



# BIOGRAPHY

## Mr. Don R. Rowland

Don Rowland is the Executive Director of Civil Air Patrol. As Executive Director, he serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the corporation, with responsibility for administering the day-to-day affairs of the corporation at National Headquarters.

CAP is a volunteer, nonprofit, benevolent organization dedicated to humanitarian activities. It is also, by law, the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, working in Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services areas.

Mr. Rowland was born in Pensacola, Fla., on Sept. 10, 1948. He attended Pensacola High School, and then continued his education at Pensacola Junior College and the University of West Florida in Pensacola where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Mr. Rowland later attended Webster University in St. Louis, Mo., where he earned a Master of Science in Management.



Mr. Rowland served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His service included three years at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. At Columbus, he served under Brig. Gen. Scott Harpe.

Mr. Rowland has an extensive background in search and rescue and aircraft system acquisitions. He served two years in the U.S. Coast Guard Exchange and attended U.S. Coast Guard SAR School at Governors Island, N.Y. In addition, he served one tour flying helicopters in the Pacific. Mr. Rowland also served three years at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., in System Requirements for Special Operations. He served three years as the Inspector General for CAP/U.S. Air Force and later as the Counterdrug and Rescue program manager.

Mr. Rowland has a total of 26 years at CAP National Headquarters, where he has served as Senior Director, Director of Plans and Requirements, Director of Strategic Communications and Plans, and currently Executive Director. He is certified in Grants Management, Nonprofit Board Education, and is working toward certification in Association Management with the American Society of Association Executives.

Mr. Rowland resides in Montgomery, Ala., and has two daughters. He is also a rated pilot with 3,400 flying hours.