

## COLONEL J. BRADFORD LYNN

**Colonel J. Bradford Lynn** currently serves as the Vice Commander of the Southeast Region of the Civil Air Patrol. He assist with the successful execution of CAP's national strategy, policies, missions and objectives within the Southeast Region. Prior to this assignment he served as the Chairman of Civil Air Patrol's Youth Aviation Initiative Panel and Chairman of the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors.

Colonel Lynn joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet in the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron in 1969 after earning his Eagle Scout award. He completed the entire CAP Cadet program and earned the Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1973. Also in 1973, he was named the National Cadet of the Year for Civil Air Patrol.



Graduating from The University of Alabama in 1976, he was commissioned a 2Lt in the United States Air Force and entered active duty in 1977. He was a Distinguished Graduate from Squadron Officer School in 1981 and earned a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas in 1982. He served on active duty until October 1986. While on active duty he served as a KC-135 Aircraft Commander and had assignments as a Contracting Management Officer and Maintenance Division Chief. He also served at the Pentagon in the highly selective Air Staff Training Assignment (ASTRA).

In 1986, Colonel Lynn transferred to the Air Force Reserve, 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, where he held numerous Command and Staff positions. These included C-130 Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, Chief of Training, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Operations Officer, and Commander of the 908<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight. In 1999 he was named the Vice Wing Commander, serving in this position until his transfer to the Pentagon in 2002. He served a tour in Reserve Operations at the Pentagon and Deployed as an Air Expeditionary Group Commander in the Afghanistan Theater in 2004. In 2005, he was selected as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Material Command. In 2007, he retired from the USAF as a Colonel with 30 years of military service. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and numerous campaign and service medals.

Colonel Lynn rejoined the Alabama Wing in 2007 serving as Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, Director of Logistics, Vice Wing Commander and the Alabama Wing Commander. As the Wing Commander, his team excelled in all phases of the CAP program. They re-established an outstanding glider program in Alabama, earned a "Highly Successful" rating on their Compliance Inspection and received an "Outstanding" rating on their Air Force Operations Evaluation. Colonel Lynn has served at the National level of Civil Air Patrol as the Commandant of Cadets for Cadet Officer School, Escort Officer for the International Air Cadet Exchange, and Instructor and Seminar Leader at the Region and National Staff College. He is also a recipient of the Gill Robb Wilson Award and Civil Air Patrol's Distinguished Service Award. In 2015, at a ceremony at Bryant-Denny Stadium, Colonel Lynn was honored by The University of Alabama for his distinguished service to his country.

Colonel Lynn is a retired Captain from United Airlines, where he flew primarily international routes. He also served as a pilot instructor and check airman for United Airlines. He holds type ratings in the Boeing 707, 747-400, 757, 767, 777 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-10. Additionally, he is a Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Command Pilot with over 20,000 flight hours and a recipient of the Federal Aviation Administration Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.