

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
**United States Air Force Auxiliary**  
**North Central Region Headquarters**  
**Office of the Region Commander (CC)**

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TO: All members, Minnesota Wing

After a legal review, it has been determined that a potential appearance of a conflict of interest might occur if Lt Colonel John Quilling became Commander of the Minnesota Wing, which is a CAP corporate office. This technical legal concern is due to his potential administration of his aircraft maintenance contract with CAP. To mitigate this concern, Lt Colonel Quilling has withdrawn his application to be Wing Commander. Lt Colonel Quilling has done nothing wrong and continues to be a member in good standing with CAP. His years of service to CAP have been exemplary and will continue for many years to come. This legal concern may be resolved in the future, but cannot be resolved in time for Lt Colonel Quilling to assume command of the Minnesota Wing at the 2008 Wing Conference.

As a result this, I am taking applications for Minnesota Wing Commander. Anyone interested in applying for the position must submit a letter of application including a list of all CAP training and all staff positions held. The letter of application should also indicate why you are applying for the position. All applicants must meet the criteria set in CAPR 35-9, Board of Governor and Wing Commander Selection Procedures. The application deadline will be at 2359 hrs Monday, 31 March 2008.

The Selection Board will be held Saturday, 5 April 2008 or Sunday 6 April 2008 depending on personnel availability. The exact date will be announced after consultation with the applicants and Board members. The Selection Board will consist of one sitting NCR Wing commander, a former MNWG Wing commander, a current MNWG staff member and two at large members of the MNWG who are serving at Group or Squadron level and hold the grade of Major or Lt Colonel. Anyone meeting the criteria for the at large members should apply and I will select from the applicants. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, 2 April 2008.

The Selection Board results will then be used by me, the NCR Vice commander and the NCR Chief of Staff to make a selection. The selection will be submitted to BG Amy Courter for consideration and approval. Once approved by BG Amy Courter, the new Wing Commander will take command at the change of command ceremony April 12<sup>th</sup> at the MN Wing Conference.

Applications for MNWG commander and to be an at large member of the board should be sent to me at: [bsrk01@neb.rr.com](mailto:bsrk01@neb.rr.com).

Again, Lt Colonel Quilling has done nothing wrong and deserves the utmost respect. This situation is the result of a circumstance that could unfortunately result in the potential appearance of a conflict of interest as a corporate officer.

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Commander, North Central Region

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