

## Banquet Speaker

*Janis (Zeimet) Sierra was born in Milwaukee and raised in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She graduated mid-term of her senior year at Brookfield East High School so she could join the U.S. Army. In March, 1975, during the Viet Nam Era, she began active duty service. After Basic Training, she attended Warrant Officer Flight Training (Helicopter) at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Janis was the 6th female to graduate the Warrant Officer Flight School.*

*She was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division in at Ft. Campbell, Ky. from June 1976 - June 1979. She was assigned to the 163rd Aviation Company (GS) and achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW2). Janis was the 1st female Warrant Officer Helicopter Pilot in the 101st Airborne Division.*

*After completing her military commitment, Janis worked as a Corporate/Charter Pilot in St. Petersburg, FL. Missing the military, she returned to Ft. Rucker, AL as a government contract instructor pilot, training at the same school she had attended while in the military. While there, she joined the 307th Transportation Co. (HVV HEL) in the Alabama National Guard in Birmingham, AL.*

*Janis returned to Wisconsin in 1987 and began her work with Flight for Life Aeromedical Transport in Milwaukee, WI. She was the first female EMS Helicopter Pilot in the U.S. Janis received the National EMS Pilot of the Year Award in 2013 and was recently inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.*

*Having hung up her wings after 41 years of flying helicopters in 2016, Janis enjoys more time with her husband, Patrick, and sons, Jesse and Nicholas. She loves to travel, drives for Interfaith Caregivers and is the current Commander of American Legion Post 486 in Jackson, WI.*



Welcome to the 2019 Civil Air Patrol Wisconsin Wing Conference!

This year, we focus on celebrating our partnerships with other organizations involved with aviation.

Our Featured Guest Speaker, Mrs. Janis Sierra was a 2018 inductee into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. She was the first female Warrant Officer Helicopter Pilot for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the US Army as well as the first female EMS Helicopter Pilot in the US.

Kyle Ludwick from the EAA is here to discuss how to maximize the benefit of the partnership of the EAA and CAP.

Tom Thomas is here to speak from the Wisconsin Aeronautical Historical Society

Jurg Grossenbacher from the FAA is here to speak with us

Finally, Major Benjamin Staats is here from the Wisconsin ANG. As an F16 pilot, he will be discussing the Fertile Keynote missions that are flown with CAP.