National Capital Wing

Wing Proudly Serves the National Capital Region

The National Capital Wing is the operational component of Civil Air Patrol supporting the District of Columbia; part of Arlington and Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in Virginia; and parts of Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland.

Wing aircrews fly over the national capital area acting as tracks of interest to test and train military and law enforcement air defense capabilities, which includes recurring monthly training with the Joint Air Defense Operation Center. Aerial missions also include route surveys, sensor tests, hurricane recovery efforts, aircrew training, pilot proficiency and youth and teacher orientation flights.

Volunteers are integrated into the D.C. Emergency Operations Center during National Security Special Events and major disasters to provide air, ground and radio communication resources. Teams also provide counter drone support to help train military and homeland security personnel.

The wing's youth program continues to grow around the area, with a new squadron formed in the Capitol Hill neighborhood and additional squadrons planned at Cardozo High School and the Petworth neighborhood. All of the wing's squadrons earned CAP's Quality Cadet Unit Award in 2019.

The wing actively promotes aviation training and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education as a part of its educational programs.

These activities are especially focused on youth in D.C.'s Wards 7 and 8 and include STEM kits provided at no cost to educate local youth. Cadets also participate in the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot national cyber defense competition.

Federal employees and military personnel may support CAP through donations to the Combined Federal Campaign under CFC charity #26757.

A National Capital Wing cadet watches an F-16 Fighting Falcon being prepared for flight as part of a job shadow program.

National Capital Wing 2019 STATISTICS

Volunteer Members
284 adult members
254 cadets
67 aircrew personnel
336 emergency responders

Squadrons
8 locations statewide

Aircraft
4 single engine

Vehicles
10 vehicles

Interoperable Communications
5 VHF/FM repeaters
77 VHF/FM stations
12 HF stations

Missions
16 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
6 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
5 other Air Force support missions
21 training missions
1 other state support mission

Significant Events Supported

in Fiscal Year 2019
Falcon Virgo; Fertile Hawk; Fertile Keynote

Cadet Flying
215 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown
913

Financial
$2,735,797 value of wing's volunteer hours

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