

Region Newsletter

September 2023



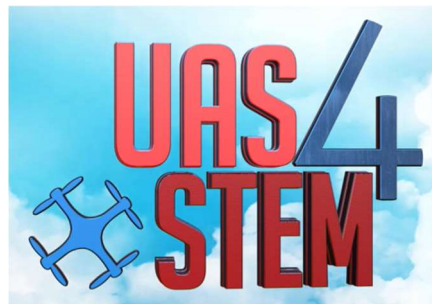
Fort Barfoot, Virginia was the site for Civil Air Patrol's Virginia Wing encampment which brought together cadets from all of Virginia Wing, but from 11 other states as well for the premier cadet activity in the Virginia Wing. More photos can be seen at <https://www.flickr.com/people/vawqcap/>

Mid-Atlantic Region hosts International cadets



Page 3

Maryland Wing sweeps top spot following drone competition



Page 4

More MAR Encampment photos found in photo gallery



Page 2

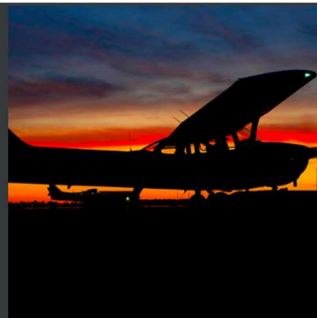
Region Newsletter – September 2023



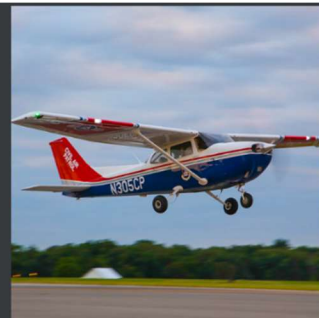
National Conferences



National HQ



National Cadet Special Activities



Great Lakes Region



North Central Region



Southwest Region



Pacific Region



Rocky Mountain Region



Mid-Atlantic Region



Southeast Region



Northeast Region



CAPNews Pool

[Photo Gallery: photos.cap.gov](https://photos.cap.gov)

Region Newsletter – September 2023



Cadets from three different countries visited the United States this summer as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange Civil Air Patrol's Mid-Atlantic Region hosted the contingent from July 16-25, 2023.

Mid-Atlantic Region hosts international cadets

Civil Air Patrol's Mid-Atlantic Region was approached CAP National Headquarters to host a contingent from Canada, New Zealand, and United Kingdom this summer as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE).



Wings from Delaware, Maryland, National Capital, Virginia, and West Virginia were the primary hosts for this activity. MAR headquarters provided funding and general oversight and coordination with the National IACE project officer.

The host wings determined the schedule of events, lodging, transportation, meal arrangements, and all elements associated with the daily events of the activity. Eighteen IACE cadets and four senior escorts participated.

A project officer for each host wing also participated. In addition, two senior hosts from Maryland accompanied the guests throughout their journey in the region.

The dates of the exchange were July 16–25. Overall, the activity was a success. The schedule was packed with meaningful and engaging activities that were well received by our guests.





The first-place St. Mary's Composite Squadron consisted of Cadet Master Sgt. Rachael Rioux (team lead) Cadet Airmen Eli Barrett, Josiah Huckabee, and Matthew Matthias II

MDWG cadets lead the way as CAP teams sweep UAS4STEM top beginner spots

Civil Air Patrol cadets swept the beginners division of the Academy of Model Aeronautics' UAS4STEM National Drone Competition at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, with teams from the Maryland, Alabama, and Tennessee wings taking the top three positions in results announced July 26.

The Maryland Wing's St. Mary's Composite Squadron team finished first, the Alabama Wing's joint entry from the Redstone and Mountain Lakes Squadrons placed second, and the Tennessee Wing's Greeneville Composite Squadron cadets came in third.

This year's national finals consisted of two six-team fields, the advanced division and the beginner division.

UAS4STEM is the Academy for Model Aeronautics' Unmanned Aerial Systems for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program.

The beginner division competitors focused on fundamentals of drone programming and flying.

Additional cadets from the Alabama Wing's Redstone Composite Squadron, which reached the national finals for the third straight year, represented CAP in the advanced division.

Region Newsletter – September 2023



The advanced teams competed in developing a mechanism to pick up and transport items to different locations.



Mid-Atlantic Region Command Corner

Col. Dean E. Gould

Mid-Atlantic Region

Deputy Chief of Staff - Operations

Asst Chief of Staff

Mid-Atlantic Region held a region wide disaster relief exercise on August 4-6 as part of the Incident Commander Level 1 Course. This was the first region-wide exercise in many years as MAR traditionally focuses and funds the MAR Search and Rescue College (MARSAR).

This exercise focused on a large-scale storm event where every state in the region was hit, and aerial photography missions were the primary tasking. Each wing participated with virtual or in person incident command posts (ICP/vICP) and as a region flew 42 sorties for 79 hours.

The incident commander level one course was held in conjunction with the Northeast Region who held their exercise the weekend before. During both exercises, sorties were flown providing support to the other region, fostering a good no borders no boundaries relationship. The course had five students from MAR, MD, NC and SC wings. The next course will be starting sometime in the first of the year. The MAR operations staff captures several lessons learned that will be applied in next year's region level exercise slated for the first weekend in August.



New website donation module launches for Civil Air Patrol

A donation module is now an integrated feature on Civil Air Patrol SiteViz websites, streamlining and enhancing fundraising efforts.

It provides a centralized landing page for secure online donations, promoting ways to give for donors, and inspiring donor trust in the organization. You'll find it at the upper right on all websites.

To learn more, visit [this link](#) for FAQs, plus a slide deck and recorded webinar.

♥ Ways to Give

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PILOT?

CADET WINGS

IS NOW OPEN!

Cadet Wings takes cadets from solo to PPC at zero cost. Funding for Cadet Wings is provided by the U.S. Air Force and the Ray Foundation.

Ideally will have:

- 3rd Class Medical
- Passing score on the FAA Written Exam
- Student Pilot Certificate
- Cadet Wings commitment statement
- Activities list



Just as a reminder: Please note that the Cadet Wings application window for the upcoming fiscal year opened July 1. It will close at noon Sept. 30. Visit:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest/cadet-wings>



2023 Balsem Award Winners

This year's competition saw 26 brand compliant winners, spanning 12 wings across seven regions. The Mid-Atlantic Region accounted for four winners – one Balsem, two awards of excellence, and one certificate of merit. Three of those went to North Carolina Wing public affairs officers.

Creative Services Winner: Capt Glenda Engstrom – Award of Excellence – North Carolina Wing

Digital Engagement Winner: Capt Rachael Gliniak – Certificate of Merit – North Carolina Wing

External Media Coverage Winner: Lt Col Liz Dunster – Award of Excellence – North Carolina Wing

Photography Winner: 2nd Lt Venkat Pillarisetty – Balsem Award – Delaware Wing

Teens gather at Mid-Atlantic Region Cadet Leadership School



While many teenagers traveled with their families and relaxed in the sun, teenagers from across the country and Germany gathered for six days at Civil Air Patrol Mid Atlantic Region's Cadet Leadership School.

Region Newsletter – September 2023



Located at the North Carolina Justice Academy, teens studied advanced leadership and complex concepts and skills associated with leading others.

56 cadets, representing 11 states and Germany, attended challenging lectures, seminars, projects, and simulations while they learned that leadership is an academic discipline worthy of careful study.

"I'm most excited for our cadets to learn indirect leadership, to learn some mind-stretching ideas, and teamwork that is going to make them much better Phase 3 and Phase 4 cadets," said Lt Col George Stanley, South Carolina Wing Director of Cadet Programs. Stanley served as one of the TAC Officers at the event.

During the week, cadets dug deep into cadet staff roles, responsibilities, and various squadron organizational charts. They learned the importance of command intent and worked through scenarios to understand command intent and the impact it could have. Cadets learned tips on conflict resolution and delegation. Professionalism and leadership principles were discussed and written about. The program is designed to train cadets in officership, interpersonal relations, critical and creative thinking, and leadership theory.

C/Capt Felicia Jimenez, from the Colorado Wing, added that she was enjoying being able to meet new people from different regions and different states. She enjoyed working together and seeing all of the different mindsets and perspectives from cadets of different experiences.

"One of the mottos that I love to live by is Semper Crescente. Coming to RCLS allows me, as a leader, to grow while also allowing those around me to grow," said C/LtCol Ariana Moretz, from Delaware Wing.

The cadet leadership school had a phenomenal cadet staff for the event.

"We have five active cadet colonels, which I have never seen. Usually, there are one to two Spaatz cadets at one activity. Now we have five, and it is cool to see that it is possible," said C/Col Josiah Gandy, cadet commander.

Outside of being taught by cadet leaders, three guest speakers also gave presentations during the event.

Capt. James Brantly, CAP-USAF, spoke with cadets and gave a presentation on leadership perspective. Retired Maj. Gen. James B Mallory III shared his insight on cadets' future decisions and opportunities. Col. Doug Bissel, CAP's North Carolina Wing Commander, had an interactive session with cadets to discuss leadership from a wing commander's viewpoint.

CAP introduces youth to perspectives on leadership through self-paced study, classroom instruction, and hands-on opportunities to apply leadership principles to real-world challenges.

Region Newsletter – September 2023



The Cadet Program is open to youth ages 12 through 18, but they can remain cadets until the age of 21. The leadership training through CAP is a thoughtful approach to problem-solving and practical skills for leading in a diverse world.



West Virginia Wing assists with Scout Jamboree

For the fourth time in the past decade, the West Virginia Wing assisted the West Virginia National Guard in its military and interagency support for the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree, held July 19-28 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Glen Jean, W.Va.

This year's event attracted more than 15,000 Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, staff, volunteers, and local community members to over 14,000 acres of forested mountains in southern West Virginia alongside the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Col. Rodney A. Moore, Civil Air Patrol's incident commander and the West Virginia Wing's director of emergency services, described the 10-day mission as "closely coordinated."

Region Newsletter – September 2023



CAP provided aerial photographs as well as full-motion video to help monitor traffic in and out of the Scout reserve. Five West Virginia Wing pilots flew 33.2 hours in support of the mission and were assisted by 14 wing volunteers on the ground.

In the Support Our Scouts Act of 2005, Congress mandated Department of Defense support of the National Jamboree because “support for youth organization events simulates the preparation, logistics, and leadership required for defending our national security and preparing for combat.”

Typically held every four years, Jamborees are the Boy Scouts of America’s largest national events. More than 1 million Scouts, Scout leaders, and staff have participated in a celebration of Scouting’s commitment to fun, friendship, outdoor adventure, service to others, personal development, diversity, and leadership.

Since the Jamboree moved to West Virginia in 2013, the Guard and the West Virginia Wing have provided support for four Scout Jamborees — two National Jamborees in 2013 and 2017, the World Jamboree in 2019, and this year’s National Jamboree. COVID-19 canceled the 2020 National Jamboree.

Moore said the West Virginia Wing has provided support for all four events.

“We have a really good relationship with the West Virginia National Guard,” he said. “They do a lot of things for us, and we do a lot of things for them.”

Top members honored at National Conference



A former Virginia Wing commander and a former Washington Wing cadet took top honors at Civil Air Patrol’s 2023 National Conference this week in Bellevue, Washington.

Col. David A. Carter was recognized posthumously as CAP’s Senior Member of the Year, while Cadet Col. Bradley Gorham was named CAP’s Cadet of the Year at the conference.

Region Newsletter – September 2023



"Receiving this award is a tremendous honor," said Gorham, now a first-year cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. "For CAP to name me as Cadet of the Year is truly humbling."

Carter's brother, Lt. Col. Les Carter, along with his son, Steven Carter, and daughter, Tracey Lovell, accepted his award.

"The Carter family is extremely proud of Dave," Lt. Col. Carter said. "I think he would be very pleased to receive this award."

Carter and Gorham were joined in the conference spotlight by CAP's Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year, Capt. Julie Sicks-Panus of the New Hampshire Wing, and 1st Lt. Robert W. Newell, commander of the Squadron of Distinction — the South Carolina Wing's Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron.

Carter was posthumously honored as Senior Member of the Year in recognition of his more than a half-century of service.

"Knowing Dave, I'm sure that he would have taken [this honor] with humble thanks and then put it away in his boxes of multiple awards to wait for the time when he would erect his 'I love me' wall at his continuing care apartment," said his brother, Les, also a 50-year CAP member now serving as safety officer in the Maryland Wing's Col. Mary S. Feik Composite Squadron.

Before his death in March, Col. Carter had served in CAP since 1968 and received multiple Distinguished Service, Exceptional Service, and Meritorious Service medals, along with two region Commander's Commendations.

He earned the Search and Rescue Ribbon with Clasp, the Find Ribbon, the Disaster Relief Ribbon, the Civil Defense Ribbon, multiple Encampment Ribbons, the Aerospace Award Ribbon, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Ribbon, and the Crisis Service Award.

He also received a certificate for lifesaving.

Carter served as Virginia wing commander and on leadership staff for the Virginia and National Capital wings and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Top recognition also went to the following:

Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award — Cadet Category

Cadet Capt. Rylee A. Emaus
Hickory Composite Squadron
North Carolina Wing

Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award — Lifetime Category

Lt. Col. Constance J. Muncy
Winchester Composite Squadron
Virginia Wing

Region Newsletter – September 2023



Paul W. Turner Safety Award

South Carolina Wing

John V. "Jack" Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. George A. Stanley

Sumter Composite Squadron

South Carolina Wing

Health Services Officer of the Year

Maj. Jason A. Hudak

MidValley Composite Squadron

West Virginia Wing



A Publication from Civil Air Patrol Mid-Atlantic Region Public Affairs

Mid-Atlantic Region Commander: Col Eugene Egry

**Mid-Atlantic Region Director of Public Affairs/Newsletter Editor: Lt
Col Jeffery Schrock**

www.mar.cap.gov