

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing 28 November 2016



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MER/CC



MER Wing Commander Briefing



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MER/DE Col Michael R. Moyer



Top Accomplishments this Period

- A CGM Awarded (Sussex)
- Very successful SAREX 60+ / 21 Sorties
- SURVEY AUDIT Complete awaiting report
- Started 2018 GIA Application
- Full A3 Structure in place
- New DO and DOV
- McClanahan, our newest DEWG IC3

Top Goals next Period

- DART
- 75th Resolution from Delaware legislature
- Remove 4981G from DEWG.
- CGM Presentations in New Castle
- 75th Anniversary Resolutions
- VIRB Mounts
- Continue project to relocate R-09; most likely to Bissell Hospital.

Risks / Problems

- No Wing HQ or Official Storage
- Downgrading one Squadron to Flight
- Prepare for CI OCT 2017
- Elmer Boyer vehicle accident
- Incomplete / missing paperwork in missions
- Cold weather, frosted wings
- WEX vs Shell Cards

Assistance Needed

- Website (NHQ) Standards?



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter




<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Solidified new squadron plans in Baltimore City•Successful MDWG Conference – 250 PAX!•Great PA coverage with Hurricane Matthew Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Ongoing Facilities Work•New Website under development•Support 75th Anniversary Events•Support Wreaths Across America•Finalize new MEOC•Complete Annual Inventory / DLADS turn-in•Recruiting and Retention
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



DCWG/CC Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 Oct—406 MHz Find...US Army Helo at National Armory• 8 Oct—Congressional Gold Medal—Elizabeth “Libby” Haynes• 19 Nov—SAREX with CNG• Aircraft currently at Stafford owing to Davison runway repair—ETIC 12/30/16• Col “Irish” Porter, DC045/CC earned CFI rating• 21 Nov—Red Cross Lifesaving Award presentation• Membership: Total 467 / C 186 / S 281	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 Dec—Wreaths Across America• 27 Jan—Winter SAREX• 4-5 Feb—SLS• 4-5 Mar—CLC• 11 Mar—Wing Conference/Banquet/CoC• 15-16 Jul—UCC• 10-11 Sep—SLS• 14-15 Oct—CLC 
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter weather may challenge flying in next few months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Successful WVWG Conference & Banquet – Waterfront Hotel, Morgantown – 15 Oct
- AFRCC BISC Course – Camp Dawson, Kingwood – 21-23 Oct
- Flight Clinic/Airborne Photographer Training – Clarksburg – 19 Nov
- SAREX Statewide – 29 Oct
 - Used new 406 practice beacon w/Becker
- Worked new permanent internet service for Wing HQ with Lumos – due to landslide in Mar 2015
- Under contract for 2017 Wing Conference on 21 Oct at the Charleston Marriott

Risks / Problems

- None at this time

Top Goals next Period

- WVWG Cadet Competition – Rescheduled to 3 Dec in Morgantown
- G1000 Ground School - Clarksburg – 3 Dec
- Finalize Annual Inventory and CAPF171 – 5 Dec
- Working salvage of N704DE with NHQ due to corrosion issue – Not able to be auctioned
- Wreathes Across America – National and local cemeteries statewide – 17 Dec
- Working estimates for new Antenna Tower at Wing Hq for ICP

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">• Assisted NCWG with response to Matthew• Conducted Wing Wide Exercise• Participated in National CommOut Exercise and learned some things• Supported VDF with annual CommEx & multistate defense force drill• Annual Inventory 95% complete• Working updated MOU with VDEM• Working MOU with DMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish annual inventory• Conduct a Change of Command for VAWG• Conduct advanced CISM course w/MER• Complete a ICS 300 course at WG• Assist NHQ with 75th Gala at UHASM• Support WAA at Arlington in Dec• Begin the 2016 Of-the-year awards process
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lost 3 aircraft to “retirement”• Aging vehicle fleet is causing problems with maintenance (repairs cost more than vehicles are worth)• 2 FY16 new vehicles have not arrived – are replacing retired vehicles lost over a year ago• CommOut exercise identified some C&C problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CommOut planning



NCWG/CC

Col Jason Bailey



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 1-2 Successful Group Commander Retreat• Good turn out for Wing Communications Conference October 1• Hurricane Matthew-with much support from outside Wings• Hurricane Matthew AAR-updates• Support of 3-58th for Tactical Readiness and Validation support. SCWG supported also due to Hurricane Matthew• Successful Emergency Services Ranger training weekend• Continued Media Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CI In-Brief Dec 15 on site Jan 28-29• Wing Conference Feb 3-5• End of Year awards finalization before Dec 31• Continue with CI prep• Finalize Annual Inventory• Support WAA• Pickup Communications trailer in Kansas
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to replace IG	<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">• Successful response to Hurricane Matthew with assistance from many.• Wing sponsored senior member orientation flights.• 1 cadet completed first solo.• Appointed Lt Col Nicole Shaffner as DCS. She will oversee Cadet Programs, Public Affairs.• Appointed Capt George Davis as DCP.• Received and are integrating N916CP and N9983H. N759MY is being sold.• Training for awards write-ups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awards write-ups, including end-of-term.• Adding tow capability to N9983H.• Holiday o-flights.• Clearing of logistics and communications inventory issues and completion of annual inventory.• Preparation for anticipated 2017 CI. In-house review of “tabletop” CI.• Local training.• Preparation for March 2017 wing conference and change of command.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 flat tires on N819CP over the weekend (new-to-CAP pilot with CAP CFI). Safety review in process.• Director of Aerospace Education. We’re doing good things in AE, but it can be done better and in a far more coordinated fashion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle disposal and replacement – 175s have been submitted.



MER Command Staff Briefing



- CMC – Region Command Chief
- Chief Of Staff
- Vice Commander East
- Vice Commander West
- Region Commander



MER/Command NCO CMSgt Dennis Orcutt



Top Accomplishments this Period

Top Goals next Period

Command NCO appointments Need to know/appoint

- MER – CMSgt Orcutt
- DCWG – 4 NCOs, 2 in 000 SQ
- NCWG – 4 NCOs
- SCWG – 1 NCO
- DEWG – 2 NCOs
- MDWG – 1 NCO
- VAWG – 3 NCOs
- WVWG – 1 NCO
(numbers as of Nov CAP/CCC pull)
- Updated CAPR 35-5 Officer and NCO Appointments is out and posted in e-services!

- For every MER Wing to select its own Wing Command NCO
- To coordinate a strong retention and recruiting initiative with the MER Wing Command NCOs ... as soon as their respective Wing Commanders designate them
- Visit Units/Events with MER/CC etc.

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed

- Not all MER Wings have active/retired NCOs

- Need each MER Wing to appoint a Wing Command NCO, if able
- Encourage prior active duty NCOs to entertain the idea of selecting CAP NCO path
- CC/CV/CS share calendar for visits



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Researched and purchased AnyMeeting as our Conference Call / Screen Sharing provider for one year
- Attended WVWG Conference 14 – 16 OCT
- Conference Call with A5/8 and Director, Cyber Programs – 2 NOV
- Conference Call with A7 and MER Activity Directors who presented 2016 summary and recommendations for 2017 - 3 NOV
- Conference Call with 2016 MERSC Director and Assistant Director – 8 NOV
- Attended MER Staff Retreat / MDWG Conference

Top Goals next Period

- Find A6IA
- 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
- Continue to develop depth in staff areas – assistants
- Attend CAP 75th Anniversary Gala at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center / Air and Space Museum - 1 DEC
- Attend Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery – 17 DEC

Risks / Problems

- MER Staff Safety Currency – 100%
- Establish remaining / new MER Staff to Wing Staff conference calls. Minimum Quarterly

Assistance Needed

- None



28 Nov 16

MER CV-E/Ops Col Jerry Weiss



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<p>Since the last briefed CUB 12 Nov16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended MER Retreat and MDWG Conference• Attended MDWG Commanders Call• Finished and distributed FY16 Tng and Non-Tng Metrics Scorecard• Sent out the FY17 Non-Tng Metric Scorecard to Staff and Wing Commanders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with Wings to build NAI and CI Lists• Work with Det 2 and A3Q to build scenarios and MSEL for Ops Evals• Finish and Track Facilities requests with A3Q• Work with A3 on aircraft turn-in and FY 17 cross-level Allocation• Work with VAWG on Joint Conference (7-9 Apr 17)• Work with A5/8 to plan Staff Retreat (21-23 Apr 17) and Commanders Retreat (19-21 May 17)
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aircraft Turn-in (Getting A/C off the Wing's books)	



Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended AFRCC Incident Commander Training Course• Attended WV Wing Conference• Started Wing Commander Selection Process for NATCAP & SC Wings• Attended MER Staff Retreat and MD Wing Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Process for Selection of New SC Wing Commander• Complete Selection Process for NATCAP Wing Commander• Attend CAP's 75th Anniversary Gala, at Dulles Airport• Participate in the MARB
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<p>None at this time!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need Members for NATCAP and SC Wing Selection Boards



- **2017 MER Conf – April 7-9 Joint w/ VAWG**
- **Aircraft Shuffle Continues**
- **Calendar Events FY 17 – Staffing Changes**
 - **MERSAR, RCLS, Flight Academy, Honor Guard,**
- **Recruiting Plan – Need your FY17 plan**
- **Scorecard Goals – Sent out last week**
- **CSAG Items – Any other things?**
- **BoG – Selecting new COO this week**
- **Social Media Reminder**
- **PAO – Interviews (recruiting opportunity)**