

SOUTH CAROLINA WING

Wing Adapts to COVID-19 Challenges

The South Carolina Wing participates in exercises every year to train for response to disasters that require coordination with first responders and others on short notice. Other exercises support members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron training to receive, regulate, transport and track patients to and from Natural Disaster Medical System hospitals within a 50-mile radius of major population centers in South Carolina.

The wing stands ready and on alert for pandemic-related missions; and other emerging missions and missions focusing on emergency services training and education have continued. Members throughout the state work with thousands of students, teachers and parents in public and private schools as well as home schools, using the free STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) kits provided by Civil Air Patrol.

Before the pandemic, wing members appeared at the Charleston STEM Festival, at South Carolina's Ruth Patrick Science Education Center and at the Women in Aviation's Palmetto Pride Chapter, where they demonstrated CAP's aerospace education offerings and other science-oriented opportunities to well over 500 girls and their families.



South Carolina Wing members return to Joint Base Charleston after riding in a 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Boeing C-17 Globemaster III as part of a Winds of Fury response exercise at Fort Jackson. *Photo by U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tom Brading*

South Carolina Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

523 adult members
359 cadets
145 aircrew personnel
579 emergency responders

Squadrons

23 locations statewide

Aircraft

9 single engine

Vehicles

19 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

14 VHF/FM repeaters
219 VHF/FM stations
39 HF stations

Missions

1 search and rescue mission
5 finds*

* Includes finds credited with national team support

14 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions

12 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions

12 other Air Force support missions

17 training missions

1 other state support mission

4 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Fertile Keynotes; Shaw AFB low-level route survey; Hurricane Isaias support

Cadet Flying

149 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,089

Financial

\$55,000 in state funding
\$2,595,085 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The South Carolina Wing assisted Shaw and Charleston Air Force bases with low-level route surveys to ensure training routes are safe for large or fast-moving Air Force aircraft.
- ✓ The wing participated in the response after Hurricane Isaias passed through the state in August.
- ✓ The wing was headquartered from the early 1940s at Owens Field in Columbia. Now called Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport, the facility is home to the Columbia Composite Squadron.

