



# BIOGRAPHY

## *Major Richard L. Griffith, CAP*

Major Richard L. Griffith, CAP is the Commander, Indiana Schools Group, Indiana Wing Civil Air Patrol. In this role he is responsible for directing the deployment of the Civil Air Patrol School Program Initiative to public and private middle- and high schools across the State of Indiana. The CAP School Program provides a military-style cadet program for students in grades 8-12 that emphasizes aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness and character development within a drug free environment.

Major Griffith joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1989. He completed the Cadet Officer School, participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange, and completed seven encampments as a cadet. After serving as cadet commander at the Feltwell Cadet Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, Overseas Wing and the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron, IN Wing, Major Griffith was awarded General Carl A. Spaatz Award #1228 in 1994.



As a senior member, Major Griffith has held a variety of squadron, wing, region and national leadership positions and holds a master rating in the Cadet Programs and Administration specialty tracks and is a Moral Leadership Officer. He is a currently qualified mission scanner and ground team member. In 1997 he was a trainer and escort for the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron team that won the CAP National Color Guard Competition. He has served in a deputy commander of cadets role in three different squadrons, is a past director of Cadet Programs for the Mississippi Wing, directed a SER Region Cadet Leadership School, and was the Assistant Chief of Health Services for Civil Air Patrol. Currently he is the commander of the Indiana Schools Group, responsible for establishing and overseeing the development of CAP School Programs throughout Indiana.

Outside of Civil Air Patrol, Major Griffith served as an active duty Air Force Medical Service Corps Officer for eight years and is currently a board certified health care administrator assigned to the Veteran's Administration Research Service in Indianapolis, IN.

### **Promotions**

Captain -- 1995

Major -- 2003

### **Duty Assignments**

8/96 - 12/97 Homestead Cadet Flight Commander, Weir Cook Cadet Squadron, IN Wing  
9/95 - 12/97 Safety Officer, Weir Cook Cadet Squadron, IN Wing  
7/00 - 6/01 Deputy Commander for Cadets, Magic City Composite Squadron, ND Wing  
9/02 - 7/03 Moral Leadership Officer, Harford Composite Squadron, MD Wing  
9/02 - 7/03 Admin and Personnel Officer, Harford Composite Squadron, MD Wing  
8/03 - 1/05 Deputy Commander for Cadets, Col Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron, MS Wing  
7/04 - 1/06 Director of Cadet Programs, Mississippi Wing

8/03 - 12/05 Assistant Chief, National Health Service Program, Civil Air Patrol  
2/06 - Present Commander, Indiana Schools Group, IN Wing

### **Education and Professional Development**

BS Public Health, Indiana University, 1997  
Master of Healthcare Administration, Baylor University, 2003  
Squadron Officer School (In Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL, 2004  
Completion, Level IV, CAP Senior Training Program, 2003  
Diplomate and Board Certification, American College of Healthcare Executives, 2005

### **Major Awards and Decorations**

USAF Meritorious Service Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Exceptional Service Award with one bronze clasp  
Meritorious Service Award  
Commander's Commendation Award with three bronze clasps and silver star  
CAP National Commander's Unit Citation  
Unit Citation Award  
Paul E. Garber Award with Bronze Star  
General Carl A. Spaatz Award with silver star  
National Color Guard Competition Ribbon with silver star  
Disaster Relief Ribbon with bronze "V"