

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing 23 January 2017



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MER/CC



MER Wing Commander Briefing



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DEWG/CC

Col Michael R. Moyer



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ SAV – CLOSED➤ 2017 Legislative Day Brochure submitted➤ 2018 GIA Application Submitted➤ Participated in Wreaths Across America➤ AE Report and POA Complete➤ Achieved 100% of O-flight goal in December➤ NOV SAREX – 63 Members / 57 Qual➤ New IG / IT➤ 2017 Crisis Communication Plan➤ 2017 Public Affairs Plan➤ Delaware Today Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CONFERENCE DATE (JUNE)➤ CESSNA Pick Up 29 JAN➤ Decommission of N706DE➤ Install DelDot Radios in three aircraft➤ SAREX February 11th (2nd weekend in February). Location Dover AFB, DE.➤ New Comm Van in-processing➤ VIRB Mounts (337s?)➤ JROTC Flights
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ DOWNGRADE ONE UNIT TO A FLIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CI OCT 2017 / MER IG



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Successful WAA/75th Support•New MEOC Nearly Completed•Inauguration Support•RPA Chase Mission•National Guard/VAWG Intel Sharing Course•ES Grant from BGE•Successful tests on new COMS link for State EOC (Air to Ground)•Mr. Walsh US Cyber Command Site Visit for NHQ/MER Hosted Cyber Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•SAV•Static Display•Ongoing Facilities Work•New Website under development•Recruiting and Retention – right sizing the squadron sizes•Work with a better “as good” DCWG/CC
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued advocacy of recruiting strategies vs. reports



NATCAPWG/CC

Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inauguration Support of DCHSEMA and US Air Force• 2016<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record NCSA application—44• Cadet support to 75th celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NATCAPWG interviews...February• NATCAPWG Conference and Change of Command/Banquet, 11 Mar 17• SAREX w/CNG Squadron, 2/11/17
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to close on DAA Facility (CAP-USAF action)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NATCAPWG end of tour Region-level and one National-level award



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



Top Accomplishments this Period

- WVWG Cadet Competition – 3 Dec 16
- G1000 Ground School - CKB – 3 Dec 16
- Wreaths Across America – National and local cemeteries statewide – 17 Dec 16
- Wing wide SAR @ CKB, W99, MRB & BLF – 21 Jan 17
- Have 3 of 5 Legislative Day appointments confirmed with representatives
- Moved Wing Prof Dev Weekend to deconflict from MER Conf – 5-7 May 17

Top Goals next Period

- Operation Frostbite – 17-19 Feb 17
- Wing SAR – 18-19 Mar 17
- Mountain Flying Clinic – 22 Apr 17
- Continuing to pursue bids for new Antenna Tower at Wing Hq for ICP
- Planning meeting 25 Jan for the National Boy Scout Jamboree
- WV Aeronautics Commission may be realigning and Wing is working legislative authorization to realign under Military Authority for our State funding
- Working legislative bill for CAP Leave Act

Risks / Problems

- Looking at possible streaming media solutions in support of the National Boy Scout Jamboree

Assistance Needed

- None at this time



VAWG/CC

Lt Col Dean Gould



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Squadron at Herdon• Working updated MOU with VDEM• Conducted advanced CISM course w/MER• Assist NHQ with 75th Gala at UHASM• Received 1 new 12-pax van, getting MR• Worked building config, new classroom• Completed inventory• AP School – 20 qual'd photographers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a Change of Command for VAWG – 4 Feb 17• Wing-Wide SAREX (Late Feb) Eval Prep• VDF CommEx with SAREX• Legislative Day – Cadet Ambassadors• MER/VA Conference Planning
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retirement aircraft – Sitting at wing• 1 FY16 new vehicle has not arrived – are replacing retired vehicles lost over a year ago• C-182 needs engine overhaul (~1400hrs early) – off books until fixed (4th AC at wing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Planning



NCWG/CC

Col Jason Bailey



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All CI Documents uploaded into eServices and in-brief accomplished Dec 01.• Admin, PD, DP, CP, Safety CI interviews already accomplished• Professional Development Weekend at Wing HQ 17-18 Dec• Encampment Command and Cadet Command staff selection boards held• Replacement IG selected-Change to occur after CI completion.• Wing SAREX Jan 20-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CI on site Jan 26-29• Wing Conference Feb 3-5• Winter RTW Feb 10-12• Pilot of UCC Feb 17-19• NCWG Cadet Comp Feb 24-26• CAP Legislative Day• NCWG Drill and Ceremonies Academy Mar 17-19• NCWG ICP training Mar 25• Pickup Communications trailer in Kansas to occur in March
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC-111 meeting location terminated due to building being condemned. Airport looking to relocate	<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">• State Platinum finish for Lexington Composite Squadron in cyber competition, a few other CAP folks from outside the squadron augmented.• Coordinated AE trips (ongoing) including visits to area planetariums.• Completed LG/Comm inventories.• “Storm the Yorktown” outing 7 January, selected units and members.• CGM presented to two WWII members, one to the family, posthumously.• C/Maj Noah Eudy successfully soloed 11/22 with a CAP instructor. SC Wing continues to develop its Cadet Flight Training Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and supplement awards write-ups.• Short-term: complete review of CI documentation. Assist staff with issues, and coordinate with squadron commanders where additional information is needed.• Wing Conference / Change of Command March 18. Invitations and registration this week.• Appoint a wing PAO, and cadet assistants for web/social media.• Appoint a wing DAE. Looking for the right combination of passion for and knowledge about the program (or the willingness to learn).• Complete and close out all Reports of Survey.• Re-engage Emergency Services Training at wing level.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operating without a DAE is putting undue strain on Chief of Staff, need to find the right person.• Conference/CI/Change of Command in a 1 week period. Need to find a way to shift in 4 years. Did not work out this time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Affairs support/training (emphasis on leveraging social media for both internal and external uses) for our wing conference. Lt Col Shaffner working with MER/PA.



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

- No new significant events to report

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)

Top Goals next Period

- 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
- Visit Units/Events with MER/CC etc.
- NCO Recruiting Plan for current CAP Officers was slated to start this month. Awaiting word from NHQ/CCC to verify details to include CAP NCO ppt presentation

Risks / Problems

- Not all MER Wings have active/retired NCOs

Assistance Needed

- 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

- Attended Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery – 17 DEC
- Assisted with Annual Inventory
- Reviewed and revised the MER OTY Awards Process
- Selected A6IA Candidate – Lt Col Kertis Henderson, NCWG
- Posted MER Position Vacancies. Re-posted on all Wing list servers. THANK YOU!
- Conducted interviews for: MERSC, RCLS/N, RCLS/S, HGA
 - Selected MERSC, RCLS / N & S Directors

Top Goals next Period

- Find A6PA – Assistant Historian
- Find A4 / A4A – Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics and / or Assistant
- Post Vacancy and find A1A – Assistant Director of Administration and Personnel
- Interview AE Activity Director / select HGA Director
- Find Coordinator: Wreaths Across America-Arlington National Cemetery Event
- Attend NCWG Conference - 3 - 5 Feb
- Serve on the SCWG / CC Candidate Review Board - 24 – 26 FEB
- 2017 MER/VAWG Conference – 7 – 9 April
 - Work with counterparts for seminarsa1@mer.cap.gov
- OTY Awards submitted to the MER using new email: OTY Awards@mer.cap.gov NLT 15 FEB
 - A1, Lt Col Lybrand has made personal contact with most Wing DA/DP
 - A1 sending out instruction email to Wing DP/DA and copying Wing / CC's this week
 - A1 hosting conference call w/l next two weeks to review instructions and answer questions

Risks / Problems

- Naming convention for CUB Slide
- Establish remaining / new MER Staff to Wing Staff conference calls. Minimum Quarterly
- Unit Citation Awards – Include Metrics / Data Points

Assistance Needed

- None



23 JAN 17

MER CV-E/Ops Col Jerry Weiss



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Since the last briefed CUB 28 Nov16:
- Conducted Selection Board and submitted recommendation for new VAWG Commander (10 Dec 16)
 - Worked with A3 on aircraft turn-in and FY 17 cross-level Allocation

Top Goals next Period

- Work with VAWG to plan Change of Command (4 Feb 17)
- 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 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)

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed



Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiated Wing Commander Selection Process for NATCAP & SC Wings• Currently in Comment Period for both Wings• Selection Boards Established for both Wings & Interview Dates Set – Need to Establish Times for Interviews• Coordinated Scheduling of 2018 WV Wing Encampment, at Camp Dawson• Established Scholarship Fund for WV Cadets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Process for Selection of New SC Wing Commander• Complete Selection Process for NATCAP Wing Commander• Attend NC Wing Conference in Feb.• Attend NATCAP Conference & Change of Command in March• Attend SC Wing Conference & Change of Command in March
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<p>None at this time!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None At This Time



- **2017 MER Conf – April 7-9 Joint w/ VAWG**
- **Aircraft assignments**
- **Calendar Events FY 17 – Staffing Changes**
 - **RCLS, Flight Academy, Honor Guard,**
 - **Need help – WAA next year and other jobs**
- **Recruiting Plan – Sending out the #'s**
- **MERSAR – Lodging issues**
- **CCC Meeting – NHQ Staff time (do we need it)**
- **CSAG Items – Any other things?**
- **PAO – Interviews (recruiting opportunity)**
- **Thanks – WAA, Wing CC, Selection Boards**