

Conference Scavenger Hunt

Complete the scavenger hunt and drop this page into the CAP bag at the front of the Grand Ballroom by the end of learning session #5 to win an Extreme Ownership Door Prize!

1. Meet someone you've never met before: _____

2. Meet a person from 4 different squadrons (write their name & squadron name below:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

3. Have your official Civil Air Patrol portrait taken _____ (photographer initials)

4. Write down something you learned in the morning keynote address:

5. Take a photo with someone of the same rank as you. Who were they? What's their rank?

6. Attend at least 4 of the 5 workshop hours. What classes did you attend?

7. Have your CAP101 Card Photograph Taken: _____ (photographer initials)

8. Take a selfie with the Gateway Conference Center LED Sign _____

9. Talk with a presenter about their workshop (offer thanks, tell them what inspired you or how you're going to take a concept back to your unit) _____ (instructor initials)

10. Make a social media post (IG or FB) about the conference and tag us with #SCWGConference2025

Name: _____ Cell #: _____ Squadron: _____



CIVIL AIR PATROL
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2025 South Carolina Wing Annual Conference

March 15, 2025
Gateway Conference Center
Richburg, SC



Brig. Gen. R. Jason Bailey is the national deputy commander of Civil Air Patrol. He was named to the leadership position by Maj. Gen. Regena Aye, CAP's national commander/CEO, confirmed by the organization's Board of Governors, and promoted to brigadier general on Aug. 17, 2024.



His primary duty as national deputy commander is to help Aye lead CAP's nearly 70,000 volunteers in fulfillment of the non-profit organization's three primary programs of emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs. In its role as the U.S. Air Force auxiliary, CAP is a member of the Total Force, filling a critical role in Defense Support of Civil Authorities that includes preserving life, relieving suffering, and providing training support. In addition to advising Aye and the Board of Governors on operational and policy issues, he is also a member of the Command Council and the Senior Advisory Group.

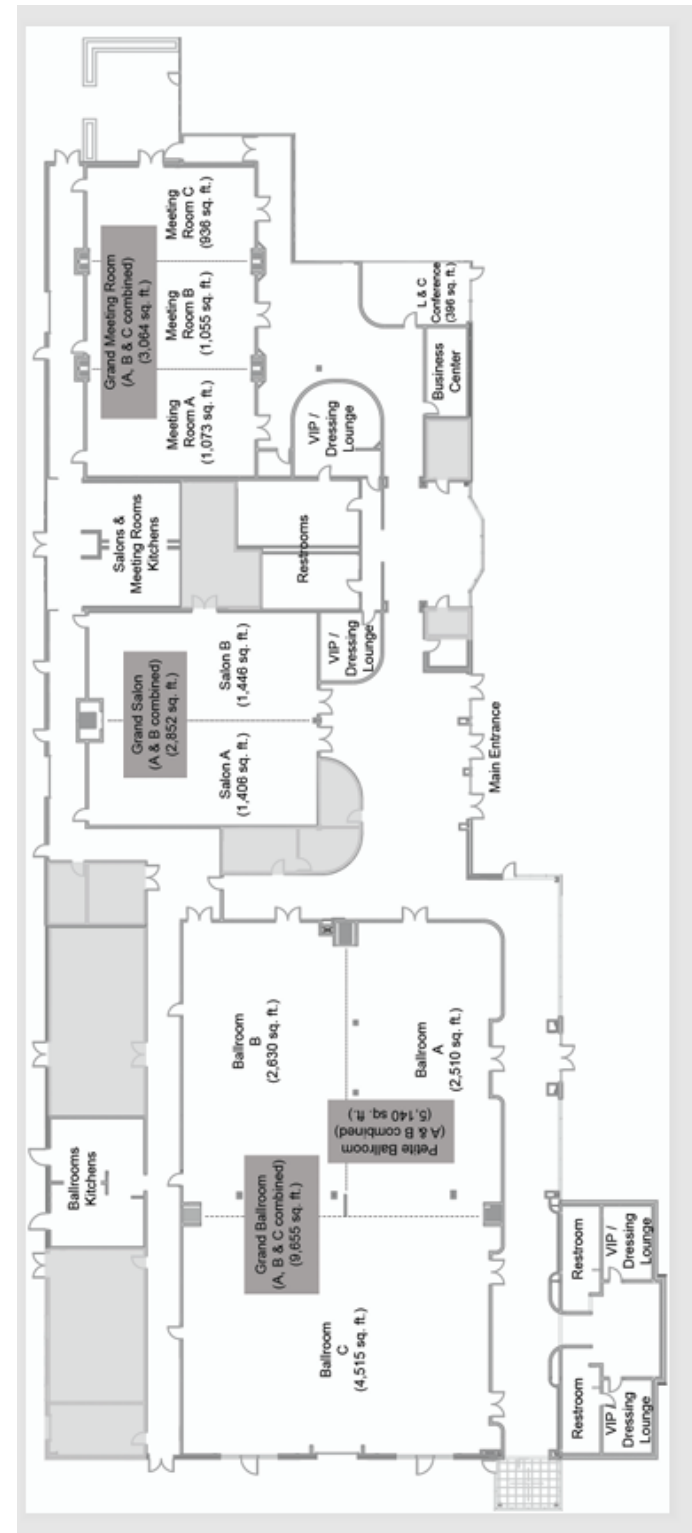
Bailey previously served as vice commander/south for the Mid-Atlantic Region, beginning in November 2020 after serving as North Carolina Wing commander from 2016-2020. assistant director of logistics (2011-2016). He also served as director of the Mid-Atlantic Region Staff College as well as the Cadet Leadership School.



Col. Aaron D. Reid is the commander of Civil Air Patrol—U.S. Air Force, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In this position, he provides Air Force advice, assistance, liaison, and oversight to Civil Air Patrol and serves as an adviser to its governing body, the Board of Governors. Reid previously served as a dean and professor at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies.

He attended the University of Georgia from 2016-2019 on an Air Force Ph.D. fellowship, earning a doctorate in political science and international affairs. He previously earned master's degrees at Air Command and Staff College and Advanced Air and Space Studies. Reid has served as an F-15E instructor and evaluator pilot at the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

While flying the F-15E, he held positions as an assistant director of operations, flight commander, and chief of fighter standardization and evaluations. He earned his pilot wings at Laughlin AFB, Texas, in 2003 and completed his first operational flying tour in the F-15E at Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina. Reid received his commission in 2002 from Air Force ROTC Detachment 790 at Tennessee State University, Nashville. He is a senior pilot with 1,700 hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-15E. He has flown combat missions in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and has also flown multiple Operation Noble Eagle sorties.



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Upcoming Events:

State Legislative Day: April 2

Group 4 SAREX: April 5

MO/MP Refresher Course: April 5-6

Cadet Training Weekend April 11-13

Directors' Goal Setting & Calendaring Session April 26

Wing-wide SAREX June 6-8

Encampment July 19-26 (staff reports 7/18)

Hangar Party October 18th Beaufort Airport

Wing Conference 2026: March 13-14

Wing Conference 2027: March 12-14

Special Thanks:

Thanks to these members for sharing their talents to make the 2025 South Carolina Wing Conference a success!

Capt Londa Stanley

Capt Eileen Kerr

Capt Nancy Reason

Capt Chris DeMico

Maj David Bennett

SMSGt Steve Fox

SMSGt Bill Jackson

SSgt Andrew Cooke

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SM Kelly Rowe

SM Chanda Crout

1st Lt Katie Roberts

2d Lt Michael Bond

1st Lt Lane Hughey

1st Lt Payton Mercer

1st Lt Steve Atherton

C/Capt Ruth Atherton

C/2d Lt Melinda Kaye Mercer

C/1st Lt Hope Lindner

Lt Col Rachael J. Mercer

Lt Col Jennifer Bonovich

All The Session Instructors

Color Guard Team

SCWG 2025 Conference Schedule

0815 Doors Open to Public

Visit Vendors in the Hangar, have your official CAP Portrait taken and get an updated 101 Card Photo

0900 Morning Session & Keynote Address

Master of Ceremonies: 1st Lt Payton Mercer

Remarks from Col James Brogan, SCWG Commander

Remarks from Col Eugene Egry, MAR Commander

Keynote address from Brig Gen Jason Bailey

Award Presentations

11:00 Learning Session #1

Room 1: How to Write Awards, What to Consider, and OTY Preview SMSgt Jackson

Room 2: Making Safety Fun Again: Maj John Gombar, Wg/SEO

Room 3: How to Be an Effective Cadet Programs Officer: Lt Col George Stanley

Room 4: Education & Training: How Do I? Capt Nancy Reason, Wg/ETO

Room 5: Recruiting: Lt Col Norm Spurling, Gp1/CC

Small Ballroom 1: Beginner's Guide for AEOs by Capt Tim Elson

Small Ballroom 2: What is National Legislative Day? C/2d Lt Melinda Kaye Mercer

Grand Ballroom: Commanders Only: Q&A with Col Brogan & Lt Col Mercer

1200 Lunch Ceremonies in Grand Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies: SMSgt Steve Fox

Pick up a Honeybaked Ham Boxed Lunch and have a seat in the Grand Ballroom for promotions, awards, and exciting announcements!

1:00 Learning Session #2

Room 1: Social Media Outlets & How to Use Them: Lt Col Elizabeth Peace

Room 2: Logistics: Maj Adrian Carnes

Room 3: Communications Basics: Maj Ron Hardgrave

Room 4: sUAS Operations: Maj Jeff Dockery & Lt Col Tim Coolidge

Room 5: Connecting with Members Increases Retention: Lt Col Rachael J. Mercer

Small Ballroom 1: National Aerospace Education Programs: Capt Patrick Welsh

Small Ballroom 2: Staff Duty Analyses—What's That?: C/Maj Kaetlyn Lever, C/Capt Samuel Atherton & C/Capt Ruth Atherton

2:00 Learning Session #3

Room 1: Living in a Digital World: Lt Col Elizabeth Peace

Room 2: Clergy Recruiting: Chap Jeff Payne

Room 3: Cadet Programs Q&A with Command Team

Room 4: Aircraft Operations: Operations Team

Room 5: NCO Corps: SMSgt Bill Jackson & SMSgt Steve Fox

Small Ballroom 1: Cadet-led AE Instruction: C/CMSgt E. Arroyo & C/CMSgt S. Elson

Small Ballroom 2: What is the CAC?: C/Capt Timothy Logan

Grand Ballroom: Fundraising Dos and Don'ts: Capt David Isner

3:00 Session #4:

Room 1: Personnel: The Basics: Lt Col Jim Bird

Room 2: Why You Should Serve as a Commander: Lt Col George Stanley

Room 3: Emergency Services—FEMA: Lt Col Bill Motz

Room 4: Flight Clinic: Operations Teams

Room 5: Understanding SUIs: Lt Col Nicole Shaffner

Aerospace Room & Cadet Programs Focus: Aerospace Careers and How to Get There: 1st Lt Payton Mercer & Lt Col Rachael J. Mercer

Grand Ballroom: E&T Basic Drill for Senior Members: 1st Lt Lane Hughey

4:00 Session #5:

Room 1: Transportation Reports Made Easy: Capt Chris DeMicco & SMSgt Steve Fox

Room 2: A Hand, a Heart & a Listening Ear—Mentoring CP Leaders: Col Liz Sydow

Room 3: Specialty Tracks: Master-Rated Members Here to Help

Room 4: Intro to Aircrew Water Survival: Lt Col Dave Roberts

Room 5: ReadyOP & Communications: Maj Ron Hardgrave

Small Ballroom 1: Aerospace Instruction & Games: Capt Elson & Capt Welsh

6:00pm Evening Banquet

Catered food by Roddy's BBQ

Master of Ceremonies: 1st Lt Lane Hughey

Col Aaron Reid, CAP-USAF Commander

8:00pm Cadet Social in Small Ballroom 1

(Begins after Evening Banquet and ends NLT 10pm)