



BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL BARRY MELTON, CAP

Colonel Barry Melton is the dean of on-site education for Volunteer University. Melton began his teaching career in 1986 as an adjunct instructor at Lee University in Cleveland, TN. He continues in the role of university classroom instructor, including seven years of full-time instructor status. Melton has gained classroom instruction experience at three universities in the Southeast TN/N GA area.

Prior to his current assignment, Melton served as the Southeast Region Commander from June 2015 to August 2019. In this assignment, Melton was responsible for over 9,000 members in six wings, including Puerto Rico and the US. Virgin Islands.

Prior to assignment as a Region Commander, he served as a Southeast Region Vice-Commander, and as the Tennessee Wing Commander and National Board member.

While serving as the Tennessee Wing Commander, the Wing received a "Highly Successful" rating on their 2009 CAP-USAF Compliance Inspection.

Col. Melton joined CAP in 1986 as a charter member of the Cleveland, Tennessee Composite Squadron. He has held key leadership roles at the Squadron, Group and Wing level. He has served as a Squadron Commander, Group Commander and Vice Wing Commander. In addition, he has also served as an instructor at the National Staff College, the Southeast Region Staff College, and numerous Squadron Leadership Schools and Corporate Learning Courses. He assisted the national Communications Curriculum Committee with producing the online radio communications training known as "ICUT."

He holds a master rating in three CAP specialties—command, communications, and public affairs, a senior rating in two specialties—administration and personnel, and a technician rating in safety. He is also qualified as a Level III Incident Commander.

His CAP awards and decorations includes two Distinguished Service Awards, three Exceptional Service Awards, three Meritorious Service Awards, 11 Commander's Commendation Awards, three Outstanding Unit Citations, the Gill Robb Wilson Award and numerous other CAP service awards. He has also earned CAP Mission Observer Wings, Master Communicator's Badge and the Command Senior Advisory Group Badge.

Col. Melton is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where he earned a bachelor's degree in Recording Industry Management. He also holds a master's degree in Television Production and Programming and Media Management from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. He has completed CAP's Southeast Region Staff College, National Staff College, the CAP Region/Wing Commanders Course and the National Inspectors General College.

Col. Melton is employed by Life Care Centers of America, where he serves as the Director of Virtual Tour Development. He is married to Brenda Melton. They have one adult daughter who is also active in Civil Air Patrol.

