



FLORIDA WING

Wing Serves Despite Pandemic Challenges

The Florida Wing continues to serve local communities despite the challenges encountered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moving to virtual platforms for squadron meetings and classroom training enabled the wing to ensure its members are trained with the skills needed to serve effectively at the region, state and local levels.

Here are highlights from 2020:

Cadet Programs

- More than 370 cadets attended a wing-wide encampment.
- Four cadets achieved the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, Civil Air Patrol's top cadet honor.
- The St. Augustine Composite Squadron cadet team placed second nationally in the All Service Division during the Air Force Association's first virtual national CyberPatriot cyber security competition and third in the CISCO NetAcad Challenge.
- Two cadets earned their private pilot certificate through CAP's Cadet Wings program.
- Four cadets received CAP flight scholarships and one was awarded a CAP academic scholarship.
- The Cadet Leadership Academy drew 193 cadets.

Operations

- The wing provided aircraft, aircrews and small Unmanned Aerial Systems teams in response to the Puerto Rico earthquakes.
- Pilots provided 636 CAP cadet orientation flights, 13 ROTC orientation flights, 52 Junior ROTC orientation flights and 14 teacher orientation flights.
- Aircrews flew 30 air defense target of interest flights for Fertile Keynote, 86 sorties for Exercise America's Shield and 42 low-level route survey sorties for Hurlburt Air Force Base.
- The wing flew 11 sorties in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the responses to hurricanes Isaac and Sally.

Members participated in Falcon Virgo, AEROnet, Eglin AFB fire patrol, U.S. Army Air and Missile Defense Command radar training, Charlotte County harbor patrol, Felix Keynote, Fertile Hawk and Super Bowl air intercept training.

Aerospace Education

- The wing maintained educational partnerships with 76 high schools.
- The wing supported the National Space Familiarization Course.
- The wing provided a space flight orientation course.



Maj. Rainer Ulrich of the Pinellas Senior Squadron conducts a preflight check at Ormond Beach mission base during Exercise America's Shield.

Florida Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

1,687 adult members
1,362 cadets
428 aircrew personnel
1,992 emergency responders

Squadrons

71 locations statewide

Aircraft

26 single engine
1 glider

Vehicles

34 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

23 VHF/FM repeaters
413 VHF/FM stations
50 HF stations

Missions

40 search and rescue missions
18 lives saved*
66 finds*
* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
1 disaster relief mission
16 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
71 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
15 other Air Force support missions
31 training missions
11 other state support missions
4 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Hurricane Sally; Tropical Storm Isaias; Felix Keynotes; Eglin AFB fire patrol; Fertile Hawks; Super Bowl Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) outreach; Hurlburt AFB low-level route survey

Cadet Flying

964 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

3,369

Financial

\$9,283,938 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Florida Wing provided 2,500 volunteer hours for the response to Hurricane Dorian in Puerto Rico.
- ✓ During Operation Deepwater Horizon in 2010, Florida Wing aircrews flew 835 hours. Out of the 4,000 members in 96 squadrons across the state, more than 350 regularly volunteered.
- ✓ The first radio transmissions out of the Miami-Homestead Air Force Base area after Hurricane Andrew were conducted using CAP HF radios operated by the Florida Wing.

