

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing 19 September 2016



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MER/CC



MER Wing Commander Briefing



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MER Command Staff Briefing



- Chief Of Staff
- Vice Commander East
- Vice Commander West
- Region Commander



DEWG/CC

Col Michael R. Moyer



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Award the Middle East Region AE Teacher of the Year Award to Meredith Swartzendruber
- Two new VHF/800 dual-band handheld radios purchased; waiting for delivery.
- UCC Aug 27 & 28
- Tentatively scheduled TLC for Jan. at EOC in Sussex County
- 3 Wright Brothers Awards and 1 Eaker Award

Top Goals next Period

- **Annual Inventory: Begins 1 October**
- Annual IG POA to be submitted MER NLT 1 Oct
- SAV re-visit scheduled for 1 October 2016 at DAFB
- Legislative Day in Dover and Proclamation for 75th Anniversary
- Finalize several more CGM's
- Increase number of mission pilots
- October **SAREX** will occur **October 8th** (2nd weekend of October). Location Sussex County, DE.
- November SAREX is being planned for November 15th (3rd weekend in November). Location TBD.
- Continue project to relocate R-09
- SLS 3 Dec

Risks / Problems

- Hours on Aircraft
- Submit ORMs for ALL activities.
- Poor coverage north of Dover to the C&D canal

Assistance Needed

- New Wing A3



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Outstanding SAREVAL•Assisting PAWG with CD operations•Successful Tri-Wing Encampment•Reinvigorated CAC•Full Staffed Wing Staff•Received 16.5K grant for Wing HQs•Howard County Tornado Response•Ocean City Tropical Storm Response•GA8 Support to GLR•Solo School – 100% Written Exam Pass Rate•Successful Bay Patrol – excess state funding•Live video testing with MEMA and FEMA•Comm testing with ANG, MEMA, FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Ongoing Facilities Work•Recruiting continues (SEED School)•New Website under development•Support 75th Anniversary Events•Host MDWG Conference•Support Wreaths Across America•Fully develop new MEOC•Complete Annual Inventory / DLADS turn-in
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•A/C Utilization Rates•Tick Bite at Hawk Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Needs Identified for the MER Staff Retreat



NATCAPWG/CC

Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly successful National Character Day, over 40 attended• Received N382CV (DAA 9/27/16)• N926CP still deployed to SCWG• Air Force Association Conference Support• New Director of Operations named—Col Jane Davies• New senior members surge with lots of initial ES qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to close on DAA Facility (CAP-USAFA action)• UCC and possible SLS upcoming in fall• Rebalance aircraft (ongoing w/ great support from MER/DO)• Wreaths Across America beginning to build• Next SAREX w/CNG Squadron, 11/19/16
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAA runway closure ~Nov-Dec 16 (relocation likely to RMN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Command Time Remaining: 5 months• Conference/CoC: 11 Mar 17



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



Top Accomplishments this Period

- CD training session at Clarksburg – 4 Jun
- WVWG Encampment @ Camp Dawson – 25 Jun – 2 Jul
- Active WV Flood Mission 28 Jun-28 Jul
 - 93 air sorties, 159.3 flight hours & 5,982 geotagged photos
- WVWG Cadet Glider Training Event – Funded for 4 cadets– 31 Jul – 6 Aug
- Wing Orientation Training Weekend, Petersburg – 26-27 Aug
- Ground Pounders II @ Charleston – 9-11 Sep
- Ongoing CD Ops – Thanks to VAWG on the recent assist

Top Goals next Period

- Visit Boone Composite Squadron – 20 Sep
- Successful WVWG Conference & Banquet – Waterfront Hotel, Morgantown – 15 Oct
- AFRCC BISC Course – Camp Dawson, Kingwood – 21-23 Oct
- SAREX Statewide – 29-30 Oct
- MER Communications Exercise – 5 Nov
- Flight Clinic/Airborne Photographer Training – Clarksburg – 19 Nov
- WVWG Cadet Competition – Rescheduled to Dec
- G1000 Ground School - Clarksburg – 3 Dec

Risks / Problems

- None at this time

Assistance Needed

- None at this time



VAWG/CC

Col James Covell



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flew out all of O-ride hours & requested more funds• Conducted Group Level ES training in August• Assisted WVWG with CD Ops (4 crews)• Shared ABU stocks with WVWG• Assisting DCWG with AFA Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct advanced CISM course w/MER• Assist NER with Predator mission• Conduct complex WG FSX in Oct• Complete a ICS 300 course at WG• Assist NHQ with 75th Gala at UHASM• Conduct annual inventory• Support several air shows for DOAV and several VDF activities• Support WAA at Arlington in Dec
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 VAWG Encampment was to be at JBLE – does not appear that this will work. Will probably be back at Pickett in July.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MER conducting WG CC selection process.



NCWG/CC

Col Jason Bailey



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Chaplain• Had first Commander's Call with new format• Appointed Wing Conference Project Officer• Appointed Encampment Commander for July 2017• Distributed most ABU's• Had CI prep staff meeting last Saturday• Had Survey Audit performed this weekend• Operations/Aircraft inspections• Cadet Programs TLC/ITLC weekend at Wing second weekend of August• Completed Group realignment• Attended RCCC at EOC in RDU• Glider and powered flight hours flown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Group Commander Retreat last weekend of September with key staff• Conduct Comms conference first weekend of October• Continue with CI prep• Conduct annual inventory-items learned during SA• Support several air shows for DOAV and several VDF activities• Support WAA at Arlington in Dec• Finalize retirement of Comms trailer may have to retire the only one left-may need to look into new assets• Offered to host RCCC at Wing HQ
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalizing Survey Audit issues• Still having some press over CPPT issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None at this time.



SCWG/CC

Col Francis Smith



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New squadron in Colleton County – Ace Basin Composite Squadron.• Organizing meetings for squadrons at Aiken and possibly Fairfield County (Winnsboro).• Successful awards luncheon at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.• Squadron competition completed.• New processes in place for cadet programs (selections, participations, CAC).• Staff is transitioning towards supporting squadrons instead of vice-versa. This is ongoing.• Positive membership numbers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fly a new member initiative – through the end of the FY we are encouraging/funding pilots to fly a member that has never been in a CAP plane.• Wing Level Exercise October 29.• Staff Training Weekend for Cadet Programs (date TBD, had to postpone from 7-9 Oct)• AE trip to Greenville, SC for WWII display (wing-wide).• Commander’s Call Nov 12 will focus on AE and the AEX program.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cadet programs leadership at the wing level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a number of vehicles that need to be retired and replaced. We have had two this year that have broken and it has been determined that the cost to fix exceeds the value of the van.



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Attended National Conference 11 – 13 AUG
- Instructor at UCC in DEWG 27 AUG
- Working with staff and A9 on FY17 budget
 - Answered many questions about process
- Got added to “info” servers for all Wings except VAWG
- Worked with A5C to get announcement and job description out to Wing / CC’s on 5 SEP who do not have a Wing Cyber Officer currently assigned

Top Goals next Period

- Find A7O, A6IA, A1A
- Continue to develop depth in staff areas – assistants
- Finalize FY17 staff budgets with A9
- Work with A7 to schedule and facilitate MER Activity Review with Directors to present to me so I can provide summary to MER / CC
- Continue to work with the A6I to establish all MER staff have and use MER email address IE:
mer_a1@mer.cap.gov mer_a1@mer.cap.gov
- Ensure each “A Level” Staff Officer is monitoring and working towards their ATP Goals and Metrics. How are they tracking? Do they know the Goals and Metrics of their counterparts at the Wings?
- Work with MER Staff to prepare for the MER Staff Retreat / MDWG Conference – 11 - 13 NOV 2016
 - Retreat - Saturday, 12 NOV
 - ✓ Report against FY 16 Metrics / Align to FY17 Metrics

Risks / Problems

- CUB slide should follow this naming convention: XXWG CUB
- Establish remaining / new MER Staff to Wing Staff conference calls. Minimum Quarterly
- Content on MER Website for MER Staff areas

Assistance Needed

- Getting “word out” / posting vacancy announcements



19 SEP 16

MER CV-E/Ops Col Jerry Weiss



Top Accomplishments this Period

Since the last briefed CUB 9 Apr 16 at the Staff Retreat:

- Led the IC1 Renewal course at MERSAR
- Attended VAWG CI
- Helped plan and conduct the MER Conf
- Helped plan, conduct and evaluate DC, DE and MD Ops Eval – All Outstanding
- Collated and published the FY17 ATP.
- Finalized the Training metrics for FY17 and reviewed and approved MER and All Wings Training Plans in Ops Qual
- Reviewed nominations and recommended A3 selection
- Visited VAWG and Tri-Wing Encampments
- Coordinated logistical support for MER Staff College
- Worked to finalize a location for RCLS-North
- Attended Summer Meeting – Met with A3 to put an A/C allocation plan together

Top Goals next Period

- Attend AFA Conference
- Establish account at Ft. Pickett for MER Events (MERSAR, Flight Academy, Cadet Activities)
- Send out FY17 Training and Non-Training metrics
- Attend Ft Pickett Training Plan Conference
- Work with A5/8 to develop the Staff Retreat program (CUB, Close out Reports on FY16 Training & Non-Tng Metrics, Review FY 17 Training & Non-Tng Metrics, FY17 Budget, FY17 Aircraft Allocation Plan)
- Attend the MDWG Conference

Risks / Problems

- Metrics Status
- Aircraft Hours

Assistance Needed

- Fertile Keynote assignments



MER CVW

Col Dennis Barron



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