

Lt. Col. Brenda A. Reed brings both professional and volunteer experience in distance education to her position as dean of online education in Volunteer University. In Civil Air Patrol, she has served as the national e-learning coordinator and director of the national online Squadron Leadership Schools and Corporate Learning Courses. She initiated the Maryland Wing e-learning program, designing and implementing several benchmark online courses used by members across the nation. She continues to provide guidance to wings looking to develop blended courses to meet the needs of their members.

Professionally, Lt. Col. Reed is a distance education consultant specializing in helping nonprofit organizations with their member training needs. She holds a master's degree in distance education and e-learning (MDE) with a teaching and training specialization from University of Maryland University College, graduating summe cum laude. She continues to give back to the program as a guest advisor to current MDE students.

During her 17 years in Civil Air Patrol, Lt. Col. Reed has served as the Maryland Wing chief of staff, squadron commander, public affairs officer at the unit, wing, and region levels, and active in cadet program activities including Tri-Wing Encampment, International Air Cadet Exchange, and is director of the Civic Leadership Academy. She is also the national public affairs education and training coordinator for CAP.

Lt. Col. Reed has completed Level V of CAP's professional development program and holds master ratings in cadet programs, command, administration, public affairs, and finance, as well as ratings in professional development, historian, and personnel. She is a graduate of both the Mid-Atlantic Region Staff College and Air University's Air Command and Staff College. She was named Civil Air Patrol's National Senior Member of the Year in 2018.

Lt. Col. Brenda Reed is married to retired USAF Chief Master Sgt. Tom Reed and is mother to three grown children and has two grandsons. Two of her children were cadets: the former Cadet Capt. Jenn Reed and former Cadet Col. Jake Reed, who is married to former Cadet 2nd Lt. Caddi Golia. Her son was named CAP's National Cadet of the Year in 2008.