

HISTORY OF

The Alaska Wing, PCR

Civil Air Patrol

Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt Col Bryan Emerson

FROM: Col Kevin McClure Alaska/CC

SUBJECT: Approval of 2021 Alaska Wing History

I approve the publication and forwarding of the 2021 Alaska History to NHQ. Thank you for all your hard work and coordination on this product.

Kevin A McClure
Colonel CAP

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Kevin McClure, Colonel, CAP
Commander

INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF

Wing Commander
Vice Commander
Chief of Staff

Kevin McClure
Brian Porter
Joshua Jones

Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel
Senior Member

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

On the following pages, please provide one page for each chapter, with one or more paragraphs for each section of the chapter.

Chapter I OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

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Disaster Response

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Homeland Security

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Counterdrug Operations

Not applicable to AKWG.

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Enter remarks here.

External Aerospace Education

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Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

July 2021: Capt Karen Padgett appointed as AKWG Director of Cadet Programs.

August-December 2021: Deputy Commanders for Cadets began monthly virtual meetings to coordinate cadet leadership efforts.

Cadet meetings throughout the year were often held in phases, in separated areas, outdoors when possible, and virtually depending on the various phases of COVID restrictions. Cadets and dedicated cadet leadership have persevered through ever-changing challenges related to the COVID pandemic.

Cadet Activities

May 2021: AKWG hosted a Glider National Flight Academy and a Powered National Flight Academy simultaneously at Clear Space Force Station near Anderson, Alaska. Planning for the May 2022 AKWG Glider Flight Academy and the March-April 2022 AKWG Distributed Powered Flight began in July 2022.

June 2021 AKWG Summer Encampment at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. 50 cadets students graduated and 20 cadet staff gained valuable leadership experience. Planning for the June 2022 AKWG Summer Encampment began in November 2021.

August 2021: AKWG Cadet NCO Academy held at Polaris Squadron Hangar. Cadets from 5 squadrons participated.

August 2021: C/Col Ryan Porter became AKWG's next Spaatz Cadet by passing the demanding leadership, aerospace, character development, and physical fitness tests. C/Col Ryan Porter was also selected as the AKWG Cadet of the Year.

Drug Demand Reduction

Not applicable to AKWG.

APPENDIX I: Core Mission Data and Statistics *(Data in support of the Narrative)*

Operations

Volunteer Members

496 adult members

239 cadets

108 aircrew personnel

450 emergency responders

Squadrons

18 locations statewide

Aerospace Education

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Internal Aerospace Education

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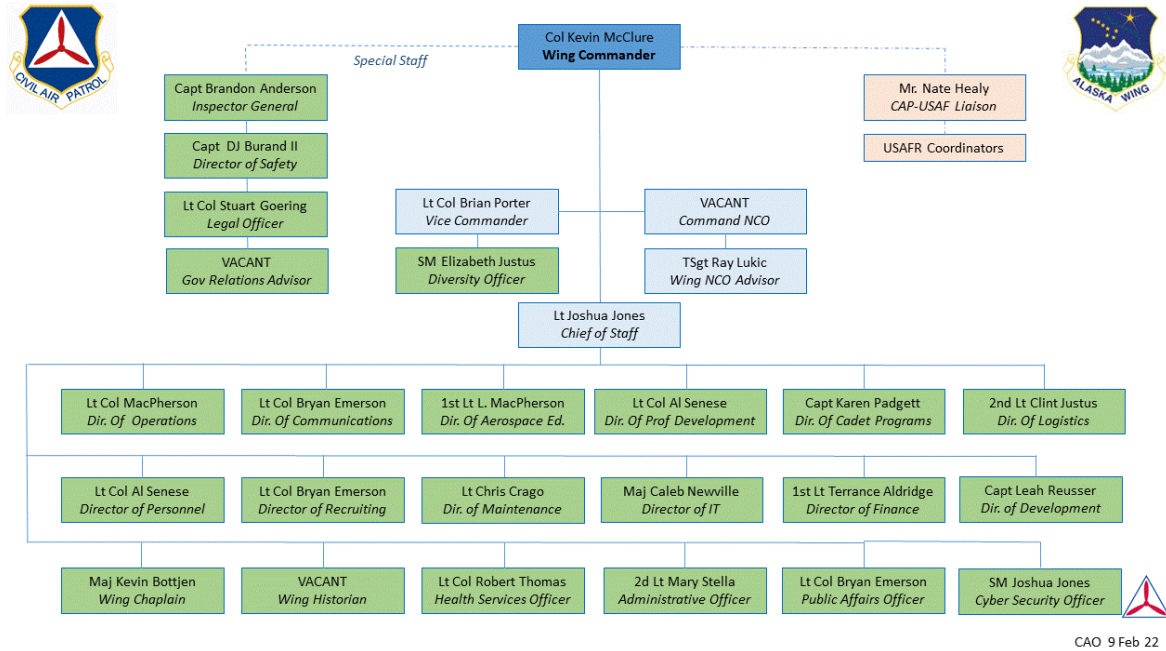
External Aerospace Education

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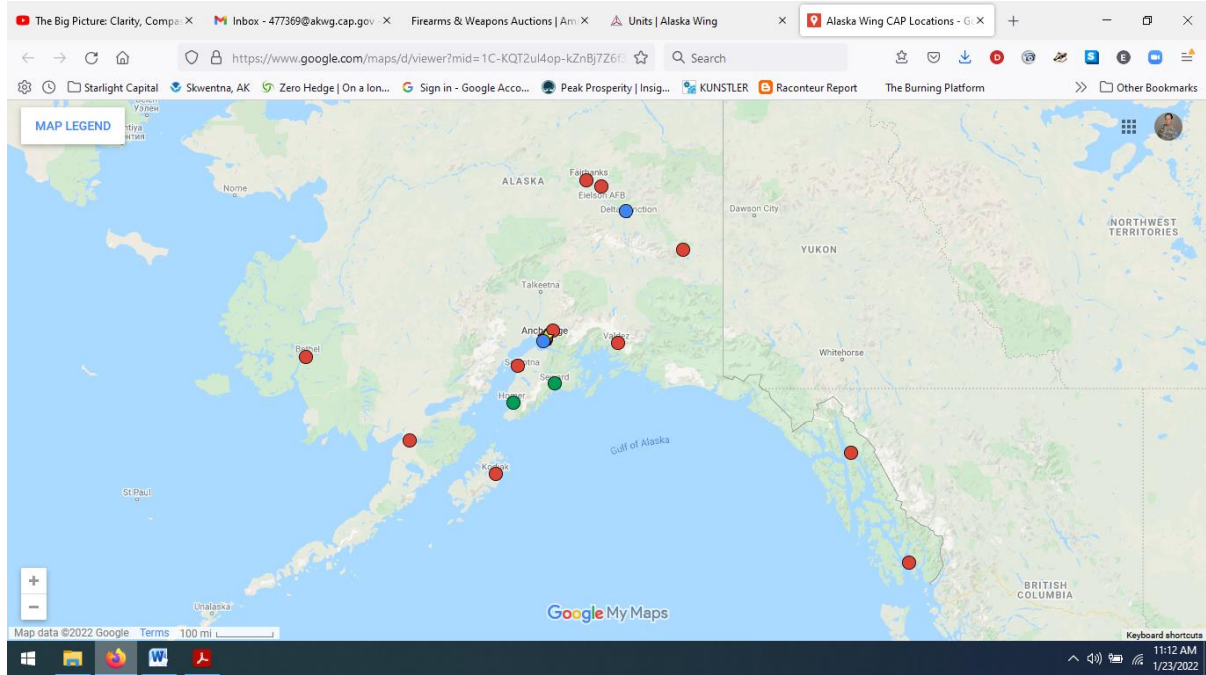
Other

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Organization Chart



Unit Map



APPENDIX III: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Logistics	Clint Justus	2nd Lieutenant
Communications	Bryan Emerson	Lieutenant Colonel
Professional Development	Al Senese	Lieutenant Colonel
Administration	Mary Stella	2nd Lieutenant
Personnel	Al Senese	Lieutenant Colonel
Recruiting and Retention	Bryan Emerson	Lieutenant Colonel
Plans and Programs	Bryan Emerson	Lieutenant Colonel
Public Affairs	Bryan Emerson	Lieutenant Colonel
Information Technology	Caleb Newville	Major
Financial	Terrance Aldridge	1st Lieutenant
Chaplain	Kevin Bottjen	Major
Historian	Vacant	Select Rank
Health Services	Stephen Sammons	Lieutenant Colonel
Inspector General	Stuart Anderson	Captain
Safety	DJ Burand	Major
Government Relations	Vacant	Select Rank
Legal	Stuart Goering	Lieutenant Colonel
Diversity	Elizabeth Justus	Senior Member
Cyber Security Officer	Joshua Jones	Senior Member
Director of Development	Leah Ruesser	Captain
Director of Maintenance	Chris Crago	Senior Member

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics

Logistics

Communications

AKWG's communications team continues to support Operations and the overall Commander's Intent by joining regularly one of the daily national HF nets, providing extensive training to its members, planning for the upcoming upgrade to new VHF and HF radios, recruiting new and existing CAP members as operators and complying with all relevant rules and regulations.

Professional Development

The new Education and Training program formerly known as the Professional Development program offers new challenges to complete, but it also allows a member to progress through all of the Professional levels without having to travel. In Alaska that was one of the greatest impediments for member advancement as the cost of traveling within or outside the State was impossible for some members to overcome, on the other hand many members miss the interaction a classroom provided during SLS and CLC courses and the opportunities to meet volunteers from other Wings during the previously required Region and National Staff colleges. The new program relies heavily on self-motivation and perseverance to advance through the modules, but assuming the motivation is there, a member will be able to progress and in time obtain a deeper knowledge and higher ranks in the Civil Air Patrol.

Administration

During 2021 the AO duties regarding the wing website continued to expand, as did the knowledge base to manage it. Documentation was written to record processes so that those assuming these duties in future had some guidance to follow. This also occurred in terms of preparing the wing monthly meeting power point slides. In order to present notices sent by HQ that are in portrait format, I found a process that would allow us to do that. Documentation on how to prepare these slides, including how to insert slides sent by staff for inclusion, is an ongoing effort. Wing documents are being filed in the expanding Official File Plan developed in 2019, and other staff are also filing documents there. Coordinated with Wing Commander to develop and implement a system of tracking members moving in and out of position via an In-Out Processing Master Log, with individual sheet to notice key wing staff of these moves to assure wing assets and authorities track with the changes.

Other current tracks are Finance, Cadet Programs, and Logistics. The IFR is performed quarterly and filed in the OFP, as well as sent to the Finance Officer in compliance with regulations. Supply has been substantially brought into compliance with regulations regarding physical storage. The interim audit was performed and Supply passed with kudos from the auditor. As a part of the Logistics umbrella assistance has been given to the Transportation branch. In the process much has been learned about how ORMS works and hands on duties have proven helpful to logistics in resolving some rather old issues. Work as an AO for the 2021 Encampment has led to being on senior staff for 2022 Glider Academy and 2022 Encampment. This will encompass both AO and the finance portions, including entries into WIMRS on a daily basis. Improved the Excel worksheet to record encampment finance to be used as a template for future

encampments, as well as coordinate with the Senior Admin accountant to assure it agrees with entries into Wing QuickBooks records.

Personnel

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Recruiting and Retention

AKWG R&R recently implemented its first annual plan, developed a national annual plan template, attended PCR quarterly meetings and trained squadron commanders about how to be effective in this area. The wing's numbers in these two areas should improve as the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Plans and Programs

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Public Affairs

AKWG PA just entered a second year with its monthly digital magazine that it distributes to its roughly 750 members as 250 non-members including the State Legislature, USAF PA in Alaska and partners based in Alaska. The publication is designed to attract, inform and motivate readers through photos, text, stories and interactive links. Readers see and feel the four core values in the faces and body language of the cadets and senior members portrayed. PA also wrote the annual Legislative Day summary and reported on numerous encampments, exercises and missions. See: <https://akwg.cap.gov/news1/wing-newsletters/magazine-format>

Information Technology

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Financial Statement

AKWG Finance embraced NHQ's reassignment of a new Wing Financial Analyst (WFA) this year as well as successfully completing its search for a new Wing Administrator (WA). With the help of these 2 positions, updating and streamlining of financial procedures and reporting has increased the overall financial awareness for the pertinent staff members of the Alaska Wing.

Chaplain

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Historian

(This position is currently vacant.)

Health Services

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APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Administration

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Inspector General

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Safety

The Alaska Wing has continued to educate Wing members regarding the Safety Management System implemented by NHQ in 2020. The Alaska Wing Safety Program had 8 incidents reported into the Safety Information Reporting System. Two of these involved Cadet medical issues. One was a non-moving vehicle incident with minor damage. The remaining incidents involved aircraft. The most serious was an aircraft engine fire trying to start the engine after refueling. The investigating officer located a revised procedure from Gippsland for hot starts that was not in the POH or aircraft binder for any of the GA-8 aircraft. Two of the other incidents involved electrical issues and were minor. One incident was a float plane loss of control getting on step, and the remaining was determined to be a carburetor issue.

Government Relations