

## IG AUDIENCE

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## **Introducing the next CAP/IG, Col Jay R. Burrell:**

It is truly an honor to have been appointed the 10<sup>th</sup> CAP/IG. Having been a part of the IG Corp for the last 15 years, I have had the chance to meet many of you either at Senior IG Trainings, The IG College, as part of the Compliance Inspection Teams or just talking at the various conferences. One thing I have found is a cadre of professionals who truly hold our roles in the IG community sacred.

I commend all of you for the hard work you do and the invaluable job you provide as part of your service to our organization and this great nation. As your new IG, I want to first assure you that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Second, I will be working

with the National Staff to find ways to identify Excellence. Excellence in our people, Excellence in the programs we inspect and Excellence in all we do! I believe empowerment is the key to Excellence. Each of you work daily in the trenches and see what works great and what needs improvement. Tell us about these observations. Help us to understand your pain points so we can work together to hopefully come up with solutions that will make our organization better and stronger. My success is directly tied to your willingness to share the good and the bad even sometimes the ugly.

I look forward to working with all of you to share in your successes as we move forward!

## Col Jay Burrell Bio

Col Jay R. Burrell was the Director of Specialty Tracks at the National Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) — the official civilian Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. As Director of Specialty Tracks, Col Burrell, working in conjunction with the OPRs, was the Senior Officer responsible for the successful execution of CAP's Specialty Tracks program. The Specialty Tracks program, an integral part of the organization's Education and Training program, provides a standard knowledge base for all CAP members at all levels, ensuring the quality of training available through all CAP units nationwide. This, in turn, allows members to perform the CAP missions required by the Air Force. Col Burrell holds Master ratings in Command, Inspector General, Administration, Personnel, and Emergency Services and a Senior rating in Professional Development.

In addition to his duties as Director of Specialty Tracks, Col Burrell was the Advisor to CAP's Great Lakes Region Commander and a member of the organization's National Inspector General (IG) Complaints Resolution Review Panel.

A member of Civil Air Patrol since 1990, Col Burrell has been a Squadron, Group and Wing Commander, all within the Illinois Wing, and has held key staff positions at the National, Region and Wing levels, including National Headquarters Assistant Professional Development Officer-Specialty Tracks, Region Chief of Staff (2018-2020); Region Inspector General (2012-2018), Wing Commander (2002-2005), Wing Vice Commander (1999-2002), Wing Inspector General (2007-2012). In addition to his 15 years of IG experience, he is a Senior IG Course instructor and evaluator for CAP and has attended the organization's IG College twice. Col Burrell created a data analysis tool to track discrepancies in Great Lakes Region at the unit level. This allowed commanders to see trend analysis within units and wings.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award; five Exceptional Service Awards; the Meritorious Service Award; and three Commanders Commendations, one at the Region level.

Col. Burrell spent four years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. His Air Force and CAP careers are augmented by his successful business career where he is currently Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for TRI Industries, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and Secretary on TRI Industries' Board of Directors. He is an adjunct professor at Concordia University Wisconsin's Kenosha Campus, teaching undergraduate and graduate level business and ethics courses. He currently sits on the Pricing Policy Committee for SourceAmerica and the National Industries for the Blind under the AbilityOne Commission.

Col Burrell holds a Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors in Psychology with a minor in Economics from Northeastern Illinois University, a Master of the Arts in Business Administration (MBA) in Management from Loyola University of Chicago, and an Advanced Executive Certificate in Operations, Technology and Value Chain Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) Sloan School of Management.

Col. Burrell is married to Dr. Barbara Burrell, MD, and has two adult children.