



# BIOGRAPHY

## Colonel J. Bradford Lynn, CAP

Civil Air Patrol Colonel J. Bradford Lynn serves as a Member-at-Large of the CAP Board of Governors (BoG). As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member BoG consists of four U.S. Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The BoG moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's National Commander and Chief Executive Officer, the organization's Chief Operating Officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander, who act as advisers.

Colonel Lynn joined the BoG in May 2017, while serving as the Vice Commander for CAP's Southeast Region. Prior to that assignment, he served as Commander of the Alabama Wing. As Wing Commander, his team excelled in all phases of the CAP program. The team re-established an outstanding glider program in Alabama, earned a "Highly Successful" rating on their Compliance Inspection and received an "Outstanding" rating on their Air Force Operations Evaluation. Colonel Lynn has served at the National level of CAP as the Commandant of Cadets for Cadet Officer School, Escort Officer for the International Air Cadet Exchange, and Instructor and Seminar Leader at the Region and National Staff College. He is also a recipient of the Gill Robb Wilson Award and CAP's Distinguished Service Award. Prior to becoming Wing Commander, he served as Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, Director of Logistics and Readiness and Vice Wing Commander.



Colonel Lynn originally joined CAP as a Cadet in the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron in 1969 after earning his Eagle Scout award. He completed the entire CAP cadet program and earned the General Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1973. Also in 1973, he was named the National Cadet of the Year for Civil Air Patrol.

Graduating from the University of Alabama in 1976, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and entered active duty in 1977. He was a Distinguished Graduate from Squadron Officer School in 1981 and earned a Master's degree from the University of Arkansas in 1982. He served on active duty until October 1986. While on active duty he served primarily as a KC-135 Aircraft Commander and a tour at the Pentagon in the highly selective Air Staff Training Assignment (ASTRA).

In 1986, Colonel Lynn transferred to the Air Force Reserve, 908th Airlift Wing, where he held numerous Command and Staff positions. These included, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, Chief of Training, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Operations Officer, and Commander of the 908th Operations Support Flight. In May of 1999, he was named the Vice Wing Commander, serving in this position until his transfer to the Pentagon in 2002. He served a tour in Reserve Operations at the Pentagon and Deployed as an Air Expeditionary Commander in the Afghanistan Theater in 2004. In 2005, he was selected as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Material Command. In 2007, he retired from the Air Force as a Colonel with 30 years of military service. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and numerous campaign and service medals.

In his civilian occupation, Colonel Lynn is a Captain for United Airlines, where he flies primarily international routes. He has also served as a Pilot Instructor and Check Airman for United Airlines. He holds type ratings in the Boeing 707, 747-400, 757, 767, 777 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-10. A CAP and Air Force Command Pilot, he has over 20,000 flight hours.

He is married to the former Wendy McAteer of Tuscaloosa; they have three grown children.

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