

VERMONT WING

Wing Conducts Missions Throughout Crisis, and Year-Round

The Vermont Wing was engaged with schools throughout the Green Mountain State in offering educational resources, through materials and in-class lessons. Wing members met with K-10th-grade students to review the basics of flight, aviation in Vermont, aerospace history and other topics.

The wing also organized a series of STEM-related webinars for its cadet corps — unable to participate in their normal school routines because of pandemic restrictions — covering such topics as careers in augmented and virtual reality, space flight engineering, military and commercial aviation, law enforcement, helicopter and unmanned aviation careers and other topics. The wing provided dozens of virtual, free and age-appropriate aerospace and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) materials and curricula to educators, administrators and Vermont's home-schooled students.

On the ground, the Vermont Wing assisted the state National Guard in making sure Vermonters had essential food supplies. Scores of the wing's cadets and senior members put in hundreds of hours at food distribution centers in Rutland, Burlington, Montpelier/Barre, Springfield and elsewhere, providing 3.2 million meals to their neighbors.

Through 2020, and with careful regard for COVID-19 safety precautions, the wing maintained a high state of readiness for its emergency services missions — search and rescue, photographic imaging that might be needed to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies in the event of a disaster, and other missions.

Programming for the wing's growing cadet membership continued, consistent with COVID-19 restrictions. Cadets

gained skills in aviation — through orientation flights in gliders and single-engine aircraft — as well as leadership, physical training and other areas.

The wing's partnership with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation continued in 2020. Fuel-efficient Civil Air Patrol planes enabled the department to survey the entire state and identify areas of defoliation by forest pests and forest damage, among other concerns.



Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Aiden Cushman (left) and Cadet Airman 1st Class Mara Stephens help out at a food distribution point at Edward F. Knapp State Airport in Berlin with fellow members of the Vermont Wing and the Vermont Army National Guard.

Vermont Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

125 adult members
62 cadets
41 aircrew personnel
131 emergency responders

Squadrons

8 locations statewide

Aircraft

3 single engine

Vehicles

9 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

4 VHF/FM repeaters
79 VHF/FM stations
16 HF stations

Missions

Search and rescue missions

- 1 life saved*
- 1 find*

* Includes life saved and finds credited with national team support
2 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
3 other Air Force support missions
34 training missions
3 other state support missions

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Forest surveys for Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

COVID-19 Mission Support

Distributing food and critical supplies;
Distributing test kits and PPE

Cadet Flying

520 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

470

Financial

\$60,000 in state funding
\$588,290 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Members of the Vermont Wing located and rescued the sole survivor of the Oct. 16, 1944, U.S. Army B-24J Liberator crash on Camel's Hump.
- ✓ Wing members made 512 face masks to assist in COVID-19 relief efforts in 2020.
- ✓ The wing assisted the Vermont Army National Guard in distributing 15,000 pounds of food.

