

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

MER Commanders Update Briefing 17 July 2017



Col John Knowles
MER/CC



MER Wing Commander Briefing



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MER Command Staff Briefing



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



NATCAPWG/CC

Col JD Ellis



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Canadian Air Cadets: 21-28 May• Memorial Day Parade: 29 May• United Community Event (DC): 2 Jun• SLS & TLC-Basic: 10-11 Jun• JROTC Academic Challenge: 23-26 Jun• SAREX: 24 Jun• Tri-Wing Encampment: 25 Jun – 2 Jul• Col Roland Butler Flight Academy: 1-9 Jul• IACE Support (Vehicles): Jul• Change of command for 50% of squadrons complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAREX; 5 Aug• National Conference: 29 Aug – 3 Sep• Prep for Tri-Wing SAREX
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JBAB MOU• DAA Real Property Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



MER/DE

Col Michael R. Moyer



Top Accomplishments this Period

- GIA
- New ecclesiastical endorsement
- Five new 800 MHz
- Implemented TEST of new Wing alert app
- July SAREX was successful
- 124.6 flight hours = 24.92 hours for 5 A/C (Double last month's averages!)
- Wing Comm Plan submitted to NHQ
- The Kent repeater is back in full operation, albeit at a temporary location

Top Goals next Period

- CI INBRIEF OCTOBER 19 2017
- Rep Rochester Membership Presentation
- Wing conf/Gold Medals 30 Sept at Dover
- Increase the number of Yeager Awards
- August SAREX is being planned for August 12th
- September SAREX is being planned for September 9th
- Resolve ADSB Installation
 - Potential lower cost NC options
 - Use local but more expensive vendors
- The New Castle repeater is still not functioning up to its full capacity. Prep materials for DAFB Airshow
- Complete destruction of obsolete admin at DANG facility

Risks / Problems

- CLC Cancelled (Students/Volunteers)
- No cadets went to MER Cadet Comp
- Issues with setting up next CAC meeting

Assistance Needed

- VHF nets – Thursday nights; need more participation, net control stations
- Need more HF stations! Need more participation for communication exercises!
- Dover AFB Air Show 26-27 August



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bay Patrol Continues – State Homeland Security added to the mission profile (1AF Approved)• New Website completed waiting on NHQ to publish the site• Recruiting and Retention Efforts continue• Tri-Wing Encampment success• IACE Hosting (ongoing)• Solo School• Three MDWG Cadets attending Delaware State University Flight School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV Closeouts• Static Display• Ongoing Facilities Work• Recruiting and Retention – summer push• DLADS Disposals• Wing Conference Planning
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still looking for an A8 and GRA/LL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued advocacy of recruiting strategies vs. reports



- **2018 MER Conference – looking at May/June**
- **MERSAR 2018 – Mar/Apr timeframe**
- **Recruiting/Retention – how is your wing doing?**
- **Scorecard Goals – please monitor**
- **August Conference – Topics?**
 - **Issues you want to discuss at the 1 hour we will have**
- **NCO's – For you wing**
- **Reporting – MER Calendar**
- **Safety – Monthly Training still required**
 - **SIRS – root cause – corrective actions**



MER/Command NCO CMSgt Dennis Orcutt



Top Accomplishments this Period

- 910th Airlift Wing Airshow 10-11 Jun
- Tri-Wing Encampment Success!
- OH-051 YARS Unit Visit 3 Jul
- Mount Vernon Unit Visit 6 Jul
- WV Wing Encampment Visit 14 Jul
- VA Wing Encampment Visit 15 Jul

Top Goals next Period

- Senior Member NCO Recruiting Drive through 28 Feb 18:

FORMER	18 Months		3 Years		7 Years		10+ Years		TIME IN CAP	
MILITARY	LEVEL I		LEVEL II		LEVEL III		LEVEL IV		LEVEL V	PD LEVEL
GRADE	2d Lt	1st Lt	Capt	Capt	Major	Major	Lt Col	≥ Lt Col	CAP GRADE	
E-4	SSgt		TSgt		MSgt		SMSgt		NCO	
E-5	SSgt		TSgt		MSgt		SMSgt		CONVERSION GRADE	
E-6	TSgt		MSgt		SMSgt		SMSgt			
E-7	MSgt		SMSgt		SMSgt		SMSgt			
E-8	SMSgt		SMSgt		SMSgt		SMSgt			

Risks / Problems

Assistance Needed

- Still 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 Tri-Wing Encampment Dining Out and Graduation, Camp Fretterd, MD – 8 – 9 JUN
- Visited WVWG Encampment, Camp Dawson, WV – 9 JUL
- Visited Hawk Mountain Ranger School - Kempton, PA – 15 JUL
- Lt Col Kertis Henderson – moved from A6IA to A6I
- Selected A7P – Deputy Chief of Staff, Professional Development – Lt Col Wright, MER A7PI
- Selected A4 - Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics – Lt Col Dana Thorpe, MDWG

Top Goals next Period

- Find A1A – Assistant Director of Administration and Personnel
- Find A6PA – Assistant Historian
- Find PAA – Assistant PAO's
- Find A6IA - Assistant Director of IT
- Attend MER Honor Guard Academy Graduation - 29 JUL
- Visit MER Staff College – 12 – 19 AUG, Camp Pendleton, VA
- Attend CAP National Conference 31 AUG – 3 SEP - San Antonio, TX
- Attend MER Warrior Challenge – 8 – 10 SEP - Langley Air Force Base, Langley AFB, Hampton, VA,

Risks / Problems

- None

Assistance Needed

- Finding MER Staff members
- Warrior Challenge Participation



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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 22 APR 17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated Cdrs Retreat• Conducted Ops Evals for NC&SC and VA&WV• Reviewed and approved Wing ATPs and Training Plans• Visited VAWG Encampment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pushing UFRs• Working with Vendor for MER 2018 Conference• Prep for National Conference – Agenda for MER Commanders Meeting• Prep for Fall Staff Retreat
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
NSTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



Vice Commander – West Col Bruce “Blue Dot” Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended WVWG SAREVAL• Attended Butler Flight Academy• Great work by Wings addressing inspection responses• Great job by Wing Commanders reaching out to John and I on issues...I'm your sounding board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Conference in San Antonio, TX...See you there• I will be in California for training in September...in case you need me, text or email• I am trying to get to Wing Staff meetings before end of year.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None At This Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Want to address application process for Butler Flight Academy• Please encourage pilots to fly B and C missions...funding is tight, stay proficient



NCWG/CC

Col Jason Bailey



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spaatz Cadet Daniel Donahue• Attended RCCC meeting with TAG• 3-58th and 2-130th missions• Successful Joint SAREVAL with SCWG• Johnston County Airport has approved a new building for the Squadron• Communications trailer on way back from BB this week• Statewide Vigilant Catamount mission with NCEM went well• Successful Encampment• Meetings with USAF, NCEM, and others regarding permanent encampment /ES site• Group 1 CC replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow through the process of the encampment/ES site• Asked by NCEM to interview replacement for NCEM CAP Liaison Director interviews coming up• Group 2 and 3 CC replacements• Unit CC Retreat September 8-10• Final planning for the Cadet Programs 75th anniversary Oct 28th• Meetings with State Legislature re: reduction to NCEM/CAP Division also growth of Legislative Squadron• Hal Gary move in next month• Parking lot upgrades to NCWG HQ• 2-130th mission ongoing• August 11-13 Mountain Fury
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued work to replace staff members in place getting burned out-Ops, LG, AE• Retirement of NCEM Director	



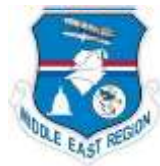
SCWG/CC

Col Lee Safley





VAWG/CC Col Dean Gould



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wing Wide SAREX – Successful• Budget and Training Plan – Approved<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two Year Training Plan• Encampment – Ft Pickett<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Largest seen to date• Planned building config...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flight Clinic - Postponed• Communication Response Policy• Move Langley Composite Squadron<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finishing Final Hurdle• IACE Support• Honor Guard College – Raptor Town• Conference• Hire contractor for building work
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comm Trailer...Determining the Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None at this time.



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Ground Pounders I 19-21 May
- Wing HQ New gas line Phase I and Antenna projects wrapped up Jun 17
- Start CD operations – 1 Jun
- SAV completed – 2 Jun - Preparing answers for discrepancies
- Completed Combined Ops Eval with VAWG
- Realignment under DMAPS effective 1 Jul
 - Just under 10% cut - FY18 State \$
- Completed WVWG Encampment @ Camp Dawson – 7-15 Jul

Top Goals next Period

- BSA Jamboree – 18-29 Jul 17
 - Provide DAART, VIRB and still photos as requested
 - STEM displays being set up on the Bechtel Reserve
 - DAART Supplier technicians coming onsite 21 Jul
- Ground Pounders II – 4-6 Aug 17
- WVWG Glider Flight Academy, Grant County Airport - 6-13 Aug 17
- Powered and Glider O-ride Weekend – 25-27 Aug - Grant County Airport

Risks / Problems

- Army NG has been unresponsive on helping to provide Harris PRC 117 Radio solution for the BSA Jamboree
- Plan is to use back up Verizon air card service for DAART – Concern is bandwidth with additional 50K in the Bechtel Reserve
- Requested VAWG/MDWG standby support for real world ops during BSA Jamboree

Assistance Needed

- None at this time