

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

MER Commanders Update Briefing 22 January 2018



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MER/CC



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MER Command Staff Briefing



- 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">• Tri-Wing SAREX (18 Nov 17)• TLC (2 Dec 17)• Met with DC TAG, Director of Joint Staff (DC Guard) on 14 Dec 17• SAV concluded (18 Dec 17)• Wreaths Across America (15, 16 Dec 17)• Spaatz award ceremony, Pentagon (28 Dec 17)• Character Day (6 Jan 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wing Cadet Competition (27 Jan 18)• DCHSEMA EOC Activation for State of the Union (30-31 Jan)• Annual Cadet Review Board (10 Feb 18)• SAREX (10 Feb 18), Prep for OPSEVAL• Annual Awards (15 Feb 18)• Winter Command Council (1-3 Mar 18)• NATCAPWG Conference (17 Mar 18)• Work SAV discrepancies• Squadrons participating in Cyber Patriot and Academic Challenge• Consolidating public facing websites
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WFA Assessment (working)• Climate in Hangar, work environment for WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



DEWG/CC

Col Michael Moyer



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•CI DEC 2017•One new CAP “Flight” in operation•Wreaths Across America - local•Legislative Day Brochure completed•FY 2019 GIA Application completed•2018 Delaware Wing AE Plan of Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•TRI-Wing SAREVAL planning•Verizon hotspots for DAART•Possible Wilmington cadet unit•Working on B18 mission with DeIDOT•Closing CI items (16)
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•No Wing HQ•Staff ending terms•Monthly safety education misunderstanding•CAC•Color Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADSB from NHQ• Find a permanent home for Kent (R-62) repeater.



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Mission Pilot / Mountain Fury Courses Completed•Wreaths Across America Support (Both State of Maryland and ANC)•Ground Operations Courses•ROTC O-Flights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•SAV Closeout•Static Display•Ongoing Facilities Work•Recruiting and Retention Concentration•CISM Course Attendance•Tri-Wing Encampment Cadre Selection•UCC•Finalize NCSA Applications•Finalize MER OTY Packages•Legislative Day Meetings•CY18 MDWG Conference Location•Build initial support plan for 2019 Nat Conf. Support
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Commander Vacancies / Bench•Charter Review (Might impact 2 units)•Access to 172's•Still need a Finance Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



- **2018 MER Conference CC Retreat – 17-20 May**
- **MERSAR 2018 – 31 May – 3 June**
- **Scorecard Goals – on the website or Col Egry**
- **Winter Conference - Items-Questions (1 Feb Deadline)**
- **Best Practices 2-3 from MER (5 mins – 1 Feb Deadline)**
- **CSAG Meeting – Update**



- **MER)** Over the course of CAP's history we have seen some major changes in the operational and ES-related missions that we perform. Other missions have remained much the same as those which we conducted in our early years. Looking forward, what operational and ES missions do you think we should prepare for in order to remain relevant to the Air Force and other Federal, State, and Local customers?



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Attended Wreaths Across America – Arlington National Cemetery Event – 16 DEC
- Attended Hawk Mountain Ranger School Senior Staff Meeting – PAWG / HQ - 17 DEC
- Worked with A4 and A6 to complete Annual Inventory re-validation NLT 7 DEC. Thanks to all Wings for cooperation!
- Worked with MER A6I to select Skype for the replacement of Anymeeting as the go forward conference call / screen sharing tool.
- Working with MER Staff to prepare seminars / presentations for the MER Conference. Reached out to Chaplain to coordinate worship services.
- Began 2017 OTY Award process – Due to MER NLT 15 FEB. Announcement going out within the week as a reminder.

Top Goals next Period

- Find A6PA – Assistant Historian
- Find PAA – Assistant PAO's
- Find A6IA - Assistant Director of IT
- Prepare for 2017 OTY Awards Processing
- Roll-out Skype to entire MER Staff and conduct first full MER Staff meeting using the tool
- Complete 2017 OTY Awards and submit to NHQ

Risks / Problems

- Recruiting additional qualified assistants and developing “bench strength” for MER Staff
- Ensure all MER Staff hold conference calls (minimum quarterly) with Wing Counterparts

Assistance Needed

- Keeping MER Calendar Current – Check Often. Contact me if you or your staff sees something drop off



22 JAN 18

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 17 JUL 17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secured contract for MER Conference site - Conducted Site Visit with Col Knowles and Capt Haight - Completed the cross walk comparing our 2018 ATP to the NHQ Strategic Planning Annex for 2019 to determine what is New, and what is being Deleted - Completed OPORD for Staff Retreat (TBP 7 Feb) - Completed letter for DEWG Selection (TBP 1 Feb) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on OPORD for Staff Retreat – Staff Prep - Develop OPORD for Commanders Retreat - Working with Det 2 CAP-USAF on Ardent Sentry and the Ops Eval for DC-DE-MD Wings - Working with NHQ on a Region Commanders Brief at the FEMA NRCC on the role of the CAP LNO to the NRCC - Continue to work on the MER Conference - Work with A3 on MERSAR
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
NSTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once finalized review contract for Facility for MER Conference



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">• Began WVWG Commander search process• Attended NATCAPWG staff meeting• Mentoring, answering questions, and aiding our staff and Wing Commanders• Numerous personnel issues worked with wings—please reach out early for advice• Working CAP/DO geospatial issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCWG Conference• Looking forward to Tri-Wing SAREVAL...hoping help with training• Preparation for WVWG Commander Selection Board<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due 7 April• Board, TBD May• CoC, 20 October• DEWG asked me lead do Flight Clinic
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I continue to travel for work...so bear with me if I don't respond instantly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commanders, continue to let me know where you need help



NCWG/CC

Col Jason Bailey



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCEM CAP Liaison Director hired his assistant• All supplements approved by the OPR's at NHQ and on website• New DCP in place. Encampment and NCSA interviews held on 13th with remaining interviews for NCSA's 9Feb• Successful Ground Team weekend Dec 2• Many new NC-999 with more to come. Just finished weekend.• Group 4 CC replacement named• Col Ragland and Lt Col Weinflash working with State and ANG on encampment site.• Replaced Wing DO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wing SAREX 26-28Jan• Wing Conference 9-11Feb• NCWG Cadet Comp 3Feb• Winter Command Council• Wing Conference Project Officer selection for 2019. Location selected• Wing Plans and Programs Officer to present project tracker to all Wing Staff and current project officers and publish on inward facing website• Follow SCWG model for tracking of metrics. Compare to the metrics submitted by each Group and squadron• Drone program development
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>



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">• Professional Development Weekend I• Successful meeting with TAG• Wreaths Across America...Huge success• Hosted MER CISM Course, Jan 12-15• Mission Aircrew School, Grp 2/4...success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Development Weekend II• Branch Directors Course Part 2• All Hazards Plans Director Course• Encampment cadre selection-172 applied• Mission Aircrew School group 1/3• VAWG Commander Retreat (2-4 Feb)• VAWG Cadet Competition• Annual Awards• SAV Prep• Develop GT/UDF local training program• Continuing 2-yr training plan development• Working Fuel at Langley• National Legislative Day Prep• CAP protection bill
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cadet on Cadet Protection Issues• Comm Trailer...Determining the Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel at Langley



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ WVWG Cadet Competition – WVU AFROTC Morgantown –2 Dec - Prepping for MER➤ G1000 VFR/IFR Ground School – Clarksburg, WV – 2 Dec➤ Wreaths Across America – 16 Dec➤ Wing SAREX – Multiple Locations – Jan➤ State Legislative Day, Charleston, WV - 12 Jan – TAG requesting same \$249K➤ New MOU completed with DMAPS➤ Disseminated initial solicitation for new WVWG/CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Cold Weather Operations SAR – 16-18 Feb – Bluefield, WV➤ Making appointments with National Legislative members➤ Continue to push ADS-B retrofits on fleet➤ Mission Scanner/Observer Ground Training➤ Submitting specifications to DMAPS for Wing HQ furnace retrofit➤ CV had meeting with TAG regarding potential to further use Guard facilities & hangars
<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