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Civil Air Patrol's Cadet of the Year: Cadet Col. Jenna Jones

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A member of the Colorado Wing's Air Academy Cadet Squadron since February 2016, Cadet Col. Jenna Jones used her leadership, people skills, and work ethic as positive influences on her fellow cadets as the unit's cadet commander. The squadron flourished under her command despite setbacks presented by COVID-19 restrictions.



"As a leader, my focus is to be approachable and encourage teamwork while modeling the core values," Jones said. "I set this standard as I lead by example, serving those around me and being aware of their wellbeing."

Jones served as the Rocky Mountain Region representative on CAP's National Cadet Advisory Council and was cadet commander of the 2021 Colorado Wing Encampment.

Her natural leadership abilities and determination helped her lead the cadet competition team to first place in the Colorado Wing. She learned cybersecurity skills and captained the squadron's varsity team, leading it to victory in the state competition and qualifying for the national competition.

Her accomplishments are also reflected in her high school career. Jones was an Air Force Junior ROTC commander at Air Academy High School and a member of the Kitty Hawk Air Society, representing 20% of Junior ROTC cadets academically. She maintained a 4.68 GPA with a rigorous academic schedule including Advanced Placement courses in calculus, English, U.S. history and U.S. government and politics.

COVER: Cadets at 2022 Colorado Wing B-58 Hustler Encampment. INSET (L-R): Air Academy 3rd Place National CyberPatriot team with Maj. Gen. Ed Phelka; B-58 Hustler Encampment Cadets begin training with handbooks; Cadet Jones accepting the National Cadet of the Year trophy from National Commander Maj. Gen. Ed Phelka.

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Paying tribute

Cadet Col. Jenna Jones salutes during an honor flight observation at 2022 National Blue Beret.

Jones attended the CAP National Cyber Defense Training Academy and National Blue Beret, one of CAP's signature cadet activities, held in conjunction with EAA AirVenture, the nation's largest air show.

"Civil Air Patrol has had such an impact on my life. I would not be who I am today without the cadet program," she said. "It has challenged me physically, mentally, and socially and has given me the opportunity to continuously push myself out of my comfort zone."

Jones is now a student at Norwich University in Vermont, majoring in computer security and information assurance. Her plans include attending law school and potentially commissioning into the U.S. Air Force.

"I plan to stay involved in Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in Vermont while attending college," she said, adding, "The best part of Civil Air Patrol, at least to me, is the community that it builds."

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Air Academy Squadron's CyberPatriot Team Takes 3rd at National Finals

A BIG congratulations to the Colorado Wing's Air Academy Cadet Squadron who placed 3rd at the National CyberPatriot Finals in Maryland in March! The team known as "Lockouts" were represented by CAP's National Cadet of the Year Cadet Lt. Col. Jenna Jones, along with Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Isabella Olivarez, Cadet 1st Lt. Rachael Johnson, Cadet Airman Natalie Feng, and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Brylon Broughton. For their outstanding performance, each cadet received a \$1000 education grant from Cisco. In addition, we want to congratulate the team's dedicated coaches, Capt. Donna Fay, Senior Member Tom Simard, Lt. Col. Mike Fay and Lt. Jami Everett. Maj. Bill Blatchley is a member of CAP National Cyber Staff and served as a mentor to the AACS team.



In Memoriam

In June the Colorado Wing learned that one of our beloved and longtime members, Lt. Col. Gary Schulz, passed away. Serving Civil Air Patrol for 68 Years since 1954, retired Air Force and National Guard veteran, Lt. Col. Gary Schulz will be forever remembered as a man of dedication, sacrifice, integrity, respect, excellence and volunteer service.

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"Turn and Burn!"

*By Capt. Stephen Hamilton, CAP
Group 4 PAO*

On Saturday August 27, 50 Cadets from Colorado Wing's Group 4 got some expert training from Air Force Vets Lt. Col. Jason Pratt and Maj. Joe Visalli on air combat maneuvers. The Cadets were put through different scenarios in Digital Combat Simulator. This was a great way to give the Cadets some experience in Aerospace Education, which is one of our primary CAP missions.



Combat Simulator Training with Lt. Col. Jason Pratt and Maj. Joe Visalli.

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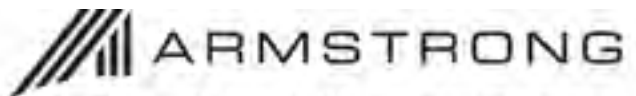


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Group photo of Cadet and senior members at the Group 4 Flight Combat Simulator Training Event.



Lt. Col. Jason Pratt Combat Simulator Training.



Maj. Visalli Training Cadets on Combat Flight Simulator.



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Colorado Wing 2022 "Hustler" Encampment

*By Cadet Capt. G. Dalton Peck, CAP
COWG Encampment PAO*

Saturday, 4 June, 2022 saw more than 100 cadets from the Colorado Wing and over a dozen other states, arrive at the United States Air Force Academy (USAF) Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They were there for the long-awaited start of the 2022 Colorado Wing Encampment, a pivotal leadership learning opportunity for cadets every year. In keeping with COWG's tradition of naming encampments after notable USAF aircraft, this year's encampment was dubbed the "Hustler" Encampment, by Cadet Lt. Col. Carolyn Kimzey, cadet commander, in honor of the USAF's B-58 "Hustler" cold-war, supersonic, nuclear bomber.



The 2022 encampment was the realization of quite a long buildup of anticipation, as COVID-19 concerns sidelined the yearly tradition, along with the vital role it plays in the leadership development of the wing's finest cadets, for the past two years. In the absence of being able to hold encampments, specialized waivers during heightened

COVID restrictions allowed some cadets to receive their Billy Mitchell awards and promote into the cadet officer grades without previously fulfilling the requirement to attend an encampment. This led to an unusual situation at the 2022 encampment, with several student cadets attending their first encampment as Cadet Officers! In the face of this unusual circumstance, a particular emphasis, especially during PIPER, (preliminary staff training in the days leading up to encampment), was placed on the fact that all student cadets at encampment, regardless of grade in the cadet program, are considered on equal footing as members of their flight under the close mentorship of their duly appointed flight staff. Because of the diversity of skills and experience of the cadet students, this Encampment had an emphasis on 'back to basics', so that students could return to their squadrons with the consistent and practiced foundations to help bring their squadrons back to CAP national standards.



Cadet Ewalt from Boulder Composite Squadron reports to B-58 Hustler Encampment.

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This year also served as the first COWG Encampment in recent memory to hold all daily meals at the iconic Mitchell Hall, the Air Force Academy's cadet area dining facility. The opportunity to be apart of regular USAFA cadet life was a great bonus for these CAP cadets.

The bulk of cadet cadre arrived 3 days before the true start of encampment for the 'PIPER' pre-training activity. After making the best possible use of this advanced prep time, the Encampment cadet cadre received the student cadets on in-processing day ready to guide them through their encampment rigors.



B-58 Hustler Encampment Cadets begin training with handbooks.

This first day largely focused on the essentials such as safety and broad expectations, as well as assessing the initial skills of newly-arrived cadet-students.

Day 2, Sunday, gave the students interested a chance to attend worship services, and served as an intense day of training on the skills of drill, uniform and barracks expectations.

Day 3, Monday, allowed the competition between flights to take shape as students tested their aerospace acumen in the Aerospace Knowledge Bowl, from which Alpha flight emerged victorious.

Day 4, Tuesday, continued this flight rivalry with squadron volleyball tournaments. Echo flight won the championship game on Friday. Students were also treated to a surprise visit from USAFA's Falcon mascots and their handlers.

Starting on Wednesday, squadrons 1 and 2 split up for exciting and memorable tour days; Squadron 1 spent Wednesday building team leadership skills at the USAFA ropes course and touring cadet area facilities and aerospace labs.

Squadron 2's Wednesday itinerary took them to Peterson Space Force Base for a day of immersive military aviation activities including rides in a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter!

Thursday, the squadrons swapped itineraries. Unfortunately, the Chinook flying arrangement was not available, so instead COWG pilots rallied CAP aircraft for orientation flights for all cadets while squadron 2 got their turn at the ropes course and cadet area tours.

Friday brought the encampment back together for the Challenge Run, to the highest point on the USAFA grounds. A perfect culmination of their team-building development, each flight showed their team spirit in cheers and marching 'jodies' as they ran up and hiked back.

A celebration evening brought guest lectures by Maj. Rochelle Kimbrell (USAF, Ret., the USAF's first African-American female fighter pilot) and LtCol. Dan Hampton (USAF, Ret., combat veteran F-16 pilot and bestselling author) as well as an awards ceremony to recognize the standout flights and cadets in several categories:

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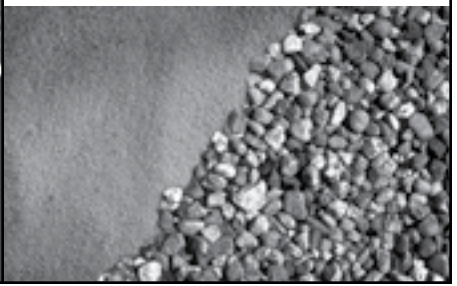
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Congratulations!

Encampment assuredly gave the cadet students and cadre a much stronger sense of discipline, teamwork, confidence and pride by the time they marched in front of their families and friends in the Pass in Review parade before they went home on Friday. By the end, it's no stretch to say many didn't want to leave! 🇺🇸

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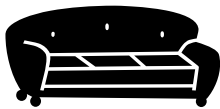
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COWG Aerospace Education Exhibits at STEAM-A-PALOOZA

By Maj. Barb Adams, CAP

COWG AE (External)

Photos by Capt. Jenny Wehmeyer, Group 4 Asst. PAO



Capt. Randy Settergren and Maj. Barb Adams talking with attendees.

On Saturday, October 8th, Civil Air Patrol's Colorado Wing was invited to exhibit their AE STEM offerings at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus for STEAM-A-PALOOZA, as one of 37 booths, including Lockheed Martin, Boeing, NASA, and United Airlines. There were 1200 tickets that were completely sold out and an additional 300 who came in the door. CAP had a great Aerospace Education team staffing the exhibit led by Maj. Barb Adams, COWG Director of AE (External), Capt. Sheryl



Lt. Col. Don Stanton speaks with students and parents.



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Bardell, Capt. Tom Ripp, Capt. Randy Settergren and Lt. Col. Don Stanton all from the JeffCo Senior Squadron along with Maj. Mary Cast and Capt. Jenny Wehmeyer. The COWG team worked with students and their families as well as teachers and displayed STEM kits, teacher curricula and materials, drones, planes, Bernoulli balloons, and actively built STEM kits over the 4 CAP tables.



Maj. Barb Adams (L) and Capt. Sheryl Bardell (R) speaking with attendees.

Everyone on the team did exceptional work with acts of creativity, flexibility, and resilience. There were well over 1500 people stopping by and keeping the team busy all day. CAP exhibit staff handed out 50 AEM applications and then ran out! They explained, created and handed out 98 Bernoulli balloons and talked to so many people that they often had crowds gather around each team member as they were sharing PowerPoint displays, showed and built the robotics arm and hydraulics STEM kits as well as many others, and explained sUAS and demonstrated how aircraft fly.

Several of the team members spoke to many people in Spanish as they spent the day explaining who and what Civil Air Patrol is and how CAP impacts lives and our communities with our missions while also recruiting prospective cadets. Many people who stopped by to visit the booth had not known about CAP and were so gratified to realize what a great organization CAP is and to learn how we have the ability to help many students and teachers. ■



Capt. Sheryl Bardell, Lt. Col. Don Stanton, Maj. Barb Adams, Maj. Mary Cast and Capt. Randy Settergren at Civil Air Patrol booth.



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Senator, Lt. Col. John Hickenlooper Presented **with CAP Membership Certificate**

On Sept 16th, former Colorado Governor and now U.S. Senator, Lt. Col. John Hickenlooper, CAP, received his official membership certificate for the Congressional Squadron of Civil Air Patrol from Colorado Wing Commander, Col. John Rhoades, CAP. Senator Hickenlooper thanked Civil Air Patrol for the recognition and all the important work we do inspiring and educating the next generation!

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Broomfield Composite Squadron's Cadet Col. Ryan A. Miscio Presented Spaatz Award #2410 by Congressman Joe Neguse



Cadet Col. Ryan Miscio being presented with his Spaatz Award by Congressman Joe Neguse. Photo by Capt. Jenny Wehmeyer, Group 4 Asst. PAO

Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet achievement, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award was presented to Cadet Col. Miscio on September 27th in Broomfield at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport's Terminal Building by U.S. Representative Joe Neguse who represents Colorado's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is currently serving his second term in this capacity—having first been elected to Congress in November 2018. Congressman Neguse represents the cities of Boulder and Fort Collins, and much of the front range of the Rocky Mountains. He currently serves as a member



Spaatz Cadet Col. Ryan Miscio (R) with Congressman Joe Neguse (C), and COWG Commander Col. John Rhoades (L) at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport.



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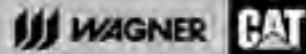


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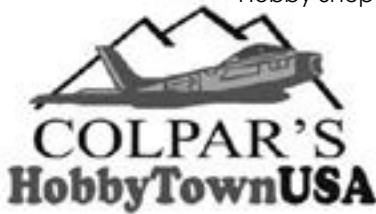
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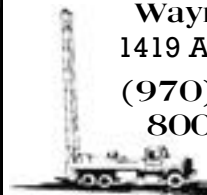
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Cadet Col. Ryan A. Miscio was sworn into CAP at the Broomfield Composite Squadron in December 2018, and he never looked back. He progressed quickly through the cadet program, focusing on bettering himself as an individual and as a leader. Eager to serve, Cadet Col. Miscio was selected for key leadership positions in the squadron, including flight sergeant, first sergeant, flight commander, and deputy cadet commander.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Cadet Col. Miscio remained engaged in CAP, winning the gold level in the CyberPatriot competition with the Broomfield Composite Squadron team, forming and leading the squadron cadet competition team to 2nd place at wing (state) level in 2021, and co-captaining the cadet competition team to 1st place at wing and 3rd place at region (covering multiple states), in 2022. As Cadet Col. Miscio's leadership experience grew, so did his desire to take on greater roles to serve his squadron, wing, and beyond.

From the Colorado Wing level, Cadet Col. Miscio went on to serve at the region and national level cadet advisory councils, the apogee of cadet involvement in the workings of CAP. Cadet Col. Miscio has even supported other wings, such as



CAP COWG Cadet Col. Ryan Miscio Spaatz Award #2410.

Nevada and Kansas, serving in staff roles at their wing encampments. This past summer, Cadet Col. Miscio graduated from the physically demanding pararescue and survival orientation course at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

Outside of the hundreds of hours he has devoted to CAP, Cadet Col. Miscio has maintained a 4.4 GPA at Monarch High School while serving on the junior/senior senate and captaining the speech and debate team, is a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteers his time with A Precious Child, the Louisville Library, and on Congressman Neguse's youth advisory council.

Cadet Col. Miscio has also completed his pilot certificate in gliders and this summer attended Boy's State, serving as chief of staff. Cadet Col. Miscio is looking forward to using the lessons he learned achieving Civil Air Patrol cadet program's highest honor to continue serving his community, state, and nation as a commissioned officer in the United States armed forces.





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The Spaatz Award is named in honor of Carl "Tooe" Spaatz, the first Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. One of the giants in the history of airpower, in 1929 Spaatz, together with another pilot, set an important flight endurance record of 150 hours and 40 minutes in the early days of aviation. During World War II, he commanded the Allied air campaign against the Nazis. In the Pacific Theater, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place under his command. After retiring from the Air Force, General Spaatz served as the first chairman of Civil Air Patrol National Board.

Since the award's inception in 1964, Civil Air Patrol has presented the Spaatz Award to only 2410 cadets nation-wide, representing less than 1% of CAP cadets. Spaatz Cadets are expected to serve as role models for junior cadets, and become leaders in their communities as they enter adulthood. The first recipient of the Spaatz Award, Michigan's Douglas C. Roach, served as a pilot with the Air Force Thunderbirds. ■

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Utah Wing's Hess Named Next Rocky Mountain Region Commander

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Col. Jason R. Hess received a surprise on his 47th birthday — a call from Maj. Gen. Edward D. Phelka, Civil Air Patrol national commander/CEO, informing him he was his choice to command CAP’s Rocky Mountain Region.

Phelka appointed Hess region commander Sept. 23 after a thorough selection process.

Hess, the Utah Wing commander since March 2021, will succeed Col. Jeffrey L. Johnson, Rocky Mountain Region commander for the past three years. He will be sworn in Oct. 8 at the Utah Wing Headquarters.

“Col. Hess has an effective leadership style that has produced excellent results and will be an amazing fit for the Rocky Mountain Region,” Phelka said. “His experience in multiple mission areas and the spirit of collaboration he brings make him a valuable asset to the CSAG team as well.”



CSAG stands for the Civil Air Patrol Senior Advisory Group, which advises the national commander and recommends policy and proposes constitution and bylaws changes to CAP’s Board of Governors. It consists of the national commander, national vice commander, national executive officer, and the organization’s eight region commanders, as well as two nonvoting members, the chief operating officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force commander.

Hess, who resides in West Jordan, Utah, has served in Civil Air Patrol for 19 years — five as an Ohio Wing cadet and 14 as a senior member in the Utah Wing. He has a history of effective command and staff experience at the wing level, starting as director of information technology (2008-2017), director of operations (2010-2017), government relations adviser (2017-2021), vice commander (2017-2021), and commander (2021-2022).



“I am humbled, honored, and inspired by this opportunity to lead the exceptional volunteers of the Rocky Mountain Region,” Hess said. “I look forward to serving our cadets and senior members as we build on the region’s proud heritage together and explore opportunities to collaborate, innovate, and excel.”

The Rocky Mountain Region includes more than 4,000 members and consists of the Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming wings.

As Utah Wing commander for the past 18 months and wing vice commander the four years before that, Hess has put his professional budget and acquisition experience to use managing state appropriations, U.S. Air Force-assigned missions, and wing budgets. He has served on the wing finance committee the past six years.

Previously, as the wing’s director of operations, he led all communications, emergency services, and operations, and he established strong relationships with the state director of aeronautics and state emergency management staff.

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“Participating in Civil Air Patrol both as a cadet and as a senior volunteer has been one of the largest contributors to my successes in life. Ingrained into my everyday living, the cadet program and core values laid a foundation of service that continues to resonate deeply with me,” Hess said.

“I feel that serving as the region commander, I can further a transference of knowledge and spirit of volunteerism in cadets and senior members alike,” he added. “I am passionate about Civil Air Patrol and the power each volunteer has in them to make the whole of CAP a premier service organization.”

A CAP-rated and Federal Aviation Administration commercial pilot, Hess has participated in numerous aerospace education and civic activities. He is a West Jordan City Airport Advisory Board member as well as an experimental aircraft builder, a small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) pilot, and a Level 2 High Power Certified Member with the National Association of Rocketry.



An Eagle Scout and varsity coach/scoutmaster, Hess is also a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

He holds CAP Master ratings in operations and information technology, a Senior rating in command, and Technician ratings in cadet programs and inspector general.



He has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations during his CAP career, receiving the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award; the National Commanders Unit Citation Award, a Commander’s Commendation with one silver star, one bronze star, and four bronze clasps; a Distinguished Service Award; an Exceptional Service Award with two bronze clasps; and a Meritorious Service Award.

He also received a Find Ribbon with two bronze clasps and Aircrew device; an Air Search and Rescue Ribbon with two bronze clasps and Aircrew device; a Command Service Ribbon with silver star; Homeland Security Ribbon with two silver clasps; and a Community Service Ribbon with one silver clasp.



Outside CAP, Hess has 25 years of experience in the finance and credit industry, developing solutions and managing financial software and database systems. For 17 of those years, he has served as a supervisor at various levels, acquiring executive management experience as assistant vice president and vice president at Merrick Bank and CardWorks Inc.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in business information systems from the University of Utah in 2007.

Hess and his wife, Margaret, also a CAP member, have been married nearly 24 years, and they have three children. ■



Honoring Halversen

Col. Jason R. Hess (center) visits May 21 with Brig. Gen. Regena Aye, CAP’s national vice commander, and U.S. Air Force Gen. Mike Minihan, Air Mobility Command, at the Celebration of Life for the late Col. Gail Halvorsen at Utah’s Spanish Fork Airport.

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Colorado Wing hosted a Cadet ES Competition including ES Fitness, written exams/pack check, Line Search, and Electronic Beacon search Sept 16-18th. Teams, cadets and senior staff came from Colorado Military Academy, Broomfield, Highlands Ranch, Fremont County, Colorado Springs, South Denver and more. Camping and facilities at the Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch offered unparalleled spaces for all activities and fun. Camp Competition Director Capt. Daniel Cochran and Cadet Camp Commandant Cadet Col. Ryan Miscio wanted to thank the Senior Staff of Judges, Supervisors, Admin and Chefs as well as Majors Herrera (departing CO for Iowa) and Denning for their support and enthusiasm.





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Congratulations to the very first Pikes Peak Composite Squadron cadets who have earned the Billy Mitchell Award, Cadet 2nd Lt. Silverio (left) and Cadet 2nd Lt. Chesebro (right). Col. Glenn Kavich officiated the ceremony at the Peterson Air & Space Museum Medal of Honor Park and jointly celebrating General Mitchell's vision of an independent Air Force during the 75th anniversary week of the United States Air Force. Col. Kavich is also a former CAP cadet and 1968 Mitchell Award recipient.



Cadet 2nd Lt. Jered Silverio receives Mitchell Award from Col. Glenn Kavich.



Cadet 2nd Lt. Johnathan Chesebro receives Mitchell Award from Col. Glenn Kavich.

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Civil Air Patrol Launches Bold New Logo

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Civil Air Patrol is being transformed. Its level of sophistication has advanced significantly in recent years. For example, CAP's fleet is being transformed from "steam gauges" to glass cockpits that can be programmed to display and to fly CAP search grids. In fact, CAP no longer needs to wait for the weather to break or for the sun to rise to begin a search – we can start in minutes, using cellphone forensics and radar analysis.

A similar level of sophistication touches every aspect of Civil Air Patrol – IT (Innovation), philanthropy (the CAP Foundation), cadet programs (Cadet Interactive), aerospace education (STEM — science, technology, engineering, and math), member education and training (Volunteer University), chaplain corps (resiliency programs), and now marketing too.

Over the past two years, Marketing and Strategic Communications (MAC) has been working to better align the CAP brand as a Total Force partner. The U.S. Air Force auxiliary's new logo tells a brand story about aviation, volunteerism, partnership, and heritage and projects a more youthful, modern, Air Force-style look.

CAP's Board of Governors voted unanimously April 23 to adopt the new logo, which "accomplishes several things and includes some unique benefits," said Randy Bolinger, chief of marketing and communications.

"The bottom line is, we are not Civil Air Patrol of the 1940s, and the new corporate identity makes that obvious," Bolinger said.

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The Office of Civilian Defense, the basis for the original Civil Air Patrol symbol, was disbanded in 1945. Since that time, CAP has been associated with something that has long since been defunct.

“From a brand perspective, being associated with something that is obsolete is not a strong brand position” Bolinger said.

“Imagine General Motors spending billions of dollars to build and name a state-of-the-art stadium in Detroit. Now imagine that GM chose to name the stadium the Oldsmobile Center, after a product line that was discontinued decades ago.

”True, the Oldsmobile Center name would be a wonderful tribute to a discontinued product line. that resonates with people nostalgic about the Cutlass, 442, Delta 88, and Tornado. But using the name of an obsolete product line does nothing to advance today’s innovative General Motors working toward an all-electric product line by 2035,” Bolinger said.

That logic applies to Civil Air Patrol as well, he said. “The triblade symbol from the Civilian Defense glory days of World War II is a wonderful tribute to our past, but that symbol has precious little relevance today and does not accurately reflect the extent that CAP has evolved in the past 80 years.

“Simply stated, brands that don’t evolve, lose relevance,” he said. “While Oldsmobile was the first auto manufacturer to offer an automatic transmission and produced some of the best-selling models, that amazing legacy couldn’t keep the brand from losing both its popularity over time and its demographic until GM ceased production of the once-beloved Oldsmobile.”

Similarly, each new generation of CAP cadet becomes farther removed from any emotional attachment with World War II and Civilian Defense. Other than the emotional equity and nostalgic qualities of the triblade, the triblade symbol from a bygone era has no relevance in today’s CAP.

“Is the triblade symbol cool – kind of in a mid-20th century retro design way? Does it reflect today’s CAP? Not really – it’s a heritage piece that should be set aside to make room for something that reflects the dynamic nature of today’s CAP,” Bolinger said.

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“Most corporations update visual identities (a logo) periodically as a brand management best practice,” he said. “Doing so reflects change — change in ownership, technology, direction, products, etc. CAP recently





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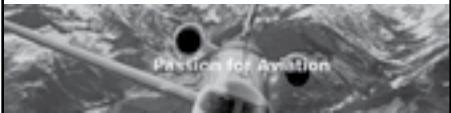
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“The new CAP logo is clearly in the same Air Force Total Force family, having borrowed inspiration from the wing shape and hiding the legacy shape (the Civilian Defense triangle) in the negative space as the Air Force did with the star and globe.

“We also added something blue – the logo color itself that closely aligns with the Air Force. In fact, the Air Force and CAP logos nest together quite nicely as if they are, well, partners.”

Best of Both Worlds

Regarding logo changes as part of brand refresh effort, love it, hate it, or undecided, there’s good news for all – the triblade lives on. While the new corporate logo (the “Flying V”) becomes the external persona of a Total Force partner, the triblade will remain part of CAP’s identity system in the command emblem used on aircraft, vehicles, flight suits, and countless more applications. Further, the triblade will remain the heart of the CAP seal.



The PowerPoint presentation shown to the Board of Governors before their vote approving the Flying V can be [downloaded here](#).

CAP's [Brand Portal](#) provides high-resolution versions of the logo, instruction for proper use, new business card templates, website graphics, presentation templates, virtual backgrounds, and much more.



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COWG's Cadet Lt. Col. Cooper Eisman Named as New National Cadet Advisory Council Chair



Cadet Lt. Col. Cooper Eisman of the Colorado Wing is the National Cadet Advisory Council's new chair, having been appointed for the 2022-2023 by Maj. Gen. Edward D. Phelka, Civil Air Patrol commander.

Eisman, a member of the Valkyrie Cadet Squadron, has been a CAP member since August 2018. He previously served as vice chair of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Advisory Council and as his squadron's cadet commander.

He is a sophomore at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, pursuing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and computer science. He participates in Army ROTC and serves as an elected member of the Undergraduate Student Government executive team.



Colorado Wing Announces 2021 "Of the Year" Award Recipients



In March of 2022, the nominees for the Annual "Of the Year" Awards for 2021 were announced by COWG Vice Commander, Lt. Col. Buddy McCormick on behalf of COWG Commander, Col. John Rhoades. The nominations, listed on the following pages, were forwarded to Rocky Mountain Region to compete with nominees from other wings within the region. Those selected by Rocky Mountain Region competed at CAP National Level with the final awardees being recognized at CAP National Conference in Louisville, KY in August.

In addition, the "Of the Year" Awards for Colorado Wing Level only were announced. These recipients are also listed here. Since this is a wing only award, the recipients were awarded the Commanders Commendation Award in recognition of their selection. However, they did not compete at Rocky Mountain Region for additional recognition as these are additional categories that are not included in region or national awards.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLORADO WING

FROM: VICE COMMANDER

SUBJECT: COLORADO WING ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

1. On behalf of Colonel John Rhoades, COWG Commander, it is with great pleasure that I announce the recipients of Colorado Wing's 2021 wing only "of the year" Awards.
2. Recipients on the list below will receive Commanders Commendations in recognition of this accomplishment. However, they will not compete at Rocky Mountain Region for additional recognition.
3. Please join me in congratulating the following Colorado Wing members.

Cadet Commander of the Year

- **Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Margaret K Cole – Valkyrie Cadet Squadron**

Cadet Junior Officer of the Year

- **Cadet Second Lieutenant Olivia Harris – Highlander Composite Squadron**

Cadet Staff Officer of the Year of the Year

- **Cadet Captain Amber Strachan – Pikes Peak Composite Squadron**

Cadet NCO of the Year

- **Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Caleb Bonilla – CMA Cadet Squaron**

Squadron Commander of the Year

- **Lieutenant Colonel Nicole Roberts – CMA Cadet Squadron**

Squadron Staff Officer of the Year

- **Major Kent Borchelt – Highlander Composite Squadron**

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- **Major Kimberly Culp – Colorado Wing**

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLORADO WING

FROM: VICE COMMANDER

SUBJECT: COLORADO WING ANNUAL AWARD NOMINEES

1. It is with great pleasure that I announce Colorado Wing's nominees for the 2021 "of the year" Awards.
2. These nominations recognize the finest members in each category from Colorado Wing for their volunteer service during 2021. They have been submitted to Rocky Mountain Region for consideration as region level nominees. Rocky Mountain Region nominees will be considered for Civil Air Patrol National Level "of the year" Awards.
3. Please join me in congratulating all of these Colorado Wing members.

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Senior Member of the Year

- **Colonel Celeste R Gamache – Colorado Wing**

Air Force Sergeant's Association Cadet NCO of the Year

- **Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Felisha L Jimenez – CMA Cadet Squadron**

Col (Bud) Payton PAO of the Year

- **Lieutenant Colonel Michael Daniels – Colorado Wing**

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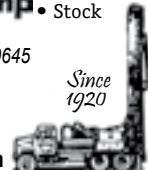
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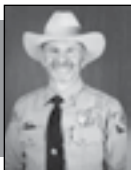
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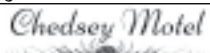
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University of Rocky Mountain Region Redux in 2022


*By Maj. Jen Knellinger, CAP
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Photos by Maj. Jen Knellinger and Maj. Keith Watson*

University of the Rocky Mountain Region (URMR) made a comeback this year in June at the Prep School of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Following a few years of COVID constraints, and later than usual confirmation of the facilities, the dedicated team of instructors, assistants, phenomenal guest speakers and staff put together an excellent program of four, well-attended courses, graduations, awards banquet, drill performances and more.

Enthusiastic cadets from 37 different wings enjoyed either a National Honor Guard Academy (NCSA), E-Tech Robotics (NCSA), Advanced Cyberspace Administration Academy (NCSA), and Region Cadet Leadership School. Limited, since COVID, to the four cadet courses, the programs were run by dynamic and seasoned veterans; Lt. Col. John DiGiantomasso (Robotics), Maj. Bill Blatchley (Advanced Cyberspace Administration), Maj. Ashley Nelson (National Honor Guard Academy) and 1st Lt. Isaac Stone (Region Cadet Leadership School).



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Experienced USAF leaders presented the two keynotes. In his trademark collegial style, USAF (Ret) General Steve Lorenz spoke with the cadets on Lessons in Leadership from historical figures as well as his own experiences in learning and leading. Col. Kim “KC” Campbell, a best-selling author, former CAP cadet and USAF (Ret) Officer also spoke to the cadets and staff about her experiences as a fighter pilot and senior military leader of 24 years. Awarded the Distinguished Cross for Heroism, she is passionate about leadership and feels strongly that leaders must earn trust by leading with courage and connecting with their team. Other speakers included CAP-USAF RMR Staff member Joe Macklin discussing CAP Emergency Services and Lt. Col. Chad Grondahl, speaking on his career in the Space Force.



Cadets in the Advanced CyberSecurity Course at the 2022 URMR.

The small but mighty URMR Leadership team was led by Commandant Col. Alisha Cope, CAP, and co-commandants CAP’s Col. Virginia Nelson and Maj. Jan Johnson and staff and safety officer, Maj. Tammy Peeples. With wonderful facilities and the support of the Academy, RMR looks forward to next year’s event the end of June adding senior member training, including a joint PCR-RMR Chaplain Corps Staff College as well as Volunteer University classes for Levels IV and V. An additional cadet course, Cyber Networking will also be added to the 2023 agenda. Look for dates, details and staff applications later this year. Col. Virginia Nelson, PCR (Pacific Central Region) Commander, will be the 2023 Commandant.



Cadets with Senior Member Instructor in the STEM Robotics Course at the 2022 URMR.

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CAP Cadet Becomes Air Force Trailblazer Then Returns to CAP



As a teenager in the Parker Cadet Squadron, then-Cadet 1st Lt. Rochelle Ng-A-Qui (later Kimbrell) poses for a photo with her mother (right) and then later in front of her F-16 as an Air Force fighter pilot.

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Rochelle Kimbrell got her start as a Civil Air Patrol cadet in the Colorado Wing's Parker Composite Squadron. She received an appointment to the Air Force Academy and upon graduation proceeded to become the first female Black fighter pilot in the Air Force, serving as a trailblazer for generations to come. She retired after 22 years and then rejoined the Colorado Wing as a senior member. As a CAP lieutenant colonel and cadet flight orientation pilot she encourages

young men and women of all backgrounds to embrace aviation.

Kimbrell is an inspiration to many of all ages and continues to make a difference in others' lives. She especially enjoys speaking with young people who may not realize the sky's the limit until they meet her. She said, "I literally see the lights turn on in kids' eyes when I talk to them as they realize that someone like me can do something as cool as being a fighter pilot. They come to see that they can go out and do whatever they want to

do. That's what I focus on and what I think is really important. CAP can help achieve dreams."

Recently, Kimbrell was asked to take part in a Discovery Channel CuriosityStream documentary on Bessie Coleman, the first Black woman to earn a pilot's license. Kimbrell had a chance to talk about her early interest in aviation and the opportunities provided to her as a CAP cadet. There's also footage of her piloting an orientation flight with a female Colorado Wing cadet.

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Squadrons

38 locations statewide

Aircraft

16 single-engine
2 gliders

Vehicles

28 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

25 VHF/FM repeaters
326 VHF/FM stations
52 HF stations

Missions

10 search and rescue missions
7 lives saved*
25 finds*
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2 disaster relief missions
3 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
4 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Air Force Junior ROTC cadet orientation flight missions
5 other Air Force support missions
16 training missions
3 other state support missions
5 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported

- Felix Hawk Air Defense Exercises
- State wildfire response
- Winter Storm Xylia support

Cadet Flying

1,159 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Air Force Junior ROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

3,369

Financial

\$138,638 in state funding
\$7,311,796 value of wing's volunteer hours

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Lt. Col. Rochelle Kimbrell (center) poses for a photo with Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Hero Alexander Vernon (left) and Cadet Airman 1st Class Dennison James Gerber and the cadets' parents after orientation flights in September.





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Transporting Vaccines - Civil Air Patrol supported Operation Warp Speed to expedite delivery of coronavirus vaccines to Americans, many in hard-hit locations more easily accessible through CAP's fleet of single-engine aircraft. CAP's participation in the federal effort freed other agencies' assets to be allocated elsewhere.

Providing COVID Support

Civil Air Patrol's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has become the organization's largest mobilization since World War II. Over the past two years, more than 40 CAP wings have been tasked with COVID-related duties, such as delivering personal protective equipment, building temporary hospitals and other facilities, staffing emergency operations centers, delivering or serving meals, hauling mobile command centers, expediting test samples to labs, and using unit locations for blood drives, as well as delivering vaccines. In all, CAP members have contributed more than 40,000 volunteer days in response to the pandemic.

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22K Orientation Flights

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56K Volunteers

Nationwide, 33K adults and 23K youth volunteer their time and energy to serve America's communities and save lives.

92K Hours Flown

The strategically located fleet logged 92,375 flight hours in support of search and rescue, disaster response, orientation flights, and training missions.

500K Students Impacted

Over the past year, more than 500,000 students have been impacted by STEM Kits and related curricula produced by CAP's Aerospace Education program.

\$2.4M Flight Training

Using \$2.4 million from the Air Force, CAP's youth aviation initiatives help address the nation's pilot shortage.

\$197M Value of Volunteer Time

Volunteers contributed time valued at \$196,927,773 in the past year, serving communities, saving lives, and shaping the futures of tomorrow's leaders.

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Learning to Fly - Cadet Tech, Sgt. Anna Rasmussen of the Minnesota Wing poses for a photo in front of the Civil Air Patrol plane she flew to earn her FAA private pilot certificate. She is one of the 140 graduates of CAP's Cadet Wings program — a U.S. Air Force-funded pilot shortage initiative to identify potential young flyers within CAP and provide them with flight training.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Conducts 90% of inland search and rescue in the U.S. as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies.
- Coordinates Air Force-assigned missions through CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala., at a cost of about \$165 per flying hour.
- Has 5,731 aircrew members and more than 32,000 emergency responders trained to FEMA standards.
- Provides over 1,000 chaplains and character development instructors who minister to youth and adult members and help comfort survivors and victims of disasters.
- Provides aerial photography for homeland security.
- Provides air intercept training, impact assessment, light transport, communications support, and low-level route surveys for the Air Force.
- Furnishes disaster-relief photography and support to local, state, and national agencies.

- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissues when commercial resources are unavailable.
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- Maintains an extensive VHF and HF communications network.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Educates adult and cadet members and the community on the importance of aerospace.
- Develops, publishes, and distributes national academic standards-based science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) aerospace education curricula affecting more than 500,000 K-12 students nationwide.
- Generates interest in STEM careers through aviation-, space-, and technology-focused activities and CAP STEM Kits associated with astronomy,

flight simulations, model and remote-control aircraft, robotics, rocketry, weather, hydraulic engineering, and computer programming.

- Provides educators with 40+ free educational programs and products as well as services that include teacher orientation flights.
- Offers grant and college credit opportunities for adult and teacher members.
- Provides aerospace support for educational conferences and workshops nationwide.

CADET PROGRAMS

- Attracts over 23,000 members ages 12-20 for participation in its cadet programs.
- Educates youth in four main program areas — leadership, aerospace, physical fitness, and character development.
- Enriches school curricula through after-school programs.
- Offers orientation flights in powered and glider aircraft, as well as flight training scholarships.
- Provides activities and competitions for cadets at the local, state, regional, and national levels.
- Makes opportunities for community involvement available through color guard/drill team and emergency service missions.
- Challenges youth to be ambassadors for a drug-free lifestyle.
- Exposes thousands of cadets to cyber defense careers through CyberPatriot, the Air Force Association's National Youth Cyber Security Competition.
- Provides about 10% of each of the U.S. Air Force Academy's classes.
- Cadets who have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award enlist in the Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard at a higher pay grade.
- Participates in the International Air Cadet Exchange program.
- Awards college scholarships in several disciplines.





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- + The Uniform
- + Aerospace Theme
- + Opportunity to Lead
- + Challenge
- + Fun

CORE VALUES

- + Integrity
- + Service
- + Excellence
- + Respect

PROGRAM ENVIRONMENT

- + Adult volunteers supervise & mentor cadets
- + 1,000 hometown squadrons
- + 2 hour weekly meeting
- + 1 "Saturday" event monthly
- + Annual, week-long, overnight encampment
- + No military commitment

CONTENT AREAS

LEADERSHIP skills for a diverse, democratic society

AEROSPACE career explorations

FITNESS and the lifelong habit of regular exercise

CHARACTER for making good choices

OUR CHALLENGES

#1 FACTOR FOR SUCCESS

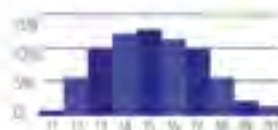
Strong adult leadership at the local level

#1 NEED FOR GROWTH

Financial support for disadvantaged youth

DEMOGRAPHICS

All across the United States



OUTCOMES

CADETS

- 97% "CAP has been a turning point in my life."
- 96% "I've started to think more about my future because of CAP"
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- 65% "I am interested in a STEM career."

PARENTS

- 95% "My cadet has become better at taking feedback."
- 92% "I've seen improvements in my cadet's overall attitude."
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