



# INDIANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWSLETTER



*Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond*

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## Indiana Wing Change of Command

TFO Jessica Caplan  
INWG PAO

As everyone is aware, Indiana Wing has gone through some major changes recently! Col Mark Reeves stepped down as Wing Commander and his spot was taken by Col Richard Griffith (former vice commander). Major Matthew Creed followed in Col Griffith's steps by becoming INWG's new vice commander, and Major Jim Engel is our new Chief of Staff.

Col Reeves has been a member of CAP since 1997, and become wing commander 3 years ago. He decided he didn't want to put in the four year term because he wanted to be able to spend more time at home with his family. He stated that he's going to miss all the phone calls he got as wing commander, not to mention going to the winter board meetings. Col Reeves was a big fan of being able to pass out awards as well to his "unpaid professionals." Thankfully, Col Reeves isn't leaving us! He is now in charge of INWG Homeland Security. Thank you so

much, Col Reeves, for everything you have done for INWG these last 3 years.

When promoted Col Griffith gave a statement as well about his new promotion to wing commander.

"My wife, Jamie, and I are excited about this opportunity for me to serve as the Indiana Wing commander. After more than 21 years as a member, most of those years in the Indiana Wing, this feels like a chance to give back to our great organization.

Indiana Wing is truly a great organization. We fly counterdrug missions, conduct search and rescue, support flood relief, educate cadets, support aviation activities, and many other important activities. Our more than 1350 members are busy supporting their communities in more than 30 units. What causes us to sacrifice time, money and effort to do all of this? As the recently retired Great Lakes Liaison Region Commander said, "We look at you guys....the Civil Air Patrol...and think...would I do that?"

First, Indiana Wing is an organization grounded in a common set of values. Civil Air Patrol is about Integrity, Service and Excellence. It is about a commitment to the spirit of Volunteering by serving our

communities. Civil Air Patrol is about respect, about taking care of one another through a strong Safety program, by demonstrating excellence in resource accountability and by surpassing the standard in our Cadet Protection safeguards. Civil Air Patrol is about meeting the standards of representing our country and the United State Air Force with pride through excellent uniform wear, traditional military customs and in our personal behavior.

Secondly, we are an organization dedicated to our missions: emergency services, counter drug operations, youth development and educating others about the importance of Air and Space. This means maximizing our flying hours through our counterdrug and orientation flight programs, effectively using the incident command system, and valuing our relationships with state and federal agencies that we support. We must expand our aerospace education and youth outreach program by increasing the number of young people involved in our aviation, Aerospace Education and Cadet Program activities.

Finally, I think we all value the camaraderie, teamwork and the sense of community that exists in Civil Air Patrol. We are unpaid professionals who frequently give as many if not more hours to this employer that doesn't pay than we do to our paying employer. Because of that it is critical that all of us work to reward volunteer dedication, value one another's time, and develop a tight sense of community.

I am excited to be following Col Mark Reeves after his successful three years as commander. I look forward to these next few years and believe that we will

continue to excel as America's Air Force Auxiliary."

Col Griffith, thank you for taking on this great responsibility and leading INWG.

Also, to anyone who wants them there are a bunch of pictures from the ceremony not posted here. Please email [icaplan@inwg.cap.gov](mailto:icaplan@inwg.cap.gov) if you are interested.



Col Reeves relinquishing command of the wing.



Lt Col Griffith being promoted to Col.



## **Indiana Wing 2010 Annual**

### **Award Winners**

**Col Richard Griffith**  
INWG Commander

It an honor for me, as one of my first acts as Indiana Wing commander, to announce this year's annual award winners. Once again we have a chance to honor a portion of the more than 1300 senior members and cadets that work so hard to serve their communities. As we do each year, we will take an opportunity to recognize each recipient at our Wing Conference in April, but also take an opportunity to email them now and thank them for their efforts on behalf of our "community, state and nation."

**Senior Member of the Year --** Lt Col Reggie Paul (IN093, Group XII; IN WG Counter Drug Officer)

**Lt Col Russ Hollenbeck Cadet of the Year Award --** C/Col Aaron Redfield (IN036, Group I)

**Unit Commander of the Year –** Maj Jim Engel (previously IN002, Group XII)

**Wing Staff Member of the Year –** Maj Sam Hornbuckle (IN001, Director of Safety)

**David Dennis Memorial Award (Phase III Cadet of the Year) –** C/Capt Andrew Derr (IN213, Group XII)

**Col George Young Cadet NCO of the Year -** C/MSgt Jackson T. Maier (IN002, Group XII)

**Cadet Squadron of the Year --** Morgan County Cadet Squadron IN219 (Group V)

**Senior Squadron of the Year -** Terre Haute Senior Squadron IN093 (Group XII)

**Composite Squadron of the Year -** Monroe County IN002 (Group XII)

**Squadron of Merit –** Fort Wayne Composite Squadron IN201 (Group V)

**Distinguished Aviator Award –** 1st Lt Wayne White and 1st Lt Gregory Wood (IN069, Group V and IN214, Group XII)

**Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr. Incident Staff Member of the Year Award –** Lt Col Darrel Williamson (IN126, Group XII)

**Colonel Dion E. DeCamp Ground Team of the Year Award –** Morgan County Cadet Squadron (IN219, Group V)

**Brewer Award – Cadet –** C/Capt Chris Weizapfel (IN220; Group XII)

**Brewer Award – Organizational –** Indianapolis Air Show (nominated by IN WG/AE)

**Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award** – Capt Carol Kolb (IN803, School Group)

**Aerospace Education Officer of the Year Award** -- Lt Col Larry Lopshire (IN802, School Group)

**Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year** -- Major Jeff Young (IN001; previously Director of Cadet Programs)

**Safety Officer of the Year** -- Captain Adam Springmeyer (IN093, Group XII)

**George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year Award** – Lt Col Ralph Bruns (IN001, previously Indiana Wing Legislative Officer)

**Logistician of the Year** - Capt Keith Hennessey (IN126, Group XII)

**Character Development Instructor of the Year** – Lt Col Larry Lopshire (IN803, SCH GP)

**Finance Officer of the Year** – 2d Lt Anna Etchison (IN227, Group V)

**Lebo Public Affairs Officer of the Year** – TFO Jessica Caplan (IN220, Group XII; Wing Public Affairs Officer)

A special thanks to the unit commanders and Indiana Wing staff officers that nominated individuals for awards, and to the group commanders and the Chief of Staff for serving on our Wing Awards Board. Each year the Awards Board runs a little longer as we try to work through so many strong packages. Thank you!

Congratulations, once again, to all of our award winners!

## **CISM Training**

LT David Mallonee

During December, the Indiana Wing hosted individual and group Critical Incident Management training at Camp Attebury. Instruction was presented by Lt. Col. Sam Bernard, the National CISM officer. The program, coordinated by our Wing Vice-Commander, Lt. Col. Richard Griffith, was attended by CAP members from our wing, as well as members from Kentucky and Ohio.

With instruction completed over a three-day period (a total of 27 classroom hours), participants received certification through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in individual and group interventions, positioning them for squadron or individual assistance during incidents involving possible emotional trauma.

Armed with a learned group of potential CISM Team members, the Indiana Wing appointed a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, also a CAP member, to establish a wing wide CISM response team.

A solicitation was made through the Wing web email system, asking for those who were interested, and trained, to notify the newly appointed Critical Incident Stress Officer (CISO) of their interest. They received, by return email, a brochure regarding what CISM does (I've sent you a copy of same), and an application. To date, ten senior members have responded to the

request. Too, three cadet members attended the training and are willing to participate, once the National CISM authorities determine what roll Cadets will play in this program.

The CISM program, the CISO, and its members function under the umbrella of Emergency Services, and is under the control of the Wing Emergency Services Officer, Maj. Brian Schmuck. Too, Maj. Marcia Strahl, Great Lakes Region CISO, provides direct input to the INWG CISO and coordinates the program according to the National CIS plan.

### **Weir Cook Cadets Get Awarded**

**Capt. Gluntz**

Lt Col Richard Griffith paid a visit to the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron to make a couple of very special presentations. Lt Col Griffith is an alum of WCCS and it is always a special privilege to have him come to our squadron meetings, but especially this time.

Capt Patricia Kidd-Jordan has been an important member of the WCCS for several years. She is our CDI and has worked very hard to accomplish something unique. Patricia was the INWG CDI for 2008 and the GLR CDI for 2009. She has attended three Regional Staff Colleges in the past three years. If that were not enough she accomplished both her Level III and Level IV requirements in the same year. Due to a delay in INWG receiving her Learning award, Lt Col Griffith presented both her Learning Award and her Garber Award in the same night this past Monday, 1 Feb 2010. We

really appreciate Patricia's hard work and example to the squadron and the Wing.

C/2Lt Ehren Samples has been an extremely hardworking cadet since entering the program 2 1/2 years ago. He has participated in two Regional Cadet Competitions and lead the second. He spent the last year as our 1st Sgt and received the 2009 INWG NCO Cadet of the Year Award. This past Monday, Lt Col Griffith presented him with his Mitchell Award.

Our current 1st Sgt, William Andrews, has been in the program just over 2 years and was promoted to C/CMSgt this past Monday. He will be a part of his second INWG Cadet Competition and hopefully his second RCC in the spring.

Congratulations to these three outstanding individuals

### **RiverCity and Jasper Cadets Team Up**

**Capt Alex Whitacre**  
**RiverCity cadet Squadron Commander**

**Winslow, Indiana** – Cadets from RiverCity Cadet Squadron and cadets from Jasper Cadet Squadron met at Old Ben Boy Scout Reservation for a weekend of ground team training. Operating in the cold creates challenges that cannot be taught in the classroom. RiverCity and Jasper chose the weekend of January 29, 2010 to prepare members of their respective ground teams for cold weather operations. With temperatures well

below freezing the entire weekend, the cadets learned what it takes to live and operate in cold weather.

Aside from basic ground team task training aimed at cold weather survival, the cadets participated in a two-man land navigation course, a missing person search, and an ELT search.

Some lessons learned:

- A zero degree sleeping bag only means you will not get frost bite at zero degrees. It does not mean you will be comfortable!
- Layers, layers, layers! You have to be able to take layers off while you are on a strenuous mission, and put them back on again as soon as you are done.
- At the end of the day, change your clothes. When the sun goes down, any moisture from sweat chills the body rapidly. Those that changed their clothes were much warmer during the night.
- Do not bring a camel back if you do not have insulated tubes. They freeze quickly and become useless!
- Stick a canteen under your sleeping bag so it does not freeze during the night.
- Leave canteens a little empty so the water sloshes around. That helps keep it from freezing.
- Hydration is extremely important. In cold weather, it takes discipline to make you drink water.
- Leave the contacts at home. Cold weather dries the eyes out and makes it hard to wear contacts.

- Good boots are very important. Black gortex hiking boots seem to be the best.
- Chemical hand and feet warmers are worth their weight in gold in the field. Several cadets stuffed them into the bottom of their sleeping bags and were quite comfortable during the night.



**C/Capt Derr leads Jasper cadets on ELT search**



**Fire watch takes on new meaning in 15 degree weather**

## **Fort Wayne Takes INWG Color Guard Competition**

**Maj Sharon Groome**

The cold grey February 20<sup>th</sup> morning could not dampen the spirits of cadets from three squadrons who were gathering at the Aviation Technology Center at the Indianapolis Airport for the annual Cadet Competition.

Cadets and their sponsors from Valparaiso Cadet SQ, Weir Cook Cadet SQ and Fort Wayne Composite SQ were anxiously awaiting the beginning of the competition. The Valpo team included Zachary Jakybowski, Color Guard Commander, Sylas Retteyr, Thomas Setser, Matthew Mettenburg with Jacob Hopkins as alternate. Their senior sponsor was Patrick Jakybowski. Weir Cook members included Matthew Thomas, Color Guard Commander, Addison Yeager, William Andrews, Bailey Yeager with Tyrus Demerothas alternate. Bill Andrews was their sponsor. The Fort Wayne team included Isaac Lengacher, Color Guard Commander, Kegan Sprunges, Elizabeth McClamrock, Daniel Minsh with alternate Benjamin Cabeya. Kara Lucker and Jack Schultz were their sponsors. The event staff included Chief Judge Cpt. Krista Morisen, Judges Majors Jeff Young and Frank Merrill, Observer Maj. Jim Engel and Maj. Sharon Groome as tabulator.

There are several individual events on which the teams are scored. The flag handling events include posting indoors,

raising the flag outdoors and respectfully folding the flag and performing a series of drill movements within a defined area. Other events include a very strict uniform inspection, a mile run, a written exam, and a panel quiz. Medals were awarded to the winner of each individual event. Overall winners received very attractive trophies. Valpo took third place. Weir Cook took second place. And with squeals and cheers from the audience, Fort Wayne received the top trophy.

Fort Wayne will now move forward to represent Indiana Wing at the Great Lakes Region Cadet Competition held in May in Ohio. Indiana Wing wishes you the best of luck.

## **Terre Haute Tabletop**

**Lt Lindsay Shipps**

On Saturday 27 February, more than 15 members of INWG took part in a disaster relief tabletop exercise at Vigo County's Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Operations Center located on the grounds of Hulman Field.

The exercise involved the simulation of INWG's response to massive flooding resulting from 6-7in of rain per hour over a period of 8hrs. Simulated disaster recovery efforts included: Aerial reconnaissance of Valparaiso, LaPorte, the Kankakee River, DeMotte, Rensselaer, and the Tippecanoe River. All in addition to sandbagging efforts in Porter County.

Maj Gary Brockman served as Incident Commander, working closely with Capt Steve Fedor who performed operations directives and task management as Team Leader and Mission Operations Preceptor.

CAP Members taking part in the tabletop received a tour of the EMA and EOC facility by JD Kesler, Deputy Director of Vigo County EMA, who provided a thorough narrative of the facility's capabilities and qualifications. Vigo County has many assets including a mobile incident command post and a medium sized, well stocked EOC that proved to be a comfortable and capable home for the day, complete with live radar via WTWO-TV and laptops for CAP's use at each station.

Many CAP members participated including: Lt Robert Friedl and Lt Kevin McCombs from Lafayette Composite, Lt Col Reggie Paul , Lt Col Tom Pickett, Maj Joe Novotney, Capt Rene Foli, and Capt John P Mellor from the Terre Haute Senior Squadron; Maj Doug Jenkins from Indianapolis senior; and Lt Col Tom Myers, Group XII Commander.



## Safety Corner

Major Samuel Hornbuckle  
Indiana Wing Safety Director



Mishap Reporting has become a weak point in the Safety Program these last few years. Not only do we have an issue with CAP 78's being completed within

the required 72 hours, we also have problems with members reporting a mishap when it occurs.

Each member is responsible for making sure a mishap is properly reported. This would include notifying your commander, safety officer, or anyone within your chain of command. By reporting your mishap, you have legal documentation of the situation. It also assists the wing and CAP in finding trends and allows us to make an attempt on finding a solution to prevent the mishap from occurring again.

ALL mishaps are to be reported regardless of what it is. A member who tripped in the meeting room and received a rug burn must be reported.

If you must file a Mishap Report, please remember the 5 W's: Who was involved?, What happened?, When did it happen?, Where did it occur?, and Why did it happen?. Be very detailed. Although you

are limited to the number of characters on the CAP 78, you can still put in as much information as you possibly can to allow a smoother investigation in the future. If your report is detailed, it may be good enough to not require an investigation which allows you to perform your duties without interruption.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact your Unit Commander, Unit Safety Officer, Group Safety Officer, one of the Assistant Directors of Safety, or myself. In regards to Safety, you can also contact a commander at any level. If you choose to take this step, however, please notify your chain of command before proceeding.

A side note I would like to mention is that there are several members of Indiana Wing who were recognized in the January Sentinel with their Safety Suggestions through Operation CAPSAFE. Please keep up the good work! This is proof that your suggestions are being heard from National. If you have a suggestion, please feel free to place it in the "Safety Suggestions" section located in e-services.

## FROM THE PAO

TFO Jessica Caplan  
Indiana Wing PAO



To my dedicated readers,

I apologize that newsletters are not coming out monthly like they used to. It's gotten harder and harder to get enough articles to put together a newsletter. I'm going to figure out some method to this madness shortly. Perhaps a full magazine every few months... We'll see. In the mean time, please continue to send in your articles! I love seeing what's going on in the wing when I'm not around!

Please mark your calendars everyone! The Wing Conference is coming up here in April, please register if you plan on attending! Also, next weekend is the SAREX in Greenwood, please email Capt Aaron Pietras if you are planning on attending.