

## COLONEL RICHARD J. GREENWOOD, CAP

Colonel Richard J. Greenwood is the Chief of Staff, Southeast Region, Civil Air Patrol. As such he is responsible for supervising, mentoring, and guiding the Region Staff. Additionally, he serves as a member of the Region Command Team, advising the Region Commander on matters affecting the Region and Staff.

Prior to his assignment as Chief of Staff, Colonel Greenwood served in a variety of positions within the Organization ranging from Squadron and Group Commander to Wing Inspector General and Wing Vice Commander. Col Greenwood served as the Georgia Wing Commander and as a member of the Civil Air Patrol Command Council for four years. He has also served on the Southeast Region Staff as the Search and Rescue Officer, Assistant Director of Communications, Assistant Inspector General, Inspector General, Deputy Chief of Staff, Cadet Programs, and Vice Commander. Col Greenwood served as the Chair of the National Uniform Committee, leading the complete re-write of the uniform manual to include transitioning to the ABU uniform.

Colonel Greenwood has held continuous membership in Civil Air Patrol since joining as a cadet over 35 years ago. While attending University, he served in numerous positions at the Squadron and Group level in Florida Wing, and after graduation he served as a Squadron Commander in New Mexico Wing.

Colonel Greenwood holds master ratings in 13 CAP specialties including Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, Operations, Inspector General, Standards and Evaluations, Flight Operations, and Command. He has previously served as an Incident Commander and as a CAP Instructor and Check Pilot. Colonel Greenwood is a graduate of multiple CAP Schools and courses including National Staff College, the Region and Wing Commander's Course, and is a distinguished graduate of the USAF Squadron Officer's School.

His CAP Awards and Decorations include the Silver Medal of Valor, two Distinguished Service Awards, multiple Exceptional Service Awards and Meritorious Service Awards, the National Commander's Commendation, the Region Commander's Commendation, multiple Commanders' Commendations, the Achievement Award, the National Commander's Unit Citation, numerous Unit Citations, the Gill Rob Wilson Award, and numerous others. Colonel Greenwood has been awarded CAP Command Pilot Wings, Master Incident Commander Badge, Master Ground Team Badge, the Command Council Badge, and the National Staff Badge.

Colonel Greenwood is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science with a minor in Aviation Safety. After spending over 15 years as a line Captain and Chief Pilot, he became a professional pilot instructor for a major training provider providing ground and simulator instruction to fellow professional pilots. Colonel Greenwood returned to active flying in 2022 and is currently the Training and Standards Captain for a corporate flight department.

Colonel Greenwood has been married for over 20 years and has three daughters, one son, and 2 grandsons.

