

Education and Training Program

Momentum in the Education & Training Program with Vol-U Online Training (OLT)



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When I was a squadron commander it was always an obstacle to decide how to engage the adult member program and keep them interested and returning. We designed an adult member training program that gave meaning to each weekly meeting...much like the cadet program. One crucial element of that training program was the active participation in the Education and Training Program and forward momentum through the levels. The squadron was a start-up unit and therefore most of the members progressed as a group and we taught an in-person module monthly. This steady pace through the levels got the members through Level III of the Education and Training Program but then what?

I felt that as a commander it was my responsibility to enthusiastically encourage everyone to successfully complete Level 3 of the program. After all, Level III is geared towards preparing the members for a squadron level staff or leadership position. With the redesign of the Volunteer University Online module offerings (OLT) it is now possible for anyone that wants to complete Level IV or Level V to move through those modules at their own pace without the constraints of a cohort. Each module is offered as a stand-alone class where the student enrolls and reads the required readings and presentations and then completes a written assignment that is submitted to one of the instructors for evaluation. The member can also pair all three of the learning options together and take advantage of the different offerings available: in-person, online training (OLT) and virtual in-residence (ViR).

The Education and Training program was designed to ensure that we have the most trained and ready members available when the call comes. The versatility now available to the members in how that training is delivered gives leadership one more tool in empowering success.



2026 NC Wing Cadet Competition

January 16 - 18 is the North Carolina Wing Cadet Competition. The team or individuals that finish favorably from the Wing event competition will participate in the Mid-Atlantic Region Cadet competition 21 - 23 August 2026 in Virginia Beach, VA. You may sign up as a team or as an individual.

If you sign up as a team, you will compete in these categories:

- Color Guard Indoor Posting
- Parade Sequence

If you sign up as a team or as an individual, you will compete in these categories:

- General Cadet Knowledge (Exam)
- Physical Training (Standard PT Test)
- Uniform Inspection
- Public Speaking and TLP
- Aerospace Education (Exam)
- Standard Element Drill

Additional Information:

Date: 16 - 18 January 2026

Location: North Carolina Justice Academy
200 W College St., Salemburg, NC

Arrival: Between 1800 – 1900hrs on 16 January

Departure: TBD (Estimating 1200hrs) on 18 January

Uniforms: Class B Dress Blues, PT, ABUs

Team Size: Minimum 4 cadets (if signing up as a team)

Fee: TBD (More information forthcoming)

This is a great opportunity for cadets to improve their skills in multiple areas of Cadet Life in the Civil Air Patrol. This is also a great way to meet other cadets in your Wing and share ideas and talents with your peers. We look forward to seeing our NC Wing cadets exemplify their core value of excellence.

Save the date and start planning; more information will be coming out regarding sign up on Registration Zone. Please note that once the sign up is completed, your commander will need to approve this in Registration Zone. Registration will open on November 1st and close 13 December 2025.

NCWG LEVELS II & III



NCWG is offering the moderated modules for Level II and Level III in a combined event. You must have completed Level II before starting Level III

Level II

Level II will be held at the Hickory Regional Airport FBO, 3101 9th Ave Dr NW, Hickory, NC on Saturday 22-NOV 2025 from 08:45-16:30. This is an in-person training event. You must have completed Level I to enroll. Students must agree to read all the student guides prior to 15-NOV. The course will consist of a discussion of the relevant material, not a lecture. There are also several pre-course assignments.

Level III

Level III will be split into 2 sessions. Day 1 is on Saturday, 15-NOV. It will be a virtual session through TEAMS from 08:30-16:00. Day 2 is on 22-NOV. It will be in-person at the Hickory Regional Airport FBO, 3101 9th Ave Dr NW, Hickory, NC from 08:45-16:30. You must have completed Level II to enroll. Students must agree to read all the student guides in order to complete the assignments for the virtual course prior to 8-NOV. The course will consist of an instructor-led discussion of the relevant material, not a lecture. Most Level III modules have pre-course assignments that will be emailed to you.

Contact Maj C. Hooper at chooper@ncwgcap.org for questions.

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 Find Information on CAP's Command Teams and NC Wing Staff? The national website www.gocivilairpatrol.com has information on the national command team. Click on NHQ Command Team to read bios on Maj Gen Regena Aye and Brig Gen Jason Bailey!

Who are CAP's Region and Wing Commanders? You can find the answer to this question by clicking Region and Wing Commanders. This page has a link to each region and wing to view their web pages.

Our Wing command team is found by clicking North Carolina Command Staff. Click NC Wing Staff to view the organizational chart and listing of the staff.

Other Learning and Training Opportunities

2026 NC Wing Conference

Save the date and mark your calendars! The 2026 NC Wing Conference is scheduled for February 13 – 15, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro, NC. There will be many seminars to choose from and activities to immerse yourself in. Information will be shared soon on the details!



FREE Cyber learning opportunities!

Did you know that ALL Civil Air Patrol members have a great FREE opportunity to jump start or continue their learning through CAP's partnership with Cisco Networking Academy (NetAcad) [Cisco Networking Academy | CAP Cyber Missions](#)?

Cybersecurity support, training and curriculum resources are all available for members to work through in a self-paced environment.

Learn vital skills like threat intelligence, network security, and risk management to protect yourself and organizations from cyberattacks, and completing these courses prepares students for the CCST Cybersecurity Certification Exam, an entry-level cyber security qualification.

Civil Air Patrol's National Commander Maj. Gen. Regena Aye says: "Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility. In our modern, connected world, the decisions we make, from how we handle data to what we click, help us manage risks such as data breaches, ransomware attacks, and identity theft, among others. We all have a role in cybersecurity with every click, every login, every decision. We have many opportunities for training, including NCSAs, CSAs, the Cisco Academy, and more. I encourage everyone to engage in these opportunities, stay informed, and stay vigilant."

Regular cybersecurity training would also make a great safety briefing! #BeCyberSmart to keep your devices and home network secure! CSAM resources, including a safety briefing, can be found here:

[Cybersecurity Awareness Month | CAP Cyber Missions](#)

and [Cybersecurity Awareness Month Toolkit | CISA](#) .

CAP continues to advance training and education for all members, including the cyber badge program for cadets, the national cyber academy for cadets and adult members, and encourages units to participate in the annual CyberPatriot Competition. For more information on CAP's cyber programs, check out [Home | CAP Cyber Missions](#), or contact NCWG's own Cyber Officer, Capt Roy Vestal at rvestal@nc048.ncwgcap.org.

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MAC Matters Newsletter

Did you know there is a wealth of information for Public Affairs resources in the MAC Matters monthly newsletter? You can stay up to date with the latest additions and/or changes to the Public Affairs program, along with all relevant news to be disseminated throughout the regions and wings! You can find this on the National website at [MAC Matters](#). This is created by the Marketing and Communications team! Check it out!

Please forward any questions you have about this newsletter and Education and Training to Major Chad Hooper at chooper@ncwgcap.org.