases of operation that occurred.

There were 19 Mishaps: 2 Glider Mishaps, 7 Powered Aircraft Mishaps, 1 Vehicle Mishap, and 9 Bodily Injury Mishaps. There were also 4 Hangar Rash Mishaps.

Government Relations

HR-199 to recognize CAPs 80th Anniversary was introduced to the House by Representative Annette Glenn. Representative Glenn is a member of the MIWG Legislative Sqd. The resolution passed.

The following information is provided by Lt Col James Matthews, commander of MI-999 the Michigan Legislative Squadron. This information is from his Unit Historian Report.

State Legislative Squadron membership is comprised of state legislators and staffers of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives. February 15, 2021 to March 19, 2021 - Virtual National Legislative Day Campaign

2021 Michigan delegation members:

Col Rajesh Kothari, Cadet Nicholas Tupper, Col Leo Burke, Cadet Dominic White, Col Curtis Boehmer, Cadet James Hines, Lt Col Mike Saile, Cadet Morgan Jones, Lt Col Pam Saile, Cadet Harley Jones, Lt Col Jennifer Smith, Cadet John Peterson, Lt Col James Matthews, Cadet Jennifer Kowalski, Lt Col Mark Davalos, Cadet Jason Weber, Lt Col Mario Accardo, Cadet Naveen Abraham, Lt Col Esther Perez, Cadet Liam Hood, Maj Jo Hendrix, Cadet Donovan Higgins, Maj Mark Ewing, Cadet Gabriella Orme, Maj Tuan Tran, Cadet Cameryn Jenkins, Capt Mike Perez, Cadet Carter Hudson, Capt Chelsea Graha, Cadet Antonio Accardo, Capt Renae Little, Cadet Olivia Trichka-Stuchell, Capt Adrian Hockin, Cadet Veronica Cassani

March 10, 2021

Michigan Wing – Civil Air Patrol briefing before the Michigan House Military, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security committee

December 13, 2021

Wreaths Across America-Michigan Civil Air Patrol State House Ceremony

Diversity

As MIWG Historian, Maj (now Lt Col) Shawna Hoekstra organized a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony jointly with FLWG. The honoree served in MIWG and currently resides in Florida. Due to pandemic concerns, her ceremony was small with a Zoom meeting available for out of state guests to view the ceremony. The Zoom meeting guests had not turned their mics off. Maj Hoekstra wears a headscarf with her corporate uniform for religious reasons. When Maj Hoekstra logged in using video, one of the online guests (who is not a CAP member) said, "She looks like an Iraqi soldier with that thing on her head." When Maj Hoekstra heard this, she immediately introduced herself as a major with the MIWG Civil Air Patrol who is the Wing Historian who helped organize the event, She also included comments about the pride of MIWG in the honoree's service and that the Wing was happy to have the opportunity to bestow the Medal on her. At this, the same guest said "Oh, she is a major."

This Zoom meeting was recorded and to the Historian's best knowledge it is archived in FLWG for training purposes. The MIWG Diversity Officer was informed of the incident and made an attempt to obtain a copy of the recording, but it is unknown if it was sent to her. The MIWG Commander was also notified of the incident.