



## **2018 National George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year**

**Lt. Col. Malcolm Webb, Indiana Wing**

After formally assuming the role of government relations advisor for the Indiana Wing in January 2015, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) volunteer Lt. Col. Malcolm Webb immediately began to implement an innovative program of cadet involvement in the wing's legislative program. While continuing to manage the wing's annual Paging Day in the Indiana Statehouse as he had for several years previously, he developed a program to identify cadets from diverse backgrounds and from each congressional district (when possible), to facilitate their participation in CAP's National Legislative Day event in Washington D.C. Participating cadets are provided education in civics and are directly charged with scheduling an appointment with their Member of Congress. The cadet is also given the primary responsibility for delivering CAP's message to their elected representative while on Capitol Hill. Attendees also could visit other government and historical sites, and with senior statesmen such as former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana. This unique program not only provides an invaluable experience in hands-on government to the cadets, but it led to a drastic increase in face-to-face meetings with Members of Congress, from three of 11 in 2015 to eight of 11 in 2017. This program's success was recognized by publication in the spring 2017 issue of the Volunteer magazine.

At the state level, Webb was instrumental in creating new opportunities for CAP involvement and growth. He was involved in reinvigorating the wing's legislative squadron following a dramatic post-election change in the state's political landscape. Drawing on his previous experience as a professional lobbyist, he was instrumental in the development and execution of a memorandum of agreement with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, which allowed for rapid deployment of CAP assets in the event of an emergency. This was the first such agreement between the state and the Indiana Wing in over 30 years.

In addition to his demonstrated excellence in the field of government and legislative affairs, Webb served as the deputy commander for cadets of the Monroe County Composite Squadron. He is an active CAP pilot, qualified as a mission pilot and cadet orientation ride pilot. A career finance professional, Webb is currently assigned as a finance committee member at the squadron, group, wing, region and national levels, and he is a recipient of the Civil Air Patrol Silver Medal of Valor.