



BIOGRAPHY



CIVIL AIR PATROL
United States Air Force Auxiliary

Col John M Rhoades

Col John Rhoades serves as the commander of the Colorado Wing. He leads four groups, thirty-three squadrons and more than 2000 members in accomplishing CAP's missions of Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services.

Col Rhoades joined CAP in 1994 as a cadet in the Louisiana Wing. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Texas and was a charter member of the Nacogdoches Composite Squadron where he served as cadet commander and earned his Billy Mitchell Award. In 1996, he moved to Alabama and transferred to the Bessemer Composite Squadron earning his Eaker Award and serving as Squadron Cadet Commander, Chairman of the Alabama Wing Cadet Advisory Council and Cadet Commander of the 1997 AL/MS Wing Encampment. In addition, he participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program to Israel. As a Senior Member Col Rhoades has served in numerous staff positions at the squadron, group and wing level as well as Commander of the Bessemer Composite Squadron and Chief of Staff of the Alabama Wing. He holds master ratings in Stan/Eval, Cadet Programs and Personnel and a senior rating in the Command Specialty Track. Col Rhoades is a Command Pilot and also has been awarded the Senior Ground Team Badge and Emergency Medical Technician Badge.



Col Rhoades currently serves in the US Navy Reserves as an intelligence officer assigned to the NORTHCOM / NORAD Joint Intelligence Directorate. He is a qualified Information Warfare Officer and deployed abroad with Patrol Squadron 69 in support of operation Pacific Eagle. After completing his primary flight training as a CAP cadet, Col Rhoades is currently employed as a pilot / instructor on the Boeing 757/767 and holds Airline Transport Certificates issued by the FAA, the UK Civil Aviation Authority and the Japan Civil Aeronautics Bureau with CL-65, A320, B757 and B767 type ratings. He has over 12,000 hours of flight time including 2000 hours in command of B767 and more than 2000 hours in general aviation aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 2006 Bachelor's Degree, Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2011 Squadron Leadership School
- 2011 Corporate Learning Course
- 2012 FEMA Emergency Management Institute Professional Development Series
- 2012 Squadron Officer School
- 2014 Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course
- 2018 Air Command and Staff College

ASSIGNMENTS

1994-1998 Cadet, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama Wings
1998-2004 Stan/Eval Officer, Bessemer Composite Squadron (SER-AL-087)
2004-2009 Operations Officer, Knoxville Composite Squadron (SER-TN-008)
2009-2011 Bessemer Composite Squadron (SER-AL-087)
2011-2015 Commander, Bessemer Composite Squadron (SER-AL-087)
2015-2016 Chief of Staff, Alabama Wing (SER-AL-001)
2017-2018 Deputy Commander Group III, Colorado Wing (RMR-CO-165)
2018-2019 Commander, Colorado Military Academy Cadet Squadron (RMR-CO-805)
2019 Director of Personnel and Administration, Rocky Mountain Region (RMR-RMR-001)
2019-Present Commander, Colorado Wing (RMR-CO-001)

MAJOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Meritorious Service Award w/ Bronze Clasp
Commanders Commendation Award w/ Bronze Clasp
Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving w/ Silver Star
National Commander's Unit Citation
Gill Rob Wilson Award
Ira C Eaker Award
Command Service Ribbon
Red Service Ribbon w/ 20-Year Device
Find Ribbon
Disaster Relieve Ribbon w/ V
IACE Ribbon
Cadet Competition Ribbon
Cadet Advisory Council Ribbon w/ Silver Star
National Cadet Special Activity Ribbon
Encampment Ribbon w/ 2 Bronze Clasps

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	12 JUN 1997
Senior Flight Officer	16 JUN 1998
Captain	29 OCT 2004
Major	15 OCT 2011
Lieutenant Colonel	16 OCT 2015
Colonel	19 OCT 2019

(Current as of January 2020)