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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: NEW JERSEY WING/CC

SUBJECT: New Jersey Wing Annual History Approval

1. The New Jersey Wing Annual History for 01 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018 prepared by Capt Matthew Chirik and submitted on 01 April 2019 is hereby approved for submission to the Northeast Region and National Headquarters Historian staff.
2. Direct any questions regarding the New Jersey Wing 2018 Annual History to Capt Matthew Chirik at email mchirik@cap.gov.

//signed//

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Commander, New Jersey Wing

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INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF & BRIEF UNIT NARRATIVE

NEW JERSEY WING HEADQUARTERS

Wing Commander

Col Joe H. Abegg

Vice Commander - Operations

Lt Col Robert Jennings

Vice Commander - Manpower

Lt Col Stanley Rogacki

Chief of Staff

Lt Col Cheri Jennings

Command NCO

CMSgt Alan Lu

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Chapter I: OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Disaster Relief

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Homeland Security

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Counterdrug

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Chapter II: AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

External Aerospace Education

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Chapter III: CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

Cadet Activities

SEE STAFF REPORT BELOW

APPENDIX I: Chapters I-III - Data and Statistics

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations

Asst. Director of Operations
Standardization/Evaluation Officer
Counterdrug Administrative Officer

Director of Emergency Services

Disaster Relief Officer
Search and Rescue Officer
ES Training Officer
Homeland Security Officer

1st Lt Darren Mattos
Maj Matthew Hooper
Capt Shy Rotem
Maj Lorraine Denby
Lt Col Robert Jennings
Maj Christopher Trotter
Capt Matt Chirik
Maj Lorraine Denby
Lt Col John Paul

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations

1. NJ Wing had a busy and eventful 2018 in Operations & ES. Throughout the year, we flew. In addition to our usual line-up of wing-level training exercise, we held a joint SAREX with PA Wing and hosted the NER Region Coordination Center exercise in November. Our members were provided with a wide array of training opportunities, including a week-long summer GSAR, which featured a first ever Mission Comm school, a K-9 SAR training event, first ever CAP-led ICS-300 and first ever CAP-hosted FEMA Shelter Field Guide Course. In October, the wing held its' first SAR competition exercise (SARComp) in almost 20 years. In each and every month of 2018, NJ Wing offered an ES training event, either for air, ground or mission management. In nearly every Operational Qualification, NJ Wing increased the number of trained members, but most notably, nearly doubled our total number of ground team members (GTM, all levels). NJ Wing Operations conducted the following missions for year 2018: 177th Fighter Wing Route Survey, Air National Guard, US Army Corp of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Coast Guard (USCG), Ops Evals, Multi Wing SAREX, ELT Searches, AFJROTC, AFROTC support for NER ESA and support for an actual PAWG search and rescue. NJWG Operations activity figures for year 2018 not including A5 training: A15 Cadet Orientation Flights: 332 O-flts 260.7 hrs & 106 Reloc 62.0 hrs, A6 AFROTC 8 O-flts 6.5 hrs, A8 AFJROTC 47 O-flts 34.0 hrs & 18 Reloc 10.3 hrs, A18 USCG 34 Intercept 50.2 hrs & 33 Reloc 27.3 hrs, A99 HLS 62 Sorties 30.3 hrs, A1 ELT 6 Missions & 8 Sorties 11.1 hrs.

Standardization/Evaluation Officer

1. During 2018, NJ Wing flew 972 hours of flight time.

CIS Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Homeland Security Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Counterdrug Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Emergency Services

1. See Director of Operations Report above.

Disaster Relief Officer

1. Members worked to support communications and photo analysis missions for National Hurricane incident responses.

ES Training Officer

1. The first Wing Search and Rescue Competition was held at Trenton-Mercer Regional Airport. Teams from each of the three groups competed in the areas of ground search, air operations, and incident management. Group 221 won the competition.

Search and Rescue Officer

1. Meetings were held between NJ Wing CAP and the newly appointed civilian Search and Rescue Coordinator for the New Jersey State Police / New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. With the recently revised MOU, details of how CAP will integrate in support of state missions are being worked out.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Director of Aerospace Education

Internal Aerospace Education
External Aerospace Education

Lt Col Michael Castania

1st Lt Anna Filipkowski

Capt Kathy Francis

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Aerospace Education

- I. In 2018, the New Jersey Wing Director of Aerospace Education participated in the activities listed below:
 - A. NJWG AEM Recruitment: 161 members
 - B. AEM Recruitment programs: Pohatcong School, Morris Hills District Schools, Cleary Elementary School
 - C. Speaking engagements:
 - CAP NHQ Conference.
 - AE Open House Presenter
 - Command Council (AE Best Practices)
 - AE Seminar Round table participant.
 - PAWG Cadet Conference... SM AE External Programs Briefing)
 - NJ School Board Convention (2nd consecutive year)... AE iSTEM display and AEM Recruitment
 - Selected to speak at the 2018 NJ Education Association Convention (AE Seminar) & have been invited back for the 2019 Convention pending topic approval.
 - Capt. Emilio Carranza Memorial Service Speaker (3rd year)
 - Slated to speak at the National AEO Workshop in June 2019
 - D. JBMDL Activities:
 - Rowan University Blast Off Competition in conjunction with NAVAIR (Lakehurst NAES) Gaetan Mangano, Naval Air Systems Command & Education Outreach Site Lead
 - JBMDL STEM Expo Presenter (5th consecutive year)
 - JBMDL Open House... AE STEM Display & aircraft and model RC aircraft flight simulators available to the general public
 - Lakehurst NAES Open House/Base Picnic... provided CAP STEM Display and provided aircraft and model RC aircraft flight simulators available to the general public attending the Open House
 - 2018 Falcon Flight Deputy Director @ Lakehurst NAES
 - E. Cadet Programs:
 - NJWG Basic Encampment AE Presenter
 - Supporting Wing Rocketry Competition by offering model rocketry building and range safety class (16 Mar) and encouraging participation in the Rowan University Launch in order to hone their skills.
 - Ongoing subordinate unit AE visitations (sUAS presentations & hands-on flying)

F. External Programs:

- BSA Aviation Merit Badge Participation... NJWG/AE works closely with the 3 local Southern NJ BSA Councils offering Aviation Merit Badge instruction during their BSA Merit badge Academies. Most recent was held 9 Feb @ Stockton Uni.
- Ongoing AMA local RC Model Aircraft Club Open House supplying RC flight simulators and cadet instructors.
- Ongoing EAA Young Eagle Programs supplying Microsoft flight simulators and cadet instructors.
- Supporting Camden's Aviation Youth Programs...
- AE presentations at Catholic Partnership, Urban Promise, and Rutgers Future Scholars Aviation programs.
- Children's Home Society Kilmer Middle School (Trenton)
- Trenton Kappa League AE/STEM Presentation at College of NJ
- Serving on Atlantic County Institute of Technology's HS Aviation Program Advisory Board as well as Morris Hills School District's AOPA Aviation Program Advisory Council.
- Member of the Air Victory Museum Advisory Board
- Member of the NJ Aviation Education Council (Outreach Chairman)
- Currently working with a local Girl Scout Council to create a Female Aviation Day Program slated for April of this year
- Testified before the NJ DOT Subcommittee... Re: Decline of NJ Aviation Educational Programs and Resources

G. On going School Aviation/Career Day Participation:

- Franklin Middle School, Shaner Elementary School, Sharswood Elementary School, ACIT JROTC, Camden Vocational Schools, Steinert HS, Robert Menendez School, Schuyler Colfax Middle School, Vineland HS Career Day, Chancellor Academy, Lacy Township HS, Grace Dunn Middle School, St Catharine School among others (yearly participation)

H. Summer Aviation Camp Participation...

- Millville School District, Air Mods/Robbinsville, & Flying W

I. Participation with local AF JROTC programs... ACIT, Piscataway, Washington Township, William Dickerson

J. Ramapo University iSTEM Conference CAP Educational Materials

K. On going AE presentations with Cub Scout Packs/Dens around the state

Internal Aerospace Education

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

External Aerospace Education

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

CADET PROGRAMS

Director of Cadet Programs

Asst Director of Cadet Programs
Asst Director of Cadet Programs
Asst Director of Cadet Programs
Cadet Activities Officer
Cadet Programs Development Officer
Cadet Advisory Council Chairman
Encampment Commander

Maj Jamie Currey
Capt Matt Chirik
Maj Carlos Pineda
Lt Col Jen Rudolph
Maj Jeremy Martin
Capt Matt Chirik
C/Col Conor Callaghan
Lt Col Bruce Brown

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Cadet Programs

1. During 2018, NJ Wing Conducted several Training Leaders of Cadets courses at the basic and intermediate level. Basic encampment was also conducted at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. During December 2019, the Wing held its second annual Cadet Conference/Ball.

Cadet Advisory Council

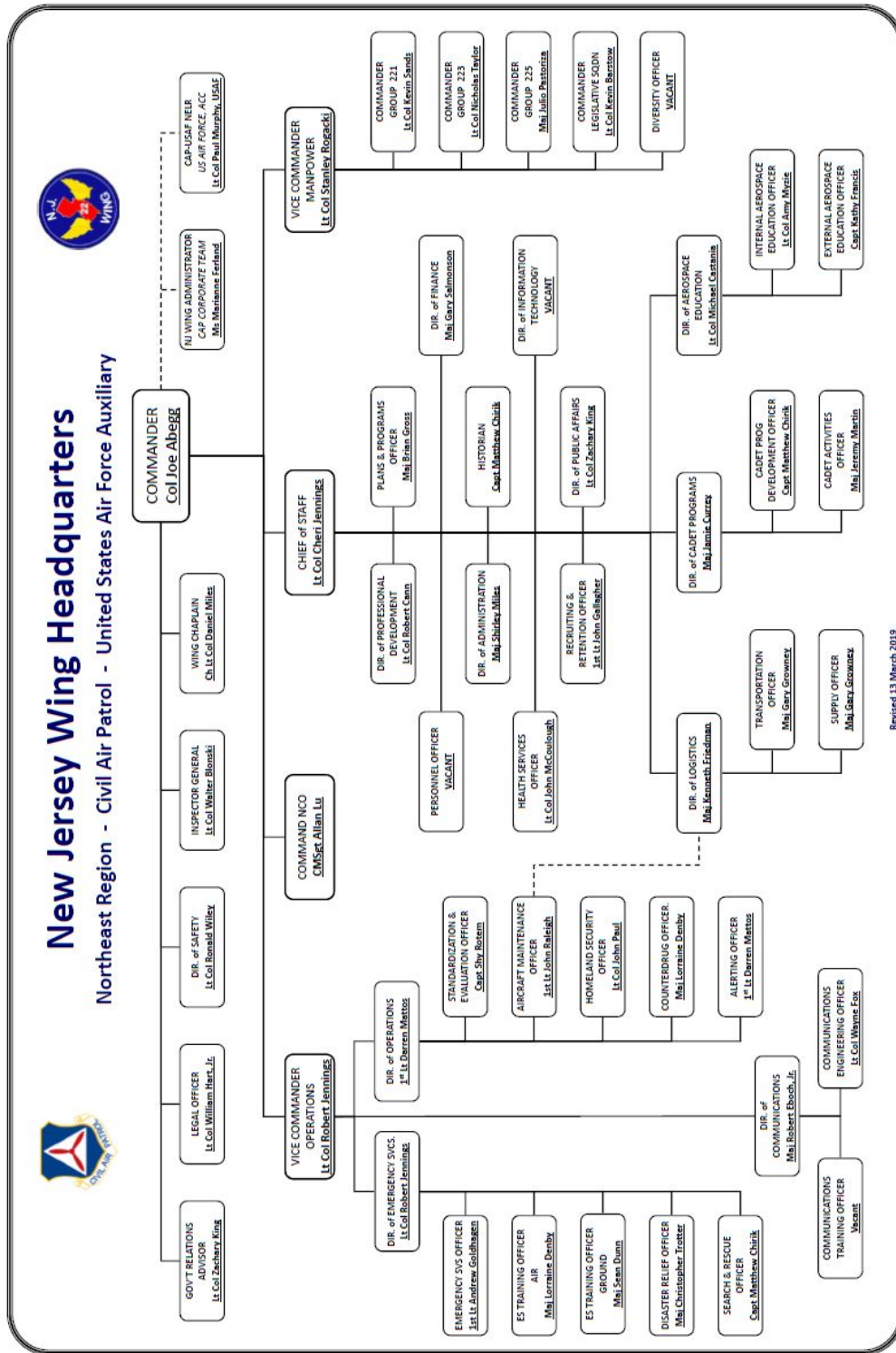
1. The Cadet Advisory Council met regularly over teleconference to discuss ongoing business. Important developments we shared with the Northeast Region Cadet Advisory Council.

Cadet Conference

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Organization Chart



APPENDIX III: Director of Logistics – Data and Statistics

LOGISTICS

Director of Logistics
Supply Officer
Transportation Officer
Maintenance Officer

Maj Ken Friedman
Maj Gary Growney
Maj Gary Growney
1st Lt John Raleigh

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Logistics

1. In 2018, New Jersey Wing successfully completed both annual and semi-annual inventories with no difficulty. Although Logistics had several laptop computers that are in need of repair, all the serviceable computers have been issued and are currently aiding in the smooth running of the various staff positions throughout the state.

Supply Officer

1. NJ Wing was given over 100 sets of ABU uniforms and other items from varied sources. The logistics department has been successful in dolling out those uniform sets to the various squadrons and outfitted Falcon Flight and others with flight suits, etc. Through the help of the McGuire Squadron, Logistics ran a very successful statewide uniform issue day. Many squadron representatives throughout the state took part and in an orderly and organized fashion, received requested uniform items.

Transportation Officer

1. New logo decals were attached to the various vehicles and key lock boxes were installed as well as the rolling out of an online vehicle usage computer program.

Maintenance Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX IV: Director of Communications – Data and Statistics

COMMUNICATIONS

Director of Communications

Communications Engineering Officer
Communications Training Officer

Maj Robert Eboch
Lt Col Wayne Fox
Ch. Lt Col Daniel Miles

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Communications

1. The Communications staff supported the Wing's 2018 missions in a variety of activities. The Communications staff attended 34 Tuesday work nights and 12 staff meetings. Work nights consisted of operational checks of equipment (VHF & HF) in preparation for issue to squadrons/groups or individual members (this included bench checks (output, control functions, fuses, proper cables, etc.) and in some cases, reprogramming), troubleshooting equipment from squadrons/groups to either repair or pack up for return to NHQ for service (most items were repaired in house (bad microphone, broken power connector, etc.)), reduced current inventory by returning unused, or unneeded equipment to NHQ for their inventory. In 2018 the communications staff reduced the inventory list by almost 75 items. There were several ICUT Hands On training/Testing sessions conducted at Wing. The Communications staff returned R-12 repeater to service after a long time off the air. The communications staff setup, operated, and takedown at the on-site VHF station for two days of JBMDL Air Show. This provided communications to the CAP team during the operations.

Communications Licensing Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Communications Training Officer

1. New Jersey Wing conducted the first annual Mission Communications School at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The school was planned and taught by Capt Michael Moody, TX Wing Asst Director of Communications. The school graduated two students.

Communications Engineering Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX V: Director of Professional Development - Data and Statistics

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Director of Professional Development

Lt Col Robert Cann

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Professional Development

1. New Jersey Professional Development has hosted 11 individual courses throughout calendar year 2018 with 165 individual students completing these courses. Courses included Squadron Leadership School, Corporate Learning Course, Unit Commanders Course, Training Leaders of Cadets-Basic, as well as Training Leaders of Cadets-Intermediate. These courses were held in three (3) New Jersey Wing Groups providing access to a course within each members "home group". New Jersey Wing PD has had eight (8) individual Course Directors and has had approximately 30 individual instructors sharing their experiences, best practices, and facilitating conversations.

APPENDIX VI: Staff Officers - Data and Statistics

Director of Administration	Maj Shirley Miles
Director of Personnel	Lt Col Walter Vernovsky
Director of Recruiting and Retention	Capt John Gallagher
Director of Plans and Programs	Maj Brian Gross
Director of Public Affairs	Lt Col Zachary King
Director of Information Technology	Lt Col Michael Sperry
Director of Finance	Maj Gary Salmonson
Chaplain	Ch. Lt Col Daniel Miles
Health Services	Lt Col John McCullough
Historian	Capt Matt Chirik
Historian Emeritus	Lt Col Gregory Weidenfeld

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Director of Administration

1. Maj Shirley Miles worked in support of several NJWG Activities in an administrative capacity and supported Wing Headquarters admin functions.

Director of Personnel

1. Over the course of 2018, personnel has seen many changes as the department prepared its transition to becoming more "green". Incoming items are incorporated into "SIMS". Personnel and Administration combined efforts to streamline all processing of media, awards, promotions, etc to save time and manpower. To ease the burden on a member who has to travel a long way to the wing, the Personnel staff implemented a simpler approach to processing promotions where the member can appear via Video conference.

Director of Recruiting and Retention

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Plans & Programs

1. Within 2018, the Plans and Programs Officer actively represented Wing, as a member of the Wing Finance Committee and advocated for funding, and provide oversight and input, in support of Cadet Programs and Wing activities. Plans and Programs assisted in planning and financing of Falcon Flight Academy. The 2018 Wing Conference Committee successfully coordinated the planning and implementation of the Wing Conference, assisted by OIC and Conference Committee. Approximately 250 members participated in educational programs and the awards banquet. Total costs were kept under \$7,500, as requested by Wing Command. Plans and Programs assisted with planning the 2018 Cadet Conference and Social Program and provided coordination and communication with all parties to ensure beneficial conference content and a highly successful social event for the cadets.

Director of Public Affairs

1. In 2018, the Public Affairs department worked to grow engagement on New Jersey Wing social media platforms. The Wing website and dragon net was updated to a new, more user-friendly format. Engagements were made in several local news stories. NJ Wing conducted its first annual Public Affairs Officer Academy. The Wing is in development of creating a Public Information Officer Course.

Director of Information Technology

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Finance

1. Director of Finance reported no activities of historical significance.

Chaplain

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Health Services

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Historian

1. During 2018, the Annual History for 2018 was completed. The role of Historian was turned over from Lt Col Weidenfeld to Capt Chirik in May 2018, and the mission of inventory and preservation of the Wing Archives begun. Throughout Summer 2018, several days were spent inspecting items in preparation for a full inventory. Efforts were coordinated with National HQ Historian Staff and the Director of the Morse Center. Arrangements were made to eventually move items from the NJ Wing Archive to the Morse Center for proper storage. In fall 2018, a historical display was put together. A Cadet Historian, C/Col Conor Callaghan, was selected and appointed.

Historian Emeritus

1. Over the course of 2018, the majority of the work by the Historian Emeritus was research and writing. Work continued on the manuscript about patches and insignia worn by the New Jersey Wing, and its predecessor the Civil Air Defense Service. This project stands at 169 pages of text and illustrations. Research has continued for manuscripts that are planned that will cover, units names and charters throughout the wing's history, biographies of New Jersey Wing Commanders, and the formative World War II era of the wing. Work continued in the project of organizing and cataloging the documents, photos, and artifacts that are contained in the wing archives.

APPENDIX VII: Special Staff Officers – Data and Statistics

Inspector General	Lt Col Walter Blonski
Director of Safety	Capt Edward Juba
Government Relations	Lt Col Zachary King
Legal	Lt Col William Hart

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY 2018

Inspector General

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Safety

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Government Relations

1. In early 2018, the New Jersey Wing Government Relations Department was responsible for organizing and overseeing the successful execution of the wing's annual Legislative Day visit to Washington, D.C. The NJ Wing delegation included 10 senior members and 14 cadets, one of the largest wing contingents in 2018. NJ Wing CAP members met with at least the chief of staff for each of the state's House and Senate offices, and met directly with 8 of the state's 12 House members.
2. Throughout the year, the Government Relations Advisor (GRA) implemented a strategy for robust engagement through multiple channels at the federal and state levels. Building upon the success of Legislative Day for the wing, the GRA arranged appointments with multiple congressional representatives and their staff members in their local NJ district offices. Members from squadrons within a respective representative's district accompanied the GRA to these local meetings.
3. At the state level, the Government Relations Advisor negotiated a challenging environment, as an assemblywoman who was a key supporter of CAP left office, and the wing's Legislative Squadron commander was unable to actively participate due to the demands of his full-time profession. The GRA took the lead in expanding and building relationships with the state legislature, and conducted workshops for local units on how to engage with both federal and state lawmakers. Currently, the GRA is leading the pursuit of an initiative to structure an opportunity to introduce legislation that would secure state-level funding for NJ Wing. This would be a first for the wing. At present, NJ Wing receives \$0.00 in state-level funding.
4. As a part of a campaign to improve NJ Wing's government relations in all areas, the GRA included the scheduling of an introduction of the NJ Wing Commander to the leadership of every active, guard, and reserve Air Force unit in the state including the 177th Air National Guard Wing, the 108th Refueling Wing, the 87th Air Base Wing, the 514th Air Mobility Wing, the 621st Contingency Response Wing, and the USAF Expeditionary Center. Additionally, the Government Relations Team established

contact and has built rapport with the commanding general of the Army's Picatinny Arsenal, located in North Jersey. An emphasis on the wing's relationship with the NJ Army and Air National Guard has been at the core of the wing's government relations efforts. The GRA arranged a meeting with the Director of Staff of the Joint Force Headquarters, located on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and has connected with the leadership of the NJ National Guard, located at the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Headquarters, just outside of Trenton. The GRA arranged for the Command Team of NJ Wing to attend the change of command for the NJ Adjutant General for Air, who simultaneously serves as the Commander of the NJ Air National Guard. The GRA ensured that Civil Air Patrol was recognized during the ceremony as a member of the "Total Force." The Government Relations Team then arranged for the NJ Wing Commander, NJ Wing Vice Commander for Operations, and two senior cadet leaders to conduct a private briefing for The Adjutant General (TAG), Brigadier General Jemal J. Beale. TAG insisted on conducting the briefing at NJ Wing Headquarters, which has never hosted a visit from an Adjutant General, and has rarely accommodated a general officer visit. This occurrence served as the first meeting in recent history where a sitting NJ Wing Commander delivered an operational briefing to the commander general of the state guard forces. As this meeting occurred later in the year, in November, the positive financial benefits have not yet taken full effect; however, TAG proposed several programs and joint operational ventures that, once realized, will significantly benefit 2019 and 2020 funding for CAP on the state level.

5. The Government Relations Department's multi-faceted strategy and tactics for approaching and expanding military, government, and legislative relationships for NJ Wing has raised awareness, engagement, and support in all mission areas to a level the wing has not experienced in over 10 years. On 1 December, to coincide with the organization's 77th Anniversary, to mark, 2018 as the organization's 70th year as the USAF Auxiliary, and to recognize the wing's recent Unit Citation Award, the GRA coordinated with State Senate and General Assembly offices to have a Joint Legislative Resolution issued to the entire membership of New Jersey Wing.

Legal

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

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New Jersey Wing Department of the Historian

