



BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant Colonel Linda L. Yaeger

Lt Col Linda Yaeger was appointed to serve as the Arizona Wing Vice Commander on 1 February 2023. She is second in command authority and responsibility for over 1300 volunteers in squadrons, groups, and wing headquarters. These volunteers actively provide services across the state in the nonprofit organization's three primary programs: emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

Yaeger served previously as Chief of Staff, Inspector General, Mission Support Group commander, and 388th Composite Squadron commander. She holds operational qualifications as mission scanner, mission safety officer, and incident commander.

A three-year member of the national Leadership Development Working Group, Yaeger developed squadron-level staff and leadership lessons. Along with related courses, they replaced CAP's legacy professional development program with a more flexible Education and Training program.



Yaeger has served as a National Emergency Services Academy Mobile Training Team instructor for Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System courses. She holds CAP specialty track master ratings in administration, personnel, professional development, command with a senior rating in inspector general.

Looking to get involved in aviation, 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 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. During the next 30 years, she completed a master's degree in human relations from University of Oklahoma and a master's in library science from University of Arizona.

Yaeger retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force in 2001 after 24 years of service. She was assigned to Headquarters Air Force, Intelligence Plans and Programs during Operation Desert Storm. She also served with Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Tactical Air Command, and Pacific Command. In addition to her Air Force and CAP careers, she spent six years as an adjunct instructor for instructional computing at Estrella Mountain Community College in Arizona.

Acting as a Total Force partner and official civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, CAP rapidly responds to nonmilitary threats domestically in a Defense Support of Civil Authorities capacity to save lives, relieve suffering, prevent property damage, and provide humanitarian assistance.