



BIOGRAPHY

BRIGADIER GENERAL REGGIE L. CHITWOOD

Brig. Gen. Reggie L. Chitwood is the National Vice Commander of the all-volunteer Civil Air Patrol, a federally chartered nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Brig. Gen. Chitwood's primary duty is to assist the CAP National Commander with leading the 56,000-plus CAP volunteers in fulfillment of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education, as well as CAP's increasing role in America's homeland security.

As CAP's national vice commander, Brig. Gen. Chitwood is also a member of the CAP Board of Governors, CAP National Executive Committee and CAP National Board – CAP's governing and advisory bodies. A CAP member since 1991, his background also includes service on the CAP National Finance, Constitution and By-Laws and Posse Comitatus committees.



The general also served as commander of CAP's Southwest Region and Arkansas Wing. As wing commander, he was instrumental in getting state legislation passed to allow CAP members up to 15 days off from their employment to assist in training or actual missions. In addition, he has served as a mission pilot, mission observer, incident commander and Federal Aviation Administration aviation safety counselor.

An Arkansas native, Brig. Gen. Chitwood graduated from Westark Community College — now the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith — with an associate degree in criminal justice. He has completed U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer's School, CAP's Region Staff and National Staff colleges, and all levels of the CAP Professional Development Program. His honors and achievements include the Gill Robb Wilson Award; Distinguished Service Award, both as wing and region commander; Grover Loening Award; Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award; and several Meritorious Service awards and Commander's commendations

Brig. Gen. Chitwood retired after 28 years as a sergeant with the Arkansas Highway Police, where he was responsible for leading, directing, and managing numerous officers in various locations throughout the state, which included acting as the Senior Recruit Counselor during several AHP recruit training schools. He has attended numerous middle and upper-level management courses administered by the Arkansas Highway Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Justice Institute of the University of Arkansas, and is a certified law enforcement instructor and field training officer.

The general's civic and community service includes positions as director on the Fort Smith River Festival Board, the Fort Smith Trolley Museum Board, and working as a project officer for Special Olympics of Arkansas.

Brig. Gen. Chitwood is married and currently resides in Van Buren, Ark., with his wife, Rose, who works with special needs children in the Alma School District.

