

# HISTORY OF

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**REGION COMMANDER APPROVAL**

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## COMMANDER'S APPROVAL LETTER



HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI WING  
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March 1, 2021

SUBJECT: 2020 Missouri Wing History

Major Lin Redfield is granted the authority to accomplish the annual history for MOWG and submit the History Summary to the North Central Region Historian.

I have reviewed and approve the completed summary of MOWG's accomplishments.

Please contact Major Lin Redfield at [lin.redfield@mowgcap.org](mailto:lin.redfield@mowgcap.org) if you have any questions.

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TOM MARTIN, COLONEL, CAP  
Missouri Wing Commander

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## LEGAL

Wing legal staff for the year consisted of wing legal officer Dan Harlan, with the assistance of Margaret Reger, legal officer for table rock squadron (mo147) and Tim Volk, legal officer in Gateway squadron (Mo).

Tim Volk's participation and experience in HR development with his employer has been invaluable as his employment requires him to work outside the United States (Switzerland) for a good deal of the year. He returned to the US in one of the last flights from Europe in March. Despite that, he was able to draft leases, prepare MOU's, perform investigative work, draft contracts and all the other things he was called to do without regard to his physical location.

Some of the notable services performed in 2020 were:

- Settling and redrafting numerous documents pursuant to a directive requiring a review of all real property, leases, letters of agreement, hangar space agreements etc. Within the Wing. This was a time-consuming task because many of the leases and letters of agreement that cap has with airports, cities and other governmental entities were expired, some for many years. These materials have been updated, and squadrons have been made secure that they will have places to meet and hangars for their airplanes and equipment.
- Many hours spent by Col Harlan working on an updated MOU between the Wing and the state of Missouri, an ongoing project that has been made difficult by the reluctance of some state agencies to communicate and cooperate fully.
- Advice to Wing commander and staff regarding problems of lobbying and gifts. Advice to unit commanders re compliance with SUI standards.
- Answering numerous questions from many sources about use of cap seal, logo, and signage.
- Communicating with NHQ on personnel problems and obtaining NHQ/G/C
- Approval for various fundraising activities and contracts.
- Working with NHQ and Wing commander in regard to a nuisance lawsuit brought by a Missouri resident.
- Legal issues involving the cancellation of 2020 hotel contract.
- Working with Todd Kirkendall on updating certain Wing supplement materials, including a revision of fundraising regulation materials and forms.



## COLONEL TOM MARTIN, MISSOURI WING COMMANDER

A native Missourian, Col. Martin brings almost 50 years of public service experience, specifically in law enforcement and emergency management, to his new position. He graduated from the College of the Ozarks with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Science; and also holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration and an Education Specialist Degree in Public Services Administration, both from Central Missouri State University (now the University of Central Missouri).

He is in his 21st year as the emergency management director for Stone County, Missouri, while maintaining an insurance agency. He has been a law enforcement officer for more than forty years, initially with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and more recently as a deputy of the Stone County Sheriff's Office. He has also served as fire chief of a 150-member volunteer fire district.

Col. Martin first joined Civil Air Patrol in 2010 and served multiple roles in Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron 147 in Branson, MO, including deputy commander and squadron commander.

He later served successfully in several Missouri Wing staff positions at the state level, including deputy group commander for southwest Missouri and director of emergency services before being appointed Missouri Wing director of operations (his most recent position held prior to being named wing commander). Col. Martin is a qualified emergency services incident commander and ground team leader.

Col. Martin has received numerous awards and recognition for his continued service to the people and communities of Missouri – including the U.S. Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Missouri Wing Senior Member of the Year Award, and the North Central Region Ed Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year Award. Martin has also completed CAP's highest level of its professional development program, receiving the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

"Our Wing will always embrace the missions of Civil Air Patrol and will do so while supporting our core values of integrity, volunteerism, excellence, and respect. We have a great opportunity ahead of us," said Col. Martin. "I'm here to serve you."





## COLONEL ERICA WILLIAMS-NEWLY APPOINTED MISSOURI WING VICE COMMANDER

Colonel Erica R. Williams has 28 years of Civil Air Patrol experience in operations, emergency services and cadet programs, both as a cadet and senior member.

As a cadet in the Missouri Wing, she earned CAP's highest cadet award, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award, in 1999. She has completed Level V of CAP's Senior Member Professional Development program, earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

She served successfully in several Missouri Wing Staff positions, including Director of Cadet Programs, Director of Personnel and Administrative Officer, Director of Professional Development, Chief of Staff, Vice Commander, and Wing Commander. She has served as the NCR Representative to the Membership Action Review Panel.

Colonel Williams has earned numerous Commander Commendations, 3 Meritorious Service Awards, 2 Exceptional Service Awards, and the Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service Award. Currently, she is serving as the North Central Region Deputy Chief of Staff/ Education and Training and Missouri Wing Vice Commander.



## MAJOR JENNIFER SMITH, MISSOURI WING CHIEF OF STAFF, MISSIONS

Major Jen Smith currently serves as the Civil Air Patrol Missouri Wing Chief of Staff of Missions since March 2019. Previously she served as Wentzville Composite Squadron Commander and Deputy Commander for Cadets for the Squadron and Group 2. Major Smith has and continues to serve as a Character Development Officer since 2013.

Major Smith joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1991 at Wentzville Composite Squadron. As a cadet she held many leadership roles in the squadron, CAC and multiple encampments. In January 1996 she earned her General Carl A. Spaatz Award. As a cadet in the summer of 1996 she participated in the national special activity, International Air Cadet Exchange in Switzerland.

Major Smith left the program for some time and returned in 2012 when Cadet Smith became eligible to join. Upon returning Major Smith has participated in required professional development training and courses and in 2018 completed her Level 5 training, the highest level of CAP career development. She has taught numerous professional development courses and served on encampment staff for four years, most recently as encampment commander. She is a 1999 graduate of Central Missouri State University with Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.



### **Missouri Wing - Civil Air Patrol – March 30, 2020**

Former Missouri Wing Commander, Col John O'Neill, has been selected as the next North Central Region Commander, succeeding Col Regena Aye.

The announcement came earlier today from CAP National Commander, Maj Gen Mark E. Smith, who noted, "I am pleased to announce that, from a pool of highly competitive candidates, I have selected Col John O'Neill to become the next North Central Region Commander. Col O'Neill performed admirably as the Missouri Wing Commander and has gained valuable experience at the region and national levels. His experience and demonstrated excellence will serve him well as the region commander. Col O'Neill will replace Col Regena Aye who has, by any measure, set new standards of excellence over the four years as your region commander.



## In Memoriam: Lt Col Wes McCullough

December 18, 2020

Whiteman AFB, Mo. – Lt. Col. Everett Wesley “Wes” McCullough, a Civil Air Patrol command-rated pilot and long-serving member of the Charles R. Long Senior Squadron in Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on December 18, 2020. He had formerly served as the North Central Region’s Standardization and Evaluation Officer, a position he also held at his squadron and with Missouri Wing headquarters.

Lt. Col. McCullough’s lifelong love of flying led to a long career as a commercial airline pilot after a short stint with the U.S. Air Force as a member of an Atlas-F missile crew, during which time he earned his private and commercial pilot’s licenses. After his military service, he initially flew for Capital Airlines before flying for the next 32 years with TWA until his retirement in 1998. After retiring from TWA, he formed McCullough Aviation LLC and trained the next generation of general aviation pilots as a certified flight instructor and FAA Designated Pilot Examiner out of the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport in Kansas City. In 2014, he was awarded the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award which recognizes individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft. In addition to his skills as a pilot, he was also a licensed airplane mechanic.

Over a 20-year CAP career, Lt. Col. McCullough was known as a dedicated pilot and could be counted on to fly needed search and rescue and disaster relief missions while helping his fellow pilots maintain their proficiency and training to CAP standards. Ever the teacher, he served on the staff of eight CAP national flight academies – sharing his joy of flying with CAP cadets. His CAP awards included: Command Pilot Wings, a Region Commanders Commendation, the Brigadier General Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award, the Benjamin O. Davis Award, the Grover Loening Aerospace Award, the Paul E. Garber Award, the Gill Robb Wilson Award, and the U.S. Air Force Organizational Excellence Award. He held specialty track master ratings in standardization and evaluation and flight operations.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Lt. Col. McCullough earned an undergraduate degree from Park University in Parkville, Missouri. He was married to his wife, Pat, for 57 years after meeting her while stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. In addition to his service with Civil Air Patrol, he was also active in his church, scouting, education (as a member of the North Kansas City School Board), and flying patients across the country for treatment with Angel Flight Central and as a member of the Shriner’s Flying Fez. He is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren.

A private funeral was held at Terrace Park Funeral Home in Kansas City. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date following resolution of the current coronavirus pandemic. Memorial donations may be made to Angel Flight Central or to the Wounded Warrior Project



#### IN MEMORIAM:

Lt. Col. Mary C. Fuller, a former squadron commander and long-serving Missouri Wing staff member, who touched many lives with her generous nature in her long CAP career, passed away suddenly on April 13, 2020. She had served most recently for several years as the Missouri Wing Chief of Staff for Support.



A member of Civil Air Patrol for over 31 years, Lt. Col. Fuller joined CAP to be with her husband and three sons who were already members of the River City Composite Squadron in Fenton, Missouri, eventually serving as squadron commander. For many years, the Fuller family functioned as a complete ground team and participated in multiple ELT (emergency locator beacons used by aircraft in distress) and disaster relief emergency services missions – once responding to four ELT missions in a 24-hour period.

Lt. Col. Fuller served with distinction in multiple wing staff positions, most notably as wing administrative and personnel officer for many years, and as the Directorate of Operations' administrative officer overseeing aircrew billing and the deciphering of flight logs. She also served for many years on the wing finance committee and oversaw the activities of the wing award and promotion review boards. Additionally, she used her expertise to advise and evaluate the effectiveness of units as a member of the wing's subordinate unit inspection team. At the time of her death, she was serving as the Missouri Wing Chief of Staff for Support, overseeing twelve wing directorates.

Lt. Col. Fuller's CAP awards were numerous and include multiple Find and Disaster Relief Ribbons, multiple Commanders Commendations, the Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award, the Benjamin O. Davis Award, the Grover Loening Aerospace Award, the Paul E. Garber Award, the U.S. Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, and recognition with her husband with Missouri Wing's John E. Otradovec Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. She held a specialty track senior rating in professional development, as well as master ratings in finance, administration, and personnel.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Lt. Col. Fuller obtained her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and taught for several years as an elementary school teacher. She was married for almost 53 years to Lt. Col. Randy Fuller, former Missouri Wing emergency services officer and current commander of the Missouri Wing Legislative Squadron. Their three sons are all involved in aerospace. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

"Mary has been an inspiration to me from the very first time I met her. Her wealth of knowledge and dedication to Civil Air Patrol immediately made her my 'go to' person when I had questions or seeking advice," said Col. Thomas Martin, Missouri Wing commander. "Her contributions have left an everlasting mark on me and countless others in CAP across the wing and region. She will truly be missed."

[IN MEMORIAM: LT COL DAVID J. ELLIS](#)

LT. COL. DAVID J. ELLIS, LONG-SERVING MEMBER OF MISSOURI WING'S TABLE ROCK LAKE COMPOSITE SQUADRON IN BRANSON, MISSOURI, PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 17 AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, HE SERVED AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF HIS SQUADRON.

IN ADDITION TO THE TABLE ROCK LAKE COMPOSITE SQUADRON, LT. COL. ELLIS ALSO SERVED WITH GROUP V HEADQUARTERS, AND MISSOURI WING HEADQUARTERS. HIS DUTY POSITIONS WITH TABLE ROCK LAKE COMPOSITE SQUADRON HAD INCLUDED: HISTORIAN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, PERSONNEL OFFICER, LOGISTICS OFFICER, MAINTENANCE OFFICER, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, AND SQUADRON LEADERSHIP OFFICER. AT GROUP V HEADQUARTERS, HE HAD SERVED AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, PERSONNEL OFFICER, LOGISTICS OFFICER, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, AND DEPUTY GROUP COMMANDER. FINALLY, LT. COL. ELLIS SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS THE MISSOURI WING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

A RATED CAP PILOT AND OBSERVER, LT. COL. ELLIS WAS ALSO AN EXPERIENCED GROUND TEAM MEMBER IN TRAINING TO BE A GROUND BRANCH DIRECTOR. HIS CAP AWARDS INCLUDE: THE MASTER GROUND TEAM BADGE, THE AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE RIBBON, THE RESCUE "FIND" RIBBON, THE RED SERVICE RIBBON, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON, THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S UNIT CITATION AWARD, THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, THE BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES E. "CHUCK" YEAGER AEROSPACE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, THE BENJAMIN O. DAVIS AWARD, THE GROVER LOENING AEROSPACE AWARD, THE PAUL E. GARBER AWARD, THE GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD, THE U.S. AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD, AND HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE 2016 MISSOURI WING AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, HE HELD SPECIALTY TRACK SENIOR RATINGS IN LOGISTICS AND CADET PROGRAMS; AS WELL AS MASTER RATINGS IN ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Wing Zoom Wing Conference 2020  
March 19-20, 2020



Missouri Wing Command, Colonel Tom Martin

Major Mike Todebusch, Major Jennifer Smith and Colonel Regina Aye



Major Mike Todebusch, Colonel Erica Williams and Major Jennifer Smith



## Missouri Wing Holds Virtual Annual Awards Ceremony-March 21, 2020

For the first time in Missouri Wing history, all annual wing awards were announced virtually via a Facebook Live broadcast. More than 60 members from across the state tuned in on March 21st to the online presentation by Maj Jennifer Smith, Missouri Wing Chief of Staff for Missions, and Lt Col Mike Toedebusch, Missouri Wing Director of Cadet Programs. The virtual awards ceremony occurred in response to CAP National Headquarters COVID restrictions.

Missouri Wing Commander, Col Thomas Martin, began the ceremony with a brief review of last year's successes and encouraged all to continue doing their best while following the recommendations of health professionals during the current national crisis. Col Martin concluded his comments with the following words of advice, "What you learn today can change the future; how you apply what you learn can change the world."

North Central Region Commander, Col Regina Aye, ended the ceremony with the presentation of several regional awards as well as a discussion about leadership during a time of national and worldwide crisis and how one can best approach change as leaders. "Now is the time to shine, rather than shrink from service; so step-up, help our members continue their service," Aye noted. "What will members say about how we each reacted to this crisis in seventy-five years? I would hope it would be a legacy of service they celebrate."

### North Central Region award winners included:

- 2019 North Central Region Character Development Instructor of the Year: Maj Jennifer Smith, Missouri Wing Headquarters.
- 2019 North Central Region Incident Commander of the Year: Maj Greg Lewis, Group V Headquarters.
- 2019 North Central Region Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Cadet: C/Capt Taran Fletcher, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- 2019 North Central Region Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Non-CAP Organization: Branson Airport.
- 2019 North Central Region Squadron of Distinction: Springfield Regional Composite Squadron.

### Annual Missouri Wing unit award winners included:

- Social Media Use Unit of the Year: Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Aerospace Activity of the Year: Group II HECTV STEM/STEAM live broadcast.
- Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Non-CAP Organization: Branson Airport.
- Cadet Program of the Year: Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Senior Program of the Year: Gateway Senior Squadron.
- Squadron of the Year: Springfield Regional Composite Squadron.
- Quality Cadet Unit Awards (alphabetically): Harry S. Truman Composite Squadron, Lee's Summit Composite Squadron, Platte Valley Composite Squadron, Springfield Regional Composite Squadron, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron, and Wentzville Composite Squadron.

### Annual Missouri Wing individual award winners included:

- Property Manager of the Year: 2d Lt Michael Patrick, Gateway Senior Squadron,

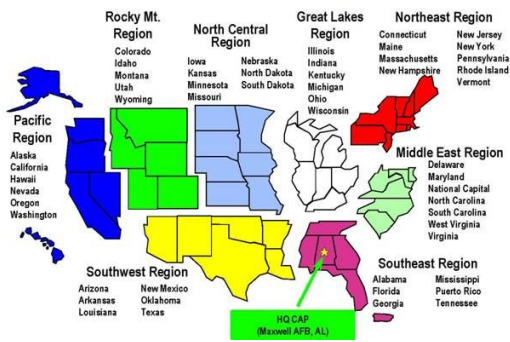
- Historian of the Year: Maj. Linda Redfield, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Safety Officer of the Year: Maj David Brown, Missouri Wing Headquarters,
- Recruiting and Retention Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. Chuck Stone, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Chaplain of the Year: Chaplain (Capt) Brammer, Parkland Composite Flight.
- Character Development Character Development Instructor of the Year: Maj Jennifer Smith, Missouri Wing Headquarters.
- Aircraft Manager of the Year: Capt. Jeff Morton, Charles R. Long Senior Squadron.
- Aircrew Member of the Year: Capt Kevin Huckaby, Charles R. Long Senior Squadron.
- Emergency Services Officer of the Year: Maj Greg Lewis, Group V Headquarters.
- Orientation Pilot of the Year (Most O-rides): Capt Jason Taylor, Springfield Regional Composite Squadron.
- Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year: Capt William Westfall, Ft. Leonard Wood Composite Squadron.
- Inspector General of the Year: Lt Col Dan Ranson, Missouri Wing Headquarters.
- Cadet NCO of the Year: C/CMSgt Zander Sprouse, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Cadet Junior Officer of the Year: C/2d Lt Gabriel Kennon, Parkland Composite Flight.
- Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Cadet: C/Capt Taran Fletcher, Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron.
- Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Senior Member: Capt Nelson Colon, Ft. Leonard Wood Composite Squadron.
- Inspector General of the Year: Lt. Col. Daniel Ranson, Missouri Wing Headquarters.
- Squadron Commander of the Year: 1st Lt Liz Johnson, Lake Ozark Regional Composite Squadron.
- Senior Member of the Year: Capt Ken White, Charles R. Long Senior Squadron.
- Lt Col John E. Otradovec Lifetime Achievement Award: Lt Col Carolyn Rice, Gateway Senior Squadron.



## **2020 MISSOURI WING OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Held first Virtual Wing Conference. The team provided an excellent day of Break-out sessions and an evening of 2020 Award winners.
- The Missouri Wing hosted the first Virtual “Region Staff College”.
- Six Cadets earned their Spaatz Award in the last 14 months.
- The Wing Commander and staff have been monthly virtual Commander’s Calls.
- A new Missouri Wing patch was adopted and is now being used wing wide.
- Missouri Wing has continued to perform search and rescue missions during COVID-19, such as assisting in the transportation of PPE from MN to St. Louis MO for first responder and Law Enforcement.
- Cadets and Senior members assisted in setting up and staffing the First PPE Warehouse in the Greater Saint Louis area.
- CAP members worked delivering meals and supplies in several areas across the state during COVID-19 shutdown.
- Cadets and seniors assisted in setting up and working in mass vaccination sites across the State with the MONG (Missouri National Guard) helping to vaccinate thousands of Missouri personnel.
- Development of glider program and sUAS programs continued to grow during the Wing this last year.
- Four new vehicles have been added to the MOWG fleet this year.
- New Motorola radios were released and installed across the Wing during the last part of the year.

## CAP Regions/Wings



## 2020 - THE YEAR OF COVID-19

## AND RE-MOBILIZATION OF THE MISSOURI WING

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19 as the entire nation and world suffered from the virus. There were person hardships and loss, shut-downs, cancellations and postponements of activities and celebrations. But through it all, Civil Air Patrol was still active, although on a smaller scale. Civil Air Patrol never gave up our mission of serving our communities, states and nation.

As the virus spread and began to affect our daily lives so dramatically, the CAP National Commander, General Mark Smith issued orders effective 16 March 2020, for best practices in all decision making regarding COVID-19 actions at the CAP level. This decision was guided by the Department of Defense and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At this time, all CAP travel and meetings were restricted until a safe time.

For the remainder of 2020, CAP continued to work within those guidelines in re-opening normal operations. As 2020 progressed, Phase 1, 2 and 3 of re-mobilization of the Missouri Wing (and others) began, taking utmost care in the guidelines listed and member safety.

It was during this time that the Missouri Wing Commander, Colonel Tom Martin and his re-mobilization team began to put together a plan to open individual squadrons in Missouri based on each county's COVID-19 cases and numbers rather than open the Wing as a single phase.

This plan was adopted by Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters and recommended as an example to all Wings for their re-mobilization guidelines.

Colonel Martin's re-mobilization team consisting of Colonel Erica Williams, Lt. Colonel Joe St. Clair, Lt. Colonel Dave Miller, Lt. Colonel Mike Todebusch, Major Steve Vogt, Major Jen Smith, Major Greg Lewis and Capt. Sam Samarasinghe worked diligently to achieve this plan. The result is an example of Civil Air Patrol working together for the good of all.

Thank you Colonel Martin and team on a Job Well Done!

# NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE 2020



## 2020 National Staff College North Central Region



**Major Kevin Oliver**



**SMSgt Charlene O'Neil**



**Major Jered Horn**

5-24-20

I am pleased to reveal our new MOWG patch! Congratulations to Major David Risko, St. Louis Composite Squadron 1, NCR-MO-005, for submitting the winning design! While some modifications had to be made to the initial design, the outcome is impressive. The modifications were made at the request of the National Uniform Committee to ensure the new patch conformed to all USAF heraldry standards.

Col Martin, Maj Smith, and I had the pleasure of working with the NHQ heraldry expert, Maj Bernard Wilson. He is truly an exceptional and well learned individual that contributed a good amount of time to help us achieve this milestone. Col O'Neill, in his last official act as the chairman of the National Uniform Committee, approved the design. Thank you Col O'Neill for your expedience!

Next week, MOWG will officially notify Vanguard of the change and officially retire the old patch. It is truly an historic occasion as we say good bye to the old "kicking mule", and welcome in a new wing patch that is more fully representative of our Missouri Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and the United States Air Force. Thanks again to all that participated in this process. Whether you designed, encouraged, voted, or spread the word, your work is greatly appreciated.

v/r

Lt Col Joseph M. St. Clair, MOWG/CV



**LT. COLONEL CAROLYN RICE**  
**2019 JOHN E. OTRADOVEC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



Lt. Colonel Otradovec was a 50-year member of the Civil Air Patrol, leaving a legacy of selfless service to CAP and his community as a squadron commander, pilot, certified Airframe and Powerplant mechanic and FAA licensed Aircraft Inspector.

His commitment, expertise and leadership were demonstrated throughout his career in CAP.

The Missouri Wing has established the John E. Otradovec Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize senior members of the Missouri Wing, who, like Lt. Colonel Otradovec, have stepped forward to serve CAP in any capacity asked of them. They are members who have given conspicuous, consistent, and sustained service and leadership to their squadron, group and wing for a number of years.

Thank you, Lt. Colonel Rice for your lifetime of service.

## MISSOURI WING'S NEW COMMAND NCO



CMSgt Bob Miller, Missouri Wing Command NCO stepped down from this position in January, 2020 after serving in the position since May, 2018.

All in the Missouri Wing him the best as he leaves the program.

He has been a CAP member since 2012 serving at the squadron, group and wing levels.

Thank you for all of your service, CMSgt Miller.



SMSgt Charline O'Neill has taken the position of Missouri Wing Command NCO and began serving in this capacity in February, 2020.

She graduated from Drury University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and is currently pursuing her master's degree in education.

She retired from the United States Army in 2011 completing over 22 years of service, including tours in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Alaska.

Senior Master Sergeant O'Neill joined Civil Air Patrol in 2007 becoming a member of the Fort Leonard Wood Composite Squadron. She serves as Deputy Commander for Seniors, Character Development Instructor, Finance Officer, Testing Officer, and Squadron NCO.

She served on staff five years National Blue Beret, two years Model Aircraft Remote Control Pilot Academy, and 9 years Missouri Wing Encampment.

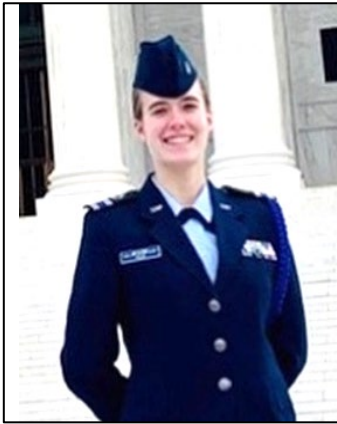
Her awards include the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Exceptional Service Award, Region Commander's Commendation Award, seven Wing Commander's Commendation Awards, and three Achievement Awards.

Senior Master Sergeant O'Neill has completed Level V of the Senior Member Professional Development program, being awarded the Gill Robb Wilson Award. She was recognized with the 2018 Character Development Instructor of the Year and 2019 Senior Member of the Year Award from Missouri Wing. She was also recognized as the 2018 Character Development Instructor of the Year from the North Central Region.

Senior Master Sergeant O'Neill is married to John, her husband of 24+ years, who is the North Central Region Commander.

## 2020 CARL A. SPAATZ AWARD

Missouri Wing Cadet Colonel Reagan Hess of the Wentzville Composite Squadron received the Carl A. Spatz Award #2285



Missouri Wing Cadet Colonel Timothy Richner of the Warrensburg Squadron received the Carl A. Spatz Award #2203



Missouri Wing Cadet Colonel Justin Holt of the Platte Valley Composite Squadron received the Carl A. Spatz Award #2294



Missouri Wing Cadet Colonel Michael Johnson of Platte Valley Composite Squadron received the Carl A. Spatz Award #2019





## MISSOURI WING'S MILLER HONORED FOR COVID-19 TEST PROGRAM, DECEMBER 28, 2020

The Missouri Wing's long-serving medical officer, Lt. Col. David A. Miller, has been honored with the St. Louis Academy of Family Physicians' 2020 Greater St. Louis Community Health Award.

A practicing physician for more than 30 years, Miller received the award for his ongoing work coordinating Affinia Healthcare's free COVID-19 testing program, which has performed almost 25,000 tests predominately in underserved communities in St. Louis, while also continuing to serve as Affinia's assistant medical director and urgent care clinical director.

Affinia Healthcare is a federally qualified community health center serving uninsured and underinsured residents of St. Louis and surrounding areas through primary and preventive health care services and extensive community health programs for more than 110 years.



**Lt. Col.  
David A. Miller**

Miller has served as the health services officer for multiple encampments, is a member of Missouri Wing's COVID-19 Remobilization committee and serves on several CAP National Health Services program's working groups.

"I am honored to receive this award in recognition of all the hard work we're doing for the members of the communities we serve," he said. "It's my privilege to oversee Affinia's COVID testing program and help coordinate the overall mission. Making this award even more meaningful to me is that it is from my fellow family physicians."

In addition to serving as medical officer, Miller is the Missouri Wing's assistant public affairs officer and was appointed Director of Public Affairs for the North Central Region earlier this year.

He was recognized as 2011 CAP National Public Affairs Officer of the Year and in 2013 was honored with the Maj. Howell Balsem CAP Public Affairs Exceptional Achievement Awards' Maj. Al Pabon Best in Show Balsem Award -- a distinction he shared this year with Lt. Col. Kimberly Frady of the Virginia Wing

He entry in 2020 was in the Event Promotion category – a 12-item media kit highlighting the Missouri Wing's role in quickly locating a downed aircraft near Bixby, Missouri, on Oct. 6. He was serving as the wing's PAO at the time.

"Miller is obviously CAP's media kit guru," one judge said. Another proclaimed him "one of our very best PAOs. He routinely does a professional job and gets results ... He obviously has a good relationship with local media members, who apparently trust him and like his work as well."

### 2020 AWARDS

Balsem Award, two Awards of Excellence

Downed Aircraft Media Kit



## **Quality Cadet Unit Award**

Congratulations to the following outstanding Missouri Wing units for achieving the Quality Cadet Unit Award for 2020.

- Harry S Truman Composite Squadron
- Laclede County Composite Squadron
- Lee's Summit Composite Squadron
- Platte Valley Composite Squadron
- Quality Cadet Unit Award for 2020:
- Springfield Regional Composite Squadron
- Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron
- Wentzville Composite Squadron.

Established by CAP National Headquarters in 2010, the Quality Cadet Unit Award rates cadet and composite squadrons on multiple categories: enrollment, growth, retention, orientation flights, encampment, aerospace, emergency services, outside activities (i.e. CyberPatriot), adult leadership and cadet achievements. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in meeting and activity attendance in 2020, units were only required to meet 5 of the 10 categories to earn the award. Congratulations to all!



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## **CENTRAL MISSOURI COMPOSITE SQUADRON MO-018**

Several cadets and seniors worked the St Louis PPE Mission on Apr 8, 15 and 22, 2020.

## **FT LEONARD WOOD COMPOSITE SQUADRON MO-153**

Several cadets and seniors worked at the St. Louis PPC on 31 Mar, 2, 3, 8, 15, and 17 April 2020.

## **LAKE OZARK REGIONAL COMPOSITE SQUADRON MO-160**



St Louis PPE Warehouse Mission.

Weekly meetings were conducted at normal meeting times via Zoom. Several cadets and seniors also supported support of COVID-19 relief efforts by the Morgan County Emergency Management Department in Missouri.

## **WARRENSBURG MO-139**

Squadron has been holding meetings over the Zoom application. The weekly topics have remained on schedule, with the monthly order of physical training, leadership, aerospace, CDI and safety, and a fun meeting for any month with a 5th Tuesday. Communications and updates about meetings have gone through the GroupMe application or email. General communications, updates, and opportunities about Civil Air Patrol have gone out through email.

Cadet/Captain Ethan Thompson received the Amelia Earhart Award and this was presented virtually by the commander on 12 May 2020. The cadet was pinned by family members on a Zoom call.

Cadet/Major Timothy Richner received his level 16 achievement and the Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet Award ribbon and was pinned on 21 May 2020 This was presented in the same manner as was presented to Cadet/Captain Ethan Thompson. It should be noted that family members were able to attend these virtual presentations from Florida and the country of Panama.

Attendance has been on par with what was normal for in-person meetings. Internet-based meeting etiquette was quickly adapted to by all members.

As a unit, we have not assisted in any major community projects. Some members took advantage of an opportunity “to send words of encouragement to a new Georgia Wing cadet recently diagnosed with leukemia and undergoing chemo treatment” (Missouri Wing Facebook).

Members have worked in the community in response to COVID-19, but none on behalf of Civil Air Patrol.

There have been several safety PowerPoint presentations created for our Zoom meetings. This includes “Personal Fire Safety: An Overview” and “Safety On The Internet”. 2nd LT Nicholas won the February North Central Region Safety Contest.

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Cadet/Major Timothy Richner won the April North Central Region Safety Contest and went on to be selected for 3rd place in the Best of the Best Scholarship Winners for the North Central Region Safety Contest at the North Central Region Virtual Conference.

### LEE'S SUMMIT COMPOSITE SQUADRON MO-126

The COVID-19 response at the Lee's Summit Composite squadron was not exactly unexpected, therefore the Flying Tigers-126 attacked it quickly and very effectively. It turned out that the Jackson County, Missouri County Legislature issued a Stay-Home order effective Sunday, March 22, 2020. We were ready, and emails to all squadron members went out March 19, 2020, informing the team that all in-person activities were cancelled, and that the weekly meetings would be taking place via remote attendance through Zoom. We have been in that mode since then.

Squadron leadership encouraged all members to participate in training activities online.

Online PT sessions were organized by 2Lt Britt Hill, and included 'spotlighting' an individual on the Zoom call to demonstrate an exercise: pushups, sit-ups, burpees, wall sits, mountain climbers, etc.

We had three Cadets who earned their Mitchel Award during the COVID Stay-At-Home order.

Flying Tiger leadership offered the regular monthly sessions of Character Development. LtCol Parbel participated in a session of Aerospace Education, and Safety Briefings.



For Mission Observers, Maj. Kevin Huckaby rescheduled Aerial Photography classes to begin May 30, over three sessions.

For pilots, 2Lt Matthews sent a link to 'Know Before You Go,' a YouTube video.

For Senior members, the Quarterly Planning Meeting proceeded as planned, but on Zoom.

### CHARLES R. LONG MO-129

The squadron has remained in a ready status of aircrews/mission support teams if the call comes for an approved AFAM mission(s) or actual SAR emergencies. Squadron Commander Rick Veach has continued to lead regular (First and Third Saturdays of each month) squadron meetings via Zoom at 9 am. Our meetings were well attended by our squadron members. Topics included the current mission status and status of aircraft. Aircrews were placed on standby status. The current proficiency and ES qualifications evaluation training missions would have to wait due to COVID-19 outbreaks. Only NOC approved "real emergency" flights would be authorized.

We focused our attention on Safety Training, Squadron Readiness, ES Training, and discussed professional development programs and opportunities. CAPT Kevin Huckaby is conducting Mission

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Aircrew Training for Mission Observer, Mission Scanner, and Airborne Photography via weekly Zoom meetings.

Our squadron reached out to include Group 1 squadrons: HST MO-023, Lee's Summit MO-126, and Platte Valley MO-140 for ongoing the training.

In addition, our weekly ES training is saved, then uploaded into the online system. If a trainee wants to review past training or a trainee misses the scheduled class, they can watch the video and get caught up quickly. This will ensure the training program's effectiveness and success of our new aircrews.

Since the lockdown, the meetings have been streamed weekly (Mondays at 3 pm) on COVID-19 related topics and Regional status. Invitations have been extended to Major Vogt, ES Officer for MOWG, 1st LT Haber, ES Officer for Group 1, CAPT Samarasinghe, MOWG DO, and Commander Rick Veach MO-129.

We are continuing to offer our assistance for the needs of our region in response to the COVID-19 outbreaks. We are prepared to help our nation heal as citizens serving our community in the Civil Air Patrol

### **TABLE ROCK LAKE COMPOSITE SQUADRON MO-147**

Due to COVID19 restrictions, 2020 has been a challenging year. In January, February, and early March, cadets at MO-147 worked to construct the Alpha, Viking, and Loadstar rockets to earn the Model Rocketry badge. Virtual reviews of Aerospace Models were held in the spring; Cadet Commander Taran Fletcher created online Kahoots (quiz games) to review Aerospace topics with his fellow cadets.

In May, cadets were invited to attend a virtual Aerospace STEM Academy with presenters from Johnson Space Center in Texas.

With assistance from Major Bob Redfield, Orientation Flights were held in July, October, and December. Time on the Redbird Flight Simulator was offered to cadets waiting for O-rides. During the fall, senior members, including Rob Lewis, Chuck Stone, Steve Meinzen, Gene Hartman, Damon Overboe, and others begin providing ground school for cadets interested in becoming pilots.

We have maintained contact with Hollister Schools and plan to resume our afterschool program as soon as COVID restrictions lift. Cadet Major Taran Fletcher spoke about CAP at a local homeschool co-op, Veritas Enrichment; one new cadet was recruited from this event. Cadet Fletcher was also invited by co-op leadership to teach a rocketry/STEM class at Veritas. He has 16 students in his class.

MO-147 earned the Aerospace Education Achievement Award for fiscal year 2020 for its efforts in internal and external AE. It was one of only a handful of squadrons in MOWG to do so.

Cadets completed over 30 achievements and promotions in 2020. In July, cadets met in person for four weeks before COVID required a move back to Phase 0.

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Cadets met again on Zoom through August and most of September, resuming small in-person meetings with cadets from approved counties in late September. In November 2020, eight cadets along with three seniors from MO-147 participated in the Branson Veterans Parade. In December, six cadets including Fletcher, Sprouse, Henderson, Stein, A. Solvie, and M. Solvie, along with Major Fletcher, also participated in Wreaths Across America with the Branson Veterans Task Force.



Seniors at Squadron 147 were productive as well with the pilots and Zoom training every Thursday at the regular meeting time. Steve Meinzen has been a \*star\* in the Zoom department.

Completed work on the aircrew training trailer located at Branson Airport. The Certified Redbird Flight Simulator was updated to triple screens and was made available for seniors and cadets, as well as pilots from all of Group V.

Conducted weekly Tuesday night Zoom meetings for pilots and aircrew, including Scanner and Observer Training for newer members (and rusty pilots) of the squadron.

147 pilots flew one cadet for pilot training (Fletcher). Flew two on-boarding flights for new pilots.

A few seniors assisted in the COVID-19 vaccinations by providing support of the medical personnel.

Lt. Col. Lenneville, Squadron Chaplain has been doing monthly Professional Development classes for both Senior and Cadet branches via Zoom.

The Squadron's very first \*virtual\* Awards Banquet was held in December. Our honored guest for the evening was Brigadier General Edward Phelka, National Vice Commander of Civil Air Patrol.