

LOUISIANA WING

Wing Rises Above the Challenges of 2020

A combination of COVID-19 and five named storms made 2020 a challenging year for Civil Air Patrol's Louisiana Wing. The skills of nearly 500 members were repeatedly tried, and in every instance they met the test.

Pandemic restrictions proved to have a continuing impact on both routine operations and emergency response. While following state, federal and CAP guidelines to mitigate the virus' impact, the Louisiana Wing responded to disasters, provided COVID-19 relief volunteers and managed to minimize the pandemic's impact on its members.

The St. Tammany and Pontchartrain squadrons have provided support for food banks in the Lake Pontchartrain basin throughout the pandemic. Aircrews and support personnel conducted flights while maintaining safety protocols.

Hurricanes Cristobal, Laura, Delta, Zeta and Sally kept the Louisiana Wing engaged in storm preparation, response or follow-up from mid-August to early November — the longest period of continuous engagement since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The wing supported the Federal Emergency Management Agency with enhanced high-resolution

imagery using the WaldoAir proprietary imaging system, which enhances FEMA's response time. WaldoAir requires advanced training and proficiency for both flight crews and ground support personnel.

The wing continues to help develop leaders for tomorrow. With a wide variety of educational and operational opportunities open to them, wing cadets tend to be among the highest-achieving young people in the state. The wing also provides a wealth of STEM (science, technology, engineering, education and math)-related opportunities to members as well as students in schools across the state.

Lake Charles Composite Squadron members assemble on the remains of their squadron headquarters, destroyed by Hurricane Laura.



Louisiana Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

380 adult members
237 cadets
111 aircrew personnel
440 emergency responders

Squadrons

20 locations statewide

Aircraft

11 single engine

Vehicles

23 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

18 VHF/FM repeaters
135 VHF/FM stations
30 HF stations

Missions

2 search and rescue missions
 3 lives saved*
 5 finds*
* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
1 disaster relief mission
5 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
3 other Air Force support missions
31 training missions
3 other state support missions
1 other mission in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Green Flag; Hurricanes Cristobal, Laura, Delta, Zeta and Sally

COVID-19 Mission Support

Distributing food and critical supplies

Cadet Flying

301 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,654

Financial

\$96,000 in state funding
\$1,822,497 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Louisiana Wing conducts the longest-running biannual professional development and emergency services academy in CAP.
- ✓ The wing has been involved in more landfall hurricanes than any other wing along the northern Gulf Coast.
- ✓ One of two critical joint Air Force-CAP training activities, Green Flag East, is conducted in Alexandria.

