



COLORADO WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

HISTORY 2015

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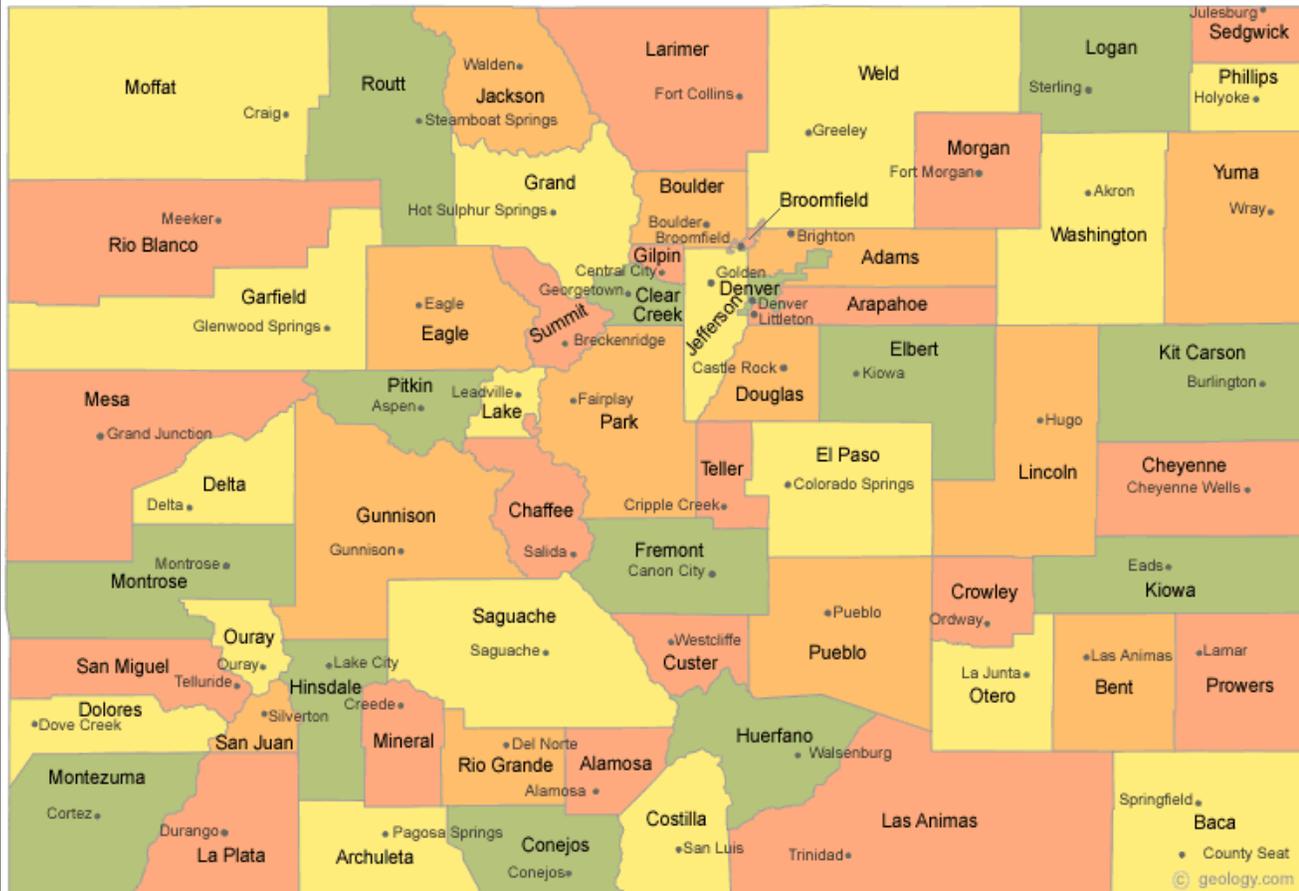
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COLORADO WING DEMOGRAPHICS:

Colorado Wing operates in an area that covers 103,641.89 square miles (285,675.68 hectares). Terrain in Colorado ranges from dry plains to mountaintops changing in elevation from 3,315 ft (1010.4 meters) to 14,433 ft (4399.1 meters), with 52 mountains over 14,000 feet. Colorado has 64 counties, ranging in size from 33.57 sq mi. (87 km²) to 4,772.67 sq mi. (12,361.17km²).

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The population of Colorado is approximately 5,268,367 as of the 2013 census.

COLORADO WING

Colorado wing consists of 35 squadrons as of 1 January 2015.

As of 01 Jan 2015 the total membership of the wing was 1719 members.

The membership consists of 898 Seniors, and 821 cadets.

As of 31 Dec 2015 the wing had total membership was 1617.

The membership consists of 864 Seniors, and 753 cadets.

Colorado Wing started the year under the command of Col William Aceves, who stepped down 16 Sep 2015 due to medical reasons, and was succeeded by Interim Commander Lt Col Celeste Gamache, who was appointed Wing Commander and promoted to Colonel on 18 December 2015.

COLORADO WING EVENTS:

CAP National:

“Civil Air Patrol honored some of its top performers today at the 2015 National Conference in Orlando, Florida.”

Cadet of the Year recognition went to Cadet Col. Benjamin C. Jakeman, former cadet commander of

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the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron, now a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Class of 2019. Jakeman received CAP's top cadet honor, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, in 2013 and visited Singapore as an International Air Cadet Exchange participant the same year. Along with filling command positions at Kansas, Colorado, California and Wyoming encampments, he earned his Private Pilot-Glider certificate in 2014.

Other awards:

Col. Robert V. "Bud" Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year:

Maj. Robert O. Wray, Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron public affairs officer

Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award, Senior Member Category:

Maj. William M. Blatchley, Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron aerospace education officer,
Colorado Wing

Senior Chaplain of the Year:

Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Johnson, 66, Wyoming Wing chaplain

#CAPNC15 From the CAP Volunteer Magazine

CAP Rocky Mountain Region:

Congrats go out to the GY-15 Quality Cadet Unit Award Winners!

CO-030 Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdn

CO-099 Broomfield Composite Sqdn

CAP Colorado Wing:

Once again Colorado Wing achieved 100% membership in their Congressional Squadron for 2015.

On 1-3 May the 2015 Colorado Wing Conference was held at the Keystone Resort at Keystone, Colorado with 41 plus information and training sessions.

Members of the Colorado Wing as well as attendees and speakers from other CAP wings, FEMA, FAA, DMVA, Colorado Homeland Security and Emergency Management, American Red Cross and the U.S. Air Force converged at high altitude for the annual Colorado Wing Conference that was held at the Keystone Resort Conference Center on May 1st-3rd. The conference was well organized thanks to the efforts of Project Officer, Lt. Col. Andy Rajca and his team who ensured sessions were offered on a multitude of topics and programs.

The keynote speaker at the awards banquet was Lt. Col. Mark Keener, Commander of the Rocky Mountain Liaison Region, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force. In addition to the Colorado Wing and Rocky Mountain Region "Of the Year" awards and Quality Cadet Unit Awards, many other awards were presented to members as well as a Fifty Year Service Award to COWG Inspector General, Lt. Col. Harvey Siegal. Colorado Wing & Rocky Mountain Region "Of the Year" Awards were presented at the Wing Conference Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, May 2nd. Congratulations to the following COWG members who were selected for a Colorado Wing "Of the Year" Award:

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Lt Col William Waite - Incident Staff Member of the Year
Lt Col Jeffrey Williams - Chaplain of the Year
Maj William Blatchley - Brewer Category II (CAP Senior Member)
Maj Karen Dale - Staff Member of the Year
Maj Stefanie Hudgins - Safety Officer of the Year
Maj Gene Munson - Senior Member of the Year
Maj Robert Wray - Public Affairs Officer of the Year
Maj Nathan Van Dam - Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year
Capt David Ayers - William F. Hines Air Crew Award
Capt Eva Hailbronner - Property Manager of the Year
Capt David Pershing - Aerospace Education Officer of the Year
Capt Judy Pershing - Professional Development Officer of the Year
Capt Robert Yusko - James G. Alsum Counter Drug Officer of the Year
1st Lt Alfred Anderson - Character Development Instructor of the Year
1st Lt Martin Anderson - Communicator of the Year
C/Col Benjamin Jakeman - Cadet of the Year
C/Col Stephanie Moffitt - Cadet Officer of the Year
C/Lt Col Charles Blome - Brewer category I (CAP Cadet)
C/2d Lt Bailey DeBerry - Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year
C/CMSgt Kashawan Crump - Cadet Recruiter of the Year
C/SMSgt Camille Leonard - Cadet NCO of the Year

A number of Colorado Wing "Of the Year" award winners were also selected for a Rocky Mountain Region "Of the Year" Award. Congratulations to:

Lt Col Jeffrey Williams - Squadron Chaplain of the Year
Maj William Blatchley - Brewer Category II (Senior Member)
Maj Robert Wray - Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year
Maj Nathan Van Dam - Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year
Capt Eva Hailbronner - Property Manager of the Year
Capt Judy Pershing - Professional Development Officer of the Year
1st Lt Alred Anderson - Character Development Instructor of the Year
C/Col Benjamin Jakeman - Cadet of the Year
C/Lt Col Charles Blome - Brewer Category I (CAP Cadet)

The following Colorado Wing cadet squadrons were presented with Quality Cadet Unit Awards:

Adams County Cadet Squadron
Air Academy Cadet Squadron
Boulder Composite Squadron
Broomfield Composite Squadron
Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron
Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron
Douglas Cadet Squadron
Foothills Cadet Squadron
Mesa Verde Cadet Squadron
Mustang Cadet Squadron
Valkyrie Cadet Squadron

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Wing Commander, Col. William Aceves, announced that next year's Wing conference will be held in Grand Junction on the western slope. In addition, as this issue of Peaks and Planes was heading to press we learned that several COWG "Of the Year" award winners were selected for their respective category's National "Of the Year" award. Year after year, the Colorado Wing continues to be one of the Civil Air Patrol's shining stars!

By Lt. Col. Mike Daniels, CAP COWG Director of Public Affairs

FY16 COWG PAO Academy

Lt Col Mike Daniels worked with CAP national headquarters to coordinate, support and help teach a highly successful national public affairs officer academy November 21st in Denver.



“The
FY16
COWG
PAO
Academ
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held last
Saturday
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at the
South
Metro
Fire
Rescue
HQ
Bldg

and 35 senior member and cadet attendees representing 20 COWG units and one UTWG Squadron received training on all critical aspects of Civil Air Patrol Public Affairs and more. Poor weather the evening before the Academy precluded a number of those registered from attending and as a result a decision was made to offer the training via conference call and on-line. In addition, thanks to C/2ndLt Noah Parker of the Vance Brand Cadet Squadron, a video of the sessions was filmed and when edited will be placed on the COWG YouTube site. Former KMGH News 7 TV Reporter Ronda Scholting who is now the PIO for the West Metro Fire Rescue was the featured speaker on working with the media. *From the COWG PAO Website.*

COWG Honors Maj Gen John L France

Colorado Wing participated as an “escort platoon,” along with the Army and Air National Guard, in the full military honors funeral for retired Maj. Gen. John L. France, the longest-serving adjutant general

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of Colorado, at Fort Logan National Cemetery. The funeral included an Arlington National Cemetery type walking procession, 13 cannon salute and F-16 flyover in addition to a firing party and Taps. The order of march for the procession was led by The Adjutant General, Governor and Colorado National Guard (CONG) chaplain, followed by former adjutants general, CONG command staff, including the Colorado CAP Wing Commander Lt. Col Gamache, distinguished visitors and guests, CONG band, CONG color guard, CO Army NG platoon, CO Air NG platoon, COWG CAP platoon, CONG honor guard with the horse drawn caisson bearing Maj Gen Frances' casket, family, friends and public. Posted on: Monday, November 23, 2015 COWG PAO Website.**OPERATIONAL EVENTS:**

During Calender Year 2015, Colorado Wing had 56 missions with 2434.1 flying hours, resulting in 9 finds and 3 save.

The wing also flew 663 Orientation Rides for 491.6 flying hours, and no Counter Drug missions.

Make 'Em Ready to Fly the Hot-Seat *How Airborne Photographers are Forged*

By Maj. Ed O'Brien, CAP

The Hot-seat on many CAP mission is the Airborne Photographers (AP). In the backseat on the left side – behind the pilot – at the photo window – that doesn't sound so tough, right... well, an AP lets out a breath and steadies the camera to the eye. No matter the turbulence. No matter the heat. No matter the noise from the open cockpit window...breathe, relax, relax, calm now. Announce quickly yet gently over the headsets; "Target insight, photographer ready, camera ready, begin the run - flash, flash, flash, flash, flash. Photo run complete – shots good" – yes, that's a HOTSEAT! All an AP has to do is repeat the sequence above over and over for up to 4 hours. Then when all the pictures are taken half of their task is complete. Processing and downloading to the customer may take another 3 to 4 hours.

Like everything we do in ES extensive training is the trick. After all for photo missions the AP is the tip of the spear that reaches out of the aircraft and right down to the target. The mission rides on the shoulders, that holds the brain, that works the problems - that is the Airborne Photographers job.

Airborne Photographers hold the unique view, handle the instrument, manipulate the tool, keep the perspective, and provide services that CAP offers and customers need. There may be a support and command team of dozens... waiting. There may be customers by the hundreds... wanting. But the photos taken from that backseat just behind the pilot – those photos are the product. APs are the mission critical asset. That is what makes the seat behind the pilot the hot-seat.

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Twenty-four hours of classroom training done in 3 eight-hour sessions over the past month is what Trainees have struggled through. Group One held a 2-day basic AP class on February 15/16 followed by a 1-day advanced class in March. The basic class was headed by instructor Lt. Katie Mikevich with assistance from Paul Carter and Ed O'Brien. For the Advanced class Maj. O'Brien was Project Officer and Rob Pehkonen and Bob Olsen assisted.

In the basic class training to the Airborne Photographer's Task Guide was the focus. Basic camera work, introductory principles, mission planning, tools, download procedures, customer service, the SQTR, and a few trade secrets were discussed too. In the middle students ran through a Coke Can Shoot.

Why take pictures from a slow moving car of a coke can? The explanation is simple. All other photography lessons and equipment are built to take a picture of something moving from a stationary point. In other words the photographer is motionless almost always. However, in airborne photo WE are moving – at 100 miles per hour – in a bumpy aircraft - and the target is stationary. That means our training – must be unique and precise. We are doing what has never been designed to be done. And we are doing it routinely. Our Nikons aren't built to do this work automatically. APs have to account for that and learn workarounds.

As instructors we had to figure out much of this from scratch. So, we did!

One month after the basic class came the AP Advanced Class. The March 15 Advanced Photo Class covered lessons learned, more camera training, a deluge of flood stories, an avalanche of wildfire tales, and very importantly, how to set up and run an AP Download office. The AP Office is the hottest of hot-seats. That is where the photos from the sorties are downloaded, cropped, processed, and sent to the customers. The AP Office is the portal to the customer's hands, eyes, and websites. This is where the mission gets good and bad grades. This is where the-buck-stops-here police hold court. During the Floods these offices ran 18 to 20 hours a day. The Photo Download Office is almost unique to the Colorado Wing, and the protocols we've developed are being distributed throughout CAP.

Finally, during the advance class - we talk through teaching, training, and signing-off other APs. All rated APs are expected to be instructors too. Normally it takes about a year to make a good AP. It takes about another year to make them fully confident and competent. Then it takes another year as an instructor to make an AP who can run an image office. Three years of work, dedication, and commitment. Customers count on CAP's photos. Airborne Photography isn't for everyone. After-all, HOT-SEATS never are.

CADET ACTIVITIES:

The Blackbird Encampment - Colorado Wing Encampment 2015

By Cadet Lt. Col. Meghan Parsons, CAP PAO OIC

Photos by Blackbird PAO Team

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Colorado Springs, CO - The Colorado Wing 2015 Summer Encampment was said by many to be one of the best and the most professional Colorado Wing Encampments to date. The cadet staff was commended for their professionalism and servant leadership. The students should also be recognized for their teamwork and dedication to excellence. With the SR-71 Blackbird chosen as the Encampment mascot, the cadet students, staff and senior members lived up to the SR-71's reputation of performing under pressure and only getting better as speeds increased.

Before students even arrived, over forty experienced cadets and over two dozen senior members spent four days preparing for student arrival. Finalizing training schedules, practicing formations and getting training on the standards they and their students would be held to for the week long encampment. Work behind the scenes within the Force Support Squadron insured essentials like paper towels and bedding would be available for each participant upon arrival, and that the activities planned would meet training standards and prove to be

exciting challenges for the students.

Student arrival began just after breakfast on 13 June. Over 140 students were checked into the encampment, dropped off their luggage, were inspected for uniform and grooming standards, met with their Training Officers and medical staff and said goodbye to their families in a record setting 87 minutes. The previous record of 90 minutes from the 2014 Encampment was broken, setting the bar high for next year's encampment.

After a brief welcome presentation by Lt. Col. Buddy McCormick, Encampment Commander and Cadet Maj. Nicholas Essek, Encampment Cadet Commander, the cadets began their training. Intensity throughout the first day signaled that they would have to work together to achieve the high standards set before them. Within the first few hours, cadets were already working with their roommates to help get their barrack set up to standards, with some flights already using each member's skills to get the work finished quickly and efficiently.

Beginning with mastering self-discipline through strict barracks standards, the cadets quickly learned how to be good team players. Bonding within the flights skyrocketed through drill training and morning PT. No longer was each cadet an individual. Now they were each an essential component of the larger team. Without any single member they could not complete Encampment. They became more than a team. Many flights became families.

One of the highlights of the cadet program is Character Development. Cadets learn how to deal with several moral or character issues that they might encounter within the cadet program or their lives. This year's character development topic covered the importance of communication. Chaplain Jeff Williams, the head chaplain for Encampment and the Golf Flight Training Officer, developed a class around the Star Trek episode Darmok, where the characters are faced with a communication barrier and must solve it in order to bring peace to the federation. The cadets were briefed on the issues of communication and that common ground is essential for everyone to understand the

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message. The episode both created a fun time for the cadets and also was a practical demonstration on the importance of communication.

The Colorado Wing Encampment is held on the Air Force Academy property with cadets lodging in the Prep School Barracks. This unique venue grants cadets some very exciting touring opportunities, including day trips to Fort Carson to participate in simulated Emergency Services training, using the rifle simulator range, visiting the Air Force Academy Ropes Course, and of course, getting a taste of daily life for students at the Air Force Academy.

At Fort Carson, cadets were given the unique opportunity to play a computer game simulation designed to simulate a ground team search. The computer game system is the same one used by the Army to help train soldiers on search and rescue and battle techniques. The simulation helped to teach teamwork and introduce cadets to ground team concepts such as line searches and attention to detail. Another activity at Fort Carson was the rifle simulator range. Cadets were able to use non-firing weapons equipped with laser sights to practice shooting techniques such as lying prone or kneeling. The cadets shot small rifles and some got the opportunity to use light machine guns.

The day at the Air Force Academy started with a tour of the library and a peek at the hundreds of antiques and pieces of history on display. From there, cadets were given the opportunity to visit the laser labs and learn more about laser technology. Cadets also toured the Air Force Academy Chapels and visited the Aerospace Labs with a visit to the massive wind tunnels used to test aircraft designs. Cadets toured the terrazzo learning more about the aircraft displayed and were given the opportunity to 'run the strips', a tradition of new students of the Air Force Academy. The cadets all stormed the hill together in Air Force Academy Tradition. The day ended with a visit to the Air Force Academy Memorial and watching the retrieval of the colors.

Encampment isn't just fun and games. The cadets learned life skills that will carry them through their entire lives. Knowing how to care for their uniforms and managing their personal time is essential at Encampment and will help them as they continue through life. Prior to encampment many cadets had no idea how to do laundry or clean bathrooms. Encampment is an experience unlike any other. For many cadets it may be their first time away from home, or their first CAP activity. Encampment is designed to lay a foundation upon which cadets can build the rest of their cadet careers. While each student enters as an individual, each leaves with a better understanding of how they can fit into a larger team. This knowledge translates to their home units preparing them to take on greater responsibilities and to step up to greater challenges as they serve their community, state and nation.

CADET AWARDS:

Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award



Douglas Cadet Earns Spaatz Award

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Cadet Colonel Stephanie Moffitt was officially presented with the General Carl A. Spaatz Award at the Douglas Cadet Squadron June 1st, 2015. Award #1985 was presented by Major General H. Michael Edwards, the Adjutant General of Colorado. Squadron Commander, Capt. John Motley said that this is the first Spaatz award in the history of the Douglas Composite as well as the Douglas Cadet squadron.

Former Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Erin Ashby reported that there have been less than 1000 Spaatz achievements since she earned hers 21 years ago. Current statistics indicate that only two out of 1000 cadets have achieved the Spaatz Award in the Civil Air Patrol.

Captain Motley said that Cadet Col. Moffitt has been an excellent leader to their squadron. Cadet Moffitt explains. "I feel this is a great squadron because we love to promote our cadets and help them to meet their goals. I like how everyone in our squadron serves each other and helps cadets get as far as possible in CAP. At this squadron we know how to balance fun and work. We like to reach out to other squadrons and build relationships. For example, we recently held a mini-cadet competition and had a special event with a neighboring squadron." Cadet Col. Moffitt is very grateful to her family for their support and encouragement since she started in CAP in 2010. She says, "Family is the most important part of any cadet's life. Whether it is your squadron family or your nuclear family. This is because their commitment to help you to meet your goals is as important as your own motivation to reach them. My family has given me emotional support through the hard times such as when I failed my Mitchell exam. They helped me to try again and instilled the confidence I needed to pass the next time."

Cadet Col. Moffitt has been awarded 2015 Cadet Officer of Year for the Colorado Wing, and has been selected to command the Kansas Wing Encampment in December of 2015. She would like to see many cadets achieve the Spaatz. She explains her success, "I believe you will succeed in Civil Air Patrol if you are willing to put your squadron first and everything else will fall into place. If you help others, you will succeed as well."

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By Maj. Teri Spray, CAP Douglas Cadet Squadron, PAO

Gen Ira Eaker Award



C/Lt Col Michael Cecil – Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdrn
C/Lt Col Anna Gilmer – Broomfield Cadet Sqdrn
C/Lt Col Stephanie Moffitt – Douglas County Cadet Sqdrn

Amelia Earhart Award



C/Capt Austin Hazelhurst – Douglas Cadet Sqdrn

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C/Capt Matthew LaJoy – Montrose Composite Sqdrn
C/Capt Chad Lewis – Mustang Cadet Sqdrn
C/Capt Jacob Olsen - Dakota Ridge Composite Sqdrn
C/Capt Victoria Schmidt – Mustang Cadet Sqdrn

General Billy Mitchell Award



C/2d Lt Javan Teager – Thunder Mountain Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Kyle Vestecka - Valkyrie Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Camille Leonard – Vance Brand Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Austin Coe - Vance Brand Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Michael Melton - Valkyrie Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Bailey DeBerry - Dakota Ridge Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Anna Rosko – Air Academy Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Alexander Haynie - Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Joel Cathey – Broomfield Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Matthew West – Fremont Starfire Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Lily Jansen - Valkyrie Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Cody Laxton - Vance Brand Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Dalton Dome - Vance Brand Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Jon Williamson - Mustang Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Ashley Shuler - Broomfield Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Megan Laubhan - Broomfield Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Gregory West - Mustang Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Taylor Coffey - Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Jennifer Motley - Douglas Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Christina Jensen - Air Academy Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Mark Crittenden-Belongie – 27J School Dist Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Brandon Schafler - 27J School Dist Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Jeffery Ditlevson – Evergreen Composite Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Samuel Tschappler Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Ian Engebrecht - Colorado Springs Cadet Sqdrn
C/2d Lt Payton Devience - 27J School Dist Cadet Sqdrn

CADET SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS:

USAF ACADEMY:

Camille Leonard – Vance Brand Cadet Squadron.
Bailey Celeste DeBerry – Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron.
Quincy A Prack – Mile Hi Cadet Squadron.

US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY:

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Lily Jansen – Valkyrie Cadet Squadron.

SQUADRON EVENTS:

The following are the Squadrons within the Colorado Wing:

CO-001 COWG HQ	CO-015 Thunder Mountain Composite
CO-021 Greeley Composite	CO-022 Vance Brand Cadet
CO-023 Arvada Cadet	CO-030 Colorado Springs Cadet
CO-031 Foothills Cadet	CO-068 North Valley Composite
CO-072 Boulder Composite	CO-080 Pikes Peak Senior
CO-098 Fremont Starfire Cadet	CO-099 Broomfield Composite
CO-136 Jefferson County Senior	CO-139 Cortez Senior
CO-141 Montrose Composite	CO-143 Mile High Cadet
CO-147 Thompson Valley Composite	C)-148 Mustang Cadet
CO-157 Douglas Cadet	CO-159 Air Academy Cadet
CO-160 Heart of the Rockies Composite	CO-162 Black Sheep Senior
CO-165 Group 3 HQ	CO-167 Group 1 HQ
CO-169 Group 2 HQ	CO-173 Parker Cadet
CO-179 Pueblo Eagles Cadet	CO-181 Steamboat Springs Composite
CO-183 Valkyrie Cadet	CO-186 Dakota Ridge Composite
CO-188 Evergreen Composite	CO-189 Mesa Verde Cadet
CO-190 Banning Lewis Ranch Cadet	CO-803 27J School District Cadet
CO-999 Legislative Squadron	

Articles:

Broomfield Composite Squadron Celebrates 50 Years.

Broomfield Composite Squadron Represents COWG at HART Ceremony.

Douglas Composite Squadron Two families – Three generations.

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Thompson Valley Composite Squadron involved cadets in SAREX.

Vance Brand Cadet Squadron presents CGM to former CAP members family.

Vance Brand Cadet Squadron Dining Out.

Broomfield Composite Squadron Celebrates 50 Years

By Cadet Maj. Anna Gilmer, CAP

Cadet PAO, Broomfield Composite Squadron

The Civil air patrol had a presence in the Broomfield area as early as 1959 but the first meeting was held in 1965. The Broomfield Cadet Squadron had its beginnings as a flight of the Arvada Cadet Squadron under the command of Captain Kenneth Costello. The first Cadet Commander was Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Sandra Johns, and the First Senior member in charge was Army Lieutenant Bill Zettler. Later that year, in November 1965, Merle Reader, accepted the charter, CO-099, for the Broomfield Cadet Squadron from Colonel Laurence Marshall.

On October 7, 1965 the Broomfield Star-Builder newspaper reported that the Mayor, Don Descombes proclaimed Monday, Oct 10th "Civil Air Patrol Day" the start of a long standing relationship with the local community. The Squadron also participated for the first time in the Broomfield Days Parade that year, an important event that the members of BCS have participated in many times since.

The Broomfield Cadet Squadron became a composite squadron, as it is today, in 1978. The squadron patch designed by then commander Daniel Kish has been used continuously until this year, when it was updated to reflect the 50th anniversary.



(L-R) Original Broomfield Cadet Squadron patch; Broomfield Composite Squadron official 50th Anniversary squadron patch.

The Broomfield Composite Squadron has seen many highs and lows over the years and has found itself near closing doors, but its members have continued to volunteer faithfully and honestly, always being a solid foundation to recover from fall backs. The squadron's many commanders have each uniquely contributed to the success of the squadron over the 50 years. Currently, Four Former Broomfield Squadron commanders are still in the squadron serving the cadets and Senior Members. Hundreds of Senior Members have served and several thousand Cadets have given time, effort, and unique perspective to be part of the BCS family.

The Broomfield Composite Squadron has received many honors over the years including five unit

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citation awards, two Squadron of Merit awards, countless service awards and the Nation Squadron of Distinction award in 2010. The squadron has produced at least two Spaatz Awards and is on track for more looking into 2015. Currently, there are three former Spaatz cadets as Senior Members. Many current and former Senior Members and Cadets currently serve in Wing, Region and National roles in the CAP, as well as innumerable current and former members of the Broomfield Composite Squadron who have served in the armed forces. The current members of the squadron look back with great respect and honor for those who have served their country as they seek to serve their communities with equal dignity.

Broomfield Composite Squadron Represents COWG at HART Ceremony

Posted on the COWG Announcement page: Monday, November 23, 2015

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Thanks to the [Civil Air Patrol Broomfield Composite Squadron](#) for representing the [Colorado Wing-Civil Air Patrol](#) at the Honoring Allies-Remembering Together (HART) ceremony in Canada this past weekend. On November 17th, 2015: the Broomfield Composite Squadron welcomed home the squadron members that participated in the HART (Honoring Allies, Remembering Together) Ceremony in Canada this past weekend. The cadets and senior members that participated in the ceremony came back with a great deal of stories to tell and inspired their squadron-mates to consider attending the ceremony in years to come. Thanks to the BCS members who represented the squadron, the COWG, state of Colorado and our nation so proudly and professionally. **Three Generations of Civil Air Patrol**

By Maj. Teri Spray, CAP

Douglas Cadet Squadron, PAO

For the Sprays and the Motleys, CAP is a family affair. It was 1994 when Meredith Spray convinced her family to bring her to a Civil Air Patrol meeting in Franktown, Colorado. She loved the BDU uniforms, learning drills and emergency services. When the squadron planned a trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, her dad, Mike Spray stepped up and joined CAP “just to chaperone.” It wasn’t long before Capt. Mike Spray became the commander of the Douglas Composite Squadron. Meanwhile, his wife Teri Spray became the squadron Moral Leadership Officer (CDI) as well as the Public Affairs Officer. Five years later, Cadet Meredith Spray emerged as a natural leader and served as Cadet Commander of the Douglas Composite Squadron.

However, her cadet years ended abruptly when she and Cadet John Motley surprised the entire squadron with their wedding announcement. John continued in Emergency Services to become a full-time firefighter. Meredith works as a teacher/trainer in a home education program owned by the Sprays. They now have two children, Jennifer and James David.

Mike and Teri Spray have served on Wing Staff. Mike was Chief of Staff twice and Teri served as

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Wing Public Affairs Officer.

Fast Forward to 2014... The Douglas Composite Squadron is now called the Douglas Cadet Squadron. Capt. John Motley serves as the unit Squadron Commander, his wife, Lt. Meredith Motley is now the Administration Officer. Lt. Col. Mike Spray is the squadron Finance Officer and current Aerospace Education Instructor while Maj. Teri Spray teaches Character Development and serves in Public Affairs. Young Jennifer Motley is now serving in the cadet officer corps of the squadron. Her brother, James joined last December and is promoting through the cadet ranks as well. Three generations are all serving in the same squadron!

The Sprays say, "Civil Air Patrol has given our family an opportunity to serve as leaders and respected members of our community. We enjoy helping cadets to enjoy new experiences and achieve their goals. It's especially rewarding when we can enjoy CAP as a family!"

First SAREX of 2015 A Hit With Thompson Valley Cadets

By Maj. Eric Schwarm, CAP

Thompson Valley Composite Squadron, Commander

Photos by Maj. Eric Schwarm

"This is more fun than geocaching!" Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Jason Cuthbert thoroughly enjoyed his first Colorado Wing Search and Rescue exercise (SAREX) on Saturday, January 31st, 2015. A recent transplant from Oregon Wing, Cuthbert officially joined Thompson Valley Composite Squadron a mere 2 days before the SAREX. His introduction to emergency services in Colorado Wing was a positive experience. Cuthbert deployed on a ground team along with Senior Flight Officer Alex Nuckols and Cadet Airman 1st Class Shane Lindsay. All are members of Thompson Valley Composite Squadron. Their assigned mission was to investigate a reported Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) signal, a radio beacon that activates if an airplane crashes or experiences a hard landing.

In this case it was a practice signal intended to simulate an emergency signal and provide realistic training. Locating an ELT can be a challenge. In this case the search teams had little information to work with. The simulated report suggested the practice ELT was heard by an airplane flying north of Fort Collins, CO. Planners for the practice mission, led by Incident Commander Stefanie Hudgins, dispatched a ground team and one aircrew to investigate. Departing Fort Collins – Loveland Municipal Airport, the teams headed toward the initial search area. The search teams listened to the practice ELT radio frequency as they traveled. Stopping several times, Cadets Cuthbert and Lindsay practiced their skills with the radio direction finding equipment. Initially there was no hint of the signal. Undeterred, the teams continued toward their assigned search area. The aircrew detected the practice ELT signal first. They tracked the signal using direction finding equipment installed in the airplane. They also radioed the ground team and instructed them to head toward Horsetooth Reservoir, west of Fort Collins. The aircrew continued their search as the ground team continued their journey. As the ground team arrived in the newly refined search area, the aircrew narrowed the search to the top of a hill west of the reservoir.

Cadets Cuthbert and Lindsay took turns talking to the airplane on the radio. The plane's bird's eye view allowed them to direct the ground team through a maze of curving roads and switchbacks that blocked the signal from being heard on the ground. The ground team reached the hilltop shortly before the aircraft spotted an orange tarp on the ground, possibly representing a signal from a

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downed pilot. The orange tarp wasn't visible from the road so the ground team used their radio direction finding equipment to lead them toward the practice ELT. The terrain appeared to be diffusing the signal, making precise tracking difficult. As they climbed toward the goal, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Cuthbert remarked how much fun he was having. "This is more fun than GeoCaching!"

Moments later the ground team, led by Senior Flight Officer Nuckols, reached the practice ELT. It rested atop the orange tarp spotted earlier by the aircrew. Simulating unpredictable wreckage, a metal shield blocked the ELT signal to the south. That made the search crews work harder since their mission base was located south of the search area. Joining them at the search area, an enthusiastic black lab named Zia added a little excitement to the find. The practice beacon was placed by a nearby resident, Von Campbell, who also happens to be a Major with Thompson Valley Composite Squadron. Now that the practice ELT was located, along with Zia the survivor, the ground team radioed their findings to the Incident Command Post. They were instructed to deactivate the practice ELT and return to their mission base.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Shane Lindsay also enjoyed his first experience in CAP emergency services. Lindsay has been a member of Thompson Valley Composite Squadron for 10 months. According to Lindsay, "I was a little bit nervous to come to this actually, because I'd never been to a SAREX before. I was very pleasantly surprised to see how well organized, how well structured, and how exciting the SAREX was." When asked what he thought of the day as a whole, Lindsay replied, "Last summer I competed in Houston in the Junior Olympics. This ranks up there with that." Lindsay also mentioned the SAREX was a very different experience than squadron meetings. "The Senior Members here did an excellent job of working with the cadets. It was so phenomenal...when you come to a SAREX everyone sees each other as equals." When asked if he would recommend Emergency Services to other cadets, Lindsay responded enthusiastically, "Don't be afraid. All I had to do was put in a little work, and then I could come to this and have a ball for a Saturday." Cuthbert added, "Everyone is here to help you and here to guide you. It was funny, it was enjoyable, and it was very interesting. Come out here and try it out, it's a lot of fun." **Congressional Gold Medal Presented by Vance Brand Cadet Squadron to Former CAP Member**

By 1st Lt. Lyn Parker, CAP

Vance Brand Cadet Squadron, PAO

At the beginning of May 2015, Colorado Wing Commander, Col. Bill Aceves, was contacted by Stacy Laputz, the daughter of former CAP cadet, Marjorie Wahlstrom-Chapman. Col. Jon Stokes, California Wing Commander had previously contacted Ms. Laputz to alert her that her mother was eligible to be posthumously awarded the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal. Stacy and her family live in Longmont, Colorado, so Col. Aceves immediately thought of the Longmont CAP unit. He asked the Vance Brand Cadet Squadron Commander, Maj. Loren Johnson, to present the medal to Ms. Laputz and her sister, Cindy Cossairt. On Monday, June 29th, Col. Aceves joined the VBCS in honoring Ms. Wahlstrom-Chapman's service in Civil Air Patrol during World War II. Several cadets spoke telling of the advantages, skills, and memories they have of Civil Air Patrol prior to the presentation. Both of Mrs. Wahlstrom-Chapman's daughters were impressed with the degree of professionalism displayed by the cadets, senior members and the cadets' parents. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Williams provided the invocation, and Maj. Johnson served as emcee for

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the evening. The ceremony concluded and guests were fortunate to see some of the memorabilia Ms. Laputz brought of her mother's time in CAP.

Ms. Laputz sent a "Thank you" email to the squadron in which she said, "I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the lovely Congressional Gold Medal presentation program we experienced this past Monday night. We were very touched by the ceremony and we appreciate all the planning and care that went into making the evening so very memorable... To Col. Aceves, thank you for the long drive from Colorado Springs to join us in Longmont and for the meaningful words of appreciation you gave for our mother, as well as a whole generation of volunteers that helped launch the CAP at the start of WWII. I will forever cherish the memory of the moment when you handed that beautiful medal to me... To the cadets; thanks to each of you for your participation Monday evening. All of us enjoyed hearing your stories, memories, and/or CAP trivia you shared. Keep up your good work! To the chaplain (Chaplain Williams) thanks for your invocation and asking the Lord's blessing on our evening, it was a lovely prayer. Our mother would have been so honored by this acknowledgment of her service in CAP."

Marjorie Wahlstrom-Chapman became a Civil Air Patrol member in 1943 as part of the California Wing Los Angeles Squadron 5. She possessed a restricted radiotelephone operator's permit and served as Assistant Flight Leader in Flight D of her squadron. Mrs. Wahlstrom-Chapman served in Civil Air Patrol until the end of the war. She later met and married her husband, Arnold, and they had three children, Robert, Stacy and Cindy. Her husband passed away in 1999 and Mrs. Wahlstrom-Chapman agreed to move to Colorado in January 2008, to be near her older daughter, Stacy. But the move took a toll on her health, and she suffered a minor then a major stroke. Mrs. Wahlstrom-Chapman passed away April 23, 2008 in Loveland, Colorado.

Squadron Hosts Dining Out for Unit Members

By 1st Lt. Lyn Parker, CAP

Vance Brand Cadet Squadron, PAO

Celebrating the achievements of cadets and honoring guests over the past year is nothing new to the members of Vance Brand Cadet Squadron. However, when three cadets earn the Billy Mitchell Award and one earns the Amelia Earhart Award, there is cause for celebration. The members, their families and distinguished guests began the evening with the presentation of the Colors and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Camille Leonard read the POW Table speech while Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Parker displayed the items.

The invocation was presented by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Johnson, Wyoming Wing Chaplain. At a special occasion such as this, it was important to give the cadets an opportunity to see where their careers in Civil Air Patrol could take them.

Thus, it was fitting that our guest speaker was former Space Shuttle pilot and commander Col. Steve Lindsey, United States Air Force retired and 2015 Astronaut Hall of Fame inductee. Col. Lindsey spoke to those in attendance about his experiences as an Air Force officer and astronaut and ended his presentation with an exciting video highlighting his final flight into space. At the end of the evening, several cadets and their parents came to take pictures and ask for autographs from Col. Lindsey.

Our evening then turned toward recognizing the achievements of cadets. Three cadets promoted in airmen ranks, seven cadets promoted in NCO ranks and four cadets promoted to cadet officer

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ranks. In addition, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Camille Leonard received the Air Force Association Citation. Cadet Leonard was later named Wing Cadet NCO of the Year. Our evening was concluded by entertainment provided by Broadway Performing Company whose members sang the Civil Air Patrol Hymn and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. The final piece was TAPS played by Cadet Senior Airman Taylor Billings on the violin.

PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT:

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Gill Robb Wilson Award



Paul E. Garber Award



Maj Jeffery Rogers – Air Academy Cadet Sqdrn

Grover Loening Award



Capt Jeff Caldwell – Valkyriw Cadet Sqdrn
Maj Matthew Flanders – CO Wing HQ
Capt Sandra Harris – Cortez Senior Sqdrn
Capt Mark Hohle – Cortez Senior Sqdrn
Capt Christopher Oshell - Valkyriw Cadet Sqdrn
Capt Marybeth Ottesen – Pike Peaks Senior Sqdrn

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IN MEMORIAL

Lt. Col. Bruce Hulley

5/19/39-1/5/15

Story and photo by Maj. Ed O'Brien, CAP Ret

Black Sheep Squadron and Colorado Wing Member, Lt. Col. Bruce Hulley, passed away from natural causes, as the New Year began.

As Bruce was not married nor had children - his life was marked through association with the Civil Air Patrol, the Colorado and US Pilot's Association, Adam's County Democratic Party, Front Range Airport Board and numerous other altruistic efforts. Bruce served in the Air Force and was a teacher in Aurora.

If the definition of Philanthropist is "Promoting the Welfare of Others," then Bruce was—not by donation of money, but contribution of time, talent, and energy—a magnanimous benefactor.

In the Civil Air Patrol, Bruce was a major force in shaping higher safety standards, training, and compliance on a national level. He ably served the organization in a multitude of capacities for over 50 years and was the Black Sheep's Emergency Services Training Officer as late as Sept. 2013.

He was one of Colorado Wing's Fifty Year members. Col. Hulley joined CAP 28 June 1948. He was currently serving as the Group 3 Safety Officer, and had previously been a member of Black Sheep Senior Squadron, where he had served with distinction as the Aerospace Education Officer as well as the Emergency Services Officer for several years. He had also served on wing staff as a member of the Finance and Operations sections.

Maj. Dailey Bugg

Maj. Dailey Bugg was a retired USAF Maj, and flew as a navigator with SAC during the Cold War. He was a member of Pikes Peak Senior Squadron for many years and is fondly remembered and respected by the COWG pilot community.

Rosalyn Cooksey

Ms. Cooksey was the wife of Col. James Cooksey, who himself recently was presented the CAP Congressional Gold Medal at the ceremonies in Washington, DC.

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Appendix A COLORADO WING COMMANDERS

1 Dec 1941 to 8 Apr 1942	Maj W. W. Agnew
8 Apr 1942 to 13 Jul 1942	Maj H. H. Andregg
13 Jul 1942 to 7 Aug 1942	Maj J.D. Spencer
7 Aug 1942 to 22 Aug 1945	Lt Col Harold R. Smethills
22 Aug 1945 to 18 Sep 1947	Lt Col John A. Smethills
18 Sep 1947 to 26 Jul 1949	Lt Col Harold R. Smethills
26 Jul 1949 to 13 Sep 1949	?
13 Sep 1949 to 18 Oct 1954	Col Charles Boettcher II
18 Oct 1954 to 23 Oct 1956	Col Donald C. Carney
23 Oct 1956 to 30 Sep 1957	Col Benjamin S. Jordan
30 Sep 1957 to 15 Oct 1957	Lt Col Edgar C. Armes (Interim)
15 Oct 1957 to 27 Nov 1957	Lt Col Lloyd R. Hashman (Interim)
27 Nov 1957 to 11 Mar 1958	Col Robert M. Jackson
11 Mar 1958 to 6 Feb 1961	Col Charles F. Howard
6 Feb 1961 to 27 Sep 1961	Col Richard D. Law
27 Sep 1961 to 8 Mar 1963	Eugene B. Adams
8 Mar 1963 to 1 Jul 1963	Col Murry C. McCormas
1 Jul 1963 to 18 Dec 1968	Col Arthur F. Putz
18 Dec 1968 to 15 Jan 1969	?
15 Jan 1969 to 11 Nov 1970	Col Frank L. Swaim
11 Nov 1970 to 1 Jul 1972	Col Clarence M. Fountain
1 Jul 1972 to 2 Oct 1973	Col Wayne E. Russert
2 Oct 1973 to 31 Aug 1976	Col Thomas G. Patton
31 Aug 1976 to 1 Oct 1980	Col Roger E. MacDonald
1 Oct 1980 to 25 Sep 1982	Col Henry A. Elgin Jr.
25 Sep 1982 to 1 Feb 1987	Col Harry E. Kouts
1 Feb 1987 to 1 Dec 1989	Col Roger E. MacDonald
1 Dec 1989 to 1 Dec 1992	Col James C. Bobick
1 Dec 1992 to 17 Feb 1996	Col Gary H. Tobey
17 Feb 1996 to 27 Feb 2000	Col William F. Hines
27 Feb 2000 to 12 Aug 2003	Col John R Buschmann
12 Aug 2003 to 4 Apr 2004	Col Andrew J. Alexa (Interim)
4 Apr 2004 to Nov 2007	Col Donald G. Cortum
Nov 2007 to Mar 2011	Col Edward Phelka
Mar 2011 to 10 May 2014	Col Earl B. Sherwin
10 May 2014 to 11 Aug 2014	Col David R. Novotny (Interim)
11 Aug 2014 to 16 Sep 2015	Col William E. Aceves
16 Sep 2015 to 18 Dec 2015	Lt Col Celeste Gamche (Interim)
18 Dec 2015 to Present	Col Celeste Gamche