



# South Carolina Wing 2019 Year End Report

To the SC Wing Members—Thank you,

You have contributed to a great year for the SCWG. Your performance in meeting the challenges of Civil Air Patrol's core missions have allowed the wing to serve our communities, state, and nation with professionalism and excellence. Wing membership has grown annually since 2017 resulting in a 15% overall increase. Over 900 Airmen now serve in the SCWG. This is due to your efforts, primarily through leadership and work of members in each of our local squadrons.

Innovative programs such as a new drone mission in emergency services and the Cadet Wings pilot training program continue to be introduced and you are stepping up and responding to the challenges and opportunities that are being created. I am very proud of the work you are doing and thankful that you are a part of the South Carolina Wing of Civil Air Patrol.



During 2019 our operational metrics and emergency responses continually demonstrated your ability to meet mission readiness and demonstrated excellence in mission execution. Cadet Programs offered many awesome opportunities for both cadets and senior members. Aerospace Education and its many tools have grown as it links together all of the missions of Civil Air Patrol. Now is a great time to be a member of Civil Air Patrol. As you review this snapshot of 2019, take the time to think about ways that you can continue to serve and perhaps explore a new area of interest within the organization.

I continue to be awed and excited by what you are accomplishing in service to this great nation—both for now and for its future.

Semper Vigilans,  
Col Safley

## Aerospace Education

- Major STEM Outreach Initiatives at STEAM Festivals, Girls in Aviation Day, Family Day at McEntire Joint Guard Base
- SCWG C/2dLt Ashlynn Galm is 12th cadet nationwide to acquire private pilot's license through Youth Aviation Initiative in-residence program
- Mid-Atlantic Region Powered Flight Academy hosted at Camden Military Academy
- Lt Col C. Sperling named AE Director for SCWG

## Cadet Programs

- 10 Units Earned Quality Cadet Unit Award from NHQ
- Cadets from SCWG attended variety of NCSAs across the U.S. during summer 2019
- 2019 Encampment 100% Graduation Rate; Continued Increase in Attendance
- Cadet Programs Department hosted Cadet Training Weekend & Staff Training Academy Weekend in 2019
- Maj Tina Peterson named Cadet Programs Director for SCWG

## Emergency Services

- Ground Team from Sumter Composite Squadron involved in successful location of missing man in North Carolina
- Over 100 SCWG members volunteered to serve in Hurricane Dorian Mission response
- Weekend GTL Training hosted in Clarks Hill, S.C.
- Search & Rescue Exercises Wing-wide SAREVAL in February 2019, and a SAREX was planned and/or executed in every Group

# Emergency Services

## Sumter Ground Team Joins Ground Team Search in North Carolina

Three members of the Sumter Composite Squadron joined a Ground Team Mission in North Carolina near the Great Smokey Mountains. A man who wandered away from a vacation area was missing for four nights in an area of the Cataloochee Divide in North Carolina. Over 200 people from 60 agencies including Civil Air Patrol participated in this successful search. Sumter Composite Squadron sent a ground team to North Carolina to assist in the search. Two of those SCWG members were on the ground team which successfully located Mr. Lynch. Back at the base camp, the third member of the team was putting his sUAS knowledge to use along with others to attempt to locate clues to the missing man's whereabouts from above.



## SCWG Aircrew Members Participate in Super Bowl Training Exercise With SC Air National Guard

In January 2019, aircrew members from SCWG participated in a demonstration of the twice-monthly training exercise between Civil Air Patrol & the SCANG known as Fertile Keynotes. CBS National Correspondent David Martin interviewed then-SCWG Chief of Staff Maj Ben Cole during the Media Day Activity leading up to Super Bowl XLIII. In addition to the SCWG Aircrew being mentioned on the National News, South Carolina news agencies also mentioned Civil Air Patrol 14 times during their coverage of the event.



## Aviation-Related Emergency Services Training

**Low-Level Route Flying:** South Carolina Wing has been involved with low-level route flying and observations in 2019. CAP Aircrews fly Military Training Routes (MTRs) to provide situational data to inform military aircrews about the location of new power lines, cell phone towers, and other flight risks to military aircraft performing training on these MTRs.

**Mountain Terrain Flying:** In 2019 a team of SCWG Aircrew travelled to North Carolina to complete a weekend of "Mountain Fury" training. This training was designed to prepare those who don't often fly mountain terrain to be ready to respond to a search mission in neighboring states.

**Fertile Keynote Missions:** Twice monthly, aircrew personnel from South Carolina Wing assist the SC Air National Guard in training exercises designed to prepare their response to aircraft that are in violation of Temporary (or permanent) Flight Restrictions.

## Ground Team Leader Course Boosts SCWG Ability to Complete Ground Team Missions

The sweltering heat and diminished rations that those who completed the Ground Team Leader course in August experienced only further simulated the conditions that Ground Team members might actually encounter on a real mission. Lt Col Bruce Brown led this GTL-focused weekend training to increase the overall ability of SCWG to respond to Ground Team Missions with properly trained Ground Team Leaders. The weekend training involved nine senior members from the Camden, ACE Basin, Sumter, and Aiken squadrons. Cadets from Grand Strand, Aiken and ACE Basin also completed the weekend.



In 2019, the South Carolina Wing successfully completed the Search & Rescue Evaluation (SAREVAL) for preparedness as graded by the United States Air Force. In addition, the Wing received a letter in September 2019 from Lt Gen Marc H. Sasseville, Commander, AFNorth, 1AF, thanking its members for their commitment to service during the Fall 2018 Hurricane Florence Mission which was the longest in the history of the South Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

# Aerospace Education & Cadet Programs

## South Carolina Wing Welcomes Mid-Atlantic Region Powered Flight Academy to Camden

The Col Roland Butler National Powered Flight Academy, one of the National Cadet Special Activities Offered to Cadets each year, was hosted at Camden Military Academy in July 2019. Lt Col Mark Bailey, SCWG Director of Operations, is a long-time director of this Academy. This was the first year for it to take place in South Carolina, but plans are in place for the Academy to return to Camden in the summer 2020. During the week 12 cadets achieved their solo flight!



## First SCWG Cadet Earns Private Pilot's License Through Youth Aviation Initiative

C/2d Lt Ashlynn Galm was the 12th cadet in Civil Air Patrol to earn her private pilot's license through the Cadet WINGS program. She completed the in-residence training in Brownsville, Texas, graduating from the program in July 2019. Civil Air Patrol NHQ estimated that 50-60 cadets will have earned their private pilot's license through the Civil Air Patrol National Youth Aviation Initiative by the end of 2019.



## Cadets Experience Aerospace Education & Aviation Opportunities at Encampment 2019

At the 2019 Summer Encampment, Cadets and Senior Members had the unique experience to participate in some aviation and aerospace education experiences including a flight on a C-17, seeing the landing of a Blackhawk helicopter, and interacting with pilots and aircrew. For many of the cadets and senior members, this was the first time they had ever been on a plane (with the exception of their CAP Orientation Flight). Conversations with loadmasters and aircrew from Charleston AFB, airmen at McEntire Joint Guard Base, and the Army helicopter crew gave attendees an opportunity to learn about careers in aerospace & aviation.



## Cadet Orientation Flights

This year the Cadet Orientation Flights required a team effort, with many squadrons hosting fly-ins days to concentrate on the flying of multiple cadets! At the end of the fiscal year, 121 new cadets had completed their first orientation ride, and 290 O-ride sorties were performed.. Of course one major component of Cadet Orientation Flights is having enough mission pilots to complete this piece of the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education & Cadet Program mission. This year the South Carolina Wing also focused on recruiting Mission Pilots as part of the AE & ES missions, increasing its ability to perform Cadet Orientation Flights and respond to other mission needs.



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# Cadet Programs

## Cadet Programs Director Receives Training at Groundbreaking Conference with Boys & Girls Club of America

Maj Tina Peterson, CAP, attended a three-day conference in November with Directors of Cadet Programs from throughout the nation. The emphasis during the training was raising leaders through the CAP Cadet Program. In addition to hearing from inspiring speakers including some former cadets, the attendees worked together to address some of the issues facing the CAP Cadet Program and were able to gather valuable insight from one another for use in their Wings. Service learning opportunities and community service by cadets and senior members was emphasized as a key component to developing empathetic, motivated leaders.

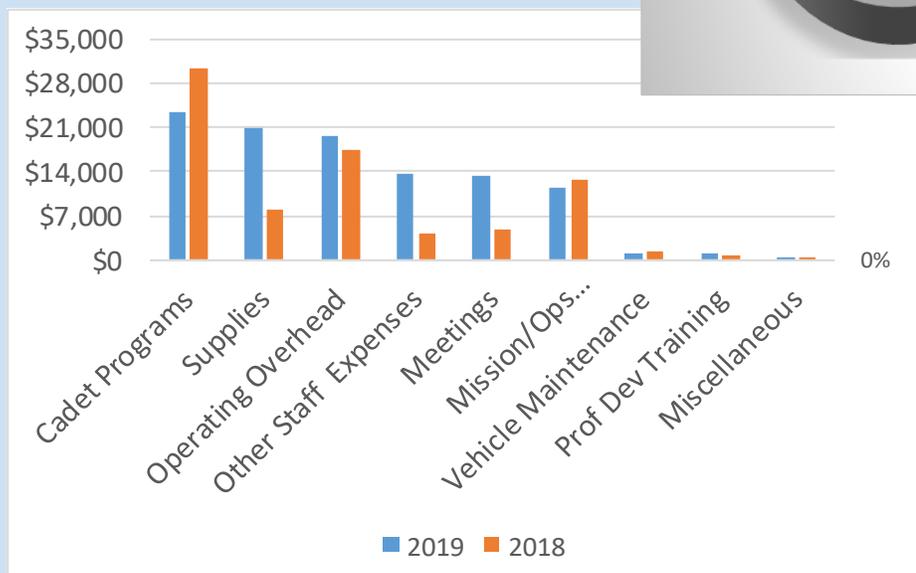
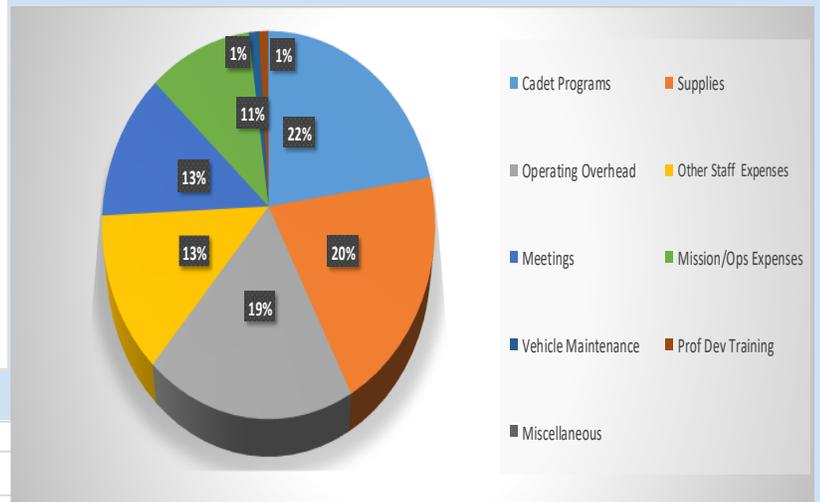
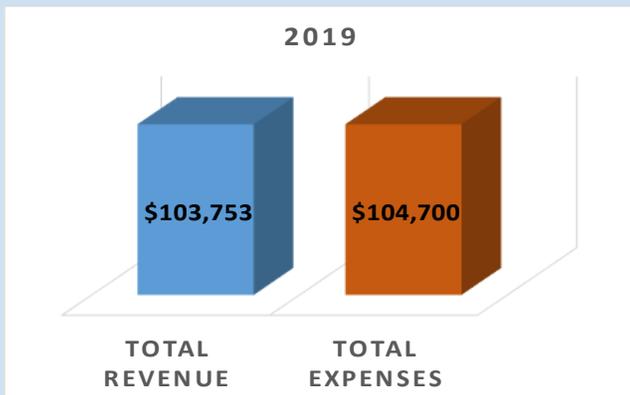


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## Quality Cadet Unit Award Earned by 10 South Carolina Wing Squadrons

Ten South Carolina Wing squadrons earned the Quality Cadet Unit Award given by Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters in 2019. Aiken Composite Squadron & ACE Basin Composite Squadron received the award for the very first time in its history. Low Country Composite Squadron received the award having achieved 100% of the possible metrics for which the award is given. In addition, the Florence Composite Squadron, Sumter Composite Squadron, Greenville Composite Squadron, Anderson Composite Squadron, Lexington Composite Squadron, Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron, Emerald City Cadet Squadron all earned the Quality Cadet Unit Award for 2019.

## 2019 Financial Information



## Finance Team Members

- Col Lee Safley
- Lt Col Kent McCain
- Lt Col Chris Peterson
- Lt Col Nikki Shaffner
- Lt Col Bruce Brown
- Lt Col Mike Albertson
- Kim Phillips, Non-Voting Member/Admin