



BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Larry J. Ragland, CAP

Civil Air Patrol Colonel Larry J. Ragland serves as a Member-at-Large of the CAP Board of Governors (BoG).

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member BoG consists of four U.S. Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The BoG moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow.

Col Ragland joined the BoG as a Member-at-Large in November 2020. Prior to his appointment, he served in Civil Air Patrol as National Executive Officer, as Region Commander of the Middle Atlantic Region, and as Wing Commander of the North Carolina Wing.

A member of Civil Air Patrol since 1976, Col Ragland has an Emergency Services Master rating and is an accomplished instrument rated Mission Pilot with Command Pilot qualifications and is a qualified CAP Incident Commander. He is also a qualified sUAS Mission Pilot for CAP and holds an FAA Part 107 sUAS pilot license. In 2003, Col Ragland served as the North Carolina Wing Agency Liaison Officer for the 100 Year First Flight celebrations at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. He is the recipient of six Commander Commendations, Meritorious Service Award, Exceptional Service Award, and Distinguished Service Award with Second Bronze Clasps.



Col Ragland is a 1974 graduate of North Carolina State University College of Design, earning a Bachelor of Environmental Design in Landscape Architecture. He completed requirements for registration as a Landscape Architect in North Carolina in 1978, and was made a partner and stockholder in a local design firm shortly thereafter. He served on the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects after appointment by then-North Carolina Gov James Martin in 1987. Members of the board elected him Chair for six of his eight years of service.

Col Ragland retired from a 40+-year career as a Registered Landscape Architect in North Carolina in 2019. His Landscape Architectural firm was awarded numerous national and state awards for design excellence and critical service to the community. His specific design expertise was in storm water management and environmental control measures. He was the recipient in 1996 of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects President's Council Award for "Significant and Sustained Contributions to the Profession of Landscape Architecture."

He and his wife Ethel reside in Sanford, North Carolina, and are the proud parents of two adult children. Their daughter enjoys a career in Human Resource Management and lives with her husband and two sons in Houston, Texas. Their son is an Electrical Engineer, designing new electronic platforms for the U.S. Navy in Morehead City, North Carolina.

Col Ragland is a hobbyist videographer, and assists his wife's weekly Christian ministry at a retirement community by producing a video of her non-denominational church service.

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