



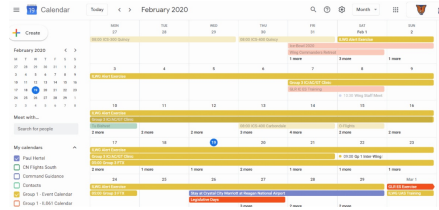
# THE ILLINOIS WING RECAP!

*Where Imagination Takes Flight*



## Upcoming Events

Check the wing calendar regularly for new and updated events. [Calendar](#)



This newsletter is pretty long, but pretty good. You likely won't see all of it to the end. After scrolling to the end (it's not really the end) of the newsletter, immediately after the the newsletter you will see "[Message clipped] [View entire message](#)" Please click on "[View entire message](#)" to see the rest of the newsletter. This is because of the length of the newsletter Thank you.

## Help Wanted

MSgt Frank D'Angelo would like to interview a senior member who is a prior CAP cadet and also served or is serving in any branch the military (active, guard, reserve). He would like to interview this member for approximately five minutes using Zoom to discuss their service as a cadet and how the cadet program prepared and benefited them for service in the military. This is your opportunity to share your CAP story! Officers and NCOs welcome to apply. If interested, please contact MSgt D'Angelo at [fdangelo@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:fdangelo@ilwg.cap.gov) no later than 27 Sept. '20.

## To All IL Wing Members,

Just a reminder about Social Media postings. It is a pretty intense time in our nation's history right now. Some of our current issues have caused people to feel they need to express their opinion or speak out about a specific issue on social media. We all have the right to express our opinion, however, we need to consider the impact before doing so. If your social media presence clearly shows you are a CAP member, how will your social media statement portray CAP? So when you are posting keep that in mind, don't post anything that may put CAP in a bad light. Use the CAP Core Values as your guideline related to your post and remember the CAP nondiscrimination statement you commit to every year. Additionally, we are embarking on a renewed awareness for diversity and inclusion in CAP too. So remember, before you post something on social media ask yourself if your comments reflect CAP's values. Thank you

Here is a quote from our national commander, from a recent message from him to all of CAP:

***“You and I have actions we must take to heart and put into play. We need to be respectful in all of our interactions, social media, and otherwise. Do not think that you can clearly separate your personal life and your Civil Air Patrol affiliation. Let’s remember that our core values are in play whether we are wearing a Civil Air Patrol uniform or not. Let’s reflect inwardly and have the self-awareness to identify areas in which we need to improve, and then have the gumption to carry through with those improvements. And let’s always work from a position of kindness, respect, value, and equal justice for everyone.  
Maj Gen Mark Smith”***

Together we ALL Succeed!

Very Respectfully,

Col Dempsey

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## Wing COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello IL Wing,

I hope you are all staying well in health and spirit. We continue to face each day with a sense of determination to push forward, but also with a certain amount of uncertainty of what will come too. We must remember that we will get through these difficult times. So, what keeps us going? First, our devotion to the Core Values in everything we do. Secondly, the hope and knowledge that by exercising our preventive measures full time, we will see things start to return to normal. While we would like to return to normal tomorrow, we know it will take time for the COVID-19 to be brought under control. I believe we have months to go before things get back to "normal" so in the meantime we must adapt to the "New Normal". Squadrons following the safety protocols should take advantage of the opportunities we have to resume meeting in person. Since we are in phase 1 (some wings are still at Phase 0) following the safety protocols we can meet in groups up to 10 members. Be creative by holding multiple meetings per week or rotating members through the weekly 10 person meetings. Continue to use the virtual meeting tools as well.

The IL Wing Remobilization Task Force is actively watching several metrics daily to give us the information we need to make the best decisions on resuming our meetings and training activities.

Keep in touch with your unit and check on your wingman often!

Be well

Be Safe

Be Strong

Together We ALL Succeed

Col Bob Dempsey  
IL Wing Commander

Be well, be safe  
Col Bob Dempsey

Together We ALL Succeed

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**THE WING CC AND THE WING PAO WOULD LOVE TO VISIT  
YOUR ON-LINE MEETING Please let Col Dempsey and Lt Col Hertel  
know about your unit meetings.**

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# SAVE THE DATE

24 & 25 October, 2020

The 2020 IL Wing  
Virtual / Hybrid Aerospace Conference



PRESENTATIONS

STEM EVENTS

DEMONSTRATIONS

MODEL ROCKETRY

AIRCRAFT TOURS

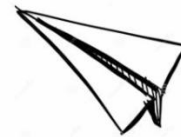
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

AVIATION CAREER EXPLORATION

CONTESTS

More details to be released soon



 Networking  
Academy

Introduction to Cybersecurity  
**Learn-A-Thon**



Fellow CAP Members,

Registration is now open for the Learn-A-Thon! **This is a competition with our fellow wings & regions!** We need as many as possible to participate! Please consider registering and learning something new about cyber security. **The competition ends on Oct 9th.**

Please register at this link specifically to give our wing credit: <https://www.netacad.com/portal/web/self-enroll/m/course-20273>

More information on the Cisco Networking Academy Partnership: <https://www.cap.news/cap-announces-partnership-with-cisco-networking-academy/>.

If you have any questions or registration issues, please reach out to me directly so I may assist.

### **Lt Col Paul Creed III, CAP**

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**With armed U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagles circling above like angry hornets and a thick column of smoke rising from the wounded city, three officers aboard a Civil Air Patrol Cessna 172 were among the first to witness the terrible scope of the devastation wrought when hijacked airliners struck the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001. Their memories remain vivid.**

## **Promotions! Awards! Duty Assignments! New Members!**

Personnel Announcements are now located in the wing [Personnel Announcements](#) web page. Click below to directly access each report. Congratulations to all promotees, award winners, new members and Birthday Celebrants!

[2020-08 Announcements](#)

[2020-07 Announcements](#)

[2020-06 Announcement](#)

[2020-05 Announcements](#)

### **The former US Air Force Secretary leading the push for more women to take flight**

By Pilar Wolfsteller 16 September 2020

In the first of a new monthly series profiling women who are making a mark on aviation and aerospace, we meet Heather Wilson, pilot, former US Air Force Secretary and one-time member of Congress, who is now heading a government-backed initiative to encourage female participation in the industry. [To continue reading, click here.](#)



### **From Chaplain, Major, Le'on Willis**

I was once told that by the time one learns how to live life and use all of its attributes, it is time to die. It is my hope, we as Americans can learn how to live and use life's attributes before we perish. When the goals are obtained, then we will truly know, what it means to be in this together. As we go through life, I often wondered what causes certain people to think that one person is better than another because of the color of their skin.

When my children were small, I taught them to receive people based on the content of their character and not the color of their skin. My understanding, if a person possesses a good character they should be easily integrated into any system, environment or culture based on their ability to achieve or compete on a level playing field. It is only when we have obtained these standards of life that we are able to say "We are in this together" in order to work toward a more perfect union. Each day of our lives it becomes necessary for every individual to live out the true value of being treated equal. Many times, we turn our back and walk away from what our eyes see because it is happening to someone who is not like we are. I must ask the question, does this justify me standing idle and allowing things to happen? The other question maybe, would I allow this to happen to my child.

There will come a time when our children will ask what happened to the real America or was America founded on a lie? We will have to answer that question, or our children will have no confidence in what we say in a changing culture. Too often people desire to hold on to traditions when they know they are wrong. These traditions were put in place to make some people feel superior to others. However, many of



these people do not realize that they are being used by those in power to maintain their status quo. Life is like the weather, constantly changing. Just as humans have great difficulties in controlling the Mississippi River, we will continue to have problems in maintaining tradition when society deems that it is time for a change. The most important thing we can do in assisting our children in living a wholesome life is to teach them that nothing remains the same, not me or you. Peace and Blessing is my hope for all of you.

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## Lt Col Joe Long, Wing Director of Operations



The Great Lakes Region and IL Wing are working to present a Virtual Private Pilot School.

Cadets and Senior Members are welcome to attend.

At this point we are gauging interest in the program. We have a group of instructors ready to teach.

The goal is to prepare you to take the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge test in preparation for flight training.

I don't have information regarding materials or the associated cost at this point.

**Click the link below to sign up.**

[Private Pilot Ground School Sign Up](#)

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Here is a link to the video recordings of the ES training that has been done.

<https://ilwg.cap.gov/members/wing-staff/emergency-services/virtual-es-training>

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## 1st Lt Jamie Hiles - Professional Development



The first "onsite" training event is being planned for November. Stay tuned for details. At this time we are planning on offering virtual module training for Levels II and III.

Online cohorts are accepting applications monthly due the last Tuesday of each month. The upcoming cohorts will be assigned and announced on the first Tuesday of each month. To sign up for a cohort, go to the eServices menu tab > Professional Development > Professional Levels. Click on Cohort Request under the Volunteer University section. If you notice after signing up that you are no longer registered, please don't sign up again as you have been placed in a cohort and the instructor will contact you shortly. Under the Accomplishments section, you will be able to record your progress and upload documentation yourself instead of relying on your ETO to do it for you. Please contact your unit's ETO with questions about your ET progress and what you need to focus on next.

Please sign up as an instructor for the new program. Go to the NHQ website for more application details. You will need to submit a resume along with your application. Please remember that becoming an instructor is a requirement to complete both Levels IV and V. The good news is you don't have to be in Level IV or V to become an instructor. If you are interested in teaching and mentoring other members you can apply to instruct prior to starting Level IV. Please keep the applications coming so we have more instructors to fill this great need as we have many members waiting for instructors as we speak.

We have one more virtual conference left coming up in October. The AZWG conference will be held on 24 Oct 2020. Stay tuned for more conference announcements.

Now is the time to make sure your Cadet Protection Basic or Advanced Course training is current. This needs to be completed every four years. For new members and cadets who are about to turn 18, you will have to complete a conversation along with the course. Contact your ETO to make arrangements for this part of the training. The course is in LMS in eServices. If you aren't sure if you need the course, contact your ETO to check your status. Let's make sure we are at 100% compliance when the quarantine is lifted.

As a part of the Aerospace Program, Senior Members need to complete the Yeager Exam. This now

counts towards Level II completion. The Yeager Exam is currently in Axis under the Learning Management System (LMS). To complete the Yeager you will need the Aerospace Textbook. You can download it by going to Menu > Aerospace Education > AE Downloads and Resources. Download Aerospace: The Journey of Flight 3rd Edition. To find the Yeager Exam go to Menu > Online Learning > Learning Management System. Click on the "Go to AXIS" button at the top of the screen. Click on the Course Catalog tab. Scroll down to almost the bottom of the list for the Yeager Award Exam. Click on enroll. The exam is open-book. Contact your ETO if you have any questions about the exam.

The [ILWG ET calendar](#) has lots of resources about upcoming courses, conferences, and grandfather period deadlines for each Level. Please refer back to it periodically as new training opportunities are added.

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**Safety Always!**



## ***September is National Preparedness Month***

With all that is going on these days, thinking about preparing for a disaster probably is not at the top of our lists. However, with CAP's new emphasis on making Risk Management an integral part of our daily lives, now is a good time to break out those old plans to make sure they will still work. If you don't have one, this is a good opportunity to bring the family together for an activity that benefits all. More information about this month's tips can be found at the following website:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

Each week in September is devoted to a new phase in the plan process. In order to keep this article short, the first two weeks are being emphasized in this newsletter. Expect to see an email from the Director of Safety with the weekly topic featured.

### **Make A Plan**

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which [types of disasters](#) could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family

meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

### **Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan.**

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family/household communication plan?
5. Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?
6. Check with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and update my emergency plans due to Coronavirus.
  - Get masks (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check my sheltering plan.

### **Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.**

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

### **Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan**

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use it as a guide to create your own.

- [Emergency Plan for Parents \(PDF\)](#)

### **Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household**

## **Build A Kit**

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own [food](#), [water](#) and other [supplies](#) to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find and any one of them could save your life. Headed to the store? [Download a printable version](#) to take with you. Once you take a look at the basic items consider what [unique needs](#) your family might have, such as supplies for [pets](#) or [seniors](#).

## **Basic Disaster Supplies Kit**

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire

disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Download the Recommended Supplies List (PDF)

## **Additional Emergency Supplies**

Since Spring of 2020, the CDC has recommended people include additional items in their kits to help prevent the spread of coronavirus or other viruses and the flu. Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Cloth face coverings (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

## **Maintaining Your Kit**

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers.
- Replace expired items as needed.



- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

## Kit Storage Locations

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and cars.

- **Home:** Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.
- **Work:** Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.
- **Car:** In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies [in your car](#).

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If you have been involved in CAP communications for a while, you have likely heard us discussing the use of Analog vs. Digital on our VHF radio channels. The intention since the introduction of P-25 digital mode has been to migrate all operations to digital at some point, but there have been a few roadblocks to resolve first. The last major task in that migration was addressed this month with the announcement that all remaining aircraft in the CAP fleet with Analog radios will be upgraded by this coming March. Related to that announcement was that all of the ReadyOp remote radios would be transmitting in Digital mode only.



So what does that all mean to us? The short answer is that it should not be much of a change. All CAP owned VHF-FM radios in Illinois already support digital mode, it's just a matter of using the channels with names ending in "P" (for P-25). CAPR 100-1 states: *"Mission communications nets and activities should operate in P-25 digital mode as a first preference. When P-25 operation is not feasible, such as when communicating with CAP aircraft equipped with analog-only radios or when using liaison frequencies, analog operation is acceptable."* In Illinois Wing, our aircraft are already 100% digital capable. So it's just a matter of following the regulation and using Digital mode on all missions and exercises within the wing.

Outside of Illinois could be a different story as Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Wisconsin all have at least one aircraft awaiting an upgrade, so if you have an activity involving aircraft from those wings you may still need to use Analog.

We will continue to support Analog on our daily VHF nets because we know some members have made an investment in their own Analog-only radios but at this point I would highly discourage purchasing any new Analog only radios as I expect they are going to be of very limited use in the near future.

As always, if you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out.

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TO: ALL UNIT COMMANDERS, Illinois Wing:

Good Day!: I have been asked to assist with any "Fund Raising" that our units are looking to undertake within our Wing. With budgets being tight, the need for funds grows, and we would like to assist our units with whatever assistance we can provide. In addition there are some restrictions that National has placed when we reach out to solicit resources. The restrictions cover companies and organizations with a "large footprint" that covers Regional and National possibilities. The restrictions are meant to allow CAP to secure the biggest possible return; it is not meant to hinder local units. It is important that we not interfere with the larger National effort.

Therefore if I can be of assistance, make suggestions, review attempts, or provide guidance in any way, please reach out to me.

Once the Wing is able to begin "in person" presentations we will also look to involve everyone to assist with a Wing wide effort.

Please feel free to call me (847) 910-4216, or e-mail me with any questions and/or suggestions.

Best Regards,

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# Girls in Aviation Day



Save the date for the sixth annual international Girls in Aviation Day on September 26, 2020. Thousands of girls, ages 8-17 around the world, will be able to experience the 6th Annual Girls in Aviation Day through a new and exclusive Aviation for Girls App.

A Women in Aviation International® Event

- Three age-appropriate content tracks for elementary, middle school and high school students
- Career panel videos
- Instructional activity videos
- Social media posts
- Online learning activities
- Meet positive female role models
- Virtual tours
- Scholarship information
- Education resources
- Expanded *Aviation for Girls* magazine

## More details to come - watch their web site!

[Experience #GIAD20 virtually with the Aviation for Girls app flyer.](#)

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## Hello from Diversity and Inclusion

### What Improv Can Teach Us About Diversity and Inclusion

*2nd LT Adam Fitting, CAP  
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If you've ever enjoyed an evening of improv comedy at the Second City in Chicago, or watched a great skit on Saturday Night Live, you've witnessed one of the essential rules of improv in action. From their very first improv lesson, actors learn the "yes and" rule. This rule instructs improvisers to agree with and add to anything offered by their fellow improvisers as they undertake their routine. This creates an "anything goes" rhythm that often escalates to hilarity for audiences, and can even bring the improvisers themselves to the point of "cracking up" at the absurdity of their banter.

So what does this have to do with Civil Air Patrol diversity and inclusion? The answer I offer for reflection lies in the idea of welcoming and taking new perspectives. Embracing the wonder in moments you may experience watching improv when you say to yourself "wow, I never thought of it that way."

When you think of diversity and inclusion what sorts of things come to mind? Often the first perspectives we hear when we ask this question of members include things like ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and race. These are crucially important aspects of diversity to deepen awareness and action around in our squadrons, and despite their importance in contributing to the richness and strength of our organizational fabric can often feel categorical and broad. Because it is clear that overcoming this feeling and turning intention into action is critical, it is equally important to have tools that can help.

This is where "yes and" and perspective-taking can transform our interactions and approach. Instead of simply getting stuck on categories we can ask ourselves what perspectives people of diverse backgrounds can bring to our teams. For instance, we could start by asking what perspective a person of a different gender or in a different socio-economic situation might have toward our missions and values?

Then we can ask how these different perspectives might enrich and broaden our own perspectives and approaches to problems and opportunities. Perspectives take us beyond characteristics and into conversations.

The next step is moving beyond reflection, and into action through invitation and recruitment. Once you begin exploring the possibilities through perspective-taking the value of these perspectives gets clearer and clearer. Now it's time to begin your "yes and" practice. Firstly look at your squadron and simply say something like "yes, this is a fantastic group of interesting dedicated people whom I value and respect, and how much more fantastic would this experience for us all if we had people with more perspectives." Then start talking to real people and inviting them to join us.

Ask people to share their experiences, and offer them examples that let them know how their perspectives and contributions are welcome, needed, and valued by your Civil Air Patrol squadron. Before you know it your squadron meetings and activities will have some new faces, new voices, new perspectives, and levels of esprit de corps and fun that might rival the energy of the best nights at the Second City.

Commanders - If you'd like to practice perspective-taking or 'yes and' techniques contact the diversity and inclusion team and we'd be glad to do a session with you and your squadron.

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If you have any thoughts, concerns or ideas how to promote and/or increase our diversity email the committee at [DIO@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:DIO@ilwg.cap.gov)

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## Public Affairs!



I am willing to assist any cadet wishing to accomplish the Public Affairs Staff Duty Analysis.

At your service,

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