



NC Wing Education and Training Newsletter April 2024



The NC Wing Conference, held in Greensboro, brought together members from all over the state. It was a wonderful time of reconnecting with members and making new contacts, increasing knowledge through engaging seminars, sharing ideas and information, and hearing from leadership at the Wing, Region, and National levels. If you did not attend the conference, make plans to attend next year and consider attending the National Conference in San Antonio this August. I hope to see you there!

Lt Col Kathy Nicholas, NC Wing Director of Education and Training

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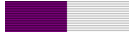
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Education and Training Program Level Completions in Mar

Level I Member

- NC-019 SM Cemal Azimli, SM Merlin Phillips, SM Virginia Sinclair
- NC-022 SM Caleb Gosnell
- NC-023 SM Scott Mueller
- NC-055 SM Frances Beckman
- NC-057 SM Joshua Proctor
- NC-070 SM Amber Lawson
- NC-107 SM Andrew Davenport
- NC-111 SM Bob Haines, SM Michael McDuffie, SM Derwin Phillips, SM Ruth Stanton
- NC-121 SM Michelle Grillot
- NC-153 SM Lisa Gamache
- NC-160 SM Macintyre Allen, SM David Bratton
- NC-162 SM James Hughes
- NC-170 SM Michael Travis
- NC-300 SM Toni Fink
- NC-307 SM Debra Clonch

Level II Davis

- NC-048 Lt Col Craig Upton
- NC-307 2d Lt Daniel Peters Jr
- Leadership Ribbon for Technician Rating 

Level IV Garber

- NC-171 Maj Robert Wittmann

Yeager Award

- NC-023 SM Scott Mueller, 2d Lt Brandon Noel
- NC-031 Maj Parker Priest Jr
- NC-048 SM Noah Garrett, Capt Christian McManaman, SM Peter Sweeney
- NC-050 1st Lt John Higdon, 1st Kelly Higdon
- NC-057 2d Lt Emma Bailey, SM Savannah Beal, SM Joshua Proctor
- NC-111 SM Derwin Phillips
- NC-143 SM Gerry Davis, SM Devin Kaminski, SM Meredith Knapp
- NC-145 SM Heidi Erb
- NC-162 SM James Hughes
- NC-170 SM Frederick Walton
- NC-300 SM Michael Chambers**

Specialty Track Ratings Achieved in March

- Aerospace Education Master Rating – Lt Col David Rinehart, NC-005
Capt Cynthia Randolph, NC-124
- Aerospace Education Technician Rating – Capt Ziad Nazif, NC-024
- Cadet Programs Senior Rating – Capt Susan Morrison, NC-022
TSgt Ellen Franks, NC-143

Character Development Master Rating – Lt Col David Rinehart, NC-005
Command Technician Rating – Capt Randy Patterson, NC-050
Capt Bruce Hudson, NC-055
Finance Technician Rating – Lt Col Adam DiGaudio, NC-007
Health Services Master Rating – Maj Robert Wittmann, NC-171
Historian Senior Rating – 1st Lt Eddie Paisley, NC-070
Operations Technician Rating – Lt Col Craig Upton, NC-048
2d Lt Ronald Harney, NC-019
Personnel Technician Rating – Maj Parker Priest Jr, NC-031
1st Lt Gina Tucker, NC-825
Public Affairs Technician Rating – 1st Lt Catherine Bird, NC-126

Education and Training Program

2024 NC Wing Conference

I hope you were at the North Carolina Wing Annual Conference with over 300 fellow CAP members. During the General Assembly, we heard from National Vice Commander Brig Gen Regena Aye, MAR Region Commander Col Eugene Egry, and NC Wing Commander Col Dennis Bissell. Awards presented included the Quality Cadet Unit Award and the *Of the Year Awards*. Seminars for seniors and cadets provided updates to programs and training in many different areas. Seniors and cadets enjoyed flying MSgt Kenneth King's flight simulator and the Aerospace Education staff's displays of STEM kits and information on the upcoming solar eclipse event. A water survival class took place pre-conference. There was something for everyone!



The Education and Training staff hosted Level II and Level III classes the day before the conference. We are very grateful to Maj Chad Hooper for coordinating our event, our instructors, including Brig Gen Regena Aye, and the students who made it successful! Our Wing PAO, Capt Glenda Engstrom, who also instructed a class, took the picture.

The E&T staff also hosted Read to Lead. Members expanded their leadership knowledge by bringing a book from their bookshelf to exchange for one they had not read. We thank everyone who participated in this year's conference book exchange!

The Education and Training Seminar I presented has been posted on the NC Wing Education and Training Resources webpage. Click the [PowerPoint slides](#) and [Presentation Notes](#) that contains information describing the slides. The 2022 conference E&T presentation about bringing a prospective member through the beginning of Level II is posted on the Resource page as well.

Government Relations – Legislative Membership

By Lt Col Pete Bohler, Commander NC Wing Legislative Squadron



The Legislative membership category is comprised of two subcategories Federal, and State Legislators, who wish to support Civil Air Patrol.

The First type is the Government (Federal) Squadron. This Squadron is for Federal Legislative Members who are elected members of the United States Congress and federally appointed officials. These members do not pay membership dues or submit fingerprint cards and are all assigned to the Congressional Squadron, NHQ 999. The Congressional Squadron has a Squadron Commander who is selected by Civil Air Patrol National

Headquarters. Civil Air Patrol Wing commanders wishing to induct members into the Congressional Squadron would contact the Director of Government Relations at National Headquarters first. A membership certificate is available from National Headquarters for presentation to the individual. These members are authorized to fly in CAP aircraft, visit CAP unit meetings/social events, and receive the honorary grade of lieutenant colonel.

The Second type is the State level Legislative Squadron. This squadron membership is open to state legislators, state senators, any elected state officials as well as key staff members. Membership dues and fingerprint cards are waived. A special membership application is completed by the state-level members and is submitted to National Headquarters. Once approved, the Legislative members are assigned to the State Level Wing, for example, NC-999, SC-999, VA-999, etc. Membership cards are issued by calendar year (December) and reviewed and validated annually by the wing commander prior to issuance of new cards. These members are authorized to fly in CAP aircraft, visit CAP unit meetings/social events upon invitation, and receive the honorary grade of major. If a State Legislative Member wishes to fully participate in CAP activities, they must complete the same training requirements as active members. This means they are assigned to the legislative squadron, and they must pay National Dues in order to activate Civil Air Patrol eServices.

NC Wing Government Relations

By Lt Col Liz Dunster, NC Wing Government Relations Advisor



The Government Relations Directorate is responsible for informing and educating Members of Congress and state legislators about Civil Air Patrol missions, operations, community impact, and the annual budget request. In the North Carolina Wing, the directorate comprises the Government Relations Advisor and the Commander of the Legislative Squadron. In addition, we can assist squadrons in reaching out to appropriate elected officials for the presentation of Spaatz and other cadet awards where appropriate, which can also present great outreach opportunities. Congressional Gold Medal presentations are another opportunity for appropriate elected officials to be included in the presentation.

Annually, a small contingent from the North Carolina Wing, along with delegations from wings across the nation, meet with federal lawmakers on Capitol Hill. They deliver [CAP's Annual Report to Congress](#) and brief them on CAP's primary missions, as well as talk with them about contributions made by the North Carolina Wing to the state and to CAP nationally and brief them on CAP's Budget Request. CAP's Legislative Day campaign historically usually occurs in late February or early March. During the Covid pandemic, meetings were conducted virtually. Post-pandemic, the campaign will be conducted using a hybrid model. NCWG Commander Col Dennis Bissell announced at the 2024 NCWG Conference that from 2025, it is envisaged that NCWG will also conduct a State Legislative Day campaign, which will involve more NCWG members than the national event. Further details will be forthcoming.

Virtual In-Residence Program



Moderated modules in the Education and Training Program can be taken through a cohort in AXIS, face-to-face, and virtually. Level II, III, IV, Squadron, and Group Commander Courses modules are available in this program. Click on ViR Calendar to view all the modules offered and to register. Details are listed under each course offering. Pre-course work is required to be ready for the sessions. Click on the ViR webpage to review the Student Expectations. It is most important to be prepared by reading the Study Guides and other supplemental material prior to the module. There are links on this webpage to download all the materials for the Level, including student guides, instructor guides, PowerPoint presentations, and supplemental reading/assignments. Some modules have prework or homework assignments that must be completed for credit to be awarded. These are great opportunities for you to complete modules in a face-to-face Teams or Zoom setting, interacting and making connections with other members throughout the country

Virtual In-Residence Squadron and Group Commander Courses – Interest Period is Open

ViR schedules SCC and GCC courses a little differently than the Volunteer University modules. First, they first have members register their interest. This gives the staff an idea of how many instructors they may need. A few groups are usually running at the same time to keep the class size manageable. When the interest period ends, they send out emails to those who have indicated an interest to complete the next registration step so they can start assigning students to the course.

Squadron Commander's Course (SCC) [SCC Fall 2024 Interest Sign-Up](#)

Group Commanders Course (GCC) [GCC Spring 2025 Interest Sign-Up](#)

Demystifying Education and Training Terms & Lexicon



We are in an organization that uses many terms and acronyms. For those without a military background, some acronyms baffle us when trying to understand what is being presented. At your first meeting before joining, did you think you were hearing another language? Over time we become accustomed to using these same acronyms. I read the acronym NLT in an email and figured it out because it was used in a sentence about submitting a document "no later than." You might know IMHO however I went to Google to translate it the first time I read it. I still use Google from time to time which helps.

Some terms that may not be common to everyone are used in the Education and Training Program. For example, asynchronous versus synchronous, automated versus moderated modules, cohorts, and PME are just a few. Therefore, Volunteer University published a lexicon (a catalog of a given language's words) to help us understand the terminology. Click [Volunteer University Lexicon](#) to view the document. The document also defines SCC, GCC, Paths, Tier, Online, Onsite, Modality, and more.

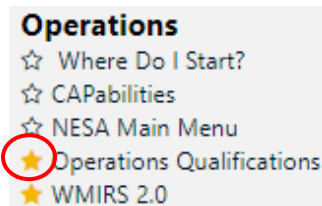
How Do I...

The "How Do I" section contains items and tips that will help members navigate eServices, find information and provide "I didn't know that" items.

How Do I Set Up a One-Click List of Favorites in eServices?

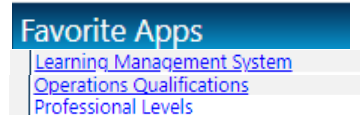
We occasionally repeat previously posted articles. This one was posted last May. It is always good to review helpful hints and to make sure our newer members get this information. Setting up a "one-click" list of favorites is a great time saver when you frequently visit specific pages in eServices. Follow these easy instructions and set up your list of favorites!

- Click on your name and gear symbol in the top right-hand corner of the main eServices screen
- Click on the "+" sign on the Favorites line. This will open a new page that shows a list of the links you can make favorites.



- Click on the "star" next to your selection to turn it into a "gold star" favorite.

On the main eServices page, you will now see all your favorites under Favorite Apps, which can be accessed with a single click.



The *Setting Up a List of Favorites in eServices* guide is also available on the [NC Wing Education and Training Resources](#) webpage.

Other Learning and Training Opportunities

This section lists other training resources inside and outside of Civil Air Patrol that will increase your knowledge and enhance your skills.

2024 Mid-Atlantic Search and Rescue College – 17-19 May



Lt Col Brendan Kerans sent out the announcement for the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Search and Rescue College on 11 Feb. The announcement included forms and the link for registration. Space is limited to 175 Ground School and 150 for all other classes. This event is open to all seniors and cadets. The location is Fort Barfoot Military Reservation - W Entrance Rd, Blackstone, VA; Blackstone Army Airfield / KBKT - 49 Dominy Corner Road, Blackstone, VA. The dates are 17-19 May. The registration deadline is 30 April.

Click <https://mar.cap.gov/events--activities/sar-college> for complete information about MARSAR. You will find information on ground, aircrew, and mission base training opportunities. The required forms, cost, billeting, and other important information can be found here. Please contact Lt Col Brendan Kearns, MARSAR Director, at bkearns@ncwgcap.org with any questions.

CPR and First Aid Course – 20 April & 13 July

20 April 2024 Class:

The Burlington Composite Squadron is holding an American Heart Association CPR course on 20 April at Alamance Community College, B Building Room 204, 1247 Jimmie Kerr Rd, Graham, NC, from 0900 to 1400. The instruction includes how to correctly conduct CPR on an Adult, Child, and infant. Also, basic first aid will be covered. This will meet the requirements for Ground Team Member qualifications. If interested, please register at the link below.



The cost is only for supplies. This includes a CPR/First Aid Card valid for two years, Pocket Mask, and lunch. AHA offers a reduced price for members who are in the K-12 school system. The cost for K-12 Students/Teachers using their NC school system email address is \$20. The cost for everyone else is \$35.

The deadline to register is 13 April. To register for the April class, click <https://forms.office.com/r/cb4qHAtqQQ>. Please contact Maj Jordan Crawford at Jordan.Crawford@ncwgcap.org with any questions.

13 July 2024 Class:

The Burlington Composite Squadron is holding an American Heart Association CPR course on 13 July at NC Wing Headquarters, Burlington, from 0900 to 1500. The type of instruction and cost are the same as listed above.

The registration deadline is 15 June. To register for the July class, click <https://forms.office.com/r/R030ayTCvR>. Please contact Maj Jordan Crawford at Jordan.Crawford@ncwgcap.org with any questions.

American Heart Association Heartsaver Instructor Course – 1 June



American Heart Association

CPR & First Aid

Emergency Cardiovascular Care

Burlington Composite Squadron is offering an American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver Instructor Course on 1 Jun 2024 from 0900-1800. The course will be held at NC Wing HQ, 3520 Alamance Road, Burlington. Completing the course will allow

members to teach AHA CPR/First Aid courses at their local squadron. The cost is \$65, this is the affiliation fee to the training center. The deadline to register is 25 May.

Requirements:

- Attendees must be at least 18 years old, and have a current AHA BLS or HeartSaver Card

- Complete the AHA Heartsaver Online Instructor Course (Cost \$35) - <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartsaver-instructor-essentials-online>
- Email Maj Crawford a copy of your provider card and online instructor course completion certificate
- After completion of the course, you must be monitored teaching a Heartsaver course within 60 days. A provider course is scheduled for July.

Click <https://forms.office.com/r/RduJ2JUu02> to register. Please contact Maj Jordan Crawford at Jordan.Crawford@ncwgcap.org with any questions.

National TLC Virtual Course Offerings

National Headquarters offers regularly scheduled virtual TLC-Basic and TLC-Intermediate courses. Please continue to offer local TLC courses. National is just creating another way to expand TLC's accessibility.



TLC Basic Schedule

May 8, 15, and 22 (Wednesday Evenings)
July 13 (Saturday)

TLC Intermediate Schedule

April 8-10 (Evenings)

Click [National Offered TLC Courses](#) to go to the webpage to access registration and additional information. All courses are available for registration through the [Registration Zone](#).



Points of Distribution - NC Wing Group Level Training

Points of Distribution (PODs) are centralized locations where the public picks up life-sustaining commodities following a disaster or emergency. This is one of the areas in which NC Wing members work alongside NC Emergency Management to assist the state in times of need.

Below are the remaining Wing training opportunities. Attend one of these training sessions to prepare to serve our communities!

Group 1

Saturday, 0800 hrs., 11 May 2024, Host - NC-124 Hickory Comp Squadron
Location: Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Ave Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601
POC: Maj David Hartman, david.hartman@ncwgcap.org

Group 2

Saturday, 0800 hrs., 27 April 2024, Host - NC-145 Franklin County Composite Squadron
Location: Triangle North Executive Airport, 440 Airport Road, Louisburg NC 27549
POC: Maj Christine Weber, christine.weber@ncwgcap.org

Group 3

Saturday, 0800 hrs., 18 May 2024, Host - NC-305 Elizabeth City Composite Squadron
Location: 1704 Weeksville Rd, Elizabeth City State University STEM Building, Room 103, Elizabeth City NC 27909
POC: Lt Jerry Cowand, jerry.cowand@ncwgcap.org

Group 4

Saturday, 0800 hrs., 20 April 2024, Host - NC-082 Winston Salem Composite Squadron
Location: 3000 Aviation Drive, Smith Reynolds Airport, Winston Salem NC 27105
POC: Maj Robert MacPherson, bruce.macpherson@ncwgcap.org

Group 6

Saturday, 0800 hrs., 13 April 2024, Host - NC-300 Union County Composite Squadron
Location: 2505 Weddington Road, Monroe, NC 28110
POC: Lt Col Michael Krueger, Michael.Krueger@ncwgcap.org

High Altitude Balloon Challenge – Registration is Open

Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education directorate is launching the fourth annual National High-Altitude Balloon Challenge for cadets. Any Civil Air Patrol composite or cadet squadron can register a team at no cost. Begun as the first national cadet STEM competition in 2021, the balloon challenge involves innovative cadet-designed science experiments to test high altitudes' effects on various items, which could be used to support humankind's quest to live and work in space.

Registration opens on 1 April 2024 and closes on 12 May. For more information:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/aerospace-education/cadets/cap-national-high-altitude-balloon-challenge>

Click the following link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxxetQdRDL9SMisiFXCibAi7AcrG1M3j7JY-UsupG0-s4NCg/viewform>

Please contact Capt Nicholas Green, NC Wing Director of Aerospace Education, at ngreen@ncwgcap.org with questions and for further information.



Please forward any questions you have about this newsletter and Education and Training to Lt Col Kathy Nicholas at knicholas@ncwgcap.org