

## **BIOGRAPHY**

## Col. Curtis J. Boehmer

Col. Curtis J. Boehmer, a longtime member of Civil Air Patrol, serves as a member-at-large on the CAP Board of Governors.

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member board consists of four U.S. Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander/CEO, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The board moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's national commander/CEO, the organization's chief operating officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force (CAP-USAF) commander, who act as advisers.



Boehmer joined the board in November 2018. He previously served from July 2014-September 2018 as commander of the Michigan Wing.

Boehmer's CAP background began at age 15, when he became a charter member of the Michigan Wing's Rix Composite Squadron. He subsequently held many leadership positions at all levels within the Michigan Wing, including wing director of aerospace education — internal, wing director of cadet programs, Group 3 commander, and Sanilac Composite Squadron commander.

Boehmer has a CAP mission observer rating and has a Master rating in command and cadet programs. He has served for 10 years at the national Cadet Officer School and has been director of the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan, the Advanced Technology Academy in New York, and the Great Lakes Region Leadership School. He has also served five times as Michigan Wing encampment commander.

While working as a speech and language pathologist with the Huron Intermediate School District, he has owned and operated a successful restaurant, refereed soccer games, and sat on the Harbor Beach School District Board of Education. He has negotiated both labor and construction contracts as a trustee of the school board and a member of the Michigan Education Association as well as a business owner.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from the University of Texas/Dallas, Boehmer holds an Elementary Teacher Endorsement from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educational leadership — special education from Grand Valley State University. He has been designated as a mediator — general/civil/special education/agriculture by the State Court Administration Office.

His affiliations include Special Olympics, the American Youth Soccer Organization, Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, and Air Force Association.

Boehmer and his wife, Shelley, have one adult son, Lance.