



# **BIOGRAPHY**

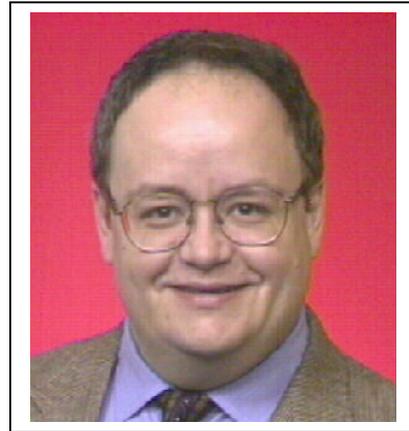
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## **CIVIL AIR PATROL**

**CAP National Headquarters  
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Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332**

### **COLONEL JOSEPH C. JENSEN**

**Colonel Joseph Jensen is the Commander of Southwest Region, Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Civil Air Patrol is Congressionally chartered as the United States Air Force Auxiliary, and is tasked with the missions of Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and the CAP cadet program. In his role as Southwest Region Commander, Colonel Jensen is responsible for directing the activities of 8,000 volunteers in six states, as well as the operations of 80 aircraft.**



**Colonel Jensen was born on November 30, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Colonel, who is a physician, attended Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) and holds the M.D. Degree from the University of Tennessee. He then completed a surgical residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, and a trauma surgery fellowship at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.**

**Colonel Jensen was a CAP cadet from 1973 to 1977, earning the Amelia Earhart award and the grade of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. Colonel Jensen served as a Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman from 1977 to 1983, and subsequently served as a firefighter/paramedic in Germantown, Tennessee prior to entering medical school.**

**Colonel Jensen has served as a CAP medical officer, a communications officer and an emergency services mission pilot. The Colonel is also qualified as an Incident Commander and Air Operations director. Colonel**

**Jensen has attended Civil Air Patrol's Region Staff College, Inspector General's College, National Staff College and the Region/Wing Commander's course. Colonel Jensen served for four years as the Vice Commander of Arkansas Wing prior to his appointment as the Arkansas Wing Commander. The Colonel was subsequently reassigned early to the position of Vice Commander of Southwest Region, and assumed command of the Southwest Region in June, 2007.**

**His CAP awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Award with two bronze clasps and the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Achievement Award. The Colonel also holds CAP's highest academic award – the Gill Rob Wilson Award.**

**Professionally, Colonel Jensen is an Associate Professor of Surgery in the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. He is the Associate Chief Medical Officer of the UAMS Medical Center and the Program Director of the UAMS Surgery Residency Program. Colonel Jensen is board certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. He holds fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.**

**Colonel Jensen resides in Little Rock, Arkansas with his wife Ashley and son Tyler.**

Promotion Dates:

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| Captain            | January, 1996   |
| Major              | February, 1997  |
| Lieutenant Colonel | October, 2001   |
| Colonel            | September, 2005 |

(Current as of January, 2008)