

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing 18 May 2015



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MER/CC



MER Command Staff Briefing



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



- **Wing Conferences and 2016 MER Conference**
- **CSAG Meeting**
 - **Aircraft Assignment**
 - **Level 1 / Safety**
 - **ACC**
 - **Funding - Encampment**
 - **Total Force**
- **MER SAR College**
- **ATP**
- **MER Stats**
- **Budgets**



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- **NCC - Color Guard Competition (All Wings)**
- **Wing Commander's Job Description**
- **Cadet Protection Deadline 1 July**
- **Summer Command Council Meeting (format)**
 - **New Wing CC and Latest Charm School Grads**
- **Staff Working With Wings (and doing the job)**
 - **Train like we fight / fight like we train**
 - **A4 – Vehicles (decals)**



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MER/CV-E
Col Jerry Weiss



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represented National Commander at a JROTC Worldwide Kick Off Event• Completed the MER OTY Awards• Attended the VAWG Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and have Vendor make FY14 OTY Awards• Finalize 2016 MER Conference Location• MER SAR College• Work with CAP-USAF to plan, conduct and evaluate Joint OPS EVAL (NC,VA,WV)• Brief NGB J7 – UAV Escorts• Meet with VA TAG• Work new Aircraft assignments• Visit Tri-Wing and VA Wings Encampments
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY15 – Tng Budget thru FY• FY16 Training Plan• FY16 ATP (Strategic Plan)



Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<p>Assisted with the WV Wing C.I. Inspection; Highly Successful Rating Achieved by the Wing</p> <p>Assisting with the planning of the WV Wing Summer Encampment – June 19 - 27</p>	<p>Attend the Congressional Medal Ceremony for the WV Wing on May 30th</p> <p>Attend the National Conference</p>
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be out of the Region from June 6 to June 16	<p>None at this time!</p>



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended VAWG Conference• MER SAR College – IC Course Instructor / Ranger Course – tested students for Ranger grade• New assistant A6 – Lt Col Jim Friel (DEWG)• New A5/8 – Lt Col Eric Haertel (MDWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select new A1, A7E, A7EI, A7EX• Establish MER Staff to Wing Staff Conference Calls. Minimum Quarterly.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overdue “top 3” goals from MER Staff• Roll-out ownCloud to all MER Staff Members – self service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need help finding new A1, A7E, A7EI, A7EX



MER Wing Commander Briefing



- DEWG/CC
- MDWG/CC
- DCWG/CC
- WVWG/CC
- VAWG/CC
- NCWG/CC
- SCWG/CC



DEWG/CC Col Michael Moyer



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
Cadet O-Ride Blitz Dedicated Hangar WA location	Mission Readiness Pro Development SLS / CLC
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
Cadet Squadron to be downgraded to a FLT.	DeIDot still training with MDWG Wing HQ WA location



MDWG/CC Col William Parris



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -Aircraft flight hours up 220 over last year• -Crews trained to support DEWG DelDot mission• -JLENS missions flown successfully• -New MDWG solo school ground school started• -New Wing Hqts work nearing completion• -Compliance Inspection completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -Three cadets ready for Spaatz testing• -Complete and sign a new MOU with the Military Department• -Launch a new Wing website• -Conduct a high profile Wing Hqts Grand Opening• -Secure annual funding from State of Md
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -A safe transition to the high ops tempo period• -Certain construction challenges at new Hqts	



DCWG/CC Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wing Conference• Congressional Gold Medal to DC resident• SLS & CLC• Two Squadron SUIs completed• SAREX• CAP Memorial Service at USAF Memorial• Wing Cadet Competition• MER SAR College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Memorial Day Parade• Remaining SUIs• MER Flight Academy• Encampment
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to DAA is becoming an issue...Base is supportive but members will need Belvoir IDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Wing earned “Highly Successful” rating on Compliance Inspection - May➤ Ground Pounders I Training in Petersburg - May➤ Held Professional Development Weekend at Camp Dawson – Apr➤ Completed SAR Training Exercises in Beckley – Mar & Elkins – Apr➤ Held State Legislative Day - Feb➤ Completed Cold WX SAR in Elkins - Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CGM Ceremony scheduled 30 May in Charleston<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Congressman Evan Jenkins will be presenting➤ Graded SAR Exercise Primary in Jun➤ Everything on track for WVWG Encampment at Camp Dawson – Jun➤ Ground Pounders II Training in Lewisburg - Jul➤ Work closeout of CI discrepancies
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ WEX Card maintenance payment process is hit and miss<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Several members have had issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Have heard nothing from Brig Gen Vazquez regarding CGM ceremony invitation



NCWG/CC

Col David E Crawford, CAP



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV being finalized (waiting on MELR to visit for on-site items)• 87 Glider Sorties FY15 YTD, 43 of which are Cadet Oflights• 1446 hours FY15 YTD Powered, averaging 128.2 hrs/acft (#2 in country)• 110 Members of NCWG attended MER SAR• 68 Mission Pilots, 5.67/aircraft• 599 Oflights flown (58% of goal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPS Eval coming up• Supporting 2 Flight Academies with aircraft (GLR/OSH, MER/BKT) and instructors.• Final CGM Ceremony for families of deceased recipients (late June)• Encampment coming up, Camp Butner (25 Jul – 2 Aug)• Conference Planning underway (4-6 Dec), North Raleigh Hilton• Identifying and encouraging candidates for Wing Commander for July 2016 Change of Command
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar link from NCWG Website to MER site is down due to Google changes• Ops Tempo as summer approaches• Technical challenges with SUI reporting• Roof repair at Wing HQ (flat metal roof)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WMIRS 2.0 issues ongoing and unresolved• Future SAVs need to follow 123-3 re: “discrepancies” to facilitate closeouts.