

# VIRGINIA WING

## Wing Serves Commonwealth During Pandemic

The Virginia Wing's dedicated volunteers continued serving their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and quickly adapted their meetings to a virtual format for uninterrupted advancement of their training, education and readiness.

Fulfilling a request from the Virginia National Guard, one of the wing's first COVID-19 relief missions involved flying 262 COVID-19 tests to Virginia's Eastern Shore and securely returning them over 559 miles by ground back to the originating lab. About a month later, the wing partnered with Prince William Food Rescue to move and package food for those in need. This mission is ongoing; so far, wing members have moved and processed over 635,000 pounds of food.

The wing also sent six volunteers to Bertie County, North Carolina, to help run a point of distribution providing relief to the community in the wake of Hurricane Isaias. Aerial images of low-lying flood prone areas were taken

before and after Isaias for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service. The rapid delivery of post-storm imagery allowed the agencies to assess damage and direct resources to areas most in need.

Through a transition to Microsoft 365, the wing modernized its productivity tools and stayed connected remotely. All missions were managed through a fully

virtual command post, resulting in rapid response time. The William P. Knight Composite Squadron in Herndon launched model rockets live on video. Cadets interviewed military generals and colonels about their leadership. The Burke Composite Squadron hosted presentations by Astrobotic's mission director on the new U.S. Space Force and the nation's planned return to the moon.



Virginia Wing members load COVID-19 test kits for air transport to Chesterfield on the state's Eastern Shore.

# Virginia Wing 2020 Statistics

## Volunteer Members

947 adult members  
957 cadets  
212 aircrew personnel  
1,191 emergency responders

## Squadrons

29 locations statewide

## Aircraft

12 single engine  
1 glider

## Vehicles

31 vehicles

## Interoperable Communications

14 VHF/FM repeaters  
262 VHF/FM stations  
40 HF stations

## Missions

10 search and rescue missions  
    1 life saved\*  
    10 finds\*  
\* Includes life saved and finds credited with national team support  
1 disaster relief mission  
1 air defense intercept training and evaluation mission  
4 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions  
4 other Air Force support missions  
30 training missions  
1 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

## Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Fertile Keynotes; Hurricane Isaias

## COVID-19 Mission Support

Augmenting EOCs; Distributing test kits and PPE; Transporting completed test kits

## Cadet Flying

237 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

## Total Hours Flown

1,501

## Financial

\$100,000 in state funding  
\$6,576,676 value of wing's volunteer hours

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Virginia Wing recently renovated its headquarters building to create more collaborative spaces and enable hybrid training.
- ✓ The wing trained 31 new sUAS pilots and purchased sUAS for each local squadron in 2020.
- ✓ The wing hosted its first virtual conference in 2020, drawing hundreds of participants from across the U.S.

