

Heraldry of the Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol



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Introduction

This book is intended as a listing of all the unit insignia currently in use by Ohio Wing headquarters, groups, and squadrons as of 2013. Also included are known examples of insignia used by the Ohio Wing from before World War II to the twenty-first century. Hopefully this insignia will inspire present and future units in designing a distinctive insignia for their members. Special thanks go out to William Kidney, Roger LaShomb, and James Wilson for sharing images from their patch collections seen in this book.

Each unit that has insignia currently in use provided to the Ohio Wing Historian is listed together with its heraldic description, significance, and name of the designer and date of approval. If your unit's insignia is not featured or the information is incomplete and you wish to include it, please contact the wing historian with the following information:

1. A scan, photograph, or actual patch of the current squadron insignia. If a scan or photograph, please send a file of at least 300 dpi and 1000 x 1000 pixels resolution as a jpg or tiff file.
2. The name of the creator(s) of the insignia, and when it was approved or first used.
3. A description of the insignia, including the significance/symbolism of the design, and description of what it is.

For the latter, please consult *A Guide to Air Force Heraldry*, available from <http://www.afhra.af.mil/organizationalrecords/guide.asp> and as a PDF download at <http://www.usafpatches.com/pubs/afheraldryguide.pdf> ;

Arthur Charles Fox-Davies, *A Complete Guide to Heraldry* (London: T.C. and E.C. Jack, 1909) available at <http://archive.org/details/completeguidetoh00foxdrich> and International Heraldry at <http://www.internationalheraldry.com/>.

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GROUP I Units



Batavia, Blue Ash, Cincinnati, Harrison, Hillsboro, Lebanon, and Middletown, Ohio

Group III Units



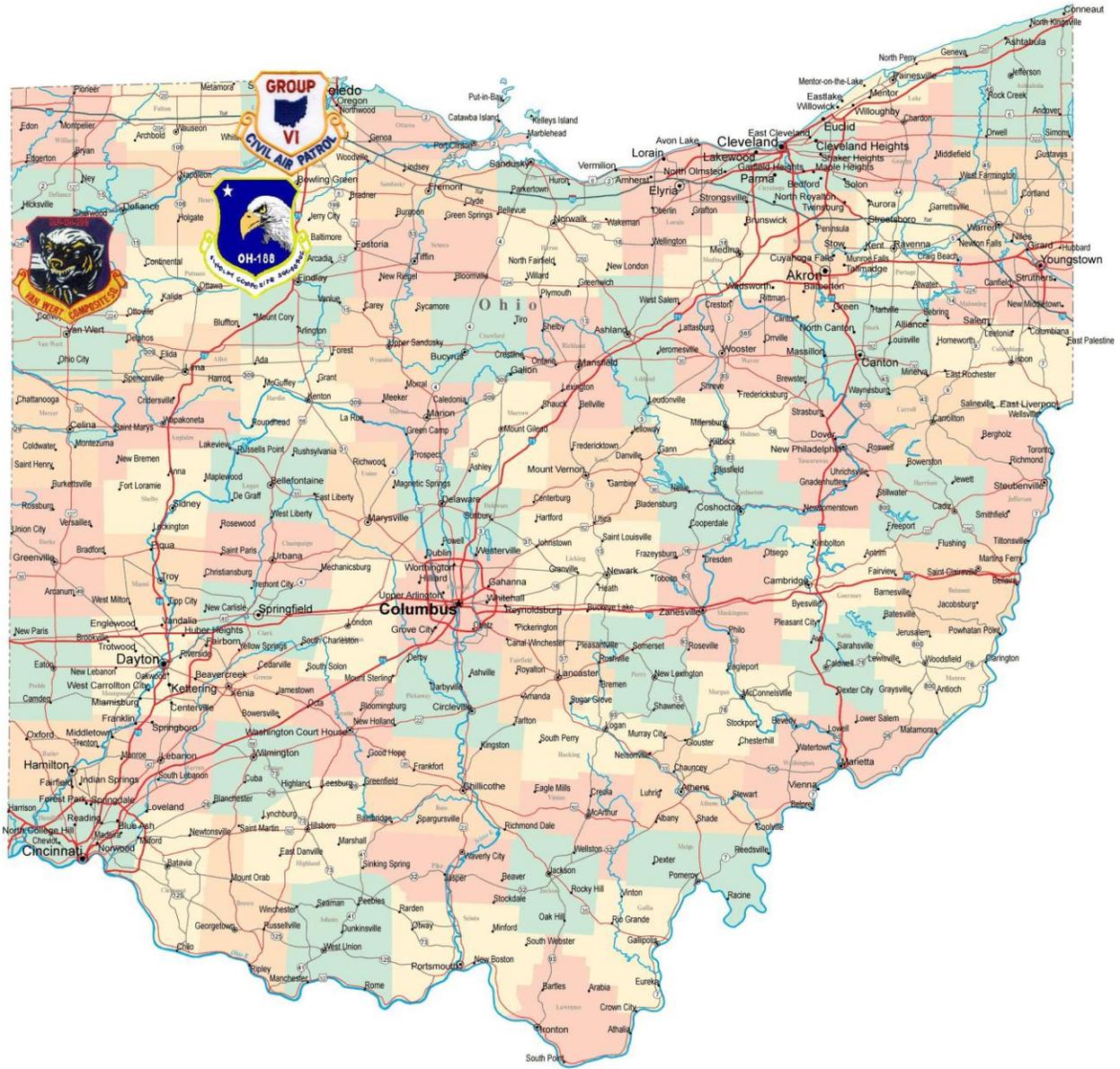
Dover, Green, Mansfield, North Canton, Stow, Vienna, and Wadsworth, Ohio

Group IV Units



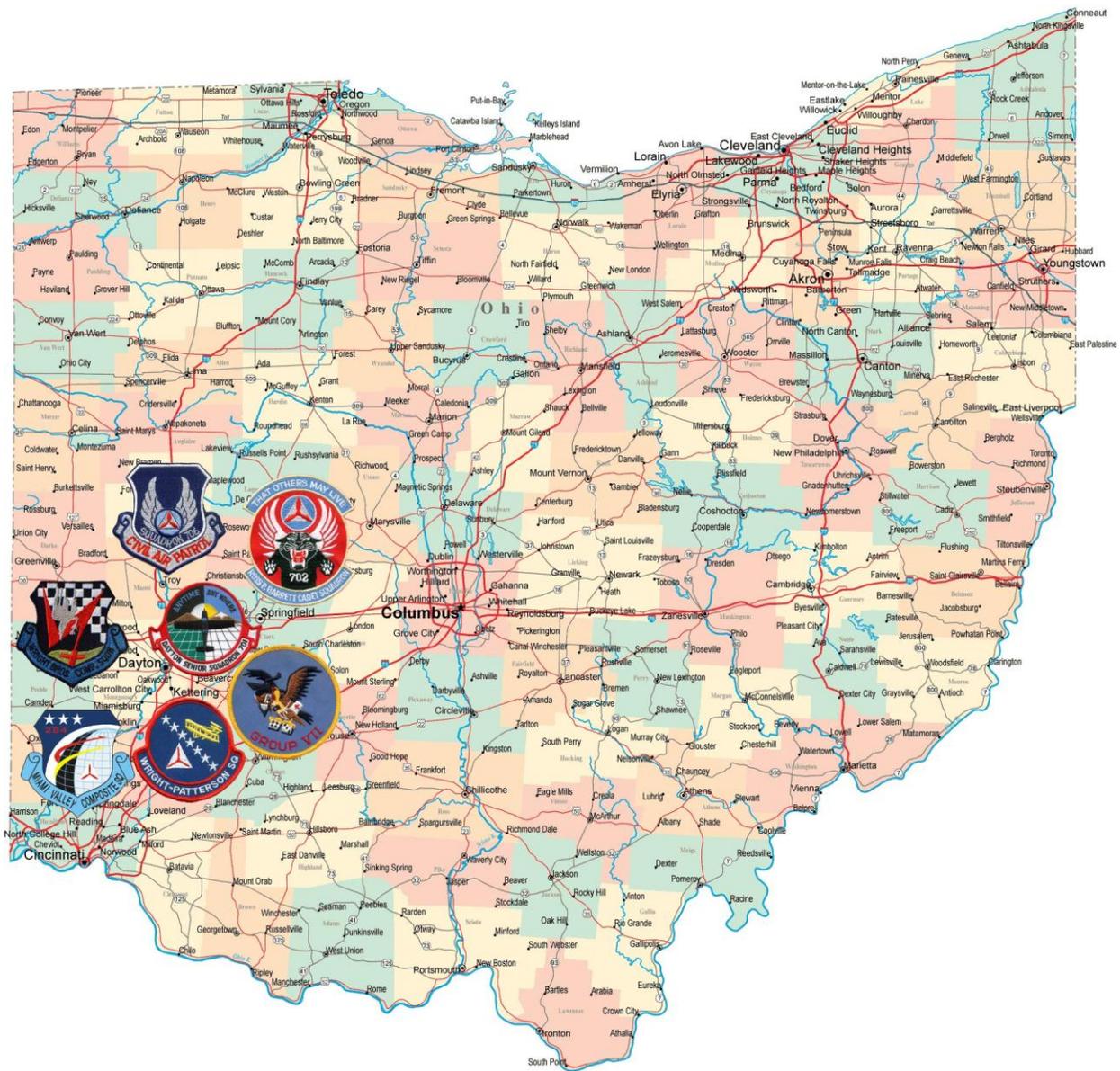
Brecksville, Cleveland, Elyria, Norwalk, and Painesville, Ohio

Group VI Units



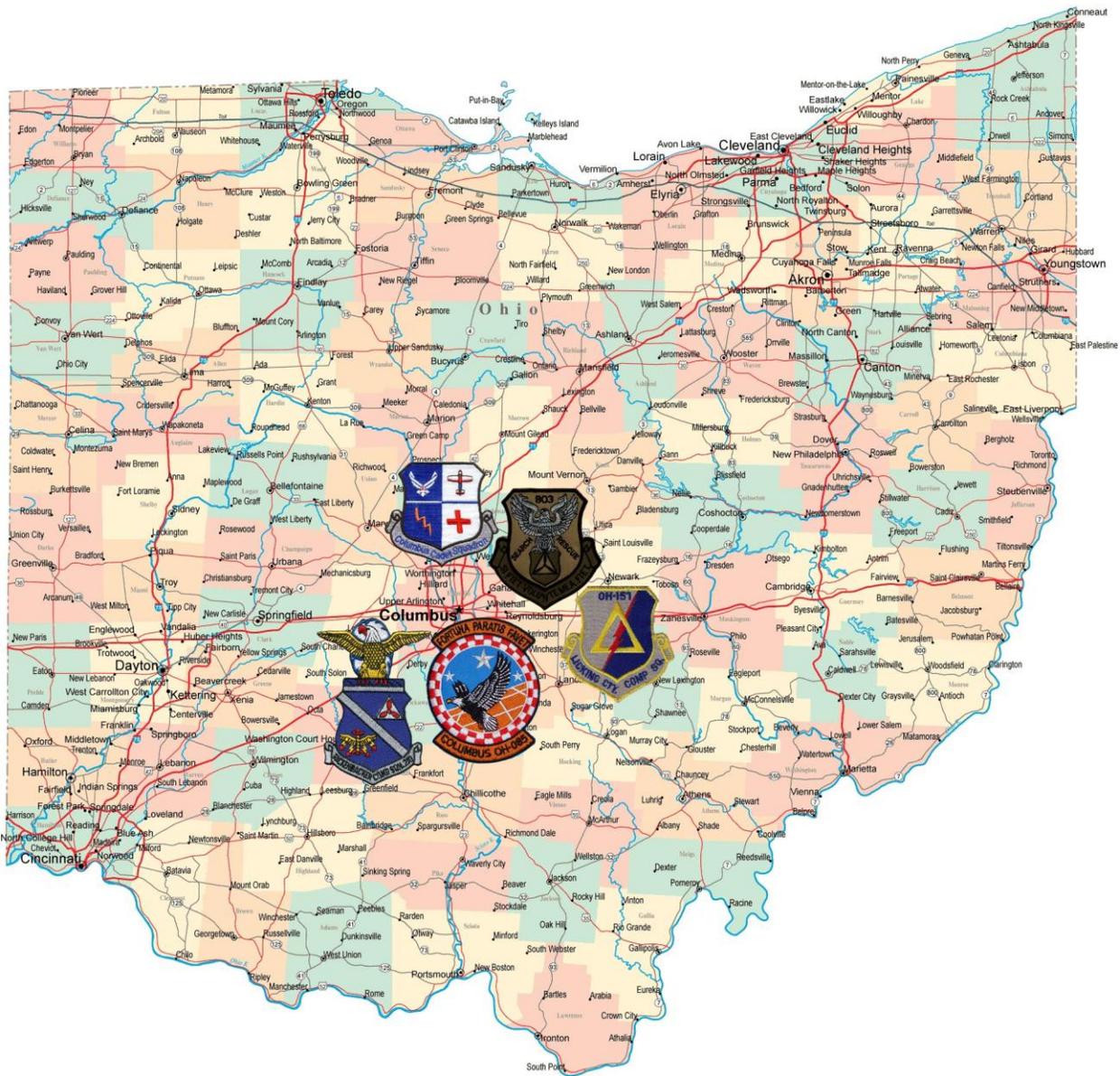
Bowling Green, Celina, Defiance, Findlay, Swanton, Van Wert, and Wauseon, Ohio

Group VII Units



Dayton, Miamisburg, Piqua, Springfield, Troy, Wright-Patterson AFB, and Xenia, Ohio

Group VIII Units



Chillicothe, Columbus, Marysville, Newark, Whitehall, and Worthington, Ohio

OHIO WING

INSIGNIA

Ohio Wing

Ohio Wing Headquarters, GLR-OH-001
Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, OH

Ohio Wing Legislative Squadron, GLR-OH-999
Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Ohio Reserve Squadron, GLR-OH-000
Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, OH

OHIO WING OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL



Description: Azure disc trimmed Argent, Argent Wright Flyer volant resting over Gules Ohio trimmed in Argent, Tenne depth, Argent “51” at middle chief.

Significance: The map of Ohio signifies the home for the wing. The Wright Flyer pays homage to Orville and Wilbur Wright, natives of Dayton, Ohio who invented and constructed the world’s first successful airplane in 1903. The Flyer depicted is this airplane. The colors of Azure, Gules, and Argent are representative of the colors of the Ohio state flag, as well as the colors of the Civil Air Patrol. Centered above the map of the state are the numerals “51” in silver-gray, for the Ohio Wing was the first state in the Army’s Fifth Service Corps area during World War II, as designated by Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters in Operations Directive No. 1, 12 February 1942.

Designer: Unknown, approved 20 October 1950

OHIO WING HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, GLR-OH-001



Description: Gules trimmed Or, Argent wings statant conjoined in leure, with national Civil Air Patrol disc in Azure, Gules, and Argent at nombril, Argent mullets at dexter and sinister chief, Argent “1” at middle chief, Argent scroll trimmed Or beneath base, Azure inscription “OHIO WING HEADQUARTERS”.

Significance: The first generation Civil Air Patrol officers cap insignia is symbolic of the wing’s heritage and founding under the command of Colonel Earle L. Johnson in September 1941. The twin stars symbolize the squadron’s leadership component and dual relationships with state government of Ohio and the United States Air Force. The Argent color represents the qualities of perfection and wisdom which the wing staff strives to imbue upon the members of the Ohio Wing. The Gules field represents the patriotism and strength of the collective membership of the squadron. The number “1” represents the squadron’s unit designation number.

Designer: Frank Blazich, November 2011

OHIO WING LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-999



Description: Or trimmed Sable, Argent and Sable Ohio Statehouse, Argent, Azure, Gules disc at honor point, Argent scroll trimmed Sable beneath base, Azure inscription “OHIO WING LEGISLATIVE SQ”.

Significance: Or, more representative of burnished gold, is associated with the honor, wisdom, excellence, and justice of the Ohio government. The Argent scroll and Sable borders symbolize the characteristics of truth, constancy, and humility, emblematic of the legislators who serve in the squadron. Inclusion of the Civil Air Patrol’s original insignia from World War II resting above a facsimile of the Ohio Statehouse links the long heritage of the Ohio Wing and the Civil Air Patrol with Ohio, dating back to September 1941. The Ohio Statehouse embodies the membership of this squadron, its home in Columbus, Ohio, and the connection between the Ohio Wing and the various elements of the Ohio government, working together to educate, safeguard, and develop the current and future generations of men and women.

Designer: Frank Blazich, June 2012

GROUP I – BLUE ASH, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Blue Ash Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-032
Cincinnati, OH

Group I Headquarters, GLR-OH-044
Blue Ash, OH

Lunken Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-078
Cincinnati, OH

Warren County Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-156
Lebanon, OH

Harrison Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-229
Harrison, OH

Lt. Col. James R. Sanders Senior Squadron, GLR-OH-244
Blue Ash, OH

Clermont County Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-279
Batavia, OH

Pathfinder Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-288
Middletown, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Robert E. Skoog Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-295
Hillsboro, OH

BLUE ASH CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-032



Description: Azure bordered Or, Argent wings statant conjoined in leure, with sword proper at rest, Argent and Gules triangle at middle chief, six Argent mullets at base, Argent characters “CAP” at dexter and sinister chiefs, scroll of Gules trimmed Or beneath base, Argent inscription “SQUADRON GLR-OH-032”.

Significance: The six stars represent the wings of the Great Lakes Region. A fighting knife is symbolic of the “cutting edge” response time, strength in mission, and contribution of the Civil Air Patrol from World War II to the present day. Outstretched silver wings signify the CAP’s role as the United States Air Force Auxiliary and its commitment to aerospace education, guardianship and oversight of the civilian aviation community. A border of gold stands for excellence, blue for the USAF, and the red scroll for the passion and call to action which the members of the squadron all share.

Designer: Christopher A. Fussner, July 2005

HEADQUARTERS GROUP I, GLR-OH-044



Description: Vert, trimmed Argent and Sable, Azure trimmed Sable facsimile of Ohio, Azure, and Sable A-7 Corsair contourné volant at fess, eight Or mullets at chief, Or trimmed Sable scroll beneath base, Sable inscription “GROUP 1 HQ GLR-OH-044”.

Significance: The outline of the State of Ohio denotes membership within the Ohio Wing command structure, with the blue denoting the Civil Air Patrol’s strict adherence to integrity. A field of green is demonstrative of the respect for others, the foundation for everything the Civil Air Patrol does. The A-7 Corsair II superimposed over the state outline is representative of the exact Corsair displayed over the guard gate at the Blue Ash Air National Guard Base, home of Group I headquarters. Eight golden stars at the top of the shield represent the eight squadrons under Group I command. The golden scroll beneath the shield lists the unit number for the headquarters and the gold signifies Civil Air Patrol’s work towards excellence in all pursuits.

Designers: Michael Purvis and Eric Reiman, August 2012

LUNKEN CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-078



Description: Per fess nebuly Vert and Azure, Argent gauntlet sinister with Or thunderbolt, two smaller Or thunderbolts at dexter, Sable inscription chief “CINCINNATI”, Or inscription “078” middle base, Argent trimmed Sable scroll beneath base with Sable inscription “SEMPER VIGILANS”.

Significance: The words “Cincinnati” and the numbers “078” represent the squadron’s location and unit designation number. The blue and green background colors adjacent to each other represent the squadron’s location along the Ohio River. The Latin *Semper Vigilans* references the Civil Air Patrol’s motto for “Always Vigilant.” The jigsaw pattern is emblematic of a similar pattern in many United States Air Force command patches and represents the close relation of the Air Force with the Civil Air Patrol. Lastly, the armored gauntlet grasping a lightning bolt with two smaller bolts has dual meanings. The gauntlet with the bolt represents the unit’s Emergency Services Ground Team and Aircrew and their rapid response to emergencies. The three lightning bolts collectively represent the three missions of Civil Air Patrol: emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

Designer: Eric Reiman, 14 April 2008

WARREN COUNTY CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-156



Description: Brown trimmed Sable, Tenne phoenix displayed, Azure, Argent, Gules disc at base, Sable edged with Brown inscription “156” at middle chief, Brown scroll trimmed in Sable, beneath base, Argent inscription “WARREN CO. CADET SQ.”

Significance: A phoenix rising from the flames is representative of the squadron’s move from the Warren County Airport to Mason, Ohio and its rebirth during the transition from Squadron 106 to its present GLR-OH-156. The bold numbers “156” stand for the unit’s numerical designation and the Civil Air Patrol’s original World War II insignia identifies not only the squadron’s affiliation, but also the past connection of the squadron to Warren County, Ohio.

Designers: Team led by Tyler Stewart, January 2013

HARRISON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-229



Description: Per fess Sable raguly ordinary Azure and Vert, Or mullet with the Azure, Ardent, and Gules disc dexter chief, three Or thunderbolts, Sable Cessna 182 Skylane sinister chief, Or inscription at nombril “OH-229”, Vert trimmed Sable scroll beneath base, Or inscription “PER ARDUA AD ASTRA”.

Significance: The green scroll and lower field represents the city of Harrison. A black raguly ordinary separates the blue upper field, acknowledging both the avenue of aviation and the Civil Air Patrol’s parent, the United States Air Force. In the top left is a gold shooting star, with the bottom right point melding into a lightning bolt, symbolic of both a shooting star and the rapid ascension through ranks and adversity. The lesser two lightning bolts work with the primary bolt to form a triad, symbolizing the three missions of Civil Air Patrol: emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education. Centered inside the star is the CAP seal, showing the squadron’s commitment to raising up CAP as an organization. The outline of a Cessna 182 Skylane aircraft in black rests in the upper right to be precise, emblematic of the squadron’s aerial operations. The unit’s squadron number and Latin motto, *Per ardua ad astra*, “through adversity to the stars,” correlates with the squadron’s goals and past and hopefully future participation in model rocketry, and problems overcome through the unit’s development.

Designer: Colin F. Thrasher, April – May 2013

LT COL JAMES R. SANDERS SENIOR SQUADRON, GLR-OH-244



Description: Gules trimmed Or, Sable, Argent, and Or eagle contourné volant, inscribed “GP 1 244 SQ OHIO” in Or at sinister, Gules scroll trimmed Or beneath base, Or inscription “SEMPER VIGILANS”.

Significance: The eagle in flight represents freedom, authority, and the power of the squadron to conduct missions for America. A red background symbolizes the speed and strength of the squadron’s ability to handle emergency services in support of the group, wing, Civil Air Patrol, and United States Air Force. Gold lettering and border is representative of the prosperity and wisdom of the squadron membership in their efforts to maintain proficiency in flying and conducting missions. The Latin motto of the Civil Air Patrol, *Semper Vigilans*, reminds all who wear the patch that they remain always vigilant for volunteer missions and opportunities.

Designer: Shawn N. Hauser, December 2001

CLERMONT COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-279



Description: Party per bend Gules thunderbolt Azure checky Or and Sable, Pegasus salient contourné , Argent trimmed Sable, Argent and Gules triangle at dexter, Argent inscription “279” at the base, Argent scroll trimmed Sable beneath base, Sable inscription “CLERMONT COUNTY”.

Significance: The flying horse symbolizes the unit’s moniker, the Flying Mustang. The mustang’s rise toward the gold and black of the checkerboard pattern represents the journey toward humility, honor and wisdom while the silver of the horse is indicative of purity during the journey. The gold and black checkerboard pattern mimics the paint pattern on the aircraft “Cincinnati Miss”, a P-51 Mustang acting as the representative aircraft of the Tri-State Warbird Museum located at the Clermont County Airport, the home of the squadron. A red lightning bolt stands for the rapid response of the unit to crisis and the strength and courage it takes to face adversity. An ultramarine blue background signifies the sky where the Civil Air Patrol was born and the squadron’s relationship with the United States Air Force. A white triangle with a red, three-bladed propeller represents the Civil Air Patrol and its three primary missions: aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services. The words “Clermont County” and the numerals “279” represent the location and unit designation of the squadron, respectively.

Designer: Kevin Ryan, February 2013

288TH PATHFINDER CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-288



Description: Vert per bend Vert Sable thunderbolt trimmed Sable, Brown Ohio trimmed Sable, U.S. Army Pathfinder's badge in Or, Sable, Argent, and Gules at sinister chief, Sable and Gules star-and-cross at dexter base, Sable inscription "FIRST THERE" at chief, scroll beneath base, Sable inscription "288TH PATHFINDERS CADET SQUADRON".

Significance: A lightning bolt bisecting the shield symbolizes the rapid response of the squadron in the event of any emergency. The outline of the State of Ohio represents the home of the squadron, with the exact location marked with map star and a superimposed red cross. This combination symbol encompasses the first aid and land navigation skills of the squadron membership. A U.S. Army Pathfinder's badge, a winged torch, is a visual representation of the unit's moniker as "Pathfinders" and the unit motto of "First There."

Designers: Richard Fugate, Steven Fugate, and Scott Fugate, October – December 2008

GROUP III – NORTH CANTON, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Youngstown Air Reserve Station Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-051
Vienna, OH

96th Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-096
Stow, OH

Medina County Skyhawks Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-219
Wadsworth, OH

Tusco Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-277
Dover, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Mansfield Flight, GLR-OH-177
Mansfield, OH

Group III Headquarters, GLR-OH-254
North Canton, OH

Akron-Canton Senior Flying Squadron, GLR-OH-275
Green, OH

Akron-Canton Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-278
North Canton, OH

YOUNGSTOWN ARS COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-051



Description: Shield trimmed Sable, a bend sinister Gules, Azure chequy Vert and Sable, Argent eagle striking, Argent billet “51” at dexter chief, Azure scroll beneath base, Argent inscription “YOUNGSTOWN WARREN”.

Significance: The diving eagle clasping direction finding equipment in its beak and talons symbolizes fast, professional response in order to save lives. The sinister base area with the three squares, representing the three missions of the Civil Air Patrol, as well as membership in Group III of the Ohio Wing, further symbolizes the ground and the unit’s primary area of operations. The azure dexter represents the sky and the parent organization of the United States Air Force. An argent “051”, with the “0” bordering the “51” composed of right angles and parallel lines symbolized the unit’s charter number and drive for sustained professionalism, excellence, and precision. The words “Youngstown” and “Warren” denote the two major metropolitan areas composing the membership of the unit. Historically, it stands for the Youngstown Composite Squadron and the Warren Composite Squadron whose members joined together to form our modern unit.

Designer: William Hrinko, July 2004

96TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-096



Description: A shield trimmed Or and Sable, a bend Azure and Gules, Sable and Argent globe at dexter chief, Brown hound sejant affronte, Or “96TH” at dexter base, Argent scroll beneath base, Sable inscription “READY DAY OR NIGHT”.

Significance: As the 96th was one of the key ground Search and Rescue (SAR) units in Ohio, the nickname of the unit was the SAR Dogs. The motto “Ready Day or Night” relates to the squadron’s ability to be deployed in any environment. The globe represents both day and night. The dog is the same character created by Walt Disney for Civil Air Patrol for Emergency Services. This also references the SAR Dog nickname as he is sniffing the ground in search of something, plus wearing a headset and picking up a transmission via his tail, alluding to receiving an ELT signal from a downed aircraft.

Designers: Christopher Smith and William Krause, 1998

MEDINA COUTY SKYHAWKS COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-219



Description: Azure disc, Gules trim, hawk's head couped in Argent, Sable, and Or, Argent triangle with Gules three-bladed propeller at dexter chief, inscribed "MEDINA COUNTY" at chief and "SKYHAWKS" at base in OR, with Sable "OH-219" at middle base.

Significance: ?

Designers: Steven Stein and students of Medina County Career Center, 2007?

TUSCO COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-277



Description: Brown State of Ohio, Argent triangle with Gules three-bladed propeller at dexter emanating from Gules point at sinister, American flag in Azure, Gules, and Argent flying at honor, on Azure disc, bordered Or, Azure trimmed Or scrolls above chief and below base, Or inscriptions “EXCELLENTIA IN TOTUS NOS OPEROR” and “277 TUSCO COMP SQDN”.

Significance: The dark blue disc and gold bordering signifies the affiliation of the squadron with the United States Air Force. The blue represents the aerospace environment, as well as the integrity ideals and devotion to duty that each member, both cadet and officer, has sworn to maintain. The gold border and lettering represents the excellence and respect required of each member in the performance of their duties. Tuscarawas County in red shows the home location, while the State of Ohio in brown represents the ground teams and their many missions accomplished in the squadron’s history to Ohio and the surrounding states. The American flag flying proudly represents the nation and the squadron’s dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy. The combination of Tuscarawas County, the State of Ohio, and the American flag symbolize the squadron’s volunteer service to the community, state, and nation. The white triangle with red three-bladed propeller represents the Civil Air Patrol and its missions: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services. The emblem also honors the members associated with it, as well as past members and their efforts. The top scroll displays the unit name, and the lower scroll contains the unofficial squadron motto in Latin, *Excellentia in Totus Nos Operor*, “excellence in all we do”.

Designer: James Wilson, September 2010

GROUP IV – CLEVELAND, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Lorain County Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-003
Elyria, OH

Eagle Composite Squadron 410, GLR-OH-004
Cleveland, OH

Group IV Headquarters, GLR-OH-058
Cleveland, OH

Cuyahoga County Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-131
Brecksville, OH

Lakefront Thunderbirds Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-236
Cleveland, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Firelands Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-209
Norwalk, OH

Frank H. Kettlewood Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-252
Painesville, OH

LORAIN COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-003



Description: Azure shield, trimmed Sable, Or wings displayed and elevated conjoined in leure with Or annulet, Or “3” superimposed, Argent estoile at chief, sinister Or winged torch with Gules flame, dexter Argent pile transposed, base Vert subsidiary circular arch with Sable grid lines, Azure trimmed Sable scroll beneath base, Sable inscription “DEDICATED TO LIFE”.

Significance: ?

Designer: Jeff Bechtel, 2009

EAGLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-004



Description: Party per bend sinister nebuly, Azure and Vert, eagle displayed and elevated, Argent and sable, statant on Civil Air Patrol disc of Argent, Gules, and Azure, trimmed in Or, Argent airfoil dexter chief, sinister dagger proper disposed resting upon Or thunderbolts, Argent scroll beneath base, Vert inscription “4th EAGLE COMPOSITE SQDN”.

Significance: The patch has traditional Air Force symbolism and colors. An eagle, with an olive branch for peace in its beak, perches above the Civil Air Patrol’s original emblem, symbolic of the squadron’s namesake, benevolent nature, and heritage. A white airfoil represents aircraft, and the sword with the blade pointing down symbolizes ground searches. The field colors of blue and the green symbolize the air and ground, the areas of operation for the squadron.

Designer: Chris Smith, October 2007

HEADQUARTERS GROUP IV, GLR-OH-058



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-131



Description: Argent field, party per bend sinister Sable, bordered Sable, Sable, Argent, Azure forward-looking silhouette of a Vought F4U Corsair at chief, eleven Azure mullets sinister, three Azure mullets dexter, dexter Sable and Argent ram statant oval Or, Azure inscription “GLR-OH-131 BLACKSHEEP” at base.

Significance: A minor variation of the insignia of the former U.S. Marine Fighter Squadron VMF-214, the Corsair represents flight and the black sheep the squadron – tough, strong, and willing to stand alone. The gold disk on which the sheep is poised represents the foundations of the squadron, with dedication to the principles of excellent and quality. The single black stripe at the base of the shield symbolizes leadership down the ranks, rising from one stripe up. Eleven stars on the right of the stripe represented the former Group XI, while the three stars on the left represent the squadron’s previous designation as the third squadron of the group. A field of white represents clouds and flight in a literal sense and the high standards of virtuous character in a symbolic, quality sense. Blue is symbolic of aerospace, the study of and dream of joining the community. A border of black is the primary squadron color and as the color of leadership, surrounds the unit to guide and shape it.

Designer: Paul “Moon” Mullen, 1943; approved by OHWG/CC 30 November 1988

LAKEFRONT THUNDERBIRDS COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-236



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ? 1994?

GROUP VI – BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Group VI Headquarters, GLR-OH-064
Bowling Green, OH

Findlay Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-188
Findlay, OH

Van Wert Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-296
Van Wert, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Toledo Air National Guard Base Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-016
Swanton, OH

Wauseon Flight, GLR-OH-185
Wauseon, OH

Grand Lake Flight, GLR-OH-231
Celina, OH

Defiance Area Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-261
Defiance, OH

HEADQUARTERS GROUP VI, GLR-OH-064



Description: Argent trimmed Or, Azure facsimile of Ohio at fess, Gules inscription “GROUP” and “VI” at middle chief and base, Argent trimmed Or scroll beneath base, Azure inscription “CIVIL AIR PATROL”.

Significance: The blue and yellow are representative of the United States Air Force, while the collective colors of red, white, and blue emulate the colors of the Civil Air Patrol. An outline of the state of Ohio symbolizes the group’s connection to the Ohio Wing. A field of white, for the wisdom of the group leadership, and the red text calls forth the strength and magnanimity of the leadership.

Designer: William L. Kidney, December 1988

FINDLAY COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-188



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

VAN WERT COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-296



Description: Badger armed, Sable, Argent, Or coupé and contourné, Azure field trimmed Gules, Gules inscription “GLR-OH-296” at chief, Or scroll trimmed Gules with Gules inscription “VAN WERT COMPOSITE SQ” below base.

Significance: Overall use of red, white, and blue are symbolic of the squadron’s patriotism and the Civil Air Patrol. The scroll of red and gold represent the colors of Van Wert, Ohio. A snarling badger, although rarely seen in the squadron’s home area, do receive considerable press when spotted by the public at large. They are strong, vigilant, determined and considered one of the best survivors in the wild, all attributes of the strengths of the members of the squadron.

Designers: Natalie Hunt, Bryce Beckner, Jon Vondenhuevel, Paula Bogle, Travis Dickson, Anthony Sandefer, November 2012

GROUP VII – WPAFB, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Wright-Patterson Cadet Squadron, GLR-OH-037
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH

Group VII Headquarters, GLR-OH-043
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH

Ross P. Barrett Cadet Squadron 702, GLR-OH-070
Springfield, OH

Dayton Aero Cadet Squadron 706, GLR-OH-197
Troy, OH

Wright Brothers Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-282
Dayton, OH

Miami Valley Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-284
Miamisburg, OH

Dayton Senior Squadron, GLR-OH-285
Xenia, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Don Gentile Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-114
Piqua, OH

WRIGHT-PATTERSON CADET SQUADRON, GLR-OH-037



Description: Azure trimmed Gules a bendlet Argent mullets, Or Wright Flyer sinister chief, Argent triangle with Gules three-bladed propeller at dexter base, Argent inscription “WRIGHT-PATTERSON SQ” upon Azure trimmed Gules scroll beneath base.

Significance: The blue and red signify the affiliation of the squadron with the U.S. Air Force and the close relationship the squadron has with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The golden Wright Flyer highlights the aviation history of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the Dayton area, especially the research and development during aviation’s “Golden Era” and which continues to this day. The three-bladed propeller stands for Civil Air Patrol’s three missions of Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, and Cadet Programs, and signifies the squadron’s involvement in all three missions. These objects are bisected by the seven silver stars signifying the squadron’s subordination to Group VII, CAP. Finally, Wright-Patterson is spelled out in the name to further highlight the association of the squadron with the Air Force Base.

Designers: Team led by Rob Goodreu and Tim Kelley, 2008

HEADQUARTERS GROUP VII, GLR-OH-043



Description: A downy woodpecker, indigenous to the area served by Group VII, in full flight over the territory nurtured by the Mad, Little Miami, Stillwater and Lost Rivers which converged to form the Big Miami River. The bird is wearing ear phones, a Mae West jacket and carries a camera and first aid kit. On its head is an academic mortar board cap and clutched in its talons is a pair of dice displaying the numerals three and four.

Significance: The mission of Group VII is symbolized by the life jacket and the first-aid kit representing rescue; the camera denotes reconnaissance; the ear phones suggest communications and the mortar board brings to mind the group's mission to instruct the youth of its area in aviation careers so necessary to the well-being of the country. The dice showing the total number seven are not merely the unit's designation, but signify the good luck wished them by the community from which the members of the group are drawn. Not only because the Downy Woodpecker is native to Group VII's geographical location, but because he is a small bird, symbolic of the light aircraft operated by the members, he is shown here in an attitude of cheerful service to the community over which he flies. The Downy Woodpecker is a great friend both to farmers and city dwellers, but an enemy of all insect life which destroys crops and mars the tree-shaded beauty of urban areas. So it is with the mission of Group VII. The joining of the rivers indicated on the terrain further symbolizes the concerning unity of individual squadrons of the section which merged to form Group VII of the Ohio Wing. The green earth is indicative of the native soil the members of this organization are determined to protect and preserve.

Designer: Milton Caniff, 9 July 1956

Note: The description and significance is taken directly from Caniff's release for the insignia. The modern patch does not feature all the listed elements.

ROSS P. BARRETT CADET SQUADRON 702, GLR-OH-070



Description: Gules bordered Or, Sable and Argent salient panther guardantly, Argent wings displayed and elevated, Argent inscription “702” at middle base, emblem of the Civil Air Patrol in Azure, Argent, and Gules at middle chief, Azure bordered Or scrolls above and below, Argent inscriptions “THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE” and “ROSS P. BARRETT CADET SQUADRON”.

Significance: The red field represents courage and patriotism, qualities embodied by cadets. The panther represents the squadron's geographic location and relationship with the Springfield Air National Guard Base, sharing the charge with the 178th Fighter Wing. The panther, though fierce, is tender and loving to its young and will defend them with the hazard of its own life. So too, the squadron teaches its cadets the qualities of selflessness and courage. The numerals 702 represent the squadron's numerical designation. The white wings represent swiftness and protection, qualities indicative of the squadron's emergency services mission. The Civil Air Patrol emblem is a three-bladed propeller in the civil defense white-triangle-in-blue-circle, representing the squadron's service affiliation and the three missions of the Civil Air Patrol which are emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. The upper scroll is a solid field of blue with the motto “That Others May Live”. The blue field represents loyalty and truth, qualities sworn to in the Cadet Oath and Honor Code. The motto represents the squadron's search and rescue mission, pledging to save the lives of others. The Lower scroll contains the squadron's name “Ross P. Barrett Cadet Squadron” honoring the Springfield area community leader and educator who served with distinction in WWII and the Korean War, and devoted much of his life to the service of the Civil Air Patrol. The gold bordure represents generosity, a quality exemplified by the squadron's voluntary service to the nation and community.

Designer: ?

DAYTON AERO CADET SQUADRON 706, GLR-OH-197



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

WRIGHT BROTHERS COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-282



Description: Sable, per bend indented chequy Sable and Argent, Argent hawk uriant, Gules thunderbolt traversing dexter sinister, wavy Brown base, Gules cross, Azure trimmed Sable scroll beneath base, Sable inscription “WRIGHT BROS COMPOSITE SQ”.

Significance: The hawk at the center of the crest represents one that does not rest until the objective is achieved. The lightning bolt signifies swiftness and power through unity. The red cross is the international humanitarian symbol, relating the unit’s commitment to provide aid to the squadron’s neighbors. The black and white checkered area signifies consistency and reliability, as the members stand ready day or night to answer the call. The blue scroll that holds the unit name signifies loyalty, the very heart of the unit.

Designer: ?

MIAMI VALLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-284



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

DAYTON SENIOR SQUADRON, GLR-OH-285



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

GROUP VIII – COLUMBUS, OHIO

INSIGNIA

Columbus Senior Squadron, GLR-OH-085
Columbus, OH

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-115
Whitehall, OH

Columbus Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-139
Worthington, OH

Licking County Composite Squadron, GLR-OH-157
Newark, OH

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base Squadron, GLR-OH-210
Columbus, OH

Group VIII Headquarters, GLR-OH-291
Columbus, OH

NO INSIGNIA

Union County Flight, GLR-OH-234
Marysville, OH

Ross County Senior Squadron, GLR-OH-243
Chillicothe, OH

COLUMBUS SENIOR SQUADRON, GLR-OH-085



Description: Party per bend sinister Azure and chequy Tenne, bordered counter-compony in Gules and Argent trimmed Sable, three Argent mullets chief, dexter, and sinister, Argent, Or, Sable eagle Volant, Tenne trimmed Sable scrolls above and below chief and base, Sable inscriptions “FORTUNA PARATIS FAVET” and “COLUMBUS OH-085”.

Significance: The background of the disc displays a graphic representation of an aircraft “attitude indicator” similar to that of the Garmin-G1000 avionics and symbolizes the unit’s status as the first squadron in Ohio to have custody of a Garmin-G1000 equipped aircraft. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary area of operations for the squadron. Orange symbolizes strength and endurance. The silver lines on the orange field depict the latitude and longitude “grids” that are often used in conducting air missions. The horizon line is slanted so as to represent a climbing right turn, symbolic of the “right attitude” required of each squadron member, which is at the heart of volunteer service. The three stars represent the primary missions of the Civil Air Patrol: cadet programs, aerospace education, and emergency services. The larger star represents emergency services operations, centered, as the focus of the squadron. The eagle – symbol of nobility and courage – is featured flying in the direction of the wearer’s right; symbolizing the “right” course or direction. The counter-compony design is of contrasting colors: red, for patriotism and strength, and white for perfection and purity. The squadron’s motto *Fortuna Paratis Favet*, Latin for “Fortune Favors the Prepared”. This phrase conveys the heart of the squadron mission: to be safe in all activities, to be effective in the task, and to have fun while doing it.

Designers: Christopher Axene, Ethan List, Marc Pagan, Steve West, February-March 2009

CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER COMPOSITE SQUADRON GLR-OH-115



Description: Brown trimmed Sable, Argent eagle displayed, wings elevated, resting upon Vert shield of Civil Air Patrol in Brown and Sable, Sable inscription “SEARCH” and “RESCUE” extend from dexter and sinister base, Sable “803” at chief, Vert trimmed Sable scroll beneath base, Sable inscription “SI FIET VOLUNTATE MEA FIET”.

Significance: The eagle, representative of the Civil Air Patrol hat insignia, represents speed and strength. The communication insignia in green is one of the squadron’s main functions to maintain emergency communication equipment. The shield in brown represents protection and voluntary service to our community, state and nation. The green ribbon banner with the squadron motto in Latin, *Si Fiet Voluntemea Fiet*, stands for “If it is to be it is up to me.”

Designer: Guy Zierk, 5 January 1994

COLUMBUS COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-139



Description: Party per cross Azure and Argent trimmed Sable, Azure wings of the United States Air Force with a crest bearing a three-bladed propeller in Gules dexter chief, Tenne thunderbolt dexter base, Azure, Gules, Argent, Sable, aircraft silhouette sinister chief, Gules cross sinister base, Argent scroll trimmed Sable beneath base, Azure inscription “COLUMBUS CADET SQUADRON”.

Significance: The blue represents loyalty and the gray represents wisdom. The Civil Air Patrol propeller with United States Air Force wings represents the squadron’s roots in the Air Force and the squadron’s cadet programs. Aerospace programs are represented by the Civil Air Patrol aircraft. The lightning bolt is emblematic of swiftness, and the red cross symbolizes the squadron’s emergency services work.

Designers: Justin Baier, Tim Miller, and Dan Schoessler, 2007

LICKING COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON, GLR-OH-157



Description: Per bendlet Gules thunderbolt sinister Argent and Azure, triangle in Or, Azure inscription “OH-157” at chief, Argent scroll trimmed Or beneath base, Azure inscription “LICKING CTY. COMP SQ.”

Significance: A red lightning bolt separating the silver and blue background represents rapid response to provide emergency services day or night. The yellow triangle is symbolic of the coastal patrol aircraft of World War II and the three Civil Air Patrol missions: emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

Designer: Tracy L. Kawasaki, 1994

RICKENBACKER ANGB SQUADRON, GLR-OH-210



Description: ?

Significance: ?

Designer: ?

HEADQUARTERS GROUP VIII, GLR-OH-291



Description: Gules, Or chaussé, Azure pile, Argent and Sable F-86 Sabre jet displayed with Argent contrails rising, Argent scroll trimmed Or beneath base, Sable inscription “OHIO WING GROUP EIGHT”.

Significance: The golden “V” and three parallel contrails signify the Roman number of VIII for the group’s designation. The red – yellow – blue colors are representative of the colors of the flag for the City of Columbus, Ohio, home of the group headquarters. Furthermore, the aquamarine blue is representative of the sky and the United States Air Force who the group’s squadrons serve and assist and where its members operate and safeguard. The F-86 Sabre is an additional nod to the location of the group headquarters, but also the aviation heritage of Columbus, as North American Aviation assembled the jet fighter at Port Columbus International Airport in the early 1950s. Flanking fields of red trimmed in gold are themselves symbolic of a pair of hands releasing the Civil Air Patrol squadrons under its guidance and command forth to serve the citizens of central Ohio. The colors are emblematic of the passion, patriotism, zeal, honor, and wisdom of the leadership of Group 8.

Designer: Frank Blazich, February 2013

MISCELLANEOUS INSIGNIA

The following insignia dates to before the existence of the Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol through its service in World War II to the present day. The units for some of this insignia have either updated their design, disbanded, or what follows are older variants on current insignia in use. Little to no information is available as to the designers, dates of use, or significance of the designs. They are thus presented for reference for collectors and for sentimental reasons.

PRE-OHIO WING



Civilian Air Reserve, circa 1940

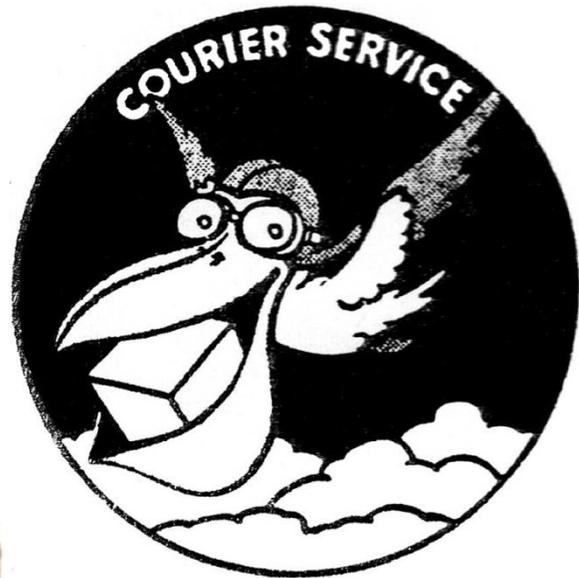
WORLD WAR II



Group 1 and 4, circa 1943



Coastal Patrol Base No. 14,
Panama City, Florida, circa 1942 - 1943



Cleveland Courier Service,
circa 1942 - 1945

GROUP INSIGNIA



Group 1 and Group 2



Group 4 (?) and Group 7

SQUADRON INSIGNIA



Lunken Composite Squadron 103



Western Hills/Cincinnati Squadron 104



Wright-Patterson Composite Squadron 037



Findlay Composite Squadron 188



North Canton Composite Squadron 278



Peregrine Cadet Squadron 402



Cleveland Squadron 405



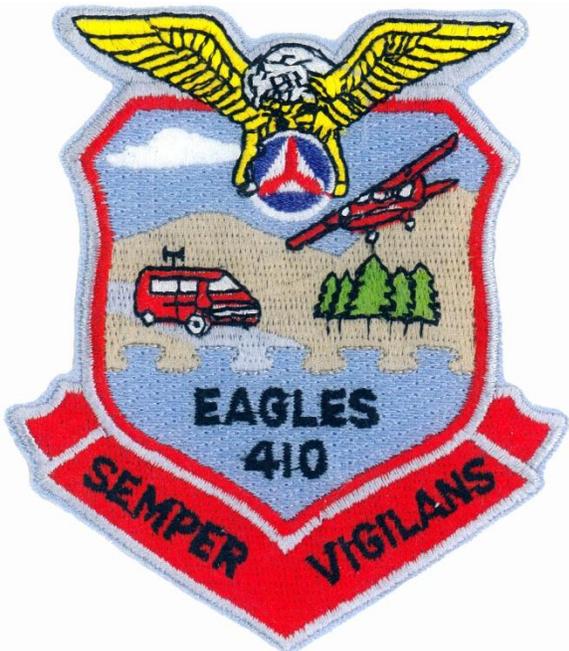
Black River Senior Squadron 405



Cleveland Senior Emergency
Service Squadron 406



Cushite Cadet Squadron 407



Eagle Squadron 410



Mohican Composite Squadron 501



Fairborn Composite Squadron 703



Columbus Squadron 801



Columbus Cadet Squadron 806



Dover Bay Cadet Squadron 1107



Chillicothe Cadet Squadron 1403



Akron-Canton Composite Squadron 2003



Ohio Wing Staff (rocker)

TRAINING SCHOOLS



Ground Search and Rescue School



Advanced Ground Team Training