



South Carolina Wing



Wing Prepares Cadets to Serve Communities

■ The South Carolina Wing is devoted to inspiring interest in aviation, space and technology among youth. Through classroom instruction, self-paced study and hands-on projects, cadets learn about the science that makes flight possible.

Best of all, through orientation flights in Civil Air Patrol aircraft, cadets experience the thrill of aviation. And they have opportunities to explore aerospace careers through field trips, encampments and CAP National Cadet Special Activities.

But before cadets get into an aircraft, they first must be familiar with how to orient themselves on the ground. When an aircraft is reported

missing in South Carolina by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, searches on the ground and in the air involve senior members and cadets alike. Once an aircraft is found, cadets help establish a perimeter around the plane.

Through the South Carolina Wing and CAP, cadets can learn to fly and achieve their private pilot's certificate. Qualified cadets may attend the U.S. Air Force Academy or enter the military. In addition, ROTC programs at most colleges welcome CAP cadets.

During 2019, too, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division called on the wing to assist in preparation for and in the aftermath of a

hurricane. They assisted emergency service personnel before, during and after Hurricane Dorian.

Cadet Staff Sgt. William Bradley Lindsey II (left) of the Columbia Composite Squadron and Cadet Senior Airman Ryan Starling of the Lexington Composite Squadron work with 2nd Lt. Elaine Thorp, also of the Lexington squadron, in the communications room at South Carolina Wing Mission Base in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

South Carolina Wing 2019 STATISTICS

Volunteer Members

525 adult members
417 cadets
146 aircrew personnel
627 emergency responders

Squadrons

23 locations statewide

Aircraft

10 single engine
1 glider

Vehicles

19 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

14 VHF/FM repeaters
188 VHF/FM stations
34 HF stations

Missions

6 search and rescue missions
5 finds*
* Includes finds credited with national team support

5 disaster relief missions
20 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
35 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
10 other Air Force support missions
44 training missions
1 other state support mission

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2019

Hurricane Florence; Fertile Keynotes; Charleston AFB LLRS; Shaw AFB ATC Orientation; Hurricane Dorian

Cadet Flying

773 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,707

Financial

\$55,000 in state funding
\$2,702,866 value of wing's volunteer hours

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INTERESTING FACTS

➔ Regularly flies CAP Cessna 182s in training exercises with McEntire Air Force Base F-16s.

➔ Works side-by-side with police, highway patrol and emergency medical technicians.

➔ Ten squadrons achieved CAP's national Quality Cadet Unit Award in 2019.