



BIOGRAPHY

CIVIL AIR PATROL

MAJOR DONALD J. ELLS

Major Donald Ells is Commander of Group 2, Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol, USAF Auxiliary. He is responsible for insuring all units in Group 2, Maryland Wing achieve their goals and participate in CAP's Congressionally chartered missions: Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Cadet Programs. Major Ells has served as a commander at the squadron and group level.

Prior to his command, Major Ells served as Group 2 Deputy Commander, Fort McHenry Composite Squadron Commander, Fort McHenry Composite Squadron Deputy Commander for Cadets, and as the Fort McHenry Composite Squadron Assistant Aerospace Education Officer.

Major Ells serves additional duty as a CAP Pilot, Observer, Aerial Photographer, ARCHER Track Technician and Air Operations Branch Director for Maryland Wing.



In 2010, 2011 and 2012, Major Ells served as Director of the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (Colorado Springs, CO). In 2014 and 2015 he served as Director of the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (Patrick AFB, FL).

Major Ells was born in New Lisbon, Wisconsin. After attending New Lisbon High School he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2003. He served a total of eight years in the United States Air Force as a Signals Intelligence Analyst. In his private career, Donald Ells is a federal employee for the Department of Defense. Major Ells resides in Odenton, Maryland.

EDUCATION

- 2007 Airmen Leadership School, Eglin AFB, Florida
- 2008 Space 100, Vandenberg AFB, California
- 2008 A.A.S degree in communications application technology, Community College of the Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2009 Squadron Leadership School, Catonsville, Maryland
- 2009 Unit Commanders Course
- 2010 Space Intelligence Formal Training Unit, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts degree in intelligence studies, American Military University,
- 2010 Corporate Leadership Course (Correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

October 2007 – May 2008 – Aerospace Education Officer, Fort McHenry Composite Squadron, Catonsville, Maryland

May 2008 – September 2008, Deputy Commander for Cadets, Fort McHenry Composite Squadron, Catonsville, Maryland

September 2008 – September 2011 – Commander, Fort McHenry Composite Squadron, Catonsville, Maryland

January 2012 – April 2014, Deputy Commander, Group 2, Maryland Wing, Middle River, Maryland

April 2014 – Present, Commander, Group 2, Maryland Wing, Middle River, Maryland

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Meritorious Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Commander's Commendation Award

Civil Air Patrol Achievement Award

Leadership Award with bronze star

Command Service Ribbon with bronze star

Search and Rescue Find with propeller device

Cadet Special Activity Ribbon with three triangle clasps

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: CAP Pilot, CAP Observer/Archer Technician/Aerial Photographer and FAA
Private Pilot

Flight Hours: 119 PIC

Aircraft Flown: C-172, C-182, PA-28R and T-41C

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Senior Member October 2007

Second Lieutenant April 2008

First Lieutenant September 2008

Captain September 2009

Major September 2012

(Current as of November 2015)