

COLONEL J. BRADFORD LYNN

Colonel J. Bradford Lynn currently serves as the Chairman of the Civil Air Patrol Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is a Congressionally mandated body charged with the oversight of Civil Air Patrol. Prior to his selection to serve on the Board, Colonel Lynn was the Vice Commander for the Southeast Region.

Colonel Lynn joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet in the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron in 1969 after earning his Eagle Scout award. He successfully completed the entire CAP Cadet program and earned the Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1973. Also in 1973, he was named the National Cadet of the Year for Civil Air Patrol.



Graduating from the University of Alabama in 1976, he was commissioned a 2LT in the United States Air Force and entered active duty in 1977. He was a Distinguished Graduate from Squadron Officer School in 1981 and earned a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas in 1982. He served on active duty until October 1986. While on active duty he served primarily as a KC-135 Aircraft Commander and a tour at the Pentagon in the highly selective Air Staff Training Assignment (ASTRA).

In 1986, Colonel Lynn transferred to the Air Force Reserve, 908th Airlift Wing, where he held numerous Command and Staff positions. These included, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, Chief of Training, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Operations Officer, and Commander of the 908th Operations Support Flight. In May of 1999 he was named the Vice Wing Commander, serving in this position until his transfer to the Pentagon in 2002. He served a tour in Reserve Operations at the Pentagon and Deployed as an Air Expeditionary Commander in the Afghanistan Theater in 2004. In 2005, selected as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Material Command. In 2007, he retired from the USAF as a Colonel with 30 years of military service. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and numerous campaign and service medals.

Colonel Lynn rejoined the Alabama Wing in in 2007 serving as Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, Director of Logistics and Readiness and Vice Wing Commander. In 2011, he was named the Alabama Wing Commander. As the Wing Commander, his team excelled in all phases of the CAP program. They re-established an outstanding glider program in Alabama, earned a "Highly Successful" rating on their Compliance Inspection and received an "Outstanding" rating on their Air Force Operations Evaluation. Colonel Lynn has served at the National level of Civil Air Patrol as the Commandant of Cadets for Cadet Officer School, Escort Officer for the International Air Cadet Exchange, and Instructor and Seminar Leader at the Region and National Staff College. He is also a recipient of the Gill Robb Wilson Award and Civil Air Patrol's Distinguished Service Award. In 2010, at a ceremony at Bryant-Denny Stadium, Colonel Lynn was honored by the University of Alabama for his distinguished service to his country.

In his civilian occupation, Colonel Lynn is a Captain for United Airlines, where he flies primarily international routes. He has also served as a pilot instructor and check airman for United Airlines. He holds type ratings in the Boeing 707, 747-400, 757, 767, 777 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-10. As a Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Command Pilot, he has over 20,000 flight hours.