



BIOGRAPHY

COL BROOKS D. CIMA

Brooks Cima is currently serving as the Texas Wing Commander. Her former assignments included Emergency Services Officer and Director of Training. Under her leadership (since 2006) the ES program developed a standardized ES training program, quadrupled the number of mission staff, produced a strategic training plan by coordinating with both civilian and military customers, created the Area Command Exercise concept, and promoted the donation of ES assets such as trailers, cameras, and a mobile command center. An IC 1, she led the highly successful Hurricane Ike mission, worked REDCAPs, conducted border missions, and served as IC for both the Oklahoma and Texas Wing Ops Evals earning *excellent* overall ratings and a personal *outstanding* rating. Cima founded the Lone Star Emergency Services Academy, a program that has drawn both regional and national attention for its innovative and challenging curriculum. From 2001 to 2006 Col Cima served as the Texas Wing Director of Cadet Programs taking the practically non-existent program to the most active in the nation within three years.



Brooks has earned Masters Ratings in Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. She holds Senior Ratings in Organizational Excellence and Inspector General (IG) and the Technician rating in Safety. Her awards include: Exceptional Service (3), Meritorious Service (4), and the Commander's Commendation (9). She was awarded the Texas Wing Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, Texas Wing Staff Member of the Year (2), and Texas Wing Incident Staff Member of the Year. During her service as Deputy Commander of Cadets she expanded and energized TX 179 and earned Texas Wing Squadron of the Year. She has served as a seminar advisor at National Staff College, as an aerospace education presenter at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE), and graduated from the National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) Advanced Mission Staff School.

Col Cima's professional life has included 22 years in education and 10 years as a small business owner. Her degrees include: BS in HPE/Dance and a post-grad certification in education. She will graduate with a Masters of Business Management in Non-Profit Leadership and Management upon completion of her thesis in the spring. Her career awards include: Cimarron Elementary Teacher of the Year, Katy ISD Teacher of the Year, Houston Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year, Christa McAuliffe Award of Excellence, Katy Parents of Gifted and Talented (KPGT) Gifted and Talented Teacher of the Year and the Texas Association of the Gifted and Talented Region IV Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted.

Brooks is married to Dennis Cima (Lt Col, CAP) and they have one daughter. Caitlin (Spatz #1625) is an officer in the Air Force and will pin on Captain in June following her second deployment. When not doing Civil Air Patrol the Cimas enjoy traveling and experiencing the foods and wines of the places they visit. Lt Col Cima has a private pilot's license, has completed the FAA ground instructor school, PADI Scuba certificate with night dive endorsement and practices yoga for relaxation.