BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Linda L. Yaeger



Linda Yaeger is commander of Civil Air Patrol's Arizona Wing. She assumed command on January 6, 2024. Her primary duty is to lead 1,500 volunteer members supporting CAP's three primary programs – emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

Yaeger previously served Arizona Wing as vice commander, chief of staff, inspector general, mission support group commander, and 388th Composite Squadron commander.

She holds operational qualifications as incident commander, mission safety officer, finance and administration section chief, air operations branch director, and mission scanner. Aditionally, she holds certifications to teach ICS 300 and 400 courses.

Yaeger served for three years on the National Leadership Development Working Group, focusing on squadron-level staff and leadership lessons. The group revised CAP's legacy professional development program and replaced it with a more flexible education and training program.

This new program includes Volunteer University, where Yaeger taught virtual and in-person intermediate and advanced leadership development from 2020 – 2023. Her seminars reached nearly 100 Civil Air Patrol members, half of whom are from Arizona Wing.

Major awards and decorations include the Exceptional Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, Commander's Commendations from national, region, and wing commanders, Homeland Security, Disaster Relief, Search and "Find" Ribbons, and the Gill Robb Wilson Award, the highest level of achievement in CAP's education and training program.

Yaeger joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in Columbus, Ohio. She achieved the grade of cadet captain before graduating from high school. After four years at The Ohio State University, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Yaeger served for 24 years in the Air Force and is a graduate of the Air War College and CAP National Staff College. She was assigned to Headquarters Air Force, Intelligence Plans and Programs, during Operation Desert Storm.

In addition to Air Force and CAP service, she served several years as an adjunct instructor at Estrella Mountain Community College in Arizona. She has completed a master's degree in human relations from University of Oklahoma and a master's in information resources and library science from University of Arizona.

Yaeger resides in Glendale, Arizona, with her husband, Maj. Roger Yaeger, USAF retired, and their son, Frank Yaeger.