



ALABAMA WING CONFERENCE

On behalf of Lt. Col. Brad Lynn, Interim Commander of the Alabama Wing - Civil Air Patrol, you are invited to attend the 2012 Wing Conference in Huntsville, Alabama on the 9th and 10th of March. The Conference venue is the **Holiday Inn Huntsville - Downtown**, 401 Williams Avenue SW, Huntsville, AL 35801. <http://www.holidayhsv.com/>

Conference activities will commence on Friday evening with sign-in on site at the hotel commencing at 5:00 pm followed by the Wing Commander's Social from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. The Wing Conference General Session will begin on Saturday morning at 08:30 am. Activities will continue throughout the day until 4:30 pm. The evening's activities will commence at 6:00 pm with the Wing Commander's Reception followed by dinner, the Wing Change of Command and Awards Banquet.

The Alabama Wing Staff have made a superb effort to ensure that your 2012 Conference will be a stellar event in the "Rocket City". We are very excited to announce that the Civil Air Patrol National Commander, Major General Charles L. Carr will be the Guest Speaker at our Dinner and Awards Banquet. Brigadier General Joseph R. Vasquez, the CAP National Vice Commander, has also graciously accepted an invitation to the Conference. We are also pleased that Executive Staff from CAP National Headquarters will be attending.

To make the conference even more exciting for those in attendance the Wing Staff have organized a number of fascinating off site tours following the afternoon breakout sessions. We hope that there will be choices of activities that will appeal to all those in attendance

These tours include a choice of:

- The Huntsville/ Madison County E-911 Center
- NASA Space and Rocket Center
- Veterans Memorial Museum, or a
- Wives and partners shopping excursion to Parkway Place Mall

All off-site tours are within 15 minutes driving time of the conference venue and will be of 1 to 2 hour duration. CAP Transport to the venues will be provided. Non CAP members may travel in personal vehicles.

In addition a NOAA Severe Storm Spotters Certification Course will be held at the Conference site while the offsite tours are in progress. A sign up form for the offsite tours or the NOAA Course will be available [here](#) after 3rd February. Please complete it online after you have forwarded your registration fees so that logistics arrangements can be made. The Storm Spotter course will be on a first come, first served basis as approximately 40 students can be accepted.

Registration fees for the conference will be **\$65.00** if received by 24th February or **\$75.00** if received by March 2nd 2012. Registration fees include full Breakfast, Lunch, the Awards Banquet and catered coffee breaks throughout the day. Registration fees for wives and partners attending only the banquet will be \$30.00. Payment of Registration fees will be by check only, made payable to “Alabama Wing” and should be forwarded by the due date to:-

Alabama Wing Civil Air Patrol
810 Willow Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Attention: Mel Keith – Wing Administrator

Registrations will not be accepted after March 2nd as the Holiday Inn conference center must have final numbers for catering and accommodation by this date.

Accommodation at the Conference is additional to the registration fee. The accommodations are at the Conference venue, the **Holiday Inn Huntsville – Downtown** and are being offered at the preferred rate of **\$87.00 per night plus tax**. Attendees should make their reservations directly with the Holiday Inn at their website <http://www.holidayhsv.com> using the discount code GAW, or directly with the hotel by phone at (256) 533 1400. When speaking with the reservation staff, please advise them that you are attending the “**Civil Air Patrol Alabama Wing Conference**” to qualify for the preferred rate. Rooms may not be available at the discounted rate after the initial registration cut-off date of 24th February.

For those wishing to arrange alternate accommodation there are a large number of hotels/ motels in the Huntsville area. We have not made arrangement for discounts but there are many within a short drive of our conference hotel facilities.

We look forward to sharing this year's conference experience with as many of our fellow CAP members as possible. We are planning to have informative presentations by great speakers. There will be many individual and squadron recognitions. We have several significant awards that will be presented to individuals and the Alabama Wing for Region and National recognition. This will be an exciting time and a change for squadrons and members to enjoy the rewards of all their hard work.

Please monitor this web page on a regular basis to stay up to date with additional information.

Kind regards,

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