



# BIOGRAPHY

## Lieutenant Colonel Richard B. Mulanax

Lieutenant Colonel Richard B. Mulanax is National Historian of Civil Air Patrol. As National Historian, he is the senior officer responsible for the successful execution of the CAP National History Program.

Prior to assignment in March 2018, Lt Col Mulanax served for five years as Research Division Head of the National History Program. Before that, he was Region Historian for CAP's Southeast Region. He previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Aerospace Education on the Rocky Mountain Region staff and has filled various other CAP assignments on the Florida Wing and Southeast Region staffs.

Lt Col Mulanax, who lives in Vero Beach, Florida, received his doctorate degree in history from Florida State University and served for 20 years on the faculty of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida, retiring as a full Professor of History.



Before that, he served for 20 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, with assignments as an Assistant Professor of History and Executive Officer of the Department of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also served on the faculty of the Air Force Special Operations School at Hurlburt Field, Florida, where he was an International Politico-Military Affairs Officer and Chief of the Africa Branch. He holds a Master of Arts in African Area Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and Master of Science in International Relations and a Master of Public Administration from Troy University in Alabama.

Other Air Force assignments included Commander of the Headquarters Squadrons of the 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Zweibruecken Air Base, Germany and 39th Tactical Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Lt Col Mulanax joined CAP as a college student and senior member in 1967. He was called to active duty with the Air Force in 1972 after completing graduate school at UCLA, and over the years he served in various squadron-level CAP staff positions in California, Florida, and Texas, and as Commander of the overseas Zweibruecken Cadet Squadron in Germany. He was also Commander of the Texas Wing's Group 2.

His awards include the U.S. Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two clusters, the CAP Exceptional Service Award with four devices, the CAP Meritorious Service Award with three devices and the CAP Achievement Award. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Military Officers Association.

Lt Col Mulanax grew up in an Air Force family, living in California, Virginia, Illinois, Wyoming, Greece, Austria, and Germany. He graduated from Kaiserslautern American High School in Germany. His wife, Jackie, is a former Air Force nurse and grew up in an Army family. His daughter, Jennifer, was born at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, and his son, Sean, at Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany.

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