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MISSOURI WING

Wing Soars Despite COVID-19 Pandemic

Missouri Wing members answered the call to service in a different way in 2020, with more than 40 participating in four separate COVID-19 missions throughout the Show-Me State.

The wing's pandemic response began with transporting personal protective equipment (PPE) from out-of-state suppliers to St. Louis County for distribution.

Members also logged over 2.000 working hours at the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center warehouse, assisting with distribution, managing the call center and helping process paperwork. In addition, they delivered groceries to residents unable to leave their homes and worked in moving PPE in other county warehouses.

Despite the pandemic, 2020 was a great year for the Missouri Wing's glider program, which accomplished the following in collaboration with the Midwestern Soaring Association at Richters Airport near Harrisonville:

- One cadet solo.
- Two senior member solos (one from the Kansas Wing).
- One senior member private pilot glider rating.
- Two senior member commercial glider ratings (one from the Kansas Wing).
- One certified flying instructor-glider reinstatement.

The wing ended the year with two glider check pilots, five glider pilots — four qualified for orientation flights — and two tow pilots. The wing conducted 78 glider launches.

Cessna 182s serve multiple roles in Missouri Wing besides disaster relief. N833CP, a tow configured 182, sits ready to tow a CAP Blanik L23, formerly owned by the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Missouri Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members
520 adult members
384 cadets
99 aircrew personnel
536 emergency responders

Squadrons
29 locations statewide

Aircraft
9 single engine
1 glider

Vehicles
22 vehicles

Interoperable Communications
15 VHF/FM repeaters
208 VHF/FM stations
33 HF stations

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

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020
Wreaths Across America; Missouri Wing Cadet Competition; North Central Region Leadership School

COVID-19 Mission Support
Augmenting EOCs; distributing test kits and PPE

Cadet Flying
292 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown
785

Financial
$23,031 in state funding
$2,712,833 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✔ The Missouri Wing set a new wing record this year with six recipients of the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, CAP's top cadet honor, achieved by less than one-tenth of 1%.
- ✔ In March the wing was the first to hold a virtual wing conference, then became first to host a virtual Region Staff College in July.
- ✔ As CAP implemented COVID-19 phase restrictions, the wing was the first to be allowed to monitor, review and implement phase restriction on a squadron-by-squadron basis rather than having to operate at the same phase restriction level.