



WIWG Education and Training Newsletter

Fall 2023



Welcome to the new WIWG Education and Training Newsletter! With this newsletter we will celebrate the accomplishments of our members and offer information to help members progress in their Education and Training. This month's topic is the Yeager Award. This seemed appropriate for this Fall edition since General Yeager made world history twice in the Fall of the year; once on Oct. 14, 1947, when he became the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound and again when he flew twice the speed of sound in level flight on Dec. 12, 1953.

Adult Civil Air Patrol members earn the award upon successful completion of the Yeager test and are authorized to wear the Yeager Award ribbon. Members who earned the Spaatz Award as a cadet may be credited with completing the Yeager test and are authorized to wear the Yeager Award ribbon.



Why earn the Yeager Award? Aerospace Education is one of our three main missions. It is not only for cadets; it is for ALL members. There is an internal component (CAP members) and an external component (outreach). Earning the Yeager Award demonstrates a member's commitment to our AE mission. It helps prepare senior members to support both internal and external AE activities.

The Yeager Test is a self-paced test which can be done open book or closed book if you want to give yourself a challenge. For instructions on how to take the Yeager exam, NC Wing created a handy reference: [How to take the Yeager Award Exam](#).

Yeager Award credit appears automatically in a member's eService record when it is passed. No other approval or paperwork is required. For this reason, your ETO or unit Commander may not realize you have completed it unless they happen to look for it. Let them know so they can recognize your achievement. Yeager Award certificates are printed by the squadron using the Certificates module in eServices. (eServices menu – Administration – CAP Certificates) Units are encouraged to present the certificate and ribbon to members at a meeting or award ceremony. The Yeager Award Ribbon can be purchased through [Vanguard](#). Check with your unit to see if they supply ribbons or if members purchase their own.

The Yeager Award is a requirement of Level II in the Education and Training Program.

I hope that this encourages all senior members to complete the Yeager Test and that the next edition will be filled with members' names celebrating this accomplishment!

(The information above can be verified in the following CAP Publications: CAPR 280-2, CAPP 50-1, CAPR 39-3, CAPR 40-1)

Capt Kristin Walukas, *WIWG Director of Education and Training*

WIWG Education and Training Program Level Completions in Sept & Oct

Level I Member

SM Charles Allen, WI-057
SM Patrick-Rizal Dael, WI-002
SM John Kelk, WI-135
SM Crystal Simon, WI-013
SM Joshua Haight, WI-151
SM Mary Stevens, WI-053
SM Cameron Schmidt, WI-049

Level II Part 1 (No ribbon – eligible for first promotion)

1st Lt Danielle Higley, WI-161
1st Lt Mathias Gilliam
SM Crystal Simon
1st Lt Seth Wolf

Yeager Award

SM Robert Smith, WI-049
SM Ellieana Mohalski, WI-061
SM John Kelk, WI-135
Capt James Anglum, WI-161

Level II Davis

(Leadership Ribbon for Tech rating)
1st Lt Danielle Higley, WI-161
1st Lt Temish Christiansen
SM Monica Radzin

Level III Loening

Level IV Garber

Level V Wilson

Congratulations on Completing Commander's Courses in October!

Group Commander's Course

Maj Linda Zimmerman, WI-201

WIWG Specialty Track Ratings Achieved in September & October

Technician Rating, Character Development Instructor, MSgt Dominic Kowalczyk, WI-013

Technician Rating, Personnel, Capt Kenneth Welch, WI-061

Technician Rating, Safety, 2d Lt Foster Bolker, WI-144

Senior Rating, Aerospace Education Maj Michael Vriezen, WI-153

Master Rating, Logistics, Capt Louis Merck, WI-197

Fillable Senior Member Education & Training and Promotion Eligibility Chart

This Senior Member Education & Training Chart created by NCWG is a fillable PDF to help members keep track of their progression. This one-page document briefly describes the basic requirements in the Education and Training Program Levels. It also includes the minimum eligibility requirements for promotion. Page 2 contains instructions on how to complete the items in the chart. This is not an official CAP form, but it can be accurately used to track requirements met. Full description and requirements about the program and promotion eligibility requirements are found in CAPR 40-1, CAPR 35-5, and CAPR 39-3. Click [Senior Member Education & Training and Promotion Eligibility Chart](#) to download the fillable form.

