

WEST VIRGINIA WING

Wing Excels in Supporting CAP Missions

West Virginia Wing cadets and senior members continue resiliently rising to the challenge during this difficult time of pandemic with innovative approaches to accomplish their missions. The wing embraced virtual technology, keeping its members engaged.

Aerospace Education: During Civil Air Patrol's 2020 Mid-Atlantic Region Conference, the wing's director of aerospace education, Capt. Bruce Dawson, received the Mid-Atlantic Region's 2019 Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Education Award. Several squadrons received national Aerospace Education Excellence Awards and Aerospace Education Achievement Awards. Members of 14 squadrons

earned the Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award. Cadets and senior members alike received information concerning the growing aerospace industry, education and employment opportunities available in West Virginia.

Cadet Programs: The wing takes pride in mentoring its cadets to become future leaders. During 2020 cadets participated in both state and national Legislative Days, meeting with state legislative and congressional delegations. They received an unexpected tour of the state Supreme Court and a tour of the U.S. Capitol, and they witnessed a vote in the House of Representatives. Despite COVID-19, the wing's cadets have continued to advance in the CAP cadet program.

Emergency Services: During CAP's 2020 National Conference, wing members received the First Air Force (AFNORTH) Commander's Award for the 2019 Most Meritorious Civil Air Patrol Mission for their service during the World Scout Jamboree in August. In addition, wing emergency services personnel supported U.S. Air Force missions during the pandemic, providing the National Weather Service with aerial photography in the Monongahela National Forest; assistance to the Monroe County Office of Emergency Services after a dam breach; and conducting a missing person search.



(Above) Maj. David M. Giltinan, the first West Virginia Wing commander, was honored posthumously for his service during World War II with a replica of CAP's 2014 Congressional Gold Medal for the organization's volunteer wartime service. (Right) Wing members visited the state Senate in February, before the national lockdown in March, to receive a Civil Air Patrol Day proclamation.



WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Will Price

West Virginia Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

363 adult members
248 cadets
85 aircrew personnel
395 emergency responders

Squadrons

17 locations statewide

Aircraft

6 single engine
1 glider

Vehicles

24 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

12 VHF/FM repeaters
123 VHF/FM stations
31 HF stations

Missions

2 search and rescue missions
1 find*

* Includes find credited with national team support

1 disaster relief mission
1 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight mission
4 other Air Force support missions
15 training missions

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

130th Airlift Wing support; National Weather Service recon support

COVID-19 Mission Support

Provided rest area for West Virginia National Guard vehicle decontamination; participated in Operation Pulse Lift

Cadet Flying

113 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights
54 glider sorties

Total Hours Flown

996

Financial

\$249,664 in state funding
\$1,736,370 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The West Virginia Wing received a Unit Citation for a high-profile search and rescue mission in 1964 involving a downed Air Force B-52 on Big Savage Mountain in western Maryland.
- ✓ The wing was awarded a total of 17 saves and 20 finds by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center for a search and rescue mission in 2010 involving the crew of a U.S. Navy MH-60S helicopter that crashed near Snowshoe.
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