



BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL JOSEPH R. WINTER

Col. Joseph Winter was appointed the Chief of Education and Training August 31, 2021. He is responsible for the execution of member training opportunities in leadership, management, and functional tasks. The education and training function is managed through Volunteer University and offers opportunities to help senior members learn specific mission-related skills while preparing them for leadership opportunities. In addition, he provides strategic oversight of the mentoring and specialty track program as well as the Wing Commander's College. Prior to this role Winter served as the inaugural Provost of Volunteer U. As a Civil Air Patrol member for nearly 30 years, Col. Winter brings a wealth of experience to the position.



Col. Winter joined CAP in 1993 as a cadet in New York Wing, where he rapidly rose through the cadet program and was named the New York Wing Cadet of the Year. After undergraduate and graduate studies, he transferred to the Maryland Wing and joined the wing cadet programs staff where he served as director of cadet programs. In addition to the cadet programs director, Col. Winter served as the commander of the Maryland Wing Headquarters Squadron, wing chief of staff, and vice commander before being named wing commander March of 2016.

In 2009 he was also named to national cadet programs staff where he continues to serve as an advisor to the director of cadet officer school. Col. Winter also has served as the commander of the Tri-Wing Encampment for four years and was the commander of the 2009 Maryland-Delaware Encampment. In addition to his duties at the wing level, Winter served as the deputy director for the National Cadet Competition for several years and the director of Cadet Officer School, held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Winter also is the former director of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course held at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, and the former director of the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In 2011, Winter traveled to Ghana and in 2008 he visited Singapore as an ambassador for Civil Air Patrol in the International Air Cadet Exchange, a program he participated in as a cadet when he traveled to the United Kingdom and Norway. Col. Winter has been a driving force in international cooperation and envisioned the first international cadet officer school course offering in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

Col. Winter holds a CAP master rating in cadet programs and a senior rating in public affairs. He is a qualified aircrew member and public information officer. He has earned the Yeager Award, six Exceptional Service Awards, four Meritorious Service Awards, five Commander's Commendations, and three Unit Citation Awards. Winter was named the 2004 Maryland Wing Staff Officer of the Year and the 2009 CAP National Cadet Programs Officer of the Year for his dedicated service.

Col. Winter is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas College, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management, and a graduate of Sacred Heart University where he earned a Master of Arts in

Teaching. He is a 2008 graduate of the Defense Information School (DINFOS) and the 2012 USAF Incident Managers Course. Additionally, Col. Winter is a graduate of Air Force Squadron Officer School, and the Air Command and Staff College.

Outside of Civil Air Patrol, Col. Winter is an Air Force officer, serving as the Commander of the 175th Force Support Squadron. In addition, Col. Winter is employed by Loyola University Maryland as an affiliate faculty member with the Communications Department, teaching courses in public relations.