



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
CIVIL AIR PATROL



COLONEL JOHN J. VARLJEN

Col. John J. Varljen, Vice Commander, Southwest Region, Civil Air Patrol. The Mission of the Southwest Region Headquarters - Civil Air Patrol is to provide advisory support to its six subordinate Wings, (Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) and to maintain operational readiness to augment those Wings when emergency response is necessary.



Col. Varljen was born in New York City, New York, joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1955 and entered the Air Force in 1957. After completing basic training, he performed duties as Ground Radio Operator, Air Operations Specialist, Heavy Ground Radar Maintenance Superintendent and Radar Systems Analyst. During his last active duty assignment at Luke AFB, Col. Varljen was assigned the additional duty as sponsor to the local Civil Air Patrol unit in Glendale, AZ. He joined Civil Air Patrol in 1977 as Group III Stand/Eval Officer. He became Commander of the Glendale Composite Squadron in 1983, moved to Pine Arizona in 1984 and became Commander of the Payson CAP Squadron in 1993. He was appointed Group II Commander in 1999, Wing Vice Commander in November 2002, Wing Commander 1 April 2003 to 1 Oct 2005, Wing Director of Operations in 2006 and to Region Vice Commander 7 December 2007 to present.

After retiring from Air Force active duty, Col Varljen was employed as a Flight Instructor, Aircraft Salesman, Account Executive with Johnson Controls Inc. and District Fire Marshal for the Pine-Strawberry Fire District.

His community service included serving as Chairman of the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Governing Board, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Payson Regional Medical center and a member of the Board of Directors, Mogollon Health Alliance. He is a member of the 33rd Thunderbird Flight, Order of the Daedalians

He holds an Amateur Radio General Class License-KC7ELQ

EDUCATION:

AAS degree in Ground Radar Systems, Community College of the Air Force
Emergency Medical Technician Certification, Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ
Bachelor of Arts degree in Management, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ
1993 CAP Unit Commanders Course, AZ
1995 CAP Squadron Leadership School, AZ

- 1996 CAP Corporate Learning Course, AZ
- 1997 Management of Fire Protection Programs Course, National Fire Academy, MD
- 2000 CAP Region Staff College, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2001 Fire /Arson Investigation Course, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD
- 2003 Wing Commanders Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2004 National Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 Cessna G-1000 FITS and CFAI Course, Independence Kansas

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Ratings: CAP Command Pilot

CAP Standardization/Evaluation Pilot/ C-182T G-1000

Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, Multi-engine Land

Commercial Pilot Privileges for Single-engine Land

Flight Instructor, Instrument

FAA Aviation Safety Counselor /FAA FAST Team

Flight Hours: 2,800

Aircraft Flown: More than 40 types of aircraft

EMERGENCY SERVICES QUALIFICATIONS:

Operations Master

Counter Drug Qualified

IC Level 2

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Good Conduct Medals / Army Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

CAP Distinguished Service Award

CAP Exceptional Service Award

CAP Gill Robb Wilson Award# 2316

CAP Loening, Garber and Yeager Awards

CAP Counter Drug Mission Ribbon with one clasp

CAP Command Ribbon