

JAROSINSKI ASSUMES COMMAND IN TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

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12/16/2010—**WESTMINSTER, MD**—Maj. Frank Jarosinski assumed command of the Carroll Composite Squadron, part of the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol, in a recent ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Westminster, Md.

The traditional change of command ceremony was conducted by Lt. Col. Bill Parris, commander of Maryland Wing's Group 2, with assistance from Maj. Chris Howell, Group 2's deputy commander, who read the orders. The ceremony involved the outgoing commander, Maj. Brenda Reed, handing the squadron guidon to Parris as a symbol of relinquishing command. Parris then offered the guidon to Jarosinski, who accepted both the guidon and command of the squadron.

The brief ceremony was followed by speeches from Parris, Reed, and Jarosinski. Cadet Capt. Rick Stuart, cadet commander, and Cadet 1st Lt. Katie Kerr, cadet deputy commander, presented Reed with gifts on behalf of the squadron for her work as commander.

Maj. Frank Jarosinski, a member of the Carroll squadron since 1997, has served as the deputy commander for seniors for many years prior to accepting command of the squadron. Additionally, he serves as homeland security officer for Maryland Wing. He holds a master rating in finance and a senior rating in aerospace education. Jarosinski is a graduate of the Civil Air Patrol's 2009 National Staff College.

The outgoing commander, Maj. Brenda Reed, served for the past 15 months as commander of the squadron. She leaves due to an upcoming move overseas. In addition to squadron commander, Reed served as the Maryland Wing Public Affairs Officer.

The Carroll Composite Squadron is Maryland Wing's fourth largest squadron with more than 90 members and was named the Maryland Wing Squadron of the Year for 2010 at the Wing conference in November. The squadron meets at the Henry Evans National Guard Armory on Hahn Road in Westminster, Md., on Tuesday evenings. Additional information can be found at www.carrollcap.org.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 113 lives in fiscal year 2010. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 26,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 69 years. It is the largest sponsor annually of Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. For more information on the Civil Air Patrol, visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com.

There are more than 1,500 members of CAP in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 42 search and rescue missions and were credited with 31 finds. For more information about the CAP, visit www.mdcap.org.