



# BIOGRAPHY

## Colonel Janon “JD” Ellis, CAP

Colonel Janon “JD” Ellis is the commander of Civil Air Patrol’s National Capital Wing. Colonel Ellis joined Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as a cadet in 1978 with continuous service to date. As a cadet, he served in numerous cadet positions to include cadet commander of the North Miami Cadet Squadron and later the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron. He earned the General Carl A. Spatz Award as a member of the Florida Wing and continued to serve CAP after he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force with Texas, Arkansas, and Illinois Wings. He also served overseas as the commander of the Yokota Cadet Squadron, Japan.

Colonel Ellis is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he earned the rating of master navigator with over 4000 hours in the C-130. He served as a C-130 Navigator and Instructor Navigator at Dyess AFB, Texas and as a C-130 Formal Training Unit Instructor and Evaluator Navigator at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. Later, he served as Chief of the Operations Branch on the Air Mobility Command (AMC) Inspector General Team which was followed by a staff assignment in the Plans and Programs Directorate at AMC headquarters, Scott AFB, Illinois. After departing Scott AFB, he served as operations officer of the 730th Air Mobility Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, he then commanded the 728th Air Mobility Squadron at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. His final assignment on active duty was as Chief of the Requirements Policy Division on the Headquarters USAF Staff, Washington D.C. Colonel Ellis retired from active duty service in the USAF in 2009 and is currently a Department of the Air Force civilian on the Headquarters USAF staff. Colonel Ellis assumed command of Civil Air Patrol’s National Capital Wing on 11 March 2017.



Colonel Ellis was recognized as the Civil Air Patrol National John “Jack” V. Sorenson National Cadet Programs Officer of the Year in 2012. In 2011 and 2012 he served as the commander of the Tri-Wing Encampment at Camp Fretterd, MD and in 2013 and 2014 he served as CAP’s National Coordinator for Wreaths Across America. In 2018, Colonel Ellis led CAP’s National Diversity Initiative Team. Colonel Ellis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Miami (FL) and a Master of Arts in Human Resources Development from Webster University. He is a graduate of the USAF Squadron Officers School (in residence), as well as the Air Command and Staff College (seminar) and the Air War College (seminar). Col Ellis holds a master rating in Cadet Programs and the Command specialty tracks and has completed all five levels of CAP’s Education and Training program.