

# RHODE ISLAND WING

## Wing Committed to Welfare of Rhode Islanders

The Rhode Island Wing didn't miss a beat during the COVID-19 pandemic in continuing its service to community, state and nation.

Early in the outbreak wing leaders worked with various agencies assisting in the state's response, supporting the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency at the Emergency Operations Center. Staff there tasked Rhode Island Wing members with making hundreds of telephone calls securing and

arranging for delivery of personal protective equipment (PPE) and much-needed supplies to front-line workers.

After that assignment, members were again called on and entrusted with erasing and reprogramming more than 450 cellphones and communication devices that were subsequently distributed to first responders, allowing them to communicate more effectively and efficiently while in the field.

Seeing a need to keep both the wing and the community involved and engaged during the public health crisis and to assist those in need, Col. William Stranahan, wing commander, created the #CAPCaresRI initiative. Events like blood drives, food drives and other community-wide activities helped generate community support for the wing and its missions and programs.



(From left) Second Lt. Danny Raposo, Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Kian Bijari and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jayden Laracunte offload and deliver food collected as part of the Rhode Island Wing's #CAPCaresRI initiative.

# Rhode Island Wing 2020 Statistics

## Volunteer Members

80 adult members  
88 cadets  
20 aircrew personnel  
100 emergency responders

## Squadrons

8 locations statewide

## Aircraft

2 single engine

## Vehicles

9 vehicles

## Interoperable Communications

3 VHF/FM repeaters  
50 VHF/FM stations  
13 HF stations

## Missions

1 disaster relief mission  
2 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions  
3 other Air Force support missions  
6 training missions

## Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Aviation Workshop - 2020 Merit Badge College (Boy Scouts of America); presented Congressional Gold Medal with Sen. Jack Reed

## COVID-19 Mission Support

Augmenting EOCs; food drives and distribution; blood drives

## Cadet Flying

431 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

## Total Hours Flown

162

## Financial

\$8,627 in state funding  
\$5,557,702 value of wing's volunteer hours

## National Commander

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Rhode Islanders were the first to take military action against England by sinking one of her ships "The HMS Gaspee" in the Narragansett Bay on June 10, 1772.
- ✓ Settled in 1642, Pawtuxet Village in Warwick lays claim to being New England's oldest village.
- ✓ The Rhode Island Wing has had nine cadets receive the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award since it was first established in 1964, The first Rhode Island cadet to earn it was Robert E. Roy, recipient number 13, on April 22, 1966.

