Ever since the dark early days of World War II, members of the Louisiana Wing have excelled as one of the nation’s leading corps of volunteer professionals. That tradition of service and professionalism endures today as the wing continues to excel at every assigned task.

In the past year, wing members accepted national Civil Air Patrol awards for Senior Member of the Year, Cadet Programs Officer of the Year, Air Crew Member of the Year, Incident Staff Member of the Year, and Inspector General of the Year. In addition, the wing was awarded the 2017 Southwest Region Cadet Program Award.

One of the key factors in the wing’s success consists of the semi-annual comprehensive training academy held in Lafayette. The academy consists of comprehensive weekend instruction in both operations specialties and professional development studies.

The Louisiana Wing also excels in aerospace education, maintaining a highly successful program that provides a wealth of STEM-related opportunities for CAP members as well as youth in schools across the state. By providing inquiry-based science, technology, engineering and math lessons and effectively interacting with educators, the wing helps enrich students’ classroom experiences with grade-specific materials.

“Louisiana Wing is proud to lead the way by continuing to provide the kind of professional emergency service response the people of Louisiana and the nation expect and deserve,” said Col. Patrick Yglesias, wing commander.
Volunteer Members
- 369 adult members
- 173 cadets
- 109 aircrew personnel
- 370 emergency responders

Squadrons
- 19 locations statewide

Aircraft
- 10 single engine

Vehicles
- 18 vehicles

Interoperable Communications
- 22 VHF/FM repeaters
- 129 VHF/FM stations
- 32 HF stations

Missions
- 5 search and rescue missions
- 5 finds*
  * Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
- 3 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
- 2 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
- 15 training missions

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2018
- Green Flag; Felix Keynotes; Air Defense Artillery Battalion Culmination Training Exercises

Cadet Flying
- 296 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown
- 1,818

Financial
- $79,677 in state funding
- $1.5 million value of wing’s volunteer hours

In response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita, stood up continuously for 47 days straight, with over 3,000 sorties flown by aircrews from as far away as Vermont.

Since 2005, has conducted semi-annual training academies to enhance technical expertise and professionalism in both emergency services and professional development.

Hosted first manned UAS simulator training for U.S. and allied troops in Fort Polk training area before overseas deployment.