

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

MER Commanders Update Briefing 16 July 2018



Col John Knowles
MER/CC



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- 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">• Ardent Sentry/Tri-Wing OPSEVAL (5-12 May 18)• Military Invention Day - National Museum of American History (19 May)• Total Force Partners Painting Relay (24-25 May)• National Memorial Day Parade (28 May)• MER SAR College (1-3 Jun)• NATCAPWG SAREX (9 Jun)• Innovations in Flight–Udvar Hazy (16 Jun)• Cadet Officer School (22 Jun – 6 Jul)-Ellis• National Cadet Competition (30 Jun – 2 Jul)• Tri-Wing Encampment (23 Jun – 1 Jul)• SLS at JBAB (30 Jun – 1 Jul)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MER Staff College at JBA (12 – 18 Jul)• Arlington Composite Sq CoC (18 Jul 18)• New Chief of Staff Appointment (18 Jul)• NATCAPWG SAREX (11 Aug)• Kings Dominion (15 Aug)• National Conference (23-25 Aug)• CLC at JBAB (15-16 Sep)• TLC (Basic & Int) at JBAB (22-23 Sep)• Challenger 1 Cadet Sq Change of Cmnd• Continue to work SAV discrepancies• Consolidating public facing websites• Complete JBAB MOU revision• Complete DC HSEMA MOU revision• Wreaths Across America 18 prep meetings
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff and Sq Commander Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTR



DEWG/CC

Col Robert Mooney



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Squadron Charter Wilmington• Wing Staff positions filled• FY 2019 GIA approved -20% increase• Successful Wing Conference and Change of Command• Last acft having ADSB unit installed• 32 DEWG personnel at TWE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IACE cadets hosting• Squadron COC- restructuring• Update supplements• Stakeholders meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">* DENG Adj General* NCC Govt- Wing Bldg* DELDOT/ Sec of Transport• Comm Van modification
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Wing HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th aircraft• Completing of testing at new location in Kent County for Kent (R-62) repeater.• Verizon hotspots for DAART from NHQ



MDWG/CC

Col Joe Winter



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Tri-Wing Encampment•Solo School•Summer Program Support•Great STEAM outreach programs•Profile in Leadership Series Continues•Great media coverage post encampment•NIKE Missile Site Webinars / Work•BayPatrol Support•Finance Audit•MEMA Homeland Security Conference•OC Airshow Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•FY19 YTC / Reservations / Coordination•Static Display•Ongoing Facilities Work•Recruiting and Retention Concentration•Build initial support plan for 2019 Nat Conf. Support•Pilot Mentor Program•USAF / AFRL Support – Calibration Sorties•Planning for Inland SAR School/NOAA SARSAT
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Commander Bench / Incentive Program?•Finance Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Influence to develop NHQ support plan for event hosting (NCSAs for example)



- **2018 Annual Conference – Anaheim August**
- **Scorecard Goals – FY 19 - ATP**
- **Best Practices 2 submitted from MER**
- **C-172 or 182 Recommendations for FY19 buy**
- **Time for a CC call in Anaheim – time/date TBD**
- **Dinner as a team?**
- **Questions for the CC – due**
- **AC hours – (move them if you need to)**
- **Joint VA-MER Conference 29-31 March**
- **Change of Command (1 Oct 18 +/-)**



- **Serving as Director of Student Affairs at the Region Staff College**
- **Collaborating with MER/SE to develop uniform Heat Safety and Food Safety policies for MER**
- **Serving on Leadership Development Group (National) – Team Leader for Level 2, Part 2**
- **Will participate in first teleconference with CAP/CCC and RG/CCCs. After getting guidance, will then host regular MER Command NCO Council meetings.**
- **Bacon**



MER/CS Col Eugene Egry



Top Accomplishments this Period

- Served as member of the WSWG / CC candidate interview board – 23 JUN, Charlottesville, VA
- Attended NCSA - Cyber Defense Training Academy Career Day / Ice Cream Social – 5 JUL, Fort Meade, MD
- Instructed Advanced Search Theory, Crash site Security and Basic Search Theory at NCAS - Hawk Mountain Ranger School 7 – 8 JUL, Kempton, PA
- Instructor for two classes at MERSC: Recommending Policy and Leading in a Volunteer Environment – 14 JUL, Joint Base Andrews

Top Goals next Period

- Attend MERSC Dinning Out / Graduation – 17 JUL, Joint Base Andrews
- Attend Arlington Squadron Change of Command – 18 JUL, Arlington, VA
- Attend IACE event - 27 JUL
- Find A5/8 – Plans and Programs
- Find A6PA – Assistant Historian
- Find PAA – Assistant PAO's

Risks / Problems

- Keeping MER Website Current – Continue to work with Staff and A6I Team
- Recruiting additional qualified assistants and developing “bench strength” for MER Staff

Assistance Needed

- None



Vice Commander – West Col Bruce Heinlein



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MER Conference• Attended DEWG Conference and Change of Command• WVWG Commander Selection Board Complete• Working personnel issues...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region Staff College Graduation, tomorrow• FlightSafety International recruiting event 14 Aug 18• Brief CAP GIS Program at National Conference...NHQ program• WVWG Conference 20 Oct 18<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morgantown, WV
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still supporting elder care in California so I may be out of local area aperiodically	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pictures from each Wing requested from each commander



NCWG NCWG CC 16Jul18



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C/Col Kate Fitzpatrick earned Spaatz award<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C/Lt Col Bilbrey just passed Saturday• NCWG Summer Encampment 23-30Jun• 3-58th AOB Army Missions (9-12 Jul)• Finalized 2019 TRNG, Non-TRNG Metrics• 3 FINDS – 1 Missing Person, 2 ELT/EPIRB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wing SAREX 20-21Jul• Change of Group CC for #3 and #5• 3-58th AOB Army Missions (August)• CGM – potential new award recipient, Mr Dan Vaughn served as CAP cadet in WW2• 2018 Wing CC Retreat: 28-30Sept• 2019 NCWG Conference planning• National Conference• Type B Encampment in Ednyville, NC October-November• Finish Missing person search that started Sunday night
<i>Risks / Challenges</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer events have lead to issues which prompted resignations, suspensions, and an investigation.• Plane maintenance has been a challenge over the summer as with all other Wings in the Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could Col Knowles ask MG Smith about the Waiver for a Spaatz test that Col Bailey requested



SCWG/CC

Col Lee Safley



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 May: Natl Disaster Med Serv Ex/C17 Flight• 5-7 June: (Charleston AFB) Aerospace Control Alert mission at McEntire ANGB,• 7 June: State Hurricane Preparedness Exercise• 30 Jun-9 July: MER Flight Academy Support• 6-13 July: SCWG Encampment (McCrary TC)• CLC, SLS: May – June• Annual SCWG photo contest completed• New Aircraft added to fleet: 332CP 172/G1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intercept training for Shaw AFB - TBD• Intercept training for McEntire - Monthly• Complete ADS-B in fleet when NHQ funding becomes available• 28 July: SAREX (Wing HQ)• August: Low Level Route Survey: Survey Shaw AFB• 18-19 Aug: Unit Commander's Course (Wing HQ)• 1 Sept: Annual Communications Meeting (Wing)• 8 Sept: Regional SAREX (hosted by Group 2)• 28-29 Sept: NASAR/SARTECH Phase 1 (Camden)• 5-9 Oct: Sumter Cty Joint SAREX (Poinsett State Park)• 12-14 Oct: NASAR/SARTECH Phase 2 (Camden)• 5-11 Nov: SAREVAL• 7-10 Feb 2019: FY19 Operations Eval• 22-23 Mar 2019: Wing Conference (Columbia)
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A



VAWG/CC Col Dean Gould



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Planning Conference Was Held• Supported both Langley Air Show & Warbirds over VA Beach• Encampment – Ft Pickett 24-30 Jun<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 446 Participants, 51 SMs• 120 Cadet Sorties using 8 Aircraft• Brig Gen Phelka visited and flew• Successful SAV with CAP-USAF• VDF Interoperability Test – 14 July• Bldg HVAC Complete• CAP Employment Protection Act – Signed• Met with Secretary of Veteran/Defense Aff• Met with TAG, ATAG and VDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honor Guard College – Langley 4-10 Aug• MSN Aircrew School – 8 Sep• Overwater Survival Course - TBD• Develop GT/UDF local training program• Continuing 2-yr training plan development• Langley Operations Center<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Pole is Fuel• Developing Intercept MSN with 1FW• ANG Mission Sets• Planning/building Comm Trailer• Building work – Roof Reseal<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deconstruction of upstairs• Meet with VA Appropriations Chairman
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aircraft MX issues, Consistently 5 AC dwn• IP issues...Airlines took 5 this past qtr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need C-172...Cadets in all 4 Grps, have 2



WVWG/CC

Col Paul McCroskey II



Top Accomplishments this Period

- 2018 WVWG Encampment as huge success – 6-14 Jul @ Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV
 - Thanks to Lt Caudle and Lt Head from NCWG for serving on staff.
- Total Force Partners Relay – May 22
- Attended MERSAR as IC1 student and provided requested assets
- Completed install of new NHQ furnaces. Still waiting final gas connection to test furnaces
- Wing wide SAR 23-24 Jun – geographically grouped at three mission bases

Top Goals next Period

- Wing wide SAREX 28-29 Jul @ CKB, BKW & W99
- WVWG Glider Camp, 5-11 Aug
- WVWG Ground Team Competition @ W99, 18-19 Aug
- WVWG Conference/Change of Command, 20 Oct @ MGW
 - Starting work on end of tour awards
- Prepping for CI in Mar 2019

Risks / Problems

- Meeting 200 hour per aircraft goal in definite risk for WVWG this year.

Assistance Needed

- None at this time