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## Col. Brian Ready

Col. Brian Ready serves as a member-at-large on the Civil Air Patrol 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.



Ready joined the board in August 2021. He previously served as vice commander of the Southwest Region from 2017-2021 following four years as commander of the Arizona Wing from 2012-2016.

In May 2016, Ready became chair National Headquarters' Technical Advisory Group. He was also a member of the Information Technology Steering Committee. The committee was established to assist IT with the delivery of value-added services through definition of priorities and allocation of resources.

Ready received CAP's Distinguished Service Award in 2018 for his work with the IT Steering Committee. He was recognized for helping prioritize proposed IT projects as well as his leadership on the organization's website consolidation project, contributing to the design, functionality, and testing of GoCivilAirPatrol.com.

He is also one of the original members of CAP's National Cell Phone Forensics Team. As a member of the team, he received the 1st Air Force (AFNORTH) Commander's Award, which cited its members for its technological excellence and innovation that helped support 126 search and rescue missions in 2014, resulting in 76 lives saved and 66 additional finds.

Ready received a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering technology from Arizona State University in 1982. He joined Civil Air Patrol soon after, serving at the squadron and wing levels in California and Arizona in flight operations and flight safety. Over the past 38 years, he has worked his way through the ranks, filling positions at all levels. He is a qualified check pilot with nearly 17,000 flying hours and is also a qualified CAP incident commander.

As a CAP member, Ready has received the Exceptional Service, Meritorious Service Commanders Commendation, Unit Citation, and Aircrew Find awards.

Outside CAP, Ready is a corporate pilot and also chief operating officer for a construction contractor in the Phoenix area. He has also held management positions as director of aviation, flight department manager, chief pilot, and check airman for over 21 years.