



BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas S. Vreeland, CAP

Civil Air Patrol Lieutenant Colonel Thomas S. Vreeland 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.

Lt Col Vreeland joined the BoG in November 2017. Prior to his appointment, he served as Director of Information Technology for New York Wing CAP, and on the National Headquarters Operations staff while serving as a staff member and Character Development Instructor in the same cadet squadron he founded more than 52 years ago.

His CAP career started in 1960 as a Cadet. He completed the postwar cadet program earning the Certificate of Proficiency with three bronze clasps in 1964. In 1966 he earned the 27th General Carl A. Spaatz Award and the 6th Frank Borman Falcon Award. From 1966 to 1974 he founded and served as Commander of Westchester Cadet Squadron 1 (NER-NY-048). He is a CAP Senior Observer and holds Master ratings in the Plans and Programs, Information Technology, and the Aerospace Education specialty tracks.

Lt Col Vreeland served in the U.S. Army Reserve National Guard from 1968 to 1973, serving in Co. E 19th Special Forces, and the 356th and 357th Civil Affairs Brigades. He is a former Senior Executive in the federal government who has served as CEO of several advanced technology companies and as a Director, Board Member and Philanthropist in educational nonprofit organizations. He currently serves as Director of the Vreeland Institute, a prize-winning international think tank.

Lt Col Vreeland's more than 25-year CAP career has spanned 57 years. During his service, he graduated from the National SAR School on Governor's Island, the AFRCC SAR Management Course, The Inland SAR Course, the Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative, and he was a graduate of the first CAP National Staff College in 1968. He completed Air University ECI Officer Candidate School, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and two of three Air War College components. He has been ADIS, ARCHER, and GIIEP qualified, currently holds an FAA Remote Pilot Airman Certificate and is the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Program Manager for New York Wing. In 2017 he received the National Frank G. Brewer Memorial CAP Aerospace Education-Lifetime Achievement Award.



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