

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing

9 March 2016



Col John Knowles
MER/CC



MER Staff Briefing



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- A7P – Professional Development
- A9 – Finance



MER/HC

Lt Col Greg Hill





MER/HO

Maj Joseph Myers



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top 3 Goals 2016</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have started to compiling the Region Annual History.2. Have started work on NCWG Annual History for 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote Professional Development for Historians across the region. Promote the flow of feedback and ideas across the Region.2. Support the development of new Historians in the Region3. Complete Annual Region History & submit to NNQ Prior to deadline.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of understanding of the Historian's function• Lack of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting of Region Staff Activities for 2015 to be included in the Annual History• Encouragement of Wing Historians to produce and forward Annual Wing History Reports.



MER/IG

Lt Col Cheryl Fielitz-Scarborough



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Complaint resolution –
- On the National IG report – we had no RED for SUI 27 month time frame and no RED for DTS 6 month time frame.
- I have begun work on RCLS-South
- Safety Blitz Tasks
- MER retreat

Top Goals next Period

- Keep DTS and SUI Status out of the **RED**
- Next IG Conf call – 22 March, 2000hrs
- Organization of IG Summit 2016.

Goals:

1. Well trained and highly qualified IG Corps
2. No MER units in **RED** for SUI timeline or DTS
3. Complaint Resolution conducted and closed in timely fashion.

Risks / Problems

- RCLS – South Staffing

Assistance Needed

- IG Summit 2016.



MER/JA

Lt Col Tim Corrigan



Top Accomplishments this Period	Top Goals next Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared draft presentation materials for JA presentation at the MER Conference• Conducted a combined MER JA team and MER WG JA leadership conference call• Appointed Capt Daniel Cohn to an additional duty Assistant JA position	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to refine the draft presentation for the MER Conference
Risks / Problems	Assistance Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None



MER/PA

Maj Brenda Reed



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted NHQ with <i>Volunteer</i> article for Civic Leadership AcademyPhotographer during Legislative DayAdvised 2 wing PAOs on specific issues related to their programsCompleted PAO 'of the year' selection MER Conference:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Registration open! Sign up and save – prices go up April 1 (no fooling!)- Planning is progressing and on schedule- Registrations are coming in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to review wing PA and Crisis Communications Plans for CY 2016Training cadet PAOs for Tri-Wing Encampment Mar 15 (plus design online course for encampment PAOs) MER Conference:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Marketing with training session list- Continue scripts (work with command)- assist CAC with cadet conference
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
None	None



MER/SE, Mar 2016

Maj. Guy Butts



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are 14 Open MER Mishaps in the Mishap Reporting Process the same from 14 in Feb ➤ 97% - 138/142 MER Units have completed FY 2015 Unit Annual Safety Surveys: DC-7/7, DE-9/9, MD-30/31, NC-36/36, SC-13/16, VA-28/28. WV-15/15 ➤ Completed MER FY 2016 Safety Blitz ConOps for all MER Wing CC/SE ➤ Completed MER FY 2016 Staff Safety Blitz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to assist each Wing SE's with the MER FY 2016 Safety Blitz. ○ Continue to talk with MER Wing SE's on a frequent basis/daily/weekly via email text and cell phone ○ Work on my MER Wing Conference 2016 presentation ○ Communicate weekly with CAP NHQ Safety Staff
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MER March 8 Monthly Safety Education participation is 21% 9/43, Feb 17% ❖ Wing 3/8/16 Monthly Safety Currency: DC-53%, DE-38%, MD-24%, NC-33%, SC-26%, VA-9%, WV-36%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Squadron Cadet Programs do not perform the Shuttle Run <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement in the MER Monthly Safety Currency Education compliance %



MER/CMC Chief Rommel Inoa



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
Command NCO appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none">NATCAPWG – CMSgt Dennis OrcuttNCWG – CMSgt Lou Walpus; awaiting confirmation from NCWGDEWG – CMSgt Bernard Coleman; awaiting confirmation from DEWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For every MER Wing to select its own Wing Command NCO
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need each MER Wing to appoint a Wing Command NCO, if ableEncourage prior active duty NCOs to entertain the idea of selecting CAP NCO path



MER/A1

Maj James Brogan



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Welcome to Lt Col Lybrand, our incoming A1
- 110 Annual Award nominations reviewed
- 6 Promotions Processed
- 5 Decorations Processed
- 2 Policies reviewed
- ...and a partridge in a pear tree 😊

Top Goals next Period

- Submit MER/CC annual award selections to NHQ
- Need to schedule next PhoneCon with wings
- Lt Col Lybrand has begun updating the MER Org Chart
- Consolidate lessons learned from Annual Awards

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed

- None at this time.



MER/DO A3 March 2016 Slide

Lt Col Langley / Maj Stuart



Top Accomplishments this Period

Remember MER staff has AF training budget for our use in maintaining our currency and readiness. Contact the A3e or A3 for sortie entry and approval.

MERSAR planning and execution is in full swing. We are working on staffing and logistical planning

MER Received 4 brand new G-1000 C182's this month. This was a plus up. No aircraft were required to be turned in in exchange for these birds

- Assisted wing DO Counterparts daily as needed.

Risks / Problems

- Constant monitoring of AIR and Ground ops for safety issues and trends

Top Goals next Period

- MERSAR 2016 is April 22-24 2016 @ Ft Pickett
- Preparation for MER Conference in May
- Recruiting and Attempting to Staff the open positions in the Operations A3 Team
- Review and assist wing DO Counterparts daily as needed.

Assistance Needed

- Staff support needed at MERSAR 2016 Next month. All hands on deck needed.



MER/A4

Lt Col David Oldham



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Staff - please request a laptop. There are five for distribution
 - One laptop was delivered this week

Top Goals next Period

- Distribute remaining laptops
- Vehicle for CAP Use – I have Van 99065 it is a cargo van without windows and only the two front seats (no bench seats in the rear). It is available to MER Staff members on a per use basis for CAP business. As usual, please return it with a full tank of fuel and clean. Hopefully without damage.

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed



MER/A5/8 Plans and Programs

Lt Col Haertel



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Completed Draft CAP Manual Training in CAP.

Top Goals next Period

- 6-10 April Staff Training Weekend FY 17 ATP
- FY 17 OP Plans Portfolio
- MER Conference 20 May
- CAP Manual- Training in CAP
- National Staff College 3-10 April 16

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed

- None



MER/A6

Lt Col Maurice Thomas



Top Accomplishments this Period

- **Continuous Outstanding Participation in NTN.** MER communicators, Number One!
- 2016 Region Communications Plan – completed & distributed – comment period
- Continued direct support to NHQ-NTC
- Ft. Pickett UHF Repeater may require inspection and check-out
- 2016 NESAs School attendance
- 2016 MER-SAR College planning & prep

Top Goals next Period

- Wing Communications Plans constantly reviewed
- National Traffic Net – Goal of 100% HF participation by all region assets
- National Traffic Net – Daily representation by all wings
- Be “value-added” asset to wings
- Recruitment of new technical talent
- CUL + RDO training modules

Risks / Problems

- **ROS of “live” and irreplaceable assets**
- Justification for future replacements
- UHF ISR radios will not be replaced
- VHF handhelds are in short supply
- NTC demand for itinerant radios shortfall
- Region staff and command to regularly utilize/exercise assets

Assistance Needed

- **Minimize the loss of irreplaceable assets**
- Reporting of frequent equipment failures
- Awareness of maintenance cycles and costs
- Planning assistance to the wings
- AAR must stress comm support
- Active feedback from DO and CC – focus on command concerns
- Increase CUL-T training opportunities



MER/A7 Col Trick



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Continue to work with Wing PD, CP, AE
- “Of the Years” done
- C/Col Michael McLaughlin Spaatz # 2028 (DEWG)
- Level V Maj Walt Edwards (MDWG)

Top Goals next Period

- AE - Encourage use of STEM kits
- more/new kits/topics coming
- PD - More Level V completions
- Complete staffing of RCLS and RSC

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed

- Staff for RSC



MER/A7E

Lt Col McLellan



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Continue to work with Wing DAEs
- Finished Brewer Awards, AE Officer of the Year, and Teacher of the Year nominations
- All Categories filled

Top Goals next Period

- MER AEO School Planning for 2016
- Work with MER safety on Quad Copters
- Working on new CAPP 215 Pamphlet

Risks / Problems

- None

Assistance Needed



A70

William “Bill” Ryan, Lt Col, CAP



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RCLS-South 10-15 July 16 Director Lt Col Cheryl Fielitz-Scarborough Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC• RCLS-North 17-22 July 16 Camp Pendleton, VA• Spaatz Awards<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C/Col Michael McLaughlin (DEWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish MER CP Staffing - Refill CAC advisor• Continue rewriting RCLS curriculum• Continue CP planning for MER Conference• Have primary and assistant in each CP position.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move the Warrior Challenge to the fall time frame.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking for a Director for RCLS-North.



MER/A7P Lt Col Dunn



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to work with Wing PDs - give assistance with PD courses (TLC, CLC, SLS, UCC)• Online TLC is out in MDWG• MER Members completing Level V Maj Walt Edwards (MDWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete staffing of MER RSC 2016• Get more Master Levels in specialty tracks• Get more members to Level V• Decrease time to Process PD Awards
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>



MER/FM

Lt Col Phyllis Griffin



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Processed all requests for payment/deposits
- Processed monthly credit card bill
- Attended Winter Command Council
- Discussions with Susan Easter to discuss finance issues (flight academy, NCSA finances and finance forms for activities)
- Working with various staff for MER activity budgets
- Working on Spaatz Association grant for MER HGA

Top Goals next Period

- Process all requests for payment/deposits
- Reconcile bank accounts
- Process credit card bill
- Work with Conference Project Officer to handle finances for conference
- Hold quarterly FM conference call

Risks / Problems

Computer infected; files encrypted and cannot open unless I pay hacker \$500. Using older, SLOWER computer

Assistance Needed

- Plan to get assistant more involved



MER Command Staff Briefing



- Chief Of Staff
- Region Commander

Time Permitting:

- A6I - Information Technology



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry





MER/CC

Col John Knowles



- **Staff Plays a Vital Role In EVERYTHING we do in the MER**
- **MER Staff Retreat - Track your goals**
 - Moved to the middle of the MER
 - Be Leaning forward to FY 17 ATP
- **We will need your help at the MER Conference!**
 - Got an Email from Maj Reed? – Lets all step up to help
- **MER “Of The Year” – We HAVE no empty slots!!! Thanks**
- **R & R Officer – Lt Col John Lierenz**
- **Tracking on CP and A/1**
- **MER Website – Current Events**
 - OPS – MERSAR
 - PD – MERSC
 - CP – RCLS North and South
- **Sorry Not on Call – WAA in Maine**



MER/A6I

Maj Jim Holcomb



Top Accomplishments this Period

- **Thank you for the warm welcome!**
- **Website:**
 - Created new module for FY16 ATP
 - Created new “Upcoming Events” menu. Currently 4 new items posted
 - MERSAR College 2016
 - MERCCSC (Chaplains College)
 - MER RCLS
 - MER Staff College
 - Also posted staff openings for RCLS
- General acclamations to new position

Top Goals next Period

- Received new directions from MER/CV East – to be discussed at upcoming Staff Retreat
- Continue to make MER Website interactive and relevant central location for MER activities and events.
- Reach out to MER PAO for updated image content for front page. Recent and relevant.
- Assist to determine IT needs for MERSAR and Staff Retreat.
- Assist DCoS Staff to update their sections of the MER Staff Sections webpages.

Risks / Problems

- Stepping into new position requires small learning curve. Be patient please 😊
- We have experienced some minor issues with OwnCloud. Major release upcoming this week. Hopefully this will resolve these issues.
- Subordinate staff members do not have unique, individual Email/OwnCloud access

Assistance Needed

- MERSAR: Wifi / MiFi hotspots needed.
- Interviewing for Assistant Dir of IT
- Ideas on how to incorporate 75th year Anniversary into the MER website.
- Capabilities link? Total Force video?
- Recent MER Events, such as SC flooding, VIRB, Comms HF international contact.