

Winter named national Cadet Programs Officer of the Year

John V. "Jack" Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year Award presented in San Antonio

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9/5/2009—San Antonio, TX—Maj. Joseph Winter, Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing's Director of Cadet Programs, has been named the 2009 National Cadet Programs Officer of the Year during the Civil Air Patrol National Board Meeting on September 5 in San Antonio, Tx. The award was presented by Maj. Gen. Amy Courter, CAP's National Commander.



Maj. Joe Winter, Maryland Wing's Director of Cadet Programs, speaks to cadets during encampment. Winter was named the 2009 National Cadet Programs Officer for Civil Air Patrol.

Winter joined CAP in 1993 as a cadet in New York Wing, where he rapidly rose through the cadet program and was named the New York Wing Cadet of the Year. After college, he transferred to the Maryland Wing and joined the Wing cadet programs staff where he serves as Director of Cadet Programs. In 2009 he was also named to national cadet programs staff where he serves as the director for national cadet special activities.

Winter also has served as the commander of the Tri-Wing Encampment for four years and was the commander of the 2009 Maryland-Delaware Encampment. In addition to his duties at the Wing level, Winter has served as the Deputy Director for the National Cadet Competition since 2007 and has been on staff at the Cadet Officer School, held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Al., for several years. This year, Winter also was the director of two national cadet special activities: the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training held at Laughlin Air Force Base, Tx., and the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course in Colorado Springs, Co.

In 2008 Winter traveled to Singapore as an ambassador for Civil Air Patrol in the International Air Cadet Exchange, a program he participated in as a cadet when he traveled to the United Kingdom and Norway. Winter has been a driving force in the local Maryland Wing hosting of international guests and assists in the planning of the program.

Winter also serves as the commander for the Maryland Wing Headquarters squadron.

Outside of Civil Air Patrol, Winter is employed by Loyola University Maryland as the Associate Director of the Office of Student Activities. Winter is an officer in the Maryland Air National Guard.

Civil Air Patrol, the Official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of the continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 90 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter -drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 66 years.

There are more than 1,400 members of CAP in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 42 search and rescue missions and were credited with 31 finds. For more information, visit www.mdcap.org.