



## **2015 National George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year** Lt. Col. Bob Beeley, Texas Wing

Civil Air Patrol volunteer Lt. Col. Robert “Bob” Beeley served as the Texas Wing government relations advisor. In the past, he served as the wing’s legislative squadron commander, the Group IV commander and Group IV vice commander. From 2010 to 2015, Beeley planned and executed the wing’s participation in the National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. for the Texas delegation where a record number of congressional and senatorial members were personally visited by the Texas delegations.

In 2012, Beeley helped to secure support from members of the House and Senate from Texas in support of the Congressional Gold Medal. In celebration of the CAP's 70th Anniversary, Beeley had the story of the anniversary entered into the Federal Register with a memorial print provided to the wing. Beeley also caused a declaration of congratulations to be issued by Gov. Rick Perry, and also delivered to the wing. In 2013, Beeley was instrumental in having the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) introduced in the U.S. Congress, and later passed by the Congress. As a result, he was invited by Congressman Michael McCaul, co-sponsor on the CGM legislation, to join him in Washington, D.C. for the formal presentation of the medal in 2014.

Because of his efforts with Texas state legislators, Beeley was also instrumental in acquiring up to \$75,000 of state funding for the first time in the history of Texas Wing. Details of that funding continue to be defined by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the wing commander. Beeley planned and successfully executed two successful state legislative days in Austin wherein the Texas delegation was able to make presentations to a large number of Texas congressional members. He continued to communicate with federal and state legislators on an on-going basis, reminding them of the assets and merits of the Civil Air Patrol in Texas.