



GLR Staff Department Command Section

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Department Description

CAPR 20-1 Organization of Civil Air Patrol Section D. Command Responsibilities

¶ 13. a. Region commanders are appointed by the National Commander and have command authority over all CAP units and members within their respective regions. As members of the NEC [National Executive Committee], they are the senior corporate officers for their regions and exercise authority as such.

¶ 14. a. Unit commanders are responsible for compliance with all directives from higher headquarters. They are authorized a staff to assist in the accomplishment of the various assigned tasks and should delegate appropriate authority to staff members in discharging the unit's mission. Commanders retain full responsibility for the actions of their staff.

b. Commanders must ensure that all members of their staff understand the chain of command, that is, who they report to and who reports to them. Individuals should have only one supervisor.

Section E ¶ 16. The United States is divided geographically into [eight] areas known as regions. Their composite boundaries include all the CAP wings. These regions are not constituted as separate legal entities. Each region is known by the geographical locale of the United States it encompasses.

CAP Regulations and Pamphlets

The commander is responsible for insuring that all subordinate units comply with all CAP regulations and pamphlets.

Department Activities

- Serve as a CAP corporate officer on the NEC meeting four times per year (two meetings include the National Board).
- Provide leadership to the Great Lakes Region Staff
- Oversee the operations of six wings in the Great Lakes Region including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- Attend conferences, cadet and senior member activities, encampments, etc. throughout the region.

Staff Bios

Colonel Robert M. Karton, CAP

Col Karton joined Civil Air Patrol in 1989. He is an instrument rated CAP mission pilot. He has served CAP: as the legal officer at National, Region and Wing levels; Region Vice Commander; Wing Commander, and National Headquarters Parliamentarian. In 1997, he instituted the National Legal Officers College, a biennial, three-day, continuing legal education seminar geared toward legal issues pertaining to CAP. In civilian life, Col Karton is a prominent Chicago attorney.

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