

Tennessee Wing Emblems and Charters

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Prologue

Every emblem tells a story.

Across the decades, the squadrons and groups of Tennessee Wing have carried colors, symbols, and designs that reflect their missions, communities, and the identities of the members who served within them. Some of these emblems are well-documented in charters, annual reports, and official correspondence. Others exist only in memory—printed once on a squadron T-shirt, sewn to a faded flight suit, or tucked away in a binder long since retired from service.

As the Wing continues to grow and evolve, the need to capture these visual histories becomes not just important, but urgent. Many of Tennessee Wing's earliest emblems and charter details risk being lost to time as units reorganize, redesign, deactivate, or merge. To honor that heritage, this project aims to compile the most complete and accurate record of Tennessee Wing emblems, patches, and charter histories ever assembled.

But this cannot be accomplished by one author alone.

This history is intended as a **crowd-sourced effort**, inviting contributions from current and former members, families, historians, collectors, and anyone with knowledge of Tennessee Wing's visual lineage. Whether you hold an original squadron patch, a redesign draft, a photograph from a past event, or simply recall the story behind a symbol, your perspective is vital. Each piece—no matter how small—helps reconstruct the lineage of our Wing's units and preserves their place in CAP history.

Contributors are encouraged to share:

- **Drawings or design drafts** of unit emblems, past or present
- **Photographs** showing patches worn on uniforms, aircraft, banners, or printed materials
- **Images or scans of actual patches**, including variations or one-off designs
- **Documentation** such as charters, redesign requests, approvals, or historical commentary
- **Oral histories or written recollections** about why an emblem was chosen or how it was used

All contributions will be reviewed, cataloged, and attributed appropriately, ensuring that the history we preserve is both accurate and inclusive.

This prologue marks the beginning of a collective commitment: to safeguard the heritage of Tennessee Wing through the stories carried in its symbols. By gathering what we know—and discovering what still remains—we not only honor the past but strengthen the foundation upon which future generations of Tennessee Wing will stand.

Together, we will ensure that Tennessee Wing's emblems and charters are not forgotten, but remembered, recorded, and respected for the legacy they represent.

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Charter Listing and Status

SER-TN-001	Wing Headquarters	Alcoa, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-004	Tri-Cities Composite Sq.	Blountville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-005	Smyrna Composite Sq.	Smyrna, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-007	Henderson County Composite Sq.	Lexington, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-008	Knoxville Composite Sq. 1	Knoxville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-009	Dyersburg Composite Sq.	Dyersburg, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-012	Robert Sibley Cadet Sq.	Germantown, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-013	Cumberland County Composite	Crossville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-014	Memphis Belle Composite Sq. ¹	Millington, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-015	Greeneville Composite Sq.	Greeneville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-016	Elizabethton Composite Sq. ²	Elizabethton, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-017	Group II, Headquarters	Chattanooga, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-019	Morristown Composite Sq.	Morristown, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-036	Tullahoma Composite Sq.	Tullahoma, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-056	Berry Field Cadet Sq.	Nashville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-073	Gallatin Senior Sq.	Gallatin, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-074	Hardin County Composite Sq.	Savannah, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-080	Henry County Composite Sq.	Paris, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-087	Knoxville Senior Sq. 1	Alcoa, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-093	Sevier County Composite Sq.	Sevierville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-110	Obion County Composite Sq.	Union City, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-112	Scott County Senior Sq.	Onida, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-114	Southern Middle Tennessee Composite Sq. ³	Lewisburg, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-119	Memphis Senior Sq. ⁴	Memphis, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-122	Group II, Headquarters	Bolivar, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-128	Group I, Headquarters	Alcoa, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-130	Roane County Composite	Kingston, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-133	Middle Tennessee Senior Sq.	Nashville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-140	Knoxville Composite Sq. 3	Knoxville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-144	Shelby County Composite Sq. ⁵	Memphis, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-148	McGhee-Tyson Composite Sq.	Alcoa, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-153	Group III, Headquarters	Nashville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-154	Dale Hollow Composite Sq.	Cookville, TN	DORMANT

1. Was also known as Golden Circle Senior Squadron and then Golden Circle Cadet Squadron in Jackson, TN
2. Was known as Johnson City Composite Squadron
3. Was known as Marshall County Composite Squadron
4. Became Jackson-Madison County Composite Squadron, then Senior Squadron in Jackson, TN
5. Was last known as Memphis Belle Memorial Squadron and was a Senior Squadron





Charter Listing and Status

SER-TN-155	Sequatchie Valley Squadron	Pikeville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-156	Gibson County Composite Sq.	Humboldt, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-158	Dickson County Composite Sq.	Dickson, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-159	Wolf River Composite Sq.	Germantown, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-160	Sumner County Cadet Sq.	Gallatin, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-167	Putnam County Composite Sq.	Cookville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-169	Hamilton County Composite Sq.	Soddy-Daisy, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-170	Oak Ridge Composite Sq.	Oak Ridge, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-171	Humphreys County Composite Sq.	McEwen, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-173	Cleveland Composite Sq.	Cleveland, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-174	Lebanon Composite Sq.	Lebanon, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-175	Williamson Composite Sq.	Fairview, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-176	Rhea County Composite Sq.	Dayton, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-177	Robertson County Composite Sq.	Adams, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-179	Scott County Cadet Sq.	Onida, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-185	Music City Composite Sq. ¹	Nashville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-186	Nashville Cadet Sq.	Nashville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-187	Chattanooga Cadet Sq.	Chattanooga, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-189	Lewis County Cadet Sq.	Hohenwald, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-191	Hendersonville Cadet Sq.	Hendersonville, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-192	Choo Choo Senior Sq.	Chattanooga, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-193	Williamson County Cadet Sq.	Thompson Station, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-194	Hardeman County Cadet Sq.	Bolivar, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-195	Union City Composite Sq. ²	Union City, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-196	Lavergne Cadet Sq.	Lavergne, TN	DORMANT
SER-TN-218	Dickson County Composite Sq.	Dickson, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-246	Wilson County Senior Sq.	Lebanon, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-330	Sequoyah Cadet Sq.	Madisonville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-333	Maury County Composite Sq.	Mt. Pleasant, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-393	Cumberland Flight	Spencer, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-395	Portland Flight	Portland, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-582	Sunsphere Cadet Sq.	Knoxville, TN	ACTIVE
SER-TN-999	Tennessee Legislative Sq.	Nashville, TN	ACTIVE

1. Was also known as Saint Edwards Composite Squadron and then Saint Edwards Cadet Squadron

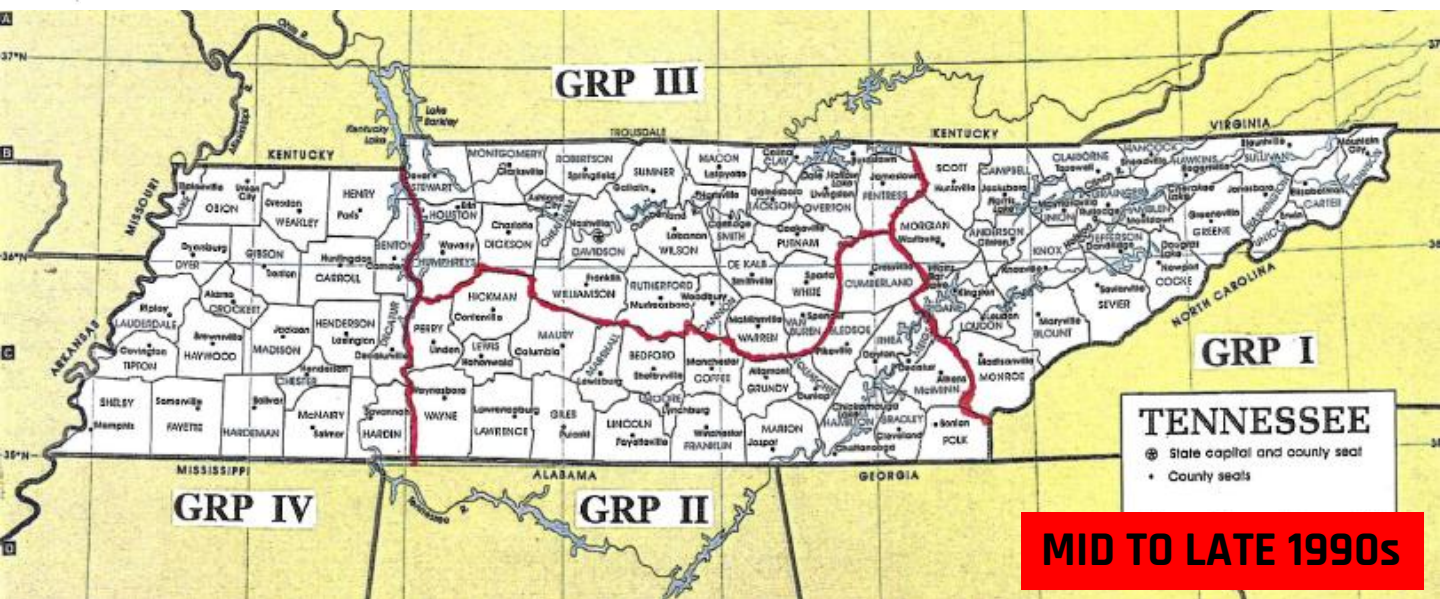
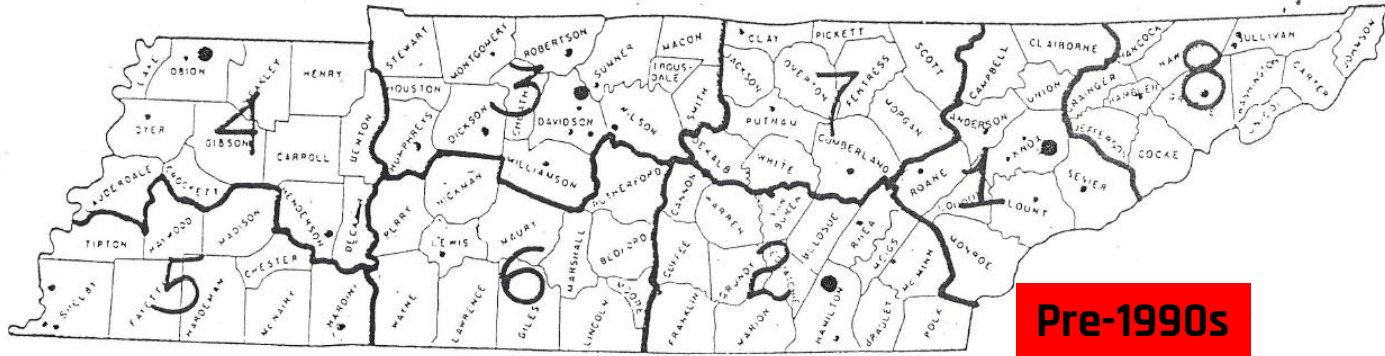
2. Was known as Everett-Stewart Composite Squadron





Group Splits Over the Years

TENNESSEE WING BY GROUPS





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SER-TN-001 Emblems

Tennessee Wing Headquarters - Alcoa, TN



TriStar - Represents Tennessee as a state and it's three regions: West, Middle & East

CAP Emblem - Represents the larger CAP Organization

Chevron - Represents a roof, which in heraldry is a symbol of protection and faithful service/ one of CAP's core values: volunteer service, One of CAP's missions: emergency services & CAP's motto - Semper Vigilante

Red - Represents Strength & the Tennessee Flag Color

Silver - Represents sincerity and the CAP core values of integrity and excellence

Blue - Represents Loyalty & the Tennessee Flag Color

Colored lines of the chevron are in the same pattern as the TN State Flag

PREVIOUS EMBLEMS

1940s - ???

??? – 30 Sept 1993

1 Aug 1993 – 2016
Designed by Maj Gen Bowling, former TNWG, SER, and Nat'l Commander

Approved 2016





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SER-TN-004 Emblem

Tri-Cities Composite Squadron - Blountville, TN



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SER-TN-005 Emblems

Smyrna Composite Squadron - Smyrna, TN



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EAGLE - The Eagle is a combination of American symbology (National Bird), aviation, resilience and achievement (eagles are unique in that they fly over storms)

CHEVRON - The chevron is an ordinary that is a symbol of protection and faithful service. This symbolizes the core value of volunteer service as well as the emergency service component of CAPs mission.

CHEVRON STACK - The four chevrons in the design are representative of CAPs four core values: Integrity, Excellence, Respect, and Volunteer Service

TriStar - The TriStar represents Tennessee as a state, and it's three regions.

RED - Represents strength & emulates the Tennessee State Flag

SILVER - Represents sincerity and the core values of integrity & excellence.

BLUE - Represents Loyalty & emulates the Tennessee State Flag

Approved 18 November 2025





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SER-TN-008 Emblems

Knoxville Composite Squadron 1 - Knoxville, TN



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SER-TN-014 Emblems

Memphis Belle Composite Squadron – Millington, TN



Symbolism The Memphis Belle Composite Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Memphis Belle: The B-17 (Memphis Belle) located in the center of the patch serves as the primary component (Our Unit's Name Sake); thus, the Memphis Belle symbolizes resilience, determination, and overcoming challenges in the face of adversity. The aircraft and its crew became an iconic symbol representing the courageous personnel who played a crucial role in defeating their enemy.

Tri-Star Logo: The TriStar (three-bladed propeller) represents the 3 core missions of the civil air patrol: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs. the blades and triangles are bound in blue, which symbolizes the organizations connection to the sky and aviation, as well as it's relationship with the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

Disc: The central feature of the patch, the B-17, rests upon a disc of blue and white, representing the Mississippi River and The Memphis Bridge a well-known landmark which we also support in association to Civil Air Patrol.

Color Use: Gold is a color to stand out as a bordering highlight to make the patch stand-out. Black was used as a background color to the writing of our squadron name in addition to the natural background, the iconic Memphis bridge and, parts of the B-17 itself for highlight color. Blue was used for the representation of the Mississippi river looking towards the North. Gray represents discoloration of clouds to highlight darker rainclouds. Gray was used for bottom of the B-17. Red was used for the Tri-Blade. Blue was used to outline the triangle of the Tri-Blade.

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SER-TN-015 Emblem

Greeneville Composite Squadron - Greeneville, TN



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SER-TN-017 Emblem

Group II Headquarters - Chattanooga, TN



Blazon

A shield azure with diminutive border Or, in fess the state of Tennessee gules, overall the zodiacal symbol Gemini of the second, in chief the words "Second to None" argent.

Significance

The USAF-style shield shows the close ties between CAP and its parent service, while the Roman numeral "II" not only denotes the Group's numeric designation but also recalls the constellation Gemini, emphasizing the unit's dedication to aerospace, and is in gold to communicate the Group's generosity of volunteer spirit. Symbolizing the Tennessee Wing, the state silhouette is colored red to show the strength of our members as well as the strength of the Group's contribution to the Wing. The all-encompassing blue indicates our members' loyalty to CAP, the state and the nation.

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SER-TN-019 Emblem

Morristown Cadet Squadron - Morristown, TN



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SER-TN-036 Emblem

Tullahoma Composite Squadron - Tullahoma, TN



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SER-TN-056 Emblem

Berry Field Cadet Squadron - Nashville, TN



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SER-TN-080 Emblem

Henry County Composite Squadron - Paris, TN



Colors and Symbol Heraldry

Gold- Represents Honor and the Core Values of Civil Air Patrol.

Red- Represents bravery and courage (Emergency Services)

Green- Represents youth and hope (Cadet Program)

Blue- Represents loyalty and is also the color of the sky (Aerospace Education)

Eiffel Tower- Represents our drive for excellence. It also represents our city, Paris, TN

Initial Approval Summer of 2011



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SER-TN-087 Emblem

Knoxville Senior Squadron 1 - Alcoa, TN



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SER-TN-093 Emblems

Sevier County Composite Squadron - Sevierville, TN



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SER-TN-114 Emblem

Southern Middle Tennessee Composite Squadron - Lewisburg, TN



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SER-TN-122 Emblem

Group IV Headquarters - Bolivar, TN



The dominant colors in the design were chosen for significance to the CAP, and to the region in which Group IV operates and in which its members live. In heraldry, blue symbolizes loyalty and truth. Here it also represents the Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol, and is placed above to suggest the sky in which they both operate. Red symbolizes courage, strength and determination. Red is also the dominant color of the Tennessee state flag, and the red field is placed below to represent the state over which Group IV flies. Green symbolizes hope and loyalty, and in the design, signifies not only the two great rivers that border Group IV, but also the plentiful lakes, streams and wetlands that distinguish West Tennessee.

The devices are the CAP three-bladed propeller within a white triangle displayed aloft in relation of the blue roundel and stars placed on a red field symbolizing Tennessee flag. This symbolizes CAP aircraft and aircrew in the skies above the territory and people of Tennessee.

The motto 'NOTHING SHAKES US' describes the courage, boldness, tenacity and perseverance that characterize the members of Group IV. It is also a reference to the New Madrid Seismic Zone with its potential for severe earthquakes. Preparation for which is of paramount concern in West Tennessee.

Originally approved 1 August 2011





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SER-TN-133 Emblem

Middle Tennessee Senior Squadron - Nashville, TN



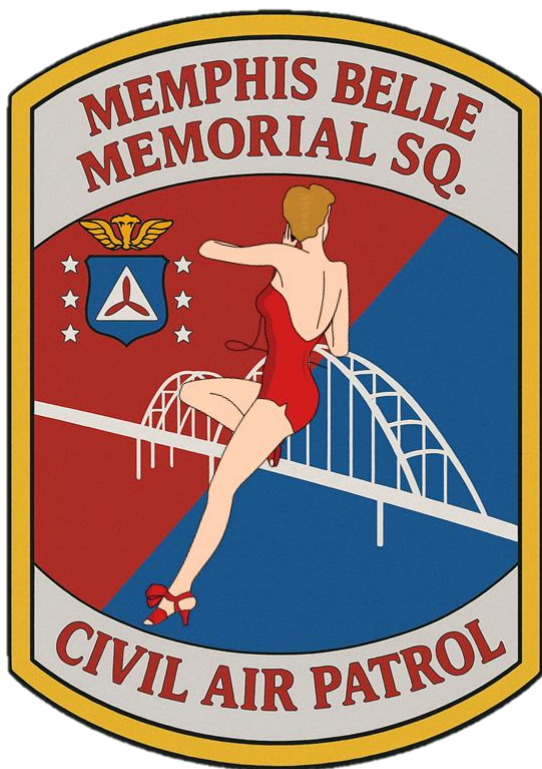
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SER-TN-144 Emblem

Memphis Belle Memorial Senior Squadron - Memphis, TN



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SER-TN-148 Emblem

McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron - Alcoa, TN



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SER-TN-153 Emblems

Group III Headquarters - Nashville, TN



PREVIOUS
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Blazon

A shield azure with diminutive border Or, in fess a formation of aircraft symbolizing the twelve long-standing units.

Significance

The USAF-style shield shows the close ties between CAP and its parent service, while the Gold Star and Wing showing the leadership of the Group III Headquarters over the units symbolized in the formation of 12 symbolic aircraft. These aircraft show the long-standing units with Group III that includes three now dormant charters within the Group. The oldest squadron charter of SER-TN-056 Berry Field, SER-TN-114 Marshall County Composite Squadron now in Group II as Southern Middle Tennessee Composite Squadron, and Hendersonville Cadet Squadron (SER-TN-191). The all-encompassing blue indicates our members' loyalty to CAP, the state and the nation.

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DORMANT
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SER-TN-155 Emblem

Sequatchie Valley Cadet Squadron - Pikeville, TN



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SER-TN-160 Emblems

Sumner County Cadet Squadron - Gallatin, TN



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Symbolism

The Sumner County Cadet Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Horse Silhouette: The horse located in the center of the patch serves as the primary component; representing strength, noble character, courage and readiness for the battle at hand. It's also highly symbolic of Sumner County which also uses the stallion as the key figure in its flag. Since the 1800's, Sumner Co., TN was known as the horse capital of much of the US. Stallions were raised and raced in Gallatin not far from where our meetings occur with the likes of key US figures like Andrew Jackson and many others. Roads and buildings in the area are named after famous farms and winning thoroughbreds, including St. Blaise Rd, which is named after the most expensive stallion in early history.

Tri-Star Logo: The triple stars remind us of our service to the three regions of Tennessee.

Disc Halves: The central feature of the patch, the horse, rests upon a disc of grey and blue...derived from Ultramarine Blue and Silver Gray, representing the squadron service, support and association to CAP.

Color Use: Red (Pimento Red) represents the "warrior spirit" at the heart of Civil Air Patrol that defends our valuable personal honor in conduct and service to those around us. The Ultramarine Blue represents our dedication to truth and loyalty in excellence. The Silver Gray offsets represent sincerity in motive. The black in the color of the horse and surrounding edging represents constancy in determination and the mission.

Arrow for Horses Eye: Representative of aviation and flight, the curved arrow incorporated in the horse's eye, symbolizes aerospace education, one of Civil Air Patrol's primary programs

Motto: The motto "Duc Exercitum" is Latin for "lead the way", which is the sounding call of our squadron every meeting.

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SER-TN-162 Emblems

Murfreesboro Composite Squadron - Murfreesboro, TN



Mustang Patch came about when cadets expressed desire for a squadron patch about year 2003. They conceived the Mustang symbolic of the squadron and with Lt David Ludwikowski an emblem was designed.

Approval Date Unknown

PREVIOUS EMBLEM



Charter Member Robert Sobotka designed the first squadron emblem, a handsome design approved by the Wing Commander. It was displayed proudly on the bulletin board, but never as a patch for uniform wear.

OTHER EMBLEMS DESIGNED



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SER-TN-170 Emblems

Oak Ridge Composite Squadron – Oak Ridge, TN



PREVIOUS
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Symbolism

The Oak Ridge Composite Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Cloud and Lightning: The cloud and lightning on a blue background borrows elements from the old Army Corp patch which symbolize the universe and our pursuit of scientific discovery.

Stylized Question Mark: The stylized question mark of the cloud and lightning again borrows elements from the Army Corp patch to symbolize the history and secrecy surrounding the "Secret City" of Tennessee.

Atoms: The stylized atoms remind us of our duty to use atomic power responsibly, and the number of electrons, four and three, remind us of the year of the squadron's original founding in 1943.

Tri-Star Logo: The triple stars of the State of Tennessee are arranged to give the impression of the fissioning atom from the original Army Corp patch. The stars further identify the squadron as a member of the Tennessee Wing.

CAP Roundel: The roundel honors CAP's past contributions to Civil Defense and announces the patch as uniquely belonging to Civil Air Patrol.

Color Use: The colors used, white, gold, blue, and red are traditional colors used by US Air Force heraldry.

Motto: The motto "Not Without Effort" reminds us that whatever you choose to pursue in life requires dedication and hard work to succeed.

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SER-TN-171 Emblem

Humphreys County Composite Squadron - McEwen, TN



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SER-TN-173 Emblems

Cleveland Composite Squadron - Cleveland, TN



Symbolism

- The Cleveland Composite Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.
- Wolf Head:** The central image of a wolf symbolizes leadership, teamwork, and determination. The wolf embodies the squadron’s commitment to strength through unity and confidence through capability—key principles in leadership development within the Civil Air Patrol.
 - Mountain Range:** The background features stylized peaks inspired by the Great Smoky Mountains, representing steadfastness, perseverance, and the geographic identity of Cleveland, Tennessee.
 - Color Scheme:**
 - Black and Gray:** Represent professionalism, authority, and cohesion within the squadron.
 - White Accents:** Signify integrity and the pursuit of excellence.
 - Yellow Eyes:** Reflect vigilance, courage, and focus—traits of strong leadership.
 - Bottom Scroll:** “CLEVELAND COMP SQ” – identifying the unit with pride and precision.
 - Motto:** “BORN TO LEAD” – representing our cadets’ and senior members’ commitment to developing strong leadership qualities through service.



Original approved 12 Dec 2011. Patch has CAP Command Patch Shield in CAP blue representing association with CAP organization. On the Command Patch is a triangle of white which represents the three missions of CAP: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

The Wolf is the squadron mascot and represents the historical nature of the squadron. The patch background is red, symbolizing CAPs auxiliary association with the Air Force and honoring those in our nation's service who have given their lives to secure our freedom. The unit motto was selected by the members just after the tornadoes of April 2011.

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SER-TN-176 Emblems

Rhea County Composite Squadron - Dayton, TNPREVIOUS
EMBLEM

Symbolism

The Rhea County Composite Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Crow Head: The central image of a crow symbolizes wisdom and prophecy as well as longevity and transformation. The crow embodies the squadron's commitment to helping youth find their future through the transformative aspects of the cadet program and Civil Air Patrol as a whole. Something they can take through the rest of their life. American crows are widespread throughout Tennessee and Fish Crows are more locally common to Rhea County.

Lightning Bolts and Arrow Vector: These symbols recognize the commitment to Aerospace, Cyber, and Communications education for the members of the unit.

Color Scheme:

Green: Represent youth and happiness as well as growth within the squadron.

Dark Yellow: Reflect wisdom, generosity, and faithfulness—traits to follow.

Argent/Gray: Signify a sense of honor and loyalty.

Bottom Scroll: "RHEA COUNTY COMP SQ" – identifying the unit

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DORMANT
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SER-TN-179 Emblem

Scott County Cadet Squadron - Onida, TN

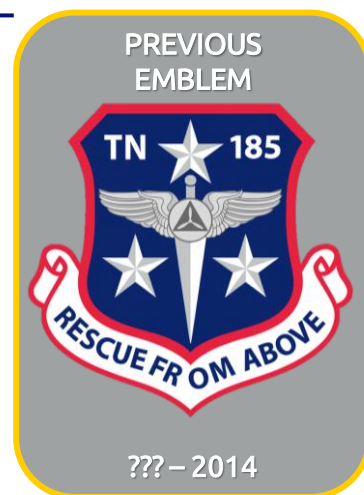


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SER-TN-185 Emblems

Music City Composite Squadron - Nashville, TN



Blazon

An oval azure with diminutive border gules, in vertical fess a spire argent. Three Stars argent; one in Chief, one in Dexter Base, and one in Sinister Base. An Eagle in flight in horizontal Fess perched on a guitar neck in vertical fess. Upper Scroll in Azure with "Optimi Optimorum", latin for "We are the Best of the Best" and lower scroll in Azure "185th Music City Composite Squadron"

Significance

The USAF-style oval shows the loyalty and devotion of our membership using blue, the three silver stars signify the purity and charity of the units within Tennessee Wing and the three regions of the State of Tennessee. The eagle of silver signifies the high expectations of and boldness of membership perched on a guitar signifying the unit's community in Nashville, also known as "Music City". The scrolls in blue surrounded by red to emphasize the unit's thinking and courage. The two three-blade propellers signify the unit's Civil Air Patrol mentorship, one for the mentor and one for the mentee.

Approved 6 January 2015





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HERALDRY

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SER-TN-187 Emblem

Chattanooga Cadet Squadron - Chattanooga, TN



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SER-TN-189 Emblem

Lewis County Composite Squadron - Hohenwald, TN



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SER-TN-191 Emblems

Hendersonville Cadet Squadron - Hendersonville, TN



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SER-TN-192 Emblem

Choo Choo Senior Squadron - Chattanooga, TN



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SER-TN-193 Emblem

Williamson County Cadet Squadron - Thompson Station, TN



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SER-TN-195 Emblem

Union City Composite Squadron - Union City, TN



- The unit departed from the traditional "shield" for this design, opting instead for the oval shape. This choice represents uniqueness and creativity, two qualities that are at the heart of our organization's vision. It also implies good fortune (or happy hunting in relation to emergency services-a pillar of CAP) and a sense of unity.
- The three dominant colors were chosen because of their historical significance to our nation in general and to CAP in particular. Red symbolizes our excitement, energy and passion while serving our community and each other. White symbolizes our dedication to higher ideals and excellence in all we do. Blue symbolizes unity, trust, confidence, and security.
- A CAP aircraft patrols the skies over Tennessee keeping constant vigil, ready at a moment's notice to render assistance and hope to all that need it. A banner proudly pronounces our home and squadron for everyone to see.

Approved 1 June 2011



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SER-TN-218 Emblem

Dickson County Composite Squadron - Dickson, TN



Symbolism

The Dickson County Composite Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Oval: The USAF-style oval signifies our USAF heritage. The blue field represents loyalty. The border and lettering color in orange represents zeal and signifies our Emergency Services heritage.

Ordinary: The geometric depiction of Mt Everest, inspired by Garland Pack's flights over the Himalayas, symbolizes accepting great challenge and is an appeal to act with courage, as articulated by our squadron motto "UNDERTAKE AND OVERCOME".

Glider: The depiction of a TG-3A glider at center honors Garland Pack's aviation legacy and gives primary emphasis to CAP's charter to promote General Aviation.

Forge: The "fiery forge with tools" at bottom, inspired by the history of Dickson County as an epicenter of iron works in early America, symbolizes success and strength derived from a foundation of industry and persistence.

Tri Star Roundel: An arrangement of white stars on a blue field circled by white and red at top recognizes fidelity to our home state of Tennessee. The three white stars signify our ardent support of the three primary CAP missions.

Motto: The scrolls beneath and above the oval identify our unit and state our squadron motto, "UNDERTAKE AND OVERCOME".

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SER-TN-246 Emblem

Wilson County Senior Squadron - Lebanon, TN



The TN-246 squadron patch's element (symbol) and colors are defined as follows:

Four Colors

- Black (heraldic SABLE) depicts our squadron's dependability and stark single-mindedness to accomplish CAP's SAR missions.
- White (heraldic ARGENT) depicts our squadrons' – good judgment & insight while we perform our tasks with precision skills.
- Red (heraldic GULES) depicts our squadrons' – passion to accomplish CAPs missions with benevolence and zeal.
- Blue (heraldic AZURE) depicts our squadrons' – members' intelligence & candor in every area of operations.

One Element

A single flying aircraft (heraldic VOLANT) centered on the TN-246 patch is symbolic of the Air Missions and CAP's Aerospace mission our unit performs.

Ring around Patch

Squadron Charter and Three Missions of Civil Air Patrol supported by the Squadron

Proposed in December 2016



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SER-TN-330 Emblem

Sequoyah Cadet Squadron - Madisonville, TN



Symbolism

The Sequoyah Cadet Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Sky Colors and Eagle: For the Cherokee, whom Sequoyah was a member of, colors held significant spiritual and cultural improvements, especially in the six directions and the Medicine Wheel. The Colors of the patch represent the colors that show East (direction of eagle, success and triumph), North (Defeat and Trouble; top of sky), West (Black; perimeter of patch showing to stay in bounds), South (White, middle sky to show peace and happiness), Up Above (yellow), Down Below (brown of the rocks along the river) and Center (green of patch showing balance of entire patch also meaning harmony and endurance).

Mountain, Forest, and River: Mountains, rivers, and forests were vital to Indigenous peoples in the Sequoyah region, providing sustenance, materials for tools and shelter, and serving as spiritual and navigational landmarks.

Top Scroll: "AUDARE VOLERE" – Latin for "To Dare To Fly", the Squadron Motto

Bottom Scroll: "SEQUOYAH CADET SQ" – identifying the unit

Approved 15 November 2025



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SER-TN-393 Emblem

Cumberland Flight - Spencer, TN



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SER-TN-582 Emblem

Sunsphere Cadet Squadron - Knoxville, TN



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SER-TN-999 Emblem

Tennessee Legislative Squadron – Nashville, TN



Symbolism

The Tennessee Legislative Squadron Disc contains the following symbolism.

Colors and Tri-Star Logo: The colors of the Tennessee flag and tri-star logo represent the state's connection to America and its internal unity. Red symbolizes valor and patriotism, white signifies purity, and blue represents vigilance and perseverance, echoing the colors of the U.S. flag. The three white stars in the blue circle represent the three grand divisions of the state (East, Middle, and West), bound together in an "indissoluble trinity".

State Capitol: The Tennessee State Capitol's meaning is rooted in its function as the center of state government, its significant role in history, and its architectural importance as a prime example of Greek Revival design. It symbolizes Tennessee's democratic process, housing the Tennessee General Assembly and the governor's office, and has witnessed pivotal moments like the state's ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Architecturally, it is a historic landmark designed by William Strickland and is one of a few antebellum state capitols still in operation today.

Bottom Scroll: "TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON" – identifying the unit

Approved 25 November 2025





Encampment Heritage Wings

Heritage Wings: Strengthening Identity and Tradition at Tennessee Wing Encampments

Tennessee Wing Encampments have long embraced the traditions and legacy of the United States Air Force, but one of the most enduring and meaningful practices has been the adoption of **Air Force flying wings as Heritage Wings** for the Cadet Training Squadrons and the Cadet Training Group. This system—rooted in history, symbolism, and esprit de corps—provides cadets with a sense of identity while reinforcing the shared heritage between Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force.

Each training squadron at encampment is assigned a historical Air Force Squadron from the Heritage Wing selected for an Encampment. The lineage, traditions, and accomplishments shape the cadet squadron's character for the duration of the activity. These Heritage Squadrons allow cadets to connect with the legacy of units that shaped the development of American airpower, from early pioneers of aviation to modern operational wings. Cadets learn not only the emblem and motto of their assigned squadron, but the stories behind the missions, breakthroughs, and sacrifices that defined them.

This structure also strengthens the identity of the **Cadet Training Group**, whose own heritage ties into the Heritage Wing's History with the Wing Commander of these unit's usually providing a letter to each graduate, cadre member, and staff member thanking them for their work representing their Wing. As for Tennessee's own history, the designation of the **16th Operations Support Squadron** that is used every year of Encampment carries special meaning: **Tennessee was the 16th state admitted to the United States**, and the encampment's use of this designation reinforces pride in the state's origins and its contributions to national defense.

Beyond tradition, Heritage Wings serve a practical purpose: they enhance morale, unity, and motivation. Cadets gain a sense of belonging to something larger than themselves—an operational legacy stretching across generations. By learning about the history, culture, and accomplishments of the wings they represent, cadets gain perspective on how the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol evolved, and how those organizations continue to work together today.

Most importantly, Heritage Wings help foster the encampment's core outcomes: leadership, teamwork, and respect for military heritage. Through these symbols and stories, cadets discover their place in a lineage of service—one that honors the past, strengthens the present, and inspires the future of Tennessee Wing.





2013 Encampment

1st Fighter Wing - Langley AFB, Virginia



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



BARBARIANS



COBRAS



DELTA
DOGS



EXECUTIONERS



FLYING TIGERS

Held at Camp
Hinsch south of
Fort Campbell in
Tennessee

2013 TENNESSEE WING ENCAMPMENT
CAMP HINSCH, TENNESSEE





2014 Encampment

20th Fighter Wing – Shaw AFB, South Carolina



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



DEMONS



BARBARIANS



EXECUTIONERS



COBRAS



FLYING TIGERS

Held at Camp
Hinsch south of
Fort Campbell in
Tennessee





2015 Encampment

3rd Wing - Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



DEMONS



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COBRAS



FLYING TIGERS

Held at Fort
Campbell Army
Airfield in
Kentucky





2016 Encampment (Proposed)

Tennessee Air National Guard - Wing Squadrons from Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville



Held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Encampment happened, Heritage Wing not incorporated





2022 Encampment

1st Fighter Wing - Langley AFB, Virginia



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



EXECUTIONERS



BARBARIANS



FLYING TIGERS



COBRAS



GUTS



DEMONS



HELLCATS

Held at Fall Creek Falls in Spencer, Tennessee



2022 TENNESSEE WING ENCAMPMENT





2023 Encampment

48th Fighter Wing – RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom



Cadet Training Flights Used



2023

TENNESSEE WING ENCAMPMENT



Held at McGhee-Tyson Air National Base in Alcoa, Tennessee





2024 Encampment

412th Test Wing, Edwards AFB, California



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



EXECUTIONERS



BARBARIANS



FLYING TIGERS



COBRAS



GUTS



DEMONS



HELLCATS



2024 TENNESSEE WING ENCAMPMENT

8 - 13 JULY 2024
CAMP HIRSCH, TN



Held at Camp
Hirsch south of
Fort Campbell in
Tennessee





2025 Encampment

71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Oklahoma



Cadet Training Flights Used

 AGGRESSORS

 EXECUTIONERS

 BARBARIANS

 FLYING TIGERS

 COBRAS

 GUTS

 DEMONS

 HELLCATS

Held at Catoosa
Volunteer Training
Site south of
Chattanooga in
Ringgold, Georgia



2025 TENNESSEE WING
ENCAMPMENT

15 - 21 JUNE 2025
VTS CATOOSA, GA





2026 Encampment

60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, California



Cadet Training Flights Used



AGGRESSORS



DEMONS



BARBARIANS



EXECUTIONERS



COBRAS



FLYING TIGERS

Held at Catoosa
Volunteer Training
Site south of
Chattanooga in
Ringgold, Georgia



2026 TENNESSEE WING ENCAMPMENT

VTS CATOOSA, GA





Tennessee Wing Unique

Tennessee Wing has built a distinct visual heritage through the creation of unique emblems for its **special activities, directorates, cadet programs, and wing conferences**. These symbols go beyond official unit patches, capturing the identity and spirit of the Wing's diverse missions.

Special activities—especially encampments—have produced some of the Wing's most memorable designs. Cadet Training Groups and squadrons often adopt emblems inspired by Tennessee heritage or historic Air Force wings, giving cadets a sense of identity, tradition, and pride. These patches become lasting reminders of training, teamwork, and personal growth.

Wing Directorates and offices have also developed their own insignia, blending CAP symbols with imagery tied to their missions—such as operations, communications, aerospace education, or history. These designs help distinguish staff roles while strengthening unity within each directorate.

Cadet Programs activities bring an additional layer of creativity. Leadership schools, academies, and specialty events often craft their own emblems that reflect the energy and culture of Tennessee Wing's youth programs.

Wing conferences further add to this legacy, with each year's event producing a unique logo or patch that captures the theme, priorities, and spirit of the Wing at that moment in time.

Together, these emblems form a colorful record of Tennessee Wing's story—symbols of service, heritage, and the cadets and senior members who shaped the Wing's history.





Wing Conferences



2024 SER-TN WG Conference

Held in Cool Springs, TN at Embassy Suites Cool Springs. Joint Southeast Region – Tennessee Wing Conference. Maj Gen Aye (National Commander) was Guest Speaker.

2025 TN WG Conference

Held in Franklin, TN at Drury Plaza Hotel. Change of Command between Colonel Borsari and incoming Colonel Scantland.



2026 TN WG Conference

Held in Knoxville, TN at Hilton Knoxville Airport. Guest Speaker and National Staff guest to be determined.



USAF MQ-9 Support



Operation *Whiskey Fury* marked a significant period of collaboration between Civil Air Patrol and our Tennessee Air National Guard partners operating MQ-9 Reaper aircraft within the State of Tennessee. To prove the safety of remotely piloted aircraft operations expanded throughout Middle Tennessee, CAP provided essential support that enhanced both mission readiness and public safety.

Tennessee Wing assisted through **airborne observation, airspace monitoring, and ground coordination**, helping ensure safe integration of MQ-9 training flights with civilian air traffic. CAP aircrews and mission staff contributed real-time situation awareness, supported deconfliction during sensitive operations, and maintained communication channels between military controllers and local aviation stakeholders. This supported the 118th Wing and the 163rd Attack Squadron utilizing MQ-9 assets that were part of the California Air National Guard at March Air Reserve Base. Tennessee Wing flew 18.3 hours of support during *Whiskey Fury*.

Operation *Whiskey Fury* demonstrated the value of CAP's auxiliary capabilities: highly trained volunteers, rapid mission response, and strong coordination with federal and state partners. Tennessee Wing's involvement underscored CAP's ability to support emerging technologies, adapt to modern operational needs, and contribute meaningfully to national security missions conducted in the state.

Patch designed by 118th Wing in June 2023



NCSA: Cadet Aviation Ground School



This school covered all the requirements of the FAA Written Exam, with classes being taught by high-time former commercial and military pilots. The two-week long activity was an intense academic experience, with the focus on preparing the student to pass the FAA written exam. Completion of a short pre-course program was expected and individual coaching was available throughout the week.

This was based on a former United States Naval Sea Cadet Course and started at Converse College, Spartanburg, SC and then held for three years at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard base co-located with the Knoxville Regional Airport. The last course was held in July 2019 and graduated 40 students. Over its time as an NCSA a total of 64 of 81 graduates went on to earn their Private Pilots Certificate.

The Propellor signified the basic principals of initial flight training for most students while the torch signified the level of education necessary for the course on a circular shield of blue showing integrity.

Emblem Approved in March 2017

NCSA: E-Tech



If you are an aspiring engineer or aerospace science enthusiast, E-Tech is for you.

E-Tech cadets are high-achievers who have previously completed encampment. The training environment is that of a military college – collegial, fitting the best traditions of a major academic university and the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

Activities will focus on the various aspects of Science and Engineering. Some of these sessions are taught by the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) faculty. This academy involves hands-on and classroom activities based around STEM subjects.

This has been a National Cadet Special Activity for a while and held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at MTSU

No History on Emblem



NCSA: Southeast Region Flight Academies



National Flight Academy (NFA) is an introductory flight training activity. Cadets will receive 10-15 hours of introductory flight instruction from a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI).

Important notes:

- NFAs are intended for cadets with 10 hours or less of logged flight time in the last 12 months.
- Cadets who apply with more than 10 hours will not receive the full benefits of this introductory training activity.
- If you arrive at the NFA, and have already earned your solo endorsement, you are ineligible to participate in this introductory flight training activity and will be sent home at your own expense.

Additionally, cadets get the opportunity to work with aviation professionals, civilian and military, who share their expertise on how to prepare for a career as an aviator. For those interested in a career as a pilot, this is your first step towards a private pilot certificate and could help you achieve items on the Cadet Wings "ideal candidate" list if you solo!

This has been a Glider and most-recently Powered Flight Academy held at Tullahoma, Tennessee

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TNWG Inspector General



Approved on 9 Dec 2003

The Tennessee Wing Inspector General emblem combines traditional heraldry with symbols tied to oversight, integrity, and the identity of Tennessee Wing. Each element reinforces the purpose and expectations of the IG office.

- 1. The Shield Shape:** The emblem uses the classic Air Force-style shield, representing authority, professionalism, and continuity with Air Force heraldic traditions. As the IG office enforces standards and ensures compliance, the shield reflects protection, structure, and accountability.
- 2. The Eagle's Head:** The eagle—sharp-eyed and vigilant—symbolizes watchfulness, impartiality, and strength. Its forward gaze represents the IG's duty to monitor, assess, and safeguard the Wing's integrity. Because the eagle is also a national symbol, it reinforces the IG's role in upholding the values of both Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force.

3. The Gold Lightning Bolt: The lightning bolt represents swift, decisive action and the power of truth. In IG symbolism, a lightning bolt commonly signifies inspection authority, rapid response, and the ability to cut through misinformation or procedural issues. Its diagonal placement suggests movement, energy, and the IG's readiness to intervene when necessary.

4. The Tennessee Tri-Star Emblem: The three white stars on the blue circle—taken from the Tennessee state flag—anchor the emblem to Tennessee Wing. They signify the Wing's responsibility to all three Grand Divisions: East, Middle, and West Tennessee. Their presence reinforces that IG oversight applies uniformly across the entire state.

5. The Red Field: The red background symbolizes courage, resolve, and the seriousness with which the IG office approaches investigations, inspections, and complaint resolution. Red in heraldry often denotes duty performed under pressure—an appropriate theme for IG responsibilities.

TNWG History Office



The Tennessee Wing Historian Office emblem blends state heritage, CAP identity, and the mission of historical preservation into a unified heraldic design. Each element reflects a core aspect of what the Historian Office represents and the responsibilities it carries.

1. The Shield Shape: The shield symbolizes continuity, authority, and protection of heritage. As the Historian Office safeguards the records, stories, and lineage of TNWG, the shield represents the preservation of institutional memory.

2. The Tennessee Tri-Star Emblem: The three stars represent the state's three Grand Divisions—East, Middle, and West Tennessee. Encircled in red, they symbolize unity across the Wing and the Historian Office's responsibility to document the history of *all* Tennessee units equally.

3. The Winged Book: The open book is the central symbol of the historian profession, representing knowledge, documentation, and the written record. The attached stylized wing connects CAP's aviation heritage with its historical record, signifying that Tennessee Wing's history is inseparable from its mission of flight, service, and education. Together, the wing and book communicate the core mission of the office: to chronicle CAP's heritage, preserve its documents, and ensure the stories of its members take flight across generations.



TNWG Cadet Advisory Council

Purpose of the Cadet Advisory Council

The Tennessee Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) serves as the formal voice of the cadets within Tennessee Wing. Its purpose is to:

- Represent cadet concerns, ideas, and recommendations to Wing leadership
- Strengthen communication between squadrons, groups, and the Wing headquarters
- Build leadership experience for elected cadet representatives
- Assist in developing initiatives that improve cadet programs across Tennessee
- Promote consistency, professionalism, and cadet-driven improvements throughout the Wing

Through structured meetings and reporting requirements, the CAC enables cadets to contribute to policy discussions, propose solutions to issues affecting the program, and serve as a bridge between cadet membership and senior leadership. This system reinforces Civil Air Patrol's commitment to developing responsible, informed, and engaged young leaders.



Symbolism in the Tennessee Wing CAC Emblem

The emblem displayed reflects both the identity of Tennessee Wing and the purpose of the Cadet Advisory Council. Each element carries meaning:

1. The Three White Stars: The three stars are taken directly from the Tennessee state flag, symbolizing the Grand Divisions of Tennessee—East, Middle, and West. Their presence signifies that the CAC represents cadets from across the entire Wing and works for the unity of all Tennessee squadrons.

2. The Blue Field: The deep blue background mirrors the Tennessee flag and Air Force heraldry, representing loyalty, trust, and the professionalism expected of CAC cadets. It also visually centers the emblem around Tennessee Wing identity.

3. The CAP Cadet Shield: At the center is the traditional Civil Air Patrol cadet emblem, signifying the core mission of the Council: advocacy, development, and representation of cadets. Its placement in the middle reflects that cadets remain the focus of the Council's work.

TNWG Cadet NCO Academy



The Tennessee Wing Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) serves as a key developmental step for cadets transitioning from follower to leader within Civil Air Patrol. Designed to strengthen leadership competency, communication skills, and professional conduct, the academy prepares cadets to assume the responsibilities of an NCO at their home squadrons.

NCOA provides structured instruction on drill and ceremonies, counseling techniques, team leadership, and the standards expected of CAP NCOs. Classroom lessons are reinforced through practical exercises, ensuring cadets can apply what they learn in real training environments.

A defining element of Tennessee Wing's NCOA is its emphasis on Air Force and CAP NCO heritage. Cadets explore the traditions, expectations, and historic contributions of non-commissioned officers, reinforcing the importance of character, accountability, and service-focused leadership.

Graduates leave the academy better prepared to mentor junior cadets, support their unit's operations, and uphold the professionalism of Tennessee Wing. NCOA remains an essential component of cadet leadership development and a cornerstone of the Wing's commitment to producing capable, confident young leaders.

TNWG SAR Team Patches



TNWG Ranger Program

Ranger Program as satellite training for Hawk Mountain Ranger Training. Mostly performed training in Middle Tennessee.

2022 Encampment ES Training

Advanced and Basic Emergency Services Training held as part of Encampment for two Cadet Training Squadrons at Fall Creek Falls, TN



2023 Encampment ES Training

Training held as part of 2023 Encampment at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base to cover Basic Emergency Services Training.



TENNESSEE WING HISTORY OFFICE

