



Van Meter Cadet Squadron
KY-222

Kentucky Wing, Civil Air Patrol

2019 Unit History

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1stLt Eddie Walter, Squadron Commander

Chapter 1

Commander(s) during 2019:

Capt Sean Damron, January 2019 to April 2019

1stLt Eddie Walter, April 2019 to present

Number of cadets (as of 31 December 2019):

53

Number of senior members:

21

Are you a composite squadron?

No

Membership

18 Senior Members

Capt Inocentes B Adaniel Jr

SM Chad D Dunn

2d Lt Robert E Forbes

2d Lt Keith A Hollifield

Maj Arvis R Kearns

1st Lt Johnny H Miller

2d Lt Kenneth L Mills Jr

SM Katherin D Mills

Chap (Lt Col) Carlos B Ortiz

2d Lt William Robert Rushing

2d Lt Lynn A Rushing

Capt Paula R Sandford

1st Lt William F Scott-Smith

SM John Joseph Sproul

SM Katherin Sproul

2d Lt William A Von

Brandenburg

1st Lt Edward E Walter

2d Lt Amy C Wells

3 Patron Members

Virginia R Kegley
Capt James E Poe

1st Lt Forrest J Stewardson

52 Cadet Members

C/SSgt Alexander Clay Back
C/Amn Donovan Micah Barker
C/Amn Joshua Christopher
Brown
C/CMSgt Andrew S Bryant
C/SrA Madison Corman
C/A1C Daniel Cornett
C/Amn Rebecca Ellen Daniel
C/Amn Elijah Ki Dunn
C/Maj August A Dutille
C/TSgt Asher Michael Farley
CADET Aden Michael Gray
CADET Colton Thomas Hatter
C/SrA Derek Michael Hollifield
C/1stLt Casey James Huston
C/A1C Zane Jones
C/2dLt Brett Long
C/MSgt Anna Cecilia Martin
C/A1C Trevor J Mclean
C/Amn Dalton A Middleton
C/MSgt Jarrod Daniel Mills
C/CMSgt Aidan Josiah Mills
C/SrA Andrew David Myers
C/CMSgt Caleb Martin Ortiz
C/A1C Brayden Leigh Paynter
C/2dLt Carter W Pettey
CADET Morgan Keith Ratliff
C/SrA Annabelle Grace Rushing

C/A1C Michael Keith Rushing
C/Col Christopher S Russell
C/SrA Kathryn Elisabeth
Penelope Sandford
C/MSgt Sean William
Scott-Smith
C/2dLt Ethan P Scott-Smith
C/A1C Michaela Grace Shea
C/Amn Timothy Mark Simpson
C/Amn Jason Allen Smith
C/Amn William Reynolds Snapp
C/A1C Eli Aleksandr Sproul
C/A1C Elsa Sproul
C/SSgt Bennett David Steyn
C/TSgt Samuel George Steyn
C/A1C William Dmitri Steyn
C/Amn Carson James Story
C/2dLt Todd Joseph Svoboda Jr
C/TSgt John Thomas Tattershall
C/SrA Kailynn Addison Tyler
C/Amn Colton D Underwood
C/Maj Victor T Valdivia
C/2dLt Dalton Wells
C/Amn Dillon James Wells
C/A1C Wyatt Williams
C/TSgt Henry R Wright
C/Amn Joshua Matthew Zupan

Meeting Time:

Every Thursday 1800-2000

KY National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport. Rd., Lexington, KY 40517

Chapter 2

Training conducted during the year:

- KY Wing Honor Academy (5 cadets, 1 senior member)
- Operation Iceberg XII (3 cadets)
- National Legislative Day (1 cadet)
- Operation Spartan Fury (3 cadets)
- KY Wing June TLC (4 senior members)
- KY Wing Summer Encampment and GLR RCLS (24 cadets, 1 senior member)
- KY-222 Mission Scanner Ground School Day (1 cadet, 7 senior members)
- Operation Azure Fescue (16 cadets, 2 senior members)
- KY-222 ICUT Training
- Operation Eastern Peak (5 cadets, 1 senior member)
- KY-222 Cadet Staff Training Day (11 cadets, 2 senior members)
- KY Wing Conference (8 cadets, 4 senior members)
- CyberPatriot Participation (our first time!)
- KY-503 Online SLS (6 senior members)
- National Character Week (7 cadets, 1 senior member)/GTL School (1 Cadet)
- GLR Winter RCLS (1 cadet)
- KY Wing Winter Honor Academy (1 cadet)
- Orientation Rides in March, May, June, July and August (76 Orientation Rides)

Real-world missions performed during the year:

None

Cadet/Senior Member accomplishments and promotions:

- 99 cadet promotions including:
 - 9 Wright Brothers Awards
 - 3 Billy Mitchell Awards
- SM Chad Dunn Completed Level I
- SM Robert E Forbes Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
- SM Keith A Hollifield Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
- SM Kenneth L Mills Jr Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
- SM Katherin D Mills Completed Level I
- SM Lynn A Rushing Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
- SM William Robert Rushing Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
- SM Paula R Sandford Completed Level I and was promoted to Capt
- SM William F Scott-Smith Completed Level I and was promoted to 1st Lt
- SM John Joseph Sproul Completed Level I
- SM Katherin Sproul Completed Level I and has a pending promotion to Capt

SM William A Von Brandenburg Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt
SM Amy C Wells Completed Level I and was promoted to 2d Lt

Chapter 3

Special events:

Biennial Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) was Satisfactory with ZERO discrepancies
Parking Detail at Keeneland - both Spring and Fall Meets
KLEX ATC Tour
Attendance at two Congressional Gold Medal presentation ceremonies
Participated in three Honor Flight Kentucky Welcome Home ceremonies
Recruiting Presentation at Sphinx Academy
Attendance at Blue Grass Airport Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast
Participation in Memorial Day Ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery
Participation in Flag Retirement Ceremony
Highly Successful participation in KY Wing-wide Open House
Quality Cadet Unit Award (QCUA) earned for the first time in four years
Attendance at Mt. Sterling Fly-in
Participated in Wreaths Across America for first time ever. We had 283 wreaths sponsored.
 Participated in Kentucky Capitol Wreath Laying Ceremony for WAA
 Participated in WAA Wreath Laying Day at Camp Nelson National Cemetery
Cyber Patriot
 Two High School Teams
 One Middle School Team
NCSA Attendance
 National Blue Beret (1 cadet)

Chapter 4

Special Plans for 2020

Project Yeager - Our project to build and launch a high-altitude, unmanned balloon to attempt to break the world record for highest number of circumnavigations of the Earth.
National Museum of the Air Force trip
Trip to TN Wing for Glider flights
Aviation Museum trip
NRA Marksmanship program
Model Rocketry program
Stand up Honor Guard/Color Guard and participate in events
UPS Simulators trip



Cadets participate in an AE activity of building and launching rudimentary hovercraft. Present are 1st Lt Nathan Rover and 2d Lt Jan Puethoff of KY-221.



C/2dLt Andrew Haywood is presented his Billy Mitchell Award by 1st Lt Eddie Walter



Capt Sean Damron relinquishes Command at Change of Command



1st Lt Eddie Walter is sworn in as Commander at Change of Command



C/2dLt Todd Svoboda receives his Billy Mitchell Award from Col Darrel Williamson



C/2dLt Ethan Scott-Smith (4th from left) and C/MSgt Aidan Mills (far right) graduating GLR RCLS.



C/A1C Anna Martin being awarded Honor Cadet at 2019 KY WG Summer Encampment by Col Darrel Williamson.



C/1stLt Casey Huston assumes Cadet Commander position.



KY-222 Members at KY Wing-Wide Open House.



C/2dLt Dalton Wells presented his Billy Mitchell Award by 1st Lt Nick Birt.