

Logistics Team Announces New Manager, National Staff Volunteers

Civil Air Patrol's Logistics directorate has announced three new team members — Charles Cofer, Maj. James Bertz, and Lt. Col. Calvin Chandler Jr.

Cofer (at right) is CAP's new supply and real property program manager.

Cofer is married with three children ages 25, 19, and 18, and a retired U.S. Air Force veteran of 22 years. He has versed experience in logistics, strategic planning, project management, and quality assurance. He is excited to join the logistics' team and learn about CAP in his new position.



Cofer's last role was with Amentum Services in equipment accountability for the MQ-9 Reaper program at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. His final assignment in the Air Force was as superintendent of materiel support overseeing 76 personnel, nine maintenance supply support and one repair cycle work center in support of 169 aircraft. In addition, he is certified in Contingency Wartime Planning, Lean Six Sigma, Advanced Project Management, and is always eager to learn.

Cofer is from Fairbanks, Alaska, with family roots in Georgia. He currently resides in Las Vegas with his family.



Bertz (left) is a national staff volunteer now serving as CAP's new national transportation manager.

He joined CAP in May of 2013. His primary motivation to join CAP was to participate in Emergency Services. Bertz is no stranger to volunteer emergency services. He was a volunteer firefighter and a volunteer search and rescue member at various times in two different counties in California. After joining CAP, he was selected as the vehicle manager at his local squadron. Since then, he rose through the ranks, becoming a group, wing, and region transportation officer.

Bertz has a master rating in the logistics specialty track. In addition to his transportation duties, he is the California Wing ground team training officer holding the qualifications of ground team leader and ground branch director. He regularly participates in the counterdrug mission as a mission observer — enough times to earn his Senior Mission Observer badge.

Bertz has a bachelor's degree in nursing and worked as an emergency room nurse during the beginning of his career. He now works as an informatics nurse at Kaiser Permanente in southern California. He lives with his wife of 15 years, who is very supportive of his CAP activities.

Bertz is honored to bring his frontline experience to the national level, where he hopes to make a positive impact in transportation "for our customers — the CAP members."



Chandler (left) is the new national logistics manager. This volunteer position on the logistics team serves as the voice, liaison, and a resource serving both the professional and volunteer CAP components.

He is a 15-year CAP veteran having served in logistics at the squadron, wing, and region level. He has also completed tours as squadron and group commander, participated in nine summer encampments, and completed four years as the Virginia Wing chief of staff in 2021. His last role was as assistant deputy chief of staff with the Mid-Atlantic Region for operations.

Recently he was part of the team that flew 146 children at Joint Base Charleston, supporting the Tuskegee Airmen's Accelerating the Legacy 2023 event. Chandler also serves as a mission pilot, orientation pilot, and incident commander.

He is employed as a national products manager for an international foundry. His background includes engineering, construction, manufacturing, and sales. He earned a bachelor's and an MBA from Jacksonville University.

Chandler lives in New Bern, North Carolina, with his wife of 36 years, Karen.