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Outside of the joy of my family and personal friends, my greatest joy in life has been my 24 years of service to my Country through Civil Air Patrol. The past ten months since assuming Command of this great organization have taken me all across the Nation carrying our story of better than 64 years of commitment to the principles of freedom and liberty for all people, the protection of our shores, the training of young people in the ways of respect and discipline, and the teaching of the lessons of air power.

During these ten months I essentially retired from the practice of law to devote full time to this Command, but I have clients I have served for 38 years who still rely on me for advice, and I have yet to fulfill my promise to finish the completion of our law office's construction of a branch office and the training of new associates. Also, I seem to be missing all the junior baseball games and dance recitals that my grandchildren are involved in every weekend.

These months have also given me the opportunity to work closely with Brig Gen Tony Pineda whom I have tried to expose to all facets of commanding Civil Air Patrol so that he could step into the Command position seamlessly when the time came. Tony has been a loyal companion during these months and has shown me that he has the potential of being a fine Commander.

I also believe our Headquarters staff is a fine group of professionals, well-tuned, customer-oriented and will find great satisfaction and fulfillment ahead. I know that the staff and Col Vogt will work well together and only good things will come from that.

So, believing a transition would not be harmful to this great organization at this time, I hereby tender my resignation from the office of National Commander to become effective no later than July 1, 2005, or earlier at an appropriate change of command ceremony at a time mutually agreed upon with Brig Gen Pineda. I wish for Civil Air Patrol and all its members the continuation of our fine tradition of service to Country, and the satisfaction of knowing that volunteer time in Civil Air Patrol has been well-spent.

Sincerely

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