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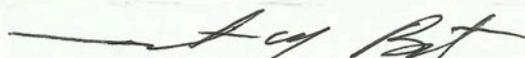
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# **NARRATIVE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Rocky Mountain Region completed its 60<sup>th</sup> year of service to the people of the United States of America. As the year ended command and decision rested with the Region's 22<sup>nd</sup> Commander, Colonel Robert M. Bost, CAP.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ORIGIN**

The Rocky Mountain Region was established and placed under the Command of Colonel Thomas E. Knight in May 1954.

## **REGION ORGANIZATION AND STATUS**

The Rocky Mountain Region is organized into a Region Headquarters which is located at 1867 Indian Hills Lane, Layton, Utah 84040. There are two Vice Commanders. The Region has five Wings that include Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and Idaho with their various Groups and Squadrons.

The Rocky Mountain Region completed the year 2014 with very much to be proud of concerning all aspects of operations. Examples of this were successful training exercises held in the various Wings which included SAREX's, Mountain Flying Clinics, Aerospace Education Symposiums, Wing Encampments, Check Pilot Courses, and Schools, Region Staff College, Aircrew Training and the individual Wing Conferences. All of these successful events conducted by the individual Wings proved the Rocky Mountain Region is steadily moving forward in its quest for total professionalism. The Region will continue to work towards being the number one Region in the nation.

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CHAPTER ONE



**ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN  
REGION  
2014**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
CIVIL AIR PATROL REGION 7



## **LIST OF WING SQUADRONS-2014**

### **COLORADO WING**

Air Academy Composite  
Arvada Cadet Squadron  
Banning Lewis Ranch Cadet Squadron  
Black Sheep Senior  
Boulder Composite  
Broomfield Composite  
Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron  
Dakota Ridge Composite  
Douglas Cadet  
Evergreen Composite  
Foothills Cadet  
Fremont Starfire Composite  
Greeley Composite  
Jefferson County Squadron  
Mile High Cadet  
Mustang Cadet  
North Valley Composite  
Parker Cadet  
Pikes Peak Senior  
Pueblo Eagles Composite  
Steamboat Springs Composite  
Thompson Valley Composite  
Valkryie Cadet  
Vance Brand Cadet  
Cortez Senior  
Heart of the Rockies Composite  
Mesa Verde Cadet  
Montrose Composite  
San Juan Composite  
Thunder Mountain Composite  
Adams County School Squadron

### **IDAHO WING**

Nampa Composite Squadron  
Boise Composite Squadron  
Mountain Home Cadet Flight  
Twin Falls Composite Squadron  
Eagle Rock Composite Squadron  
Pocatello Composite Squadron  
Joe Engle Composite Squadron  
Madison Cadet Squadron

### **MONTANA WING**

Beartooth Composite Squadron  
Malstrom AFB Composite  
Missoula Composite Squadron  
Butte Composite Squadron  
Big Sky Composite Squadron  
Flathead Composite Squadron  
Lewis & Clark Composite

### **UTAH WING**

Blackhawk Cadet Squadron  
Cache Valley Squadron  
Castle Valley Composite  
Cedar Mustangs Cadet Squadron  
Phantom Cadet Squadron  
Phoenix Cadet Squadron  
St. George Composite Squadron  
Thunderbird Composite  
Weber Minuteman Composite

# **LIST OF WING SQUADRONS 2014**

## **WYOMING WING**

492<sup>nd</sup> EMS Composite Squadron

Captain Michael S. Walker Memorial Composite Squadron

Cheyenne Composite Squadron

Powder River Composite Squadron

Laramie Composite Squadron

Yellowstone Regional Composite Squadron

Cloud Peak Composite Squadron

Teton Senior Squadron

Sublette County Flight

## Rocky Mountain Region Commanders

Col Thomas E. Knight - Jul 1951 to Sep 1954

Col Charles Boettcher II - Sep 1954 to 2 Mar 1958

Col Ernest E. Allaby - 2 Mar 1958 to 15 Jul 1960

Col Robert M. Jackson - 15 Jul 1960 to 1 Sep 1961

Col Charles F. Howard - 1 Sep 1961 to 16 Oct 1962

Col Harlon W. Bement - 16 Oct 1962 to 14 Nov 1963

Col John T. Vance - 14 Nov 1963 to 7 Jan 1966

Col Donald E. Hale - 7 Jan 1966 to 16 Jul 1970

Col Richard D. Law - 16 Jul 1970 to 13 Apr 1972

Col Frank L. Swaim - 13 Apr 1972 to 4 Nov 1974

Col Clarence M. Fountain - 4 Nov 1974 to 10 Jul 1976

Col Larry D. Miller - 10 Jul 1976 to 4 Aug 1984

Col Virginia E. Smith - 4 Aug 1984 to 18 Nov 1993

Col James C. Bobick - 18 Nov 1993 to 17 Aug 1994

Col Robert W. Kirkwood - 17 Aug 1994 to 17 Feb 1996

Col Gary H. Tobey - 17 Feb 1996 to 27 Feb 2000

Col David L. Floyd - 27 Feb 2000 to 22 Sep 2001

Col Lynda C. Robinson - 22 Sep 2001 to 8 Oct 2005

Col Russell E. Chazell – 8 Oct 2005 to 28 Sept 2008

Col Phillip J. Biersdorfer (Interim) -- 28 Sept 2008 to 6 Nov 2008

Col Donald G. Cortum-- 6 Nov 2008 to 2 Nov 2012

Col Robert M. Bost – 2 Nov 2012 to Present



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## **NATIONAL WINTER WASHINGTON D.C. BOARD**

COWG Vice Commander, Lt Col Dave Novotny took this photo of Rocky Mountain Region Commander, Col Bob Bost's team during a break at the Winter 2014 Commanders Council in Washington, D.C.

(L-R ) Col Ken Johnston, Commander Wyoming Wing; Col Jon Niedfeldt, Commander Utah Wing; Col Bob Bost, Commander Rocky Mountain Region; Col Tom Ketel, Vice Commander Rocky Mountain Region standing in for Montana Wing Commander; Lt Col David "Ollie" Oliver, Commander Rocky Mountain Liason Region, Col Mike Vorachek, Commander Idaho Wing; and Col Earl Sherwin, Commander Colorado Wing.



## ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS AT UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

RMR Cadets were introduced to the Engineering Design Process. They participated in two competitive engineering design challenges. They experienced virtual reality and ended the day by viewing Saturn through a 16 inch reflector. Engineering Senior Staff, Capt Tim Cole, Lt Col Ray Atanacio, Capt Mary Cast and Lt Col Kaye Ebelt — at [University of Wyoming](http://University of Wyoming).



CHAPTER TWO



**COLORADO  
WING  
2014**

## Colorado Wing Commanders

Maj W. W. Agnew - 1 Dec 1941 to 8 Apr 1942  
Maj H. H. Andregg - 8 Apr 1942 to 13 Jul 1942  
Maj J. D. Spencer - 13 Jul 1942 to 7 Aug 1942  
Lt Col Harold R. Smethills - 7 Aug 1942 to 22 Aug 1945  
Lt Col John A. Smethills - 22 Aug 1945 to 18 Sep 1947  
Col Harold R. Smethills - 18 Sep 1947 to 26 Jul 1949  
Col Charles Boettcher II - 13 Sep 1949 to 18 Oct 1954  
Col Donald C. Carney - 18 Oct 1954 to 23 Oct 1956  
Col Benjamin S. Jordan - 23 Oct 1956 to 30 Sep 1957  
Lt Col Edgar C. Armes (Interim) - 30 Sep 1957 to 15 Oct 1957  
Lt Col Lloyd R. Hashman (Interim) - 15 Oct 1957 to 27 Nov 1957  
Col Robert M. Jackson - 27 Nov 1957 to 11 Mar 1958  
Col Charles F. Howard - 11 Mar 1958 to 6 Feb 1961  
Col Richard D. Law - 6 Feb 1961 to 27 Sep 1961  
Col Eugene B. Adams - 27 Sep 1961 to 8 Mar 1963  
Col Murray C. McComas - 8 Mar 1963 to 1 Jul 1963  
Col Arthur F. Putz - 1 Jul 1963 to 18 Dec 1968  
Col Frank L. Swaim - 15 Jan 1969 to 11 Nov 1970  
Col Clarence M. Fountain - 11 Nov 1970 to 1 Jul 1972  
Col Wayne E. Russert - 1 Jul 1972 to 2 Oct 1973  
Col Thomas G. Patton - 2 Oct 1973 to 31 Aug 1976  
Col Roger E. MacDonald - 1 Sep 1976 to 1 Oct 1980  
Col Henry A. Elgin, Jr - 1 Oct 1980 to 25 Sep 1982  
Col Harry E. Kouts - 25 Sep 1982 to 1 Feb 1987  
Col Roger E MacDonald - 1 Feb 1987 to 1 Dec 1989  
Col James C. Bobick - 1 Dec 1989 to 1 Dec 1992  
Col Gary H. Tobey - 1 Dec 1992 to 17 Feb 1996  
Col William F. Hines - 17 Feb 1996 to 27 Feb 2000  
Col John R. Buschmann - 27 Feb 2000 to 12 Aug 2003  
Col Andrew J. Alexa (Interim) - 12 Aug 2003 to 4 Apr 2004

Col Donald G. Cortum - 4 Apr 2004 to Nov 2007

Col Edward Phelka - Nov 2007 to Mar 2011

Col Earl B. Sherwin - Mar 2011 to 10 May 2014

Col David R. Novotny (Interim)--10 May 2014 to 11 Aug. 2014

Col. William E. Aceves—11 Aug. 2014 to Present

# AWARDS PRESENTED AT 2014 COLORADO WING CONFERENCE 10MAY14

Congratulations to the recipients of the following awards that were presented at the 2014 Colorado Wing Conference:

Cadet of the Year C/2nd Lt Kooper Hackmann  
Cadet Officer of the Year C/1st Lt Nicholas Timpe  
Cadet NCO of the Year C/CMSgt Cody Hedrick  
Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year C/1stLt Carlin Idle  
Aerospace Education Senior of the Year Capt William Blatchley  
Communicator of the Year Maj Gary Oplinger  
Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year-Maj Donald Bolles  
Wing PAO of the Year Lt Col Michael Daniels  
Squadron PAO of the Year 2nd Lt Lyn Parker  
Chaplain of the Year Maj Alan Garner  
Senior Member of the Year Lt Col John Butler (postumosly)William Hines Aircrew Member of the Year 1Lt Randy Settergren  
James G. Alsum Wing Counter Drug Member of the Year  
Lt Col James Jenkins

Rocky Mountain Region AFA Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year C/1st Lt Carlin B. Idle  
Rocky Mountain Region Legislative Officer of the Year  
Col Gary H. Tobey  
Rocky Mountain Region PAO of the Year  
Lt Col Michael C. Daniels  
Rocky Mountain Region Squadron Chaplain of the Year  
Maj Alan K. Garner

Exceptional Service Award Maj Morris "Mo" Hall  
Exceptional Service Award Maj Gail E Jergensen

Meritorious Service Award Maj Karen Dale  
Meritorious Service Award Maj Gail Jergensen  
Meritorious Service Award Maj Thomas N. Scheffel  
Meritorious Service Award Maj William J O'Connor

Region Commanders Commendation  
Chap (Lt Col) Jeffrey Williams

Commanders Commendation 1Lt Keith Watson  
Commanders Commendation Capt Jon Bucher  
Commanders Commendation Capt Michael Schulte  
Commanders Commendation Lt Col Tom Eggers

# Colorado Wing-Civil Air Patrol

## Search & Find

20 June 2014

COWG:

As per the announcement sent out by the Mission Incident Commander, Maj Bill O'Connor, we recently participated in an AFRCC mission with the Utah Wing in a search for a missing aircraft. One of our western slope mission pilots, Maj Ed Behen, who was involved in the search was interviewed by KREX TV CBS 5 Grand Junction and the link is below to the story that aired by photojournalist Travis Khachatoorian. Here is what Maj O'Connor shared with the Wing:

The COWG was alerted at 2200 hours on Wed for a mission in support of UTWG. A Cessna 172 departed DRO (Durango) for BMC (Brigham Airport in Utah) and was reported missing. Group 2 was alerted and was prepared to fly an electronic search Wednesday night. We did not launch as the State of Utah division of aeronautics had multiple helos in the search area with limited comm capability with CAP so the risk profile was too high to launch CAP aircraft.

A crew from Grand Junction and one from Montrose were given grid assignments on Thursday morning. Both crews were supported by a high bird crew out of Cortez. The search area was defined by radar forensics as the La Sal mountain area that straddles CO and UT.

The missing aircraft was located at the top of a pass, just about where the last radar hit was received, on the Utah side of the pass. A UTWG crew spotted the target and directed a helo to the site. The pilot, and only occupant, did not survive.

Thanks to all the COWG personnel who responded and to Maj Ed Behen who ran the mission as AOBD based in Grand Junction.

Maj Bill O'Connor  
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# Colorado Wing/Pagosa Springs Search

## Missing Plane Found

20 November 2014

A plane out of New Mexico that was reported missing earlier this week was found shortly after noon on Wednesday.

The plane was found at 12:37 p.m. in southern Archuleta County, north of the Colorado-New Mexico state line, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez reported Wednesday afternoon.

Both occupants known to be in the plane were found deceased, Valdez said.

According to Valdez, the Air Force contacted the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management at 7:23 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, reporting that a small, private plane may be missing.

The last locational ping from the aircraft was located in Archuleta County, Valdez said.

The New Mexico State Police also received a report of the incident Monday night, according to a press release.

According to that press release, the NMSP Albuquerque District received a call from the Albuquerque Police Department regarding locating a missing airplane occupied by two people.

Those people, according to the NMSP, were Howard Guthrie, 55, and Melissa Watson, 42, both of Albuquerque. Both were deemed missing after Watson failed to show up for work.

The press release indicates that the pair left the Moriarty, N.M., airport in a Mooney M20C, with tail number N6466U, last weekend en route to Pagosa Springs. Further information indicated the plane was turned around due to inclement weather and was not able to land in Pagosa.

Archuleta County search personnel formed three ground teams to begin searching a portion of Archuleta County around 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, and three aircraft and one military helicopter were involved in the search, Valdez reported.

On the New Mexico side, the NMSP aircraft (ABLE06) worked to triangulate the most "logical" avenues of travel.

A Tuesday morning update by the ACSO stated that a U.S. Air Force C-130 flew the area with FLIR (forward looking infrared) Monday night, but was "unsuccessful in locating any evidence of the missing aircraft."

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue met Wednesday morning with members from La Plata County and Mineral County search and rescue teams, Southern Ute rangers, and roughly 10 ground teams were deployed to the area in question to continue searching for any physical evidence that would confirm a downed aircraft.

Valdez said Wednesday's search took place east of the area searched Tuesday and, at 12:37 p.m., the plane was found by ground crews.

After it was found, crews confirmed that the tail number matched that of the missing aircraft.

Also assisting USJSAR and the ACSO in this mission were the Civil Air Patrol, New Mexico Search and Rescue, AMOC (Air Marine Operations Center) and AFRCC (Air Force Rescue Coordination Center).

"I was extremely impressed with everybody that was willing to take their time to put into this," Valdez said, noting that some search and rescue volunteers took vacation from their jobs in order to help on the search.

Too, Valdez said he considers USJSAR to be "one of the best in the state," adding that he knew the team would find the plane, even if it were a needle in a haystack.

"We couldn't have done it without them," he said.

The crash remains under investigation.

## **COLORADO WING OUTSTANDING SQUADRONS**

Congratulations to the following COWG units for having earned the Quality Cadet Unit Award for **2014:**

CO-030 Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron  
CO-031 Foothills Cadet Squadron  
CO-072 Boulder Composite Squadron  
CO-099 Broomfield Composite Squadron  
CO-148 Mustang Cadet Squadron  
CO-157 Douglas Cadet Squadron  
CO-159 Air Academy Cadet Squadron  
CO-183 Valkyrie Cadet Squadron  
CO-186 Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron  
CO-189 Mesa Verde Cadet Squadron  
CO-803 Adams County Cadet Squadron

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W.E. ACEVES II, Col, CAP  
Commander, COWG

# COLORADO WING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL WORLD WAR TWO MEMBERS

Paul Gilmore, Wayne Field, James Cooksey, and the late John Butler.



## **New Colorado Wing Commander Colonel William Aceves**

Although he officially took command of the Colorado Wing on Monday, 11AUG14, Col Bill Aceves participated in a Colorado Wing Change of Command Ceremony at the 2014 CAP National Conference in Las Vegas on 15AUG14 with Rocky Mountain Region Commander, Col Robert Bost, RMR Chief of Staff, Col Stan Skrabut and former COWG Interim Commander, Lt Col Dave Novotny, as other Rocky Mountain Region Wing Commanders and RMR staff looked on. Congratulations to our new Colorado Wing Commander, Col Bill Aceves!

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CHAPTER THREE



# IDAHO WING

# 2014

## Idaho Wing Commanders

Maj A. A. Bennett - 1 Dec to 1941 to 29 Apr 1943  
Col Leverett Davis - 29 Apr 1943 to 17 Jan 1949  
Col Wilson Kellogg - 17 Jan 1949 to 16 Jan 1952  
Lt Col Reed W. Rawson (Interim) - 16 Jan 1952 to 5 Nov 1953  
Col Clifford L. Suhm - 5 Nov 1953 to 26 Oct 1954  
Col Paris T. Martin - 26 Oct 1954 to 23 Nov 1955  
Col Wilson Kellogg - 23 Nov 1955 to 5 Jun 1958  
Col John Farrar - 5 Jun 1958 to 23 Jan 1961  
Col Dwight L. Shaw - 23 Jan 1961 to 18 Oct 1966  
Lt Col George P. A. Forschler - 18 Oct 1966 to 13 Sep 1970  
Lt Col George W. Falkner - 13 Sep 1970 to 17 Feb 1974  
Col Mary C. Harris - 17 Feb 1974 to 10 Jul 1976  
Col Arthur D. Zierold - 10 Jul 1976 to 1 Jan 1978  
Col Keith L. Lysinger - 1 Jan 1978 to 31 May 1984  
Col Craig L. Mickelson - 31 May 1984 to 1 Jul 1987  
Col Paul G. Dougherty - 1 Jul 1987 to 1 Mar 1989  
Col Calvin G. H. Russell - 1 Mar 1989 to 1 Oct 1990  
Col Glen R. Peterson - 1 Oct 1990 to 30 Sep 1992  
Col James V. Haldy - 30 Sep 1992 to 30 Sep 1995  
Col Milton W. Nodacker - 30 Sep 1995 to 26 Apr 1997  
Col David L. Floyd - 26 Apr 1997 to 25 Sep 1999  
Col Kenneth P. Salzman - 25 Sep 1999 to 29 Sep 2001  
Col M. Lynn Ahrens (Interim) - 29 Sep 2001 to 5 Dec 2001  
Col Bobby A. Picker - 5 Dec 2001 to 15 Jan 2005  
Col James E. Fletcher - 15 Jan 2005 to 2009  
Col David A. Guzman - 2009 to 2 Aug 2011  
Col Frederick Thompson - 2 Aug 2011 to Oct 2012  
Col Mike Vorachek - Oct 2012 to 13 Sept 2014  
LtCol George Breshears - 13 Sept 2014-Present

# Two men killed in plane crash near Yellow Pine

10 August 2014

IDAHO COUNTY -- Two Salt Lake City men were killed when a small plane crashed in the Idaho wilderness near Yellow Pine Tuesday evening.

The Idaho County Sheriff's Office has identified the crash victims as 57-year-old David Ray Fitzgerald and 61-year-old Randy Scott Butters.

At 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, the sheriff's office was notified of possible plane crash between Warren and Mackey Bar.

The Idaho Bureau of Aeronautics, with assistance of the Civil Air Patrol and Idaho National Guard, launched a search on Wednesday and located the crash site near Yellow Pine.

Idaho County Undersheriff Jim Gorges and Corporal Brian Hewson were flown into the site where the bodies of the victims were recovered and taken to Blackmere's Funeral Home in Grangeville.

Investigators say Fitzgerald was the pilot of the two-seat, single-engine, experimental high-wing airplane. The men frequently went on sightseeing trips together and were traveling from Sulpher Creek Ranch near Cascade to Dixie on this leg of their tour of backcountry airstrips.

Families of the victims have been notified.

The NTSB is investigating the cause of the crash.

## **IDAHO WING GETS NEW CESSNA 206**

The turbo charged Cessna model 206 is currently based in Idaho Falls with the Eagle Rock Squadron.

Jim Haldy has been a pilot with the Civil Air Patrol since 1988 and says this new 700 thousand dollar aircraft was paid for by the United States Air Force.

"They have a plan to renew our fleet on a continuing basis to provide us with good equipment," says Jim Haldy, mission pilot in Eagle Rock Squadron.

This aircraft is the most advanced in Idaho Civil Air Patrol, with state of the art electronics and six passenger seat with a turbo charged engine.

"The instrument panel on this airplane is every bit of capable as most airliners and military jets today," adds Haldy.

Haldy says there is a significant difference in the newer aircraft from the older planes in the fleet. The older planes have a 1980's vintage GPS display, as opposed to the dual computer like screen display with maps of the area they are flying over in the new Cessna 206.

"It allows us to respond in more adverse weather conditions, because a lot of times we can fly over the weather to get to where we need to go, where we might have been grounded before," says Haldy.

Incident Commander Mike Vorachek says the new Cessna is a quantum leap in both capability and the electronics. It has a built in oxygen system and can operate at higher altitude than the smaller planes currently used, giving it improved performance over Idaho's mountains.

"I'm very excited. It's the first new airplane we have gotten in Idaho in over seven years and technologically and capability wise, it's just far better than anything we have ever had," says Mike Vorachek, Incident Commander.

The Idaho Civil Air Patrol operates out of nine different locations with seven of the smaller Cessna 182 Aircraft.

Last year members flew more than 850 hours, 363 of those in direct support of search and rescue missions or other state and local government missions.

## **Idaho Wing Historian**

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### **Purpose of the CAP Historical Program**

The purpose of the CAP Historical Program is to systematically collect historical data and prepare accurate and useful accounts of the organization, development, administration, operations, and other features of the Civil Air Patrol and its antecedents. The program's principal objectives are to provide historical data for CAP planning, operational and educational purposes; to preserve and disseminate the history of Civil Air Patrol; and to prepare and publish scholarly books and studies that keep the public informed about Civil Air Patrol and its cadet program, aerospace education, and emergency services missions. The CAP Historical Program is designed to:

- Prepare annual national, region, and wing histories and encourage their preparation at the group and squadron level.
- Assemble and maintain copies of CAP historical documentation.
- Prepare historical material for orientation purposes and building esprit de corps.
- Assist and advise military personnel and qualified civilians concerning research; preparing lectures, papers, and staff studies; and other activities that require historical knowledge or the use of historical materials.
- Arouse and develop increased interest in and an improved understanding of military history among CAP personnel, historians, and students.
- Develop an Oral History Program as an adjunct to the traditional written one.

The historian, to be effective, must be familiar with CAPR 210-1, CAPP 223, CAPM 20-1, current policies and activities of his/her unit.

### **Duties of the Wing Historian**

At each region and wing, the historical program is conducted under the guidance of the region/wing historian. This special staff officer shall utilize whatever resources are available in order to:

- Supervise all historical activities and monitor the histories and studies prepared by lower echelons.
- Prepare wing histories on a calendar year basis. Send to the current National Historian's home address (C1) the original narrative plus a copy with two complete sets of supporting documents no later than 30 June. Also send two copies of a detailed letter of transmittal (inventor) that lists all materials by name and shows the number of copies of each item. One copy of the wing narrative plus the supporting documents will be provided to the region. Histories are sent through command channels.
- Prepare monographs and special studies as directed, NHC must coordinate on schedules and review the final product before publication.
- Prescribe procedures for obtaining significant historical data from units under its control.
- Perform special research as required by the commander and other CAP elements, other military agencies, and non-military agencies and individuals.
- Conduct oral history interviews in coordination with NHC.
- Collect and preserve copies of documentation of historical significance.
- Coordinate on recruiting and selecting qualified historians within the command to make sure they meet the CAP Historical Program requirements.
- Encourage the preparation of periodic histories at the group and squadron level.

CHAPTER FOUR



**MONTANA**  
**WING**  
**2014**

## • MONTANA WING COMMANDERS

- LtCol Herman H. Henrickson Dec 1941 - Aug 1945
  - Col Roy W. Milligan Aug 1945 - Sep 1947
  - Col Richard A. Kullberg Sep 1947 - Sep 1950
  - LtCol Joseph I. Chitwood Sep 1950 - Jan 1951 (Interim)
  - Col Wesley H. Barnes Jan 1951 - Sep 1952
  - Col William A. Carson Sep 1952 - May 1954
  - Col William P Murich May 1954 - Jun 1957
  - Col Clarence R. Antony Jun 1957 - Mar 1958 (Interim)
  - Maj David E. Coy Mar 1958 - Jan 1959 (Interim)
  - Col John T. Vance Jan 1959 - Nov 1963
  - Col Joseph B. Reber Nov 1963 - Jan 1966
  - Col Jack R. Harper Jan 1966 - Feb 1968
  - Col Charles R. Adams Feb 1968 - Jul 1968
  - Col Richard T. King Jul 1968 - Jul 1969
  - Col Charles E. Halleman Jul 1969 - Feb 1971
  - Col Lawrence F. Wilkinson Feb 1971 - Sep 1972
  - Col George W. Bonnes Sep 1972 - Aug 1973
  - Col O. Pete Morrow Aug 1973 - Mar 1974
  - LtCol David D. Smith Mar 1974 - May 1974
  - Col Celecia A. Patterson May 1974 - Jul 1976
  - Col Robert E. Fears Jul 1976 - Aug 1978
  - Col Russel L. Sartain Aug 1978 - Jul 1982
  - Col William W. Hewitt Jul 1982 - Feb 1986
  - Col Lance J. Edwards Feb 1986 - Aug 1989
  - Col Ruth J. Edwards Aug 1989 - Aug 1990
  - Col Glyndon V. Scott Aug 1990 - Sep 1991
  - Col Robert P. Meadors Sep 1991 - May 1995
  - Col Charles R. Hunt May 1995 - May 1996
  - Col Carl M. Koeber May 1996 - May 1998
  - Col Jerry W. Hover May 1998 - Dec 2000
  - Col Martin D. Bourque Dec 2000 - Oct 2002
  - Col Jan E. Van Hoven Oct 2002 - Apr 2006
  - Col Robert M. Hoffman May 2006 - Oct 2007
  - Col Paul A. Tweden Oct 2007 - Sep 2008
  - Col Robert M. Hoffman Sep 2008 - Feb 2009
  - Col Herbert C. Cahalen Feb 2009 - Oct 2012
  - Col Bob L. Radcliffe Oct 2012 - Oct 2013
  - Col Nolan S. Teel Oct 2013 - Present

# **Confirmed plane crash west of Lolo Pass, location still unknown**

29 July 2014

MISSOULA - Authorities are confirming a small plane has crashed in the rugged mountains west of Lolo Pass. But the exact location of the crash and condition of any people on board is still unknown.

The first indications the plane was in trouble were radioed into Helena Regional Airport around mid-morning. Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Leo Dutton tells MTN the pilot reported he was having mechanical problems, with oil on his windshield and might not make his planned landing in Helena.

The initial focus of emergency crews was the area south of Helena, but that shifted westward to the mountainous area along the Bitterroot Divide, where the pilot gave his last radio transmission.

The Missoula County Sheriff's Office now reports agencies have confirmed the plane went down in the area, but the plane's specific location isn't known, nor is the information on the pilot.

Detective Lieutenant Scott Newell says search and rescue teams have been dispatched to the general area.

The Montana Civil Air Patrol has also confirmed it's dispatching aircraft to help search for the downed plane. Idaho authorities haven't released information yet on their role in the response to the crash.

This will be the second time this summer a plane has crashed in the Bitterroot Mountains. A vintage float plane crashed and burned at Lost Trail Pass back in June, killing the pilot.

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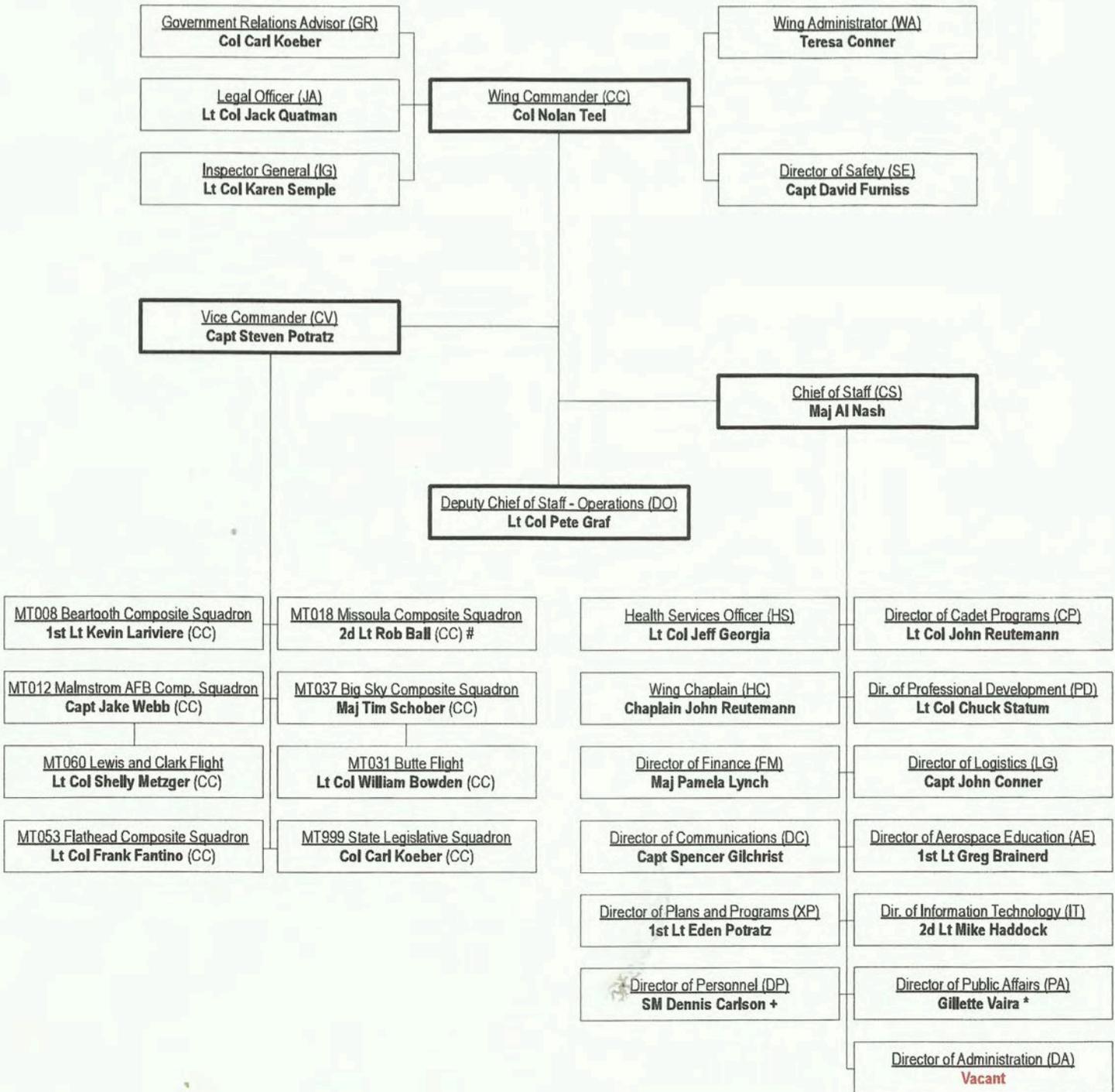
LOLO PASS - Authorities have been checking out reports of a possible plane crash in the rugged Bitterroot Mountains several miles west of Lolo Pass.

Search and rescue crews out of Missoula are headed to Idaho at this point, and authorities say that while nothing is confirmed at this point, a "may day" report had the plane last located over Idaho, west of the Montana border.

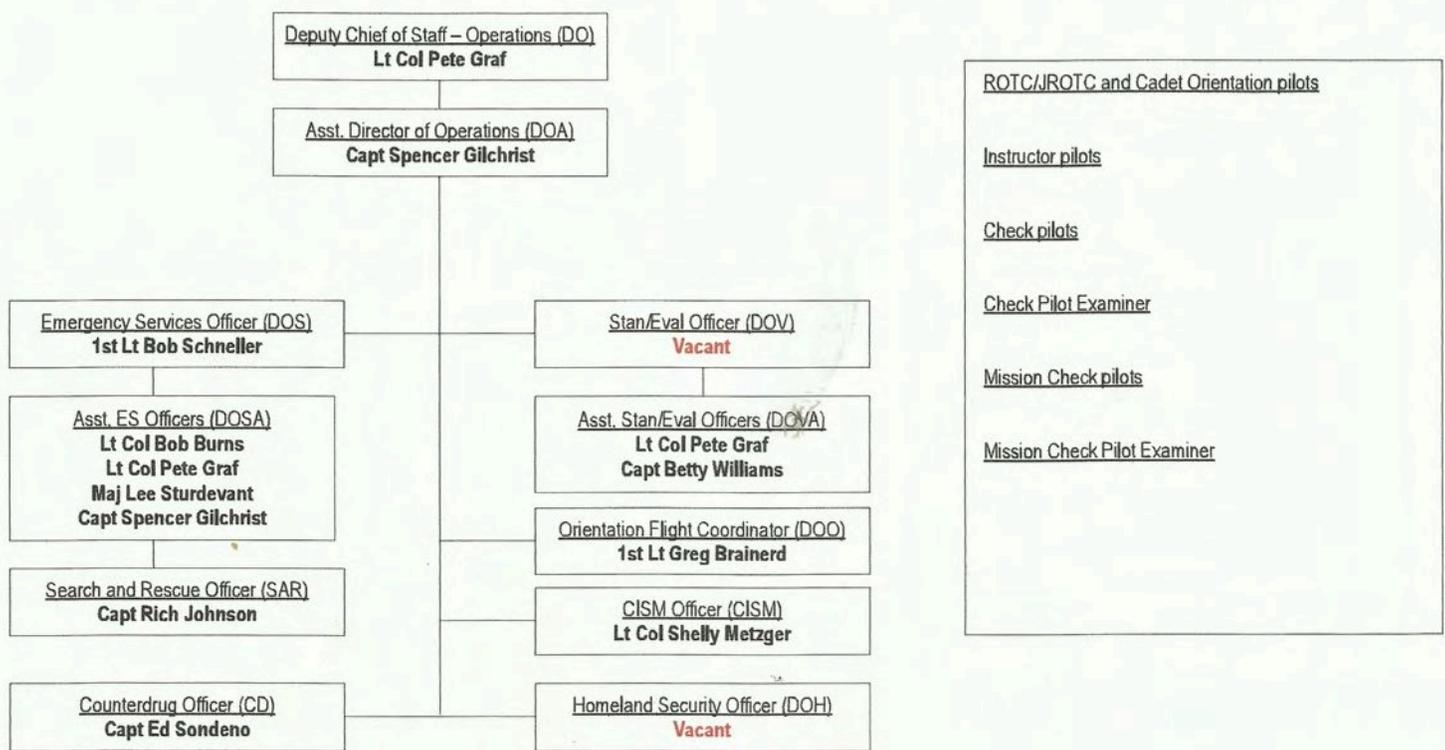
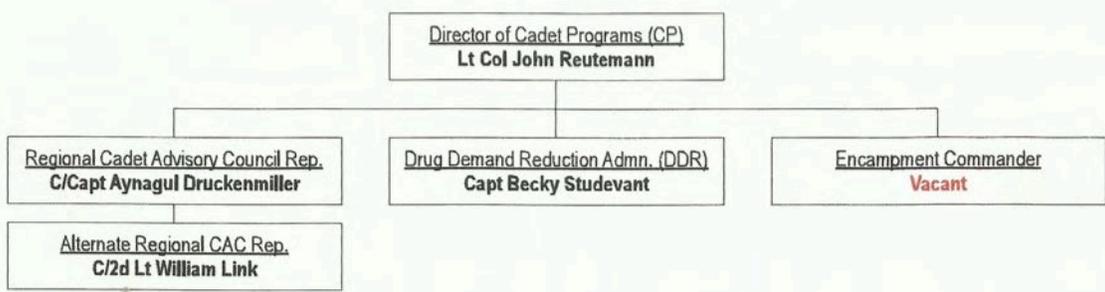
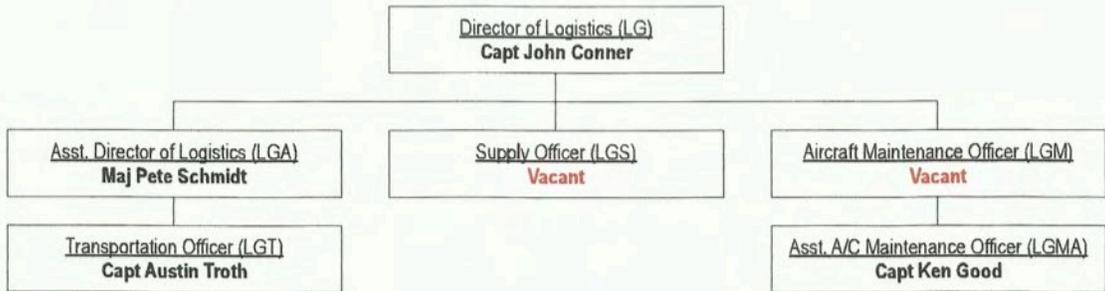
Details are still very preliminary at this point, but there have been indications within the past hour of a plane that initially called into Helena, reporting he was having problems and might not be able to reach Helena Regional Airport.

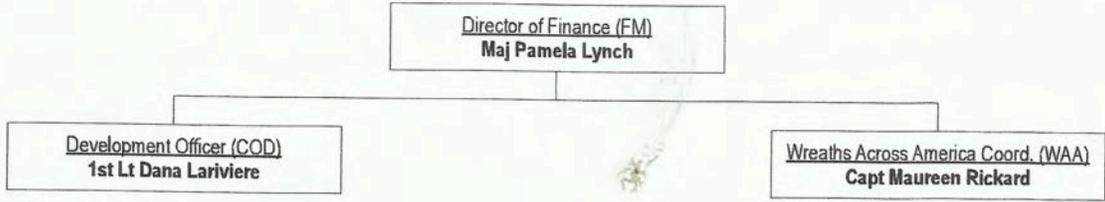
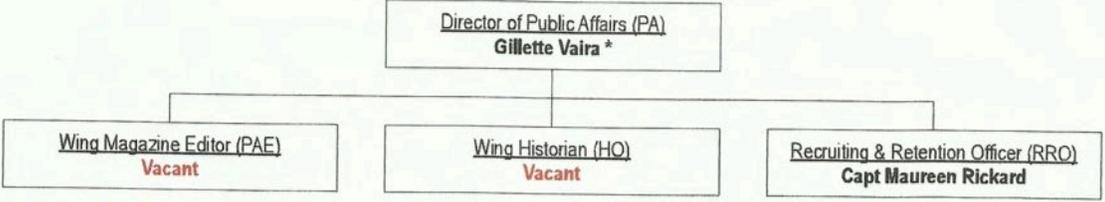
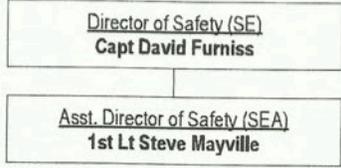
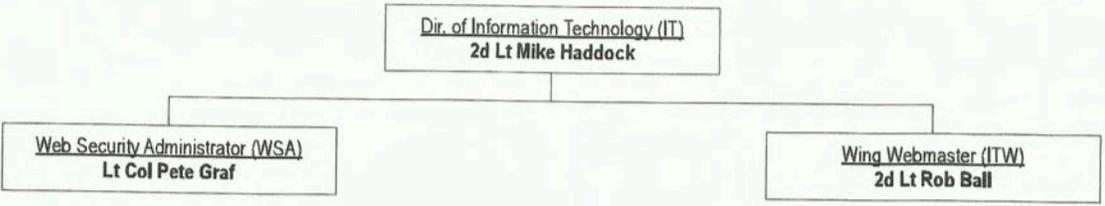
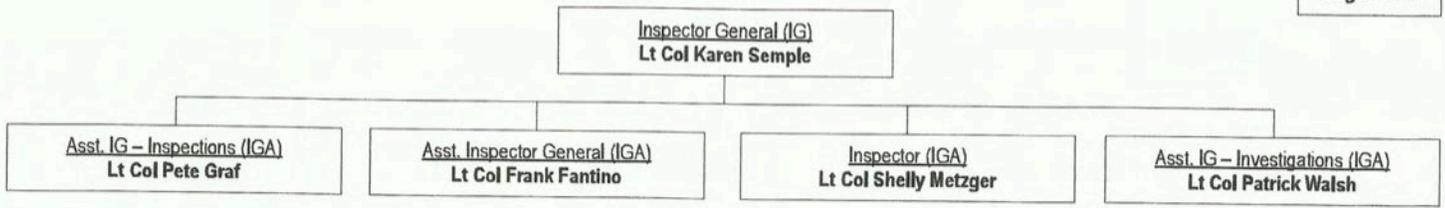
Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Leo Dutton tells MTN the pilot indicated there was oil on his windshield. Initially it was thought the plane was somewhere south of Helena. But now efforts are focusing on the remote mountains west of Lolo Pass in Idaho.

Although Idaho Civil Air Patrol told MTN they had not been placed on alert as yet, Montana Civil Air Patrol is working to get planes in the air to begin checking along the flight path. Idaho authorities had "no comment at this time" on whether a search is being launched for the plane.



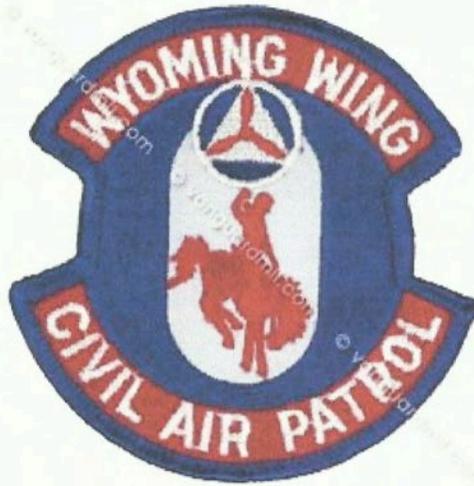
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 + Staff appointment pending completion of Level 1  
 # Effective 01 Feb 14. taking over for current MT018/CC 1st Lt Thor Burbach





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CHAPTER FIVE



**WYOMING  
WING  
2014**

## Wyoming Wing Commanders

Maj W. Dillard Walker - 1 Dec 1941 to 31 Aug 1943  
Maj Robert S. King, Jr - 31 Aug 1943 to 14 Mar 1944  
Lt Col Albert W. Dickinson, Jr - 28 Dec 1944 to 20 May 1946  
Maj William V. Brinegar - 20 May 1946 to 14 May 1947  
Col Allen H. Chaffee - 14 May 1947 to 29 May 1948  
Col Thomas E. Knight - 14 Dec 1948 to 9 Jun 1950  
Col Edward T. Mileski - 9 Jun 1950 to 17 Oct 1952  
Col M. Glenn Capps - 17 Oct 1952 to 23 Sep 1953  
Col Alton B. Nuss - 23 Sep 1953 to 20 Oct 1954  
Col Lial D. Branson - 20 Oct 1954 to 21 Dec 1955  
Col Robert W. Morrison - 21 Dec 1955 to 2 Nov 1959  
Lt Col Daniel C. Leach, Jr - 2 Nov 1959 to 21 Nov 1960  
Col Robert N. Maupin - 21 Nov 1960 to 22 Mar 1963  
Col Norbert G. Catellier - 22 Mar 1963 to 27 Jan 1964  
Col Eugene L. Isaacs - 27 Jan 1964 to 20 Sep 1965  
Col Robert E. Foster - 1 Oct 1965 to 1 Jul 1967  
Col John H. Johnson - 1 Jul 1967 to 1 Aug 1970  
Col Ronald R. Kelso - 1 Aug 1970 to 19 Jan 1974  
Col Albert D. Lamb - 19 Jan 1974 to 16 Aug 1976  
Col Leah L. Sampson - 16 Aug 1976 to 1 Aug 1980  
Col Jack Prince - 1 Aug 1980 to 4 Aug 1981  
Col Albert D. Lamb - 4 Aug 1981 to 18 Dec 1981  
Col Willis L. Larson - 18 Dec 1981 to 18 Jun 1982  
Col Leah L. Sampson - 18 Jun 1982 to 12 May 1984  
Col Jose A. Vialpando, Jr - 12 May 1984 to 21 Mar 1985  
Col Jack Prince - 21 March 1985 to 3 May 1986  
Col Gregory F. Bell - 3 May 1986 to 1 Jul 1987  
Col Darlene G. Gilmore - 1 Jul 1987 to 24 Aug 1991  
Col David T. Lang - 24 Aug 1991 to 21 Feb 1993  
Col Jack Prince - 21 Feb 1993 to 3 Nov 1993  
Col Robert W. Kirkwood - 3 Nov 1993 to 17 Aug 1994  
Col Ronald R. Kelso - 17 Aug 1994 to 1 Jul 1995

Col Betty L. Cash - 1 Jul 1995 to 1 Jul 1999  
Col John M. Scorsine - 1 Jul 1999 to 14 Sep 2002  
Col William R. Morton, Jr - 14 Sep 2002 to 15 Sep 2005  
Col Robert Cook - 15 Sep 2005 to Mar 2007  
Col Stanley A. Skrabut - Mar 2007 to 1 Dec 2010  
Col John E. Mitchell - 1 Dec 2010 to 1 Feb 2013  
Col Harold K. Johnston - 1 Feb to Present

## WYOMING WING AND CANADA

### Canada

Honoring Allies and Remembering Together (HART) ceremony in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Posted: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1:30 pm

By JEANETTE JOHNSON

Membership in the Civil Air Patrol is an important part of life for 1st Lt. Jerry Cowles, 66, of Cody. He and a group of area CAP members recently took it a step further by crossing the Canadian border.

Honoring Allies and Remembering Together (HART) brought America and Canada CAP members together in Lethbridge Alberta. It was the first time the groups gathered together. Joining pageantry and fun resulted in officers on both sides forming relationships. Youth in the CAP have already made plans to continue meeting on a yearly basis to cement new friendships.

Demonstration drills showed how they're done in both countries. The ceremony included a solemn detail, carrying three wreaths in unison. The silence was palatable and completed by the Act of Commitment, Cowles said. They exchanged wreaths with the Silver Cross Moms (who lost military sons) and RMR Lt. Col. Antancio.

The Act of Remembrance, performed by a Canadian Cadet, was followed by Last Post with bagpipe and Taps with trumpet.

The ceremony culminated with Canada's national anthem, God Save the Queen.

The nine-hour trip was made possible using a Civil Air Patrol van to transport the Wyoming and Montana members. Making the trip were Lt. Col. Mike Carlson of Burlington, TSgt. Meznarich of Cody and Cut Bank, Mont., and Capt. Linda Dandy from Powell.

“It was a spectacular, rewarding trip,” Carlson said. From his point of view, it was a uniting of the two countries. “It was rewarding to see the representatives from the two countries coming together,” he said. “The music that went with the ceremony brought tears to our eyes.”

He’s already planning to attend next year’s ceremony in Toronto. Not knowing what to expect this year, next year’s trip will be “more finessed,” he said. “I’ll drive the 526 miles,” the 63-year-old said with a laugh. Dandy, 66, was ebullient about the trip, seeing it as a great opportunity for the cadets and adult members to meet people on the other side of the border.

The highlight was forming friendships with two honorees for the HART ceremony who lost sons in Afghanistan. “We had a heart-to-heart. Losing a child is not the same as losing a husband,” the widow said. “We had a bonding time.” The trip also was good for the youth to see what’s possible in life, she said. The experience solidified her belief: “If you go after something, you can attain a level of excellence.”

All attendees toughened up and used accommodations at the Lethbridge Armory, eating meals and sleeping in the complex.

The culmination was a feast of 60 pizzas, celebrating with games and camaraderie.

“We let our hair down,” Cowles said.

Drill teams from each side performed for a friendly competition, something Cowles enjoyed.

“It was beautiful and the pageantry was great,” he said. “The cadets became ambassadors.”

Games included obstacle courses and flight simulators. There was a presentation of the U.S. CAP membership requirements. Canada followed up with an air-sea-army cadets presentation.

About 100 members from both countries met this year.

“We were all great ambassadors, spreading a common heritage,” Cowles said.

The CAP group is the largest of the eight regions in the U.S. It includes Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado and Idaho.

Cowles was especially happy his daughters Samantha, 15, and Rebekah Pelfrey, 12, were able to participate.

Samantha is a Sr. Master Sergeant and Rebekah is an Airman First Class in the CAP.

At first glance, Samantha noticed similarities as well as differences in the way the two countries are structured.

“They march really weird,” she said.

Rebekah was impressed how the Canadians use French to give orders.

# CAP Gillette Search and Rescue Exercise

*by Lt. Col. Al Nash, Wyoming CAP*

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - A long and at times grueling weekend ended in success for Civil Air Patrol volunteers who gathered in Gillette last weekend, Sept. 6-7, to participate in a major search and rescue exercise.

CAP is the official Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and through them receives funding and equipment for training and operations.

Every other year each state organization, known as a wing, conducts a large search and rescue exercise which is directed and reviewed by a team of Air Force evaluators, as a way to ensure the value of this investment.

The CAP volunteers are provided an ongoing series of scenario inputs designed to test the Wing's ability to gather together the right people, aircraft and equipment and then make decisions to successfully complete the missions.

This weekend, CAP was tasked with a series of challenging missions, including aerial photo reconnaissance, a mission using the Wing's forward looking infrared capability, conducting a simulated search for an aircraft with an elderly student pilot missing on a flight from Dubois to Gillette, and another simulated search for two Florida residents missing in Keyhole State Park.

"Missing hikers - especially in the woods - are probably the most challenging" noted Lt. Col. John Burkett, who served as the incident commander for the exercise, "because you're dealing with a life and death situation there."

CAP volunteer professionals train on a regular basis in order to be ready to respond when called to serve their local community, their state, and their nation.

By late Saturday afternoon, CAP volunteers were well on their way to completing all the many and often conflicting tasks presented by the evaluators. Col. Ken Johnston, the commander of the Wyoming Wing, was confident of a successful outcome. "It will be due to all the folks that have come here to participate in this evaluated exercise" said Johnston. "And it's been great - we've got folks from Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Utah helping us."

A brief after-action review was held at the conclusion of the exercise Saturday evening, with the Air Force evaluators singling out several areas where CAP volunteers excelled, and giving the Wyoming Wing an overall grade of "successful".

## **WYWG Advanced' S&R available in Park County**

**RAYMOND HILLEGAS**

With the use of a joystick and iPad, 1st Lt. Richard Denison of Wyoming's Civil Air Patrol demonstrates the operation of a Forward Looking Infrared Imaging Systems (FLIR) camera mounted on the belly of a CAP aircraft used in search and rescue operations Monday at Choice Aviation. The camera detects thermal radiation and will be used to locate people missing in the dark in the mountains and wilderness.

**By CHRIS FROST**

Park County Search and Rescue (S&R) efforts have taken a dramatic step forward.

Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) capabilities have been added to Civil Air Patrol (CAP) aircraft based in Casper and Jackson and is available for statewide missions.

The Park County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, Wyoming Military Department and the CAP to make the advanced technology available in Park County.

FLIR cameras use imaging technology that sense infrared radiation, typically emitted from a heat source, to create a "picture" assembled for video output.

The equipment operator uses a joystick-like device to control the camera under the plane, with the image projected onto a tablet computer.

Civil Air Patrol pilot Lt. Richard Denison calls FLIR a "terrific tool.

"S&R will get the coordinates of the aircraft during a rescue," he said. "We give a ballpark offset and fly right over the site."

FLIR capabilities will reduce search time.

"This is especially true in difficult places," S&R Coordinator Martin Knapp said. "Around here, you can pass within 20 feet of someone and not see them."

Numerous search and rescue operations occur each year and the technology will assist in some of those efforts.

"If someone is hurt and cannot call out, FLIR operations will find the person," Knapp said.

Tourists traveling through Park County during the summer accentuate that need.

"Last summer, a couple of people from the East Coast took off on a hike and got lost for three days," he said. "No one knew they were missing."

The FLIR team is usually assigned a rescue grid when called into service.

"We will fly in a pattern to cover every inch of that area," Denison adds. "As we narrow the search through FLIR or electronic beacon, we have radios that can put us in touch with most state agencies and other resources."

If a rescue has a potential fatality, the temperature signal of the victim will vary, depending on the weather.

"A body will cool off faster in cold, rainy weather and stay warm longer in the summer," Knapp said.

A vehicle at the scene can also give a heat signal.

"We can pick up reflected or radiated heat," Denison says. Given the right circumstances, the technology can see people and objects in great detail.

"We have controls that can change the game by adjusting the contrast or focus," he said.

Education for the equipment is extensive. Denison had factory training and flew eight missions.

"That's about 10 hours in the air," he added. "Proficiency takes constant training."

The county had to meet certain criteria to get the service, Knapp said, and it's costly.

"A rescue can cost up to \$5,000 per hour, depending on the situation," he said.

Homeland Security and the military will absorb the expense in Park County.

Sheriff Scott Steward says FLIR could mean the difference between life and death.

"This equipment provides unprecedented support for ground search teams," he said. "We're excited to partner with the Wyoming CAP in these efforts."

CHAPTER SIX



# UTAH WING

# 2014

## Utah Wing Commanders

Col. Joseph S. Bergin 1 Dec 41 to 20 Dec 49  
Lt. Col. Ralph Winn 20 Dec 49 to 20 Oct 50  
Col. Roy C. Metcalf 20 Oct 50 to 23 Jul 51  
Col. Theodore J. Enos 23 Jul 51 to 22 Jul 52  
Lt. Col. Angus V. McKay ( Act.) 22 Jul 52 to 30 Oct 52  
Col. Ralph B. Ottenheimer 30 Oct 52 to 14 Sep 57  
Col. Joseph S. Bergin 23 Sep 57 to 30 Jun 69  
Lt. Col. Bobby V. Walker 1 Jul 69 to 18 Nov 69  
Col. Thomas C. Jackson 18 Nov 69 to 1 Jul 72  
Col. Larry D. Miller 1 Jul 72 to 1 May 76  
Col. Harold M. Hilburn 1 May 76 to 1 Jul 78  
Col. Roy A. Hopkinson 1 Jul 78 to 28 May 79  
Col. Virginia E. Smith 28 May 79 to 13 Sep 81  
Col. Ralph F. Findlay 13 Sep 81 to 25 Oct 83  
Col. John W. Barainca 25 Oct 83 to 24 Feb 87  
Col. E. Woodrow Walton 24 Feb 87 to 21 Nov 89  
Col. Alan C. Rehkemper 21 Nov 89 to 1 Oct 90  
Col. Craig L. Thomas 1 Oct 90 to 7 Jan 92  
Col. Gerald M. Maass 7 Jan 92 to 3 Nov 93  
Col. John D. Newman 3 Nov 93 to 14 Oct 95  
Col. John J. O'Donnell, Jr. 14 Oct 95 to 8 Apr 97  
Col. Terry H. Robinson 8 Apr 97 to 22 Jul 2000  
Col. David L. Hankwitz 22 Jul 2000 to 20 Jan 2001  
Col. Lynda C. Robinson 20 Jan 2001 to 22 Sep 2001  
Maj. Russell E. Chazell 22 Sep 2001 to 1 Dec 2001  
Col. Jack D. Butterfield 1 Dec 2001 to 16 Apr 2005  
Col. Russell E. Chazell 16 Oct 2005 to 20 Oct 2009  
Col. Jerry Wellman 20 Oct 2009 to 15 Mar 2013  
Col. Jon Niedfeldt 15 Mar 2013 to Present

## UTAH WING FLIES TEACHERS IN TOP FLIGHT PROGRAM



Spenser Heaps

Kimberly Crowther, left, a 4th-grade teacher at Bonneville Elementary in Orem, gets acquainted with the plane she's about to fly in with pilot Kent Wright during the Civil Air Patrol's TOP Flight program at the Provo Airport on Saturday, March 29, 2014. SPENSER HEAPS/Daily Herald

# Aircraft missing in San Juan County, Utah

19 June 2014

**SAN JUAN COUNTY** – A Cessna aircraft departing from Colorado and headed for Idaho went missing Wednesday. The search is being conducted in La Sal National Forest by Utah Civil Air Patrol, Utah Highway Patrol and San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

The aircraft departed from Durango, Colorado, at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday

The aircraft departed from Durango, Colorado, at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. The missing pilot linked up with a friend who departed from New Mexico. Both pilots were headed for Johnson Creek, Idaho.

The friend noticed that the missing pilot was no longer answering his radio, Lt. Col. Matt Johnson, Civil Air Patrol incident commander, said. The friend proceeded to try and get a visual contact but was unsuccessful. The friend did arrive safely in Idaho.

The last contact from the missing male pilot was received at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday. The pilot filed no flight plans.

Utah Civil Air Patrol was alerted Wednesday, at approximately 8:30 p.m., that the aircraft was missing and the family has been informed.

We believe at this point it's just the pilot

"We believe at this point it's just the pilot," Johnson said, "we have not heard of any passengers."

Four aircraft from Utah and three aircraft from Colorado are currently helping with the search, Johnson said. Ground search is being conducted by the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

"We are particularly interested in sightings and times and directions," Johnson said, "that kind of thing."

# **CRASHED PLANE FOUND NEAR COLORADO-UTAH BORDER**

20 June 2014

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.** - Search efforts for a missing aircraft have concluded, after officials confirmed they've found the wreckage from a plane lost over the Colorado-Utah border to the west of Montrose.

The last radar hit from a Cessna 172 aircraft came while flying over the La Sal Mountains early Wednesday morning. The plane was flying from Durango to Brigham, Utah.

The Civil Air Patrol from both Utah and Colorado lead the search, and planes from Cortez, Montrose, and Grand Junction were flown into action.

The pilot of the wrecked plane was the only person reported to be on board and is confirmed to have died in the crash.

Efforts have turned into a recovery mission and will be completed by the Utah division of the Civil Air Patrol.

## **NEW UTWG DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

March 23, 2014

Greetings CAP members in Utah.

Although every position in CAP is important and necessary, some are focused in the position of helping others gain knowledge, succeed, and progress in the CAP program.

One such position is the Director of Professional Development at the Wing and PD at every Unit in our Wing.

Lt. Col. "Pops" Stewart has performed these duties since last May, and has successfully met the training needs of our members around the Wing. Pops recently informed the Wing that he is going to need to step down from the position in order to better focus on his local squadron and some new, additional personal callings that he has accepted.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Maj. Inken Christensen has accepted the Wing Director of Professional Development position. We look forward to a smooth transition between Lt. Col. Stewart and Maj. Christensen.

Please join with me in congratulating Lt. Col. Stewart on a job well done, and welcoming and supporting Maj. Christensen in this vital position.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN NIEDFELDT, Colonel, CAP  
Wing Commander  
Utah Wing Civil Air Patrol

# UTWG STATIC DISPLAY AT HILL AFB OPEN HOUSE

July 2, 2014



Hill AFB, UT

Popular attraction! And why not! This aircraft received plenty of attention at the Hill AFB Open House. Civil Air Patrol has been and still is the U.S. Air Force's best kept secret. Displays such as this get the word out to many who in some cases never heard of the C.A.P.

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Colorado Wing, Facebook.com

Wyoming Wing, Facebook.com

Utah Wing, Facebook.com

Wyoming Wing, Facebook.com

Coloradowingcap.org

Idahowingcap.com

Mtwg.cap.gov

Wywing.cap.com

Cap.utah.gov

### **REGION WEBSITE**

Rmrcapnews.org

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AE	Aerospace Education
AEMS	Aerospace Education Members
AEO	Aerospace Education Officer
AEX	Aerospace Excellence Program
AFNORTH	Air Forces Northern
AFRB	Air Force Reserve Base
AFRCC	United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
AFB	Air Force Base
ANGB	Air National Guard Base
ARS	Air Reserve Station
CAA	Civil Aeronautics Administration
CAP	Civil Air Patrol
CAR	Civilian Air Reserve
CDEX	Counterdrug Exercise
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPTP	Civilian Pilot Training Program
CY	Calendar Year
DDR	Drug Demand Reduction
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOD	Department of Defense
DREX	Disaster Relief Exercise
ES	Emergency Services
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FM	Frequency Modulation
FY	Fiscal Year
GTE	Guided Training Exercise
HF	High Frequency
IACE	International Air Cadet Exchange

ICS	Incident Command System
IG	Inspector General
NAA	National Aeronautics Association
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NCOLA	Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Academy
NESA	National Emergency Services Academy
NHQ	National Headquarters
NMUSAF	National Museum of the United States Air Force
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command
OCD	Office of Civilian Defense, 1941 – 1945
O-rides	Orientation Rides
PDO	Professional Development (also Professional Development Officer)
RMR	Rocky Mountain Region
SAR/DR	Search and Rescue / Disaster Relief
SAREX	Search and Rescue Exercise
STS	Space Transportation System
SWAT	Special Weapons and Tactics
TAC	Tactical Officer
TLC	Training Leaders of Cadets
TREX	Training Exercise
USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USAF	United States Air Force
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
VHF	Very High Frequency