

# MASSACHUSETTS WING

## Wing Continues to Perform Vital Work

The Massachusetts Wing served communities across the commonwealth in many ways as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response. Wing members assisted the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency by helping load and unload trucks, inventory personal protective equipment (PPE) and other needed medical supplies, and assemble bulk orders of those items for delivery to municipalities around the state.

Members' ability to assist is rooted in the emergency services training all Civil Air Patrol members receive. Their efforts helped greatly strengthen the wing's relationship with MEMA and has demonstrated how the wing is a viable

and important partner in the state agency's mission.

The wing's aerospace education team conducts internal and external aerospace education programs that teach the fundamentals of flight and promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects through CAP's STEM Kit program.

One-third of the wing's units received CAP's Quality Cadet Unit Award in 2020. Many have received the award multiple times, and one has achieved it every year since the award's inception a decade ago.

Cadet Col. Luke E. Pongratz of the Hanscom Composite Squadron earned the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award — CAP's top cadet honor, achieved by less than one-tenth of 1% of cadets.

The wing's capabilities mesh easily with those of other search-focused organizations, ensuring a cohesive and successful multi-agency effort when needed. As stated in the CAP Cadet Oath, Massachusetts Wing members — from young cadets to adult senior members — are "to be of service to their community, state and nation."



Maj. Anthony Esposito, left, and 2nd Lt. Joshua Bell help assemble orders of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other needed medical supplies for delivery to municipalities around the state.

# Massachusetts Wing 2020 Statistics

## Volunteer Members

374 adult members  
249 cadets  
54 aircrew personnel  
411 emergency responders

## Squadrons

15 locations statewide

## Aircraft

6 single engine

## Vehicles

16 vehicles

## Interoperable Communications

9 VHF/FM repeaters  
169 VHF/FM stations  
20 HF stations

## Missions

1 search and rescue mission  
    4 lives saved\*  
    5 finds\*  
\* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support  
1 disaster relief mission  
16 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions  
6 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions  
2 other Air Force support missions  
9 training missions

## Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Fertile Keynote

## COVID-19 Mission Support

Distributing food and critical supplies

## Cadet Flying

313 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

## Total Hours Flown

1,017

## Financial

\$2,514,381 value of wing's volunteer hours

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The wing created an aerospace education webpage with resources for teachers and members to actively engage youth in hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning.
- ✓ Since 2009, the wing has provided a training platform for the Air Sovereignty Alert mission of the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing.
- ✓ Squadrons participate each December in Wreaths Across America observations honoring the fallen.

