



WIWG Education and Training Newsletter Winter 2024



The 2024 GLR VolU Academy will be held 29 June - 6 July 2024 in conjunction with the 2024 Michigan Wing Encampment. They will be offering all modules for Levels 3, 4, 5, and all of the Squadron Commander Course modules as well. More information on registration information will be available on the Michigan Wing website under Encampment in the near future. www.miwg.cap.gov

Updated PAO Specialty Track Pamphlet

National has released an update to the Public Affairs Specialty Track (CAPP 201). You can find the updated pamphlet here: https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P201_E863B3730B059.pdf

A few of the updates included are:

- The addition of the brand portal and resources linked
- Removed the ICUT prerequisite for Technician Rating
- Senior & Master Rating – higher echelon PAOs need to mentor PAOs at lower levels.
- Removed the PIO prerequisite for Master Rating
- Master rating requires you to act as PAO at a Wing or Region conference (connect with Capt Lisa Bastian if you have interest in that – lisa.bastian@wicap.us)
- The updated requirements put an emphasis on writing and submitting well-written articles to local newspapers (with Commander approval), to Wing, and to National for cap.news.

Why did NHQ release an update to the PAO Specialty Track Guide? I thought the PAO position was going away? Per the MAC Matters February 2024 Newsletter:

“Because there are still people being appointed to PAO positions who want to get their technician ratings and others seeking advanced ratings to complete Levels III and IV. Since the previous version of CAPP 201 included several outdated or obsolete requirements, such as writing a squadron crisis communications plan or taking a FEMA course that no longer exists, it became impossible for new ratings to be approved — so an update was needed.

The revised CAPP 201 eliminates the obsolete requirements so PAOs can continue to earn their specialty track ratings while we await publication of the new marketing program regulation and specialty track.

Keep in mind that when the new Marketing and Communications Officer Specialty Track is approved, the PAO specialty track will be retired after a phase-out period. Earned PAO ratings will remain on a member’s personnel record, but everyone who wants to continue to serve as a marketing and communications officer will begin the new specialty track working on the technician rating, which exposes members to a broad range of foundational skills in marketing and communications.”

If you have any questions regarding PAO specialty track, contact Capt Lisa Bastian or Lt Schafer.



Existing VolU Instructors! Do you have permissions to instruct all of the Levels that you are eligible to instruct? Now you do not need to track down each Level chair and email them to request permission to instruct. There is a new form you can use to request permissions.

Live on the Volunteer University page is an option for existing instructors and assistant instructors to complete a form that emails the request for you.

1. Go to:<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/.../ed-training/volu-main>
2. Scroll down to the area in the photo below & click the highlighted link to fill in a 15-30-second form that sends an email to the respective chairs.
3. Requests will be reviewed by the chair to ensure requirements are met and the chair will contact the instructor with questions or concerns or just add permissions earned.

Not a VolU Instructor yet, but interested in helping your unit members progress in their Education and Training? Contact me at Kristin.walukas@wicap.us and let me know you are interested. Wing will need to approve your application, so it helps to know ahead of time before we receive the request for approval from VolU.

Step 1:

Complete the [Volunteer University Instructor Application](#)

Step 2:

Let me know that you Once your application is approved by region and wing command, you will be enrolled in the VOLU Instructor Course in AXIS. For more information or assistance, contact us at instructor@cap.gov

Step 3:

After completing the online portion of the Instructor Course, you must participate in a virtual training session to be fully qualified as a Volunteer University assistant instructor or instructor. Sign up for this step using the [Education and Training Calendar](#) using events labeled "Instructor Course Virtual Session". Once you have completed the virtual training session, you will receive your permissions as an instructor or assistant instructor. Questions? Contact Kristin.walukas@wicap.us or instructor@cap.gov.

NEW Training Leaders of Cadets Offerings

The National Cadet Team recently welcomed Lt Col Natalie Franc and Lt Col Joshua W. Stultz to the team as the new volunteer TLC Coordinators. Lt Col Franc and Lt Col Stultz will be coordinating the new national TLC virtual offerings. In an effort to expand the offerings for TLC, National Headquarters will begin offering regularly scheduled TLC-Basic & TLC-Intermediate courses, offered virtually. Wings will still offer TLC, but this will create another way to expand the accessibility of TLC. Read more and the Natalie & Joshua, as well as the new offerings: <https://bit.ly/3ueamEM>

WIWG Education and Training Program Level Completions in Nov 2023-Jan 2024

Level I Member

SM Todd Berry, WI-037
SM Eduard Breuer, WI-037
SM Steven Brown, WI-184
SM Russell Crawmer, WI-037
SM Jacob Fisher, WI-161
SM Steven Franck, WI-053
SM Scott Geyer, WI-059
SM Thomas Jacobsen, WI-161
SM James Kellen, WI-184
SM Chin Feng Lai, WI-153
SM Benjamin Ruddat, WI-055
SM Charles Stasson, WI-046
SM Jennifer Stollenwerk, WI-037
SM Nathanael Vanderhyde, WI-161

Level II Part 1 (eligible for first promotion)

2d Lt John Walz, WI-057

Level II Davis

(Leadership Ribbon for Tech rating)
1st Lt Temish Christiansen, WI-144
1st Lt Joseph Fiducci, WI-048
SFO Troy Kosobucki, WI-049
1st Lt Robert Meyer, WI-037

Yeager Award

2d Lt Tara Spate, WI-161
2d Lt Philip Unterschuetz, WI-161
2d Lt Matthew Vanderhyde, WI-161



Lt Mohalski and FO Mohalski of WI-061 were presented their Yeager Awards earned in October at a meeting in December.

Level III Loening

Capt Ronald Koplin, WI-002

Level V Wilson

Lt Col Danielle Michaels, WI-061

Group Commander's Course, Capt Louis Merck, WI-197

WIWG Specialty Track Ratings Achieved in November-January

Technician Rating, Cadet Programs, 1st Lt Joseph Fiducci, WI-048
Technician Rating, Cadet Programs, Capt Lisa Bastian, WI-055
Technician Rating, Cadet Programs, 1st Lt Temish Christiansen, WI-144
Technician Rating, Command, Maj Roxanne Munns, WI-037
Technician Rating, Command, Lt Col Robert Koehler, WI-999
Technician Rating, Information Technology, Capt Louis Merck, WI-197
Senior Rating, Operations, Lt Col John Hoffmann, WI-055
Master Rating, Aerospace Education & Professional Development, Capt John MacDonald, WI-184
Master Rating, Public Affairs, Capt Lisa Bastian, WI 055
