

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing
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MER/CC



MER Wing Commander Briefing



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DEWG/CC Col Michael Moyer



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
New Chaplain Two new SQDN CCs VIRB's Operational WAA local 2016 Legislative Day brochure complete	SAV Completion Legislative Day JROTC Flying New Website up and operational SLS 5 Mar 2016
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
Form 171's	Wing HQ WA location Vehicles Comm Van and new 11 pax van for DE- 019 (3 rd submission) PDO contact info



MDWG/CC Col William Parris



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<p>During the operational period Dec-Jan the following missions were conducted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1- Re-energized MDWG Honor Guard2- 3 Successful SUIs3- Tri-Wing Exec Staff Selection4- MDWG/NHQ WAA execution5- GT/GIIEP Training6- SLS/CLC7- Re-energized MDWG CAC8- MOU Staffed with MMD9- Asst Finance Officer filled10 – Gov’t Affairs Staff being filled	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ongoing Facilities Work2. Recruiting continues3. New Website under development4. Cadet Speakoff - FEB5. Tri Wing Encampment Planning6. Sarex – FEB7. Safety Blitz Week March (Trend Analysis)8. New Director of Cadet Programs
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<p>Need to identify new Wing Chaplain.</p> <p>Squadron Commander Term Limits</p>	<p>AE Award Timeline (out of cycle)</p> <p>Eservices contact validation/verification</p>



NATCAPWG/CC

Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two USAFA, 1 USMA, and 1 MMA slots this year!• DAA modular facility move stalled...working• Wing CI inputs due next week• Aircrew Training Weekends, last 2 Saturdays for MP, MO, MS and AP trainees...emphasized MER SAR College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for 3/12/2016 Wing CI• NATCAPWG Conference 3/19/16• Prepare for 2016 Operations Evaluation
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAA facility remains problematic• Note: Col Heinlein out of country and off net from 1/23/16 until 1/31/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does CAP or the Region have a complex aircraft for use for Flight Instructor Pilot training and checkride?• Future Consideration: staffing and resourcing for Flight Academy!



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ TLC @ Mine Academy, Beaver, WV - 4-6 Dec➤ WAA successful with five units participating throughout the State at Veterans graveyards➤ Notification to Unit Commanders over the 4-year term limit we will be seeking replacements➤ State Legislative Day scheduled – 12 Feb➤ Contacts made with all National Legislative members—finalizing schedules➤ Engine and avionics have been received by maintenance shops for N6607D<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ < 10 hours remaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Cold Weather SAR, Elkins, WV – 20-22 Feb➤ Work to replace High time Unit Commanders in 1Q16➤ Schedule new engine install scheduled for N6607D➤ Get remaining meetings finalized with National Legislative Members
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ None at this time



MER-VA Col. James Covell



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inducted all new members of the VA General Assembly into VA999. 100% of the General Assembly are now members of VA999.• Conducted an operational planning meeting with the CC and senior staff of the VA Defense Force.• Conducted a Branch Director's Course for AOBD & GBD• Conducted a FEMA All-hazards PSC course• Completed MOU with VDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete MOU with the VA Dept. of Military Affairs (in final process with state, now)• Assist the GAWG in working on an MOU with their State Defense Force• Dedication of Patrol Base 4 Historical Hwy marker in Parksley, VA – will award several CGM's found as result of this effort.• Continue to work with National Guard & VDF on joint missions and exercises• Prepare for National Legislative Day• Continue preparations for CI
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cadet termination issue reported last time continues with an IG investigation and an adverse action review board.• Working a 2nd possible cadet abuse case	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No assistance needed



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">• Wing Conference 4-6 Dec was a big success• Final CGM presentation• Membership numbers are flat or growing• All Inventories submitted on time.• 679 hours flown, 57.8 hrs/aircraft, #1 in country through 1st quarter• 363 Oflights flown, 30.28% of goal• AE Plan of Action complete, submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Day/Command Council• NCSA Reviews, Encampment Staff Selection• Wing Commander Candidate recruitment and mentoring – expect at least 4 candidates• CI Preparation (01/17) started• Working on of the year awards
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need new PAO• N741CP off books due to TBO on engine, but no engine is available for at least 8 weeks.• N7360C avionics issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IT Helpdesk tickets continue to pile up without feedback. Some are closed out right away but others receive no feedback.



SCWG/CC

Col Francis Smith



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Award submissions received from commanders and staff• Wing-wide AE/CP event “Storm the Yorktown” at Patriot’s Point.• New cadet programs director identified, will take over within 10 days. New cadet programs staff.• New safety officer appointed as a routine replacement of personnel.• New antenna trailers and masts acquired from SCE&G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of new DCP.• Implementation of Cadet Programs focus period with squadron competitions.• Complete reports of survey, complete retirements of useless inventory.• Appointment of new DO and minor restructuring of operations directorate – spreading the workload.• PD Schools: SLS/TLC.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality depth continues to be an issue, but one we are addressing slowly (no change).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As needed for new CP/SE/DO. Region and neighboring wing staff will be visited/consulted.



MER Command Staff Briefing



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



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with A1 to establish OTY Awards Process and communicated to each Wing's DA / DP and CC's were copied• Promotions and Awards up to date – Issues, please contact me directly to get status or resolve please• Attended Lt Col Hubbard's retirement ceremony and Change of Commander for MER CAP-USAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find new A1• Find new A7O• Find A1D - Director of Recruiting and Retention• Find new A6I
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CUB slide should follow this naming convention: XXWG CUB.pptx	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need help finding A1, A1D, A6I and A7O



Vice Commander – East / Operations Col Jerry Weiss



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
	
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>



Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Made a presentation to the local Sons of American Revolution to coordinate new awards program for CAP cadets• Presented Earhart Awards to local cadets• Attended Lt Col Hubbard's retirement ceremony and Change of Commander for MER CAP-USAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend the National Capitol Wing Conference and Banquet in March• Continue the selection process for the new North Carolina Wing Commander• Attend CAP's Winter Conference, in DC• Attend WV Wing SAR Training in Feb.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
None at this time!	None at this time!



- **2016 MER Conference – Talk it up in your Wing**
 - **MER/CC Call ATP – Thursday Check In (19-22 May)**
- **CAP-USAF Det 2 – New Commander and DO**
- **Of The Year Awards**
- **MERSAR – 22-24 Apr Ft Pickett**
- **Recruiting Plan – Numbers trending down**
 - **Significant Focus from the BoG**
- **Scorecard Goals – Most Wings are lagging**
- **Legislative Day – Winter CCC Meeting**
 - **Do you have your appointments?**
 - **Spatz Association Dinner – Take Your Spaatzen**



- **Staff Requests**
 - **A1- Docs requiring MER/CC action**
 - **ALL Awards: awards@mer.cap.gov • ALL Promotions: promotions@mer.cap.gov • All other correspondence: mer_a1@mer.cap.gov**
 - **HC -CDI attendance at 2016 CCRSC; Each Squadron in MER have an assigned CDI or Chaplain; 100% reporting of HC/CDIs on semi-annual electronic reporting end of period 31 Dec 15.**
 - **HO - Encouragement of Wing Historians to produce and forward Annual Wing History Reports.**



- **Staff Requests**
 - **CMC- Each MER Wing to appoint a Wing Command NCO, if able**
 - **Help advertising the “new” career (NCO) path in CAP**
 - **Encourage prior active duty NCOs to entertain the idea of selecting CAP NCO path**
 - **CP -New CAC advisor Capt Fassero will be stepping down in first half of 2016**
 - **We could use another writer for the CLS curriculum committee**
 - **Call for staff for the Warrior Challenge will be going out soon**