



**HEADQUARTERS OHIO WING
CIVIL AIR PATROL**
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL OHIO WING MEMBERS

FROM: OHWG/CC

SUBJECT: Mandatory wear date for current Ohio Wing patch

1. In December 2020, a working group was charged with designing a new wing patch that would meet newly instituted heraldry standards. In January 2021, a call went out to the wing soliciting ideas for what a new wing patch should look like. Ultimately, five patches were considered, but two still failed to meet the highly restrictive heraldry requirements. After six months and during my first staff meeting as wing commander, I asked MSgt Ken Fischer to brief me on the status. I decided the next patch should not be the decision of a single person, so I asked MSgt Fischer to solicit the entire wing. Beginning this past Monday, we posted the three proposed patches, one each day. Then on Thursday, Ohio Wing's members would vote.
2. A total of 250 votes were cast, and results were overwhelmingly in favor of patch #2, by a total of 120 votes over the runner up. Today, while 95 CAP members took flight in a C-17 flown by the 62d Airlift Wing's Demonstration Team, I revealed the results in midair.
3. The working group of five members included a cadet, newer senior members, and a member who joined CAP nearly 40 years ago. I am proud of their collective efforts and the tough decisions they had to make, but ultimately, I am thankful for those members who took the time to vote. The new wing patch will take some time before it's available to purchase from Vanguard but will remain optional to wear on the USAF-style FDU, Corporate FDU, ABU and Corporate Field Uniform (i.e. the BBDU).
4. Upon production and availability of the newly designed wing patch, the final phase out date of the current patch will be 31 Dec 2023. Beginning on 1 Jan 2023, while the wing patch will continue to be optional to wear, those who choose to wear it shall wear the newly designed Ohio Wing shoulder sleeve insignia that was approved for wear on this day, 9 Jul 2021.
5. Point of contact for this action is the undersigned and may be reached at peter.bowden@ohwg.cap.gov, or 937-419-OHWG.

Sincerely,

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Commander