

HISTORY OF

Idaho Wing – ID-001

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAJOR CHRISTIAN JACOBS, CAP

FROM: ID Wing/CC

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual History Report

1. I approve the attached annual history report for Idaho Wing.

Robin M. Vest

ROBIN M. VEST, Colonel, CAP
Commander

INTRODUCTION OF WING STAFF

Wing Commander
Vice Commander
Chief of Staff

Robin M. Vest
Kirk Dehn
Kirk Dehn

Colonel
Major
Major
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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

Idaho Wing Saved 5 Lives in 2021

1. June 8, 2021 – Idaho Wing + the NHQ Cell Phone Forensics team saved a 71-year-old male in Owyhee County. Male was located by Canyon County Sheriff's office after cell phone forensics team zeroed in on his LKP and ID Wing coordinated with AFRCC, Owyhee County Sheriff's Dept, Canyon County Sheriff's Dept and CAP personnel. **1 Save**
2. June 22, 2021 – Idaho Wing assisted with the location of a missing Grangeville 76-year-old mushroom hunter who was lost for almost 4 days. He was found 4-5 miles west of his vehicle near Fish Creek Campground in Idaho County. Civil Air Patrol conducted several aircraft sorties during the search. **1 Save**
3. June 25, 2021 – Civil Air Patrol's National Radar Analysis Team pinpointed the LKP of a crashed Cessna 182. Within 2 hours the seriously injured pilot and passenger were located in the area of Smith Knob outside Warren, ID, in Idaho County and transported to the hospital via Life Flight. **2 Saves**
4. August 29, 2021 – Civil Air Patrol's National Radar Analysis Team helped searchers locate a crashed Cessna TU206 near Mormon Mountain in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. A state of Idaho aircraft located the crash in Valley County. While the two passengers were found deceased the seriously injured pilot was transported by Life Flight to a hospital in Boise. **1 Save**
5. May 2, 2021 - Idaho Wing silenced two ELTs in one mission finding an ELT going off in a single-engine aircraft being towed on a flatbed trailer and the other in an aircraft at the Nampa Airport.

Disaster Response – not applicable

Homeland Security

Idaho Wing flew 49 hours in support of the 366th Fighter Wing at Mountain Home AFB from 14-19 November 2021. We flew as targets for 366FW Gunfighter Flag exercise, a multi-service (Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps), multi-national exercise at Mountain Home Air Force Base simulating unmanned aerial vehicles and as counter search and rescue aircraft trying to locate "survivors" on the ground before the AF forces could locate and rescue them. CAP airplanes flew preplanned routes with limited maneuvering at 1000' AGL. When a simulated "kill" was called, CAP aircraft returned to the starting point, which was over a backcountry airfield for regeneration. In addition to those of the US Air Force, aircraft and crews from the Royal Singapore Air Force, Idaho Air National Guard A-10, and US Navy EA-18G personnel participated.

Idaho wing flew low-level route surveys and flew a mission supporting the air traffic controllers at Mountain Home AFB.

Counterdrug – Not applicable

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

Because of COVID-19 no AE programs were conducted except virtually at the squadrons.

External Aerospace Education

Because of COVID-19 CAP member were not permitted in schools or elsewhere so nothing was presented.

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

Because of COVID-19 no cadet competition was held.

Cadet Activities

ID Wing did hold a summer encampment at Gowen Field in Boise from July 17-24. The wing flew several hundred cadet orientation flights and ran a glider program during the summer.

Drug Demand Reduction

NHQ ended this program.

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

Operations

The wing flew 28 hours for low-level route surveys; flew 11 hours flying the Mountain Home ATC Controllers over their range, flew 49 hours for Gunfighter Flag, flew 14 hours of ROTC & JROTC o-rides, flew over 136 hours of powered o-rides, and flew over 56 glider o-rides. The wing flew over 1385 total hours. ID Wing flew more hours in FY21 than they had in over 4 years and were ranked 28th in the country. ID Wing flew 8 sUAS training sorties qualifying several members.

Aerospace Education

Not applicable

Internal Aerospace Education

6 members earned the Yeager Award

External Aerospace Education

Not applicable

During the annual summer encampment 68 basics, 27 cadre cadets and 17 senior members attended for a total of 112 CAP members.

1 Cadet attended MAR HGA, 3 cadets attended NBB, 1 cadet attended NFAP in OK, 3 cadets received credit for attending the CT Wing RCLS remotely and 2 cadets attended the Utah Wing ESA.

Over 217 CAP, ROTC and JROTC cadet o-flights were conducted.

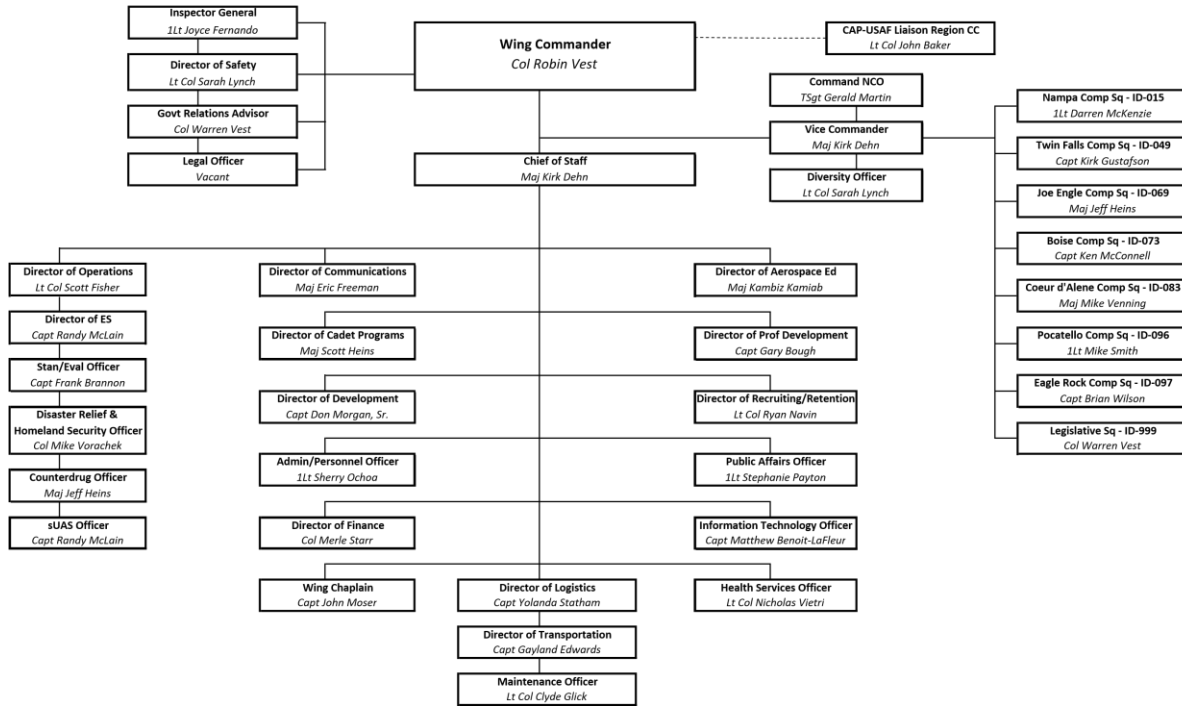
C/Col Channing Mitson achieved Spatz Award #2317 on January 7, 2021. She is the 17th Idaho Wing member to attain this achievement. She was from Boise Composite Squadron.

Cadets in the wing earned 26 Wright Brothers Awards, 14 Mitchell Awards & 4 Earhart Awards.

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

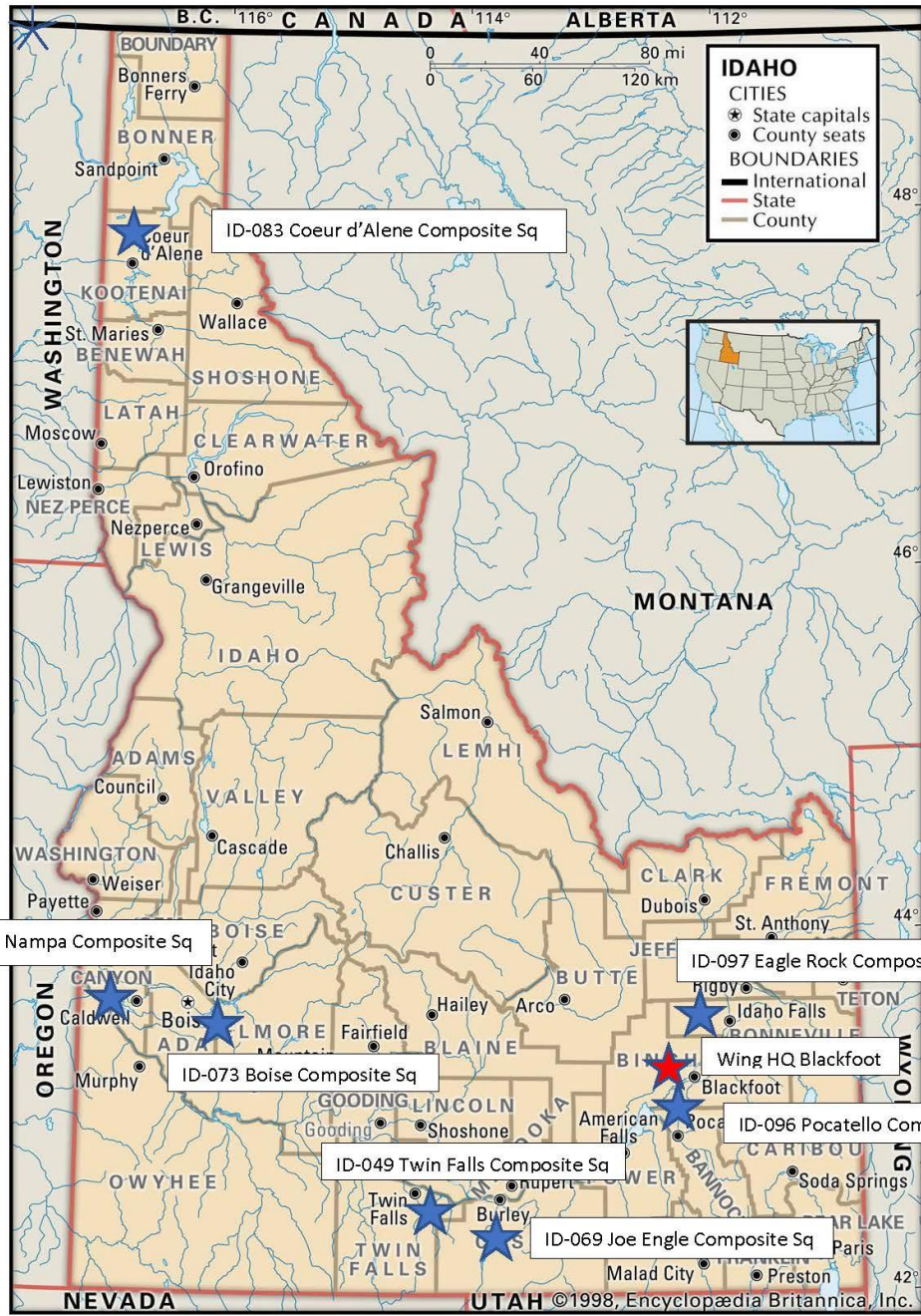
Idaho Wing Organization Chart

As of December 31, 2021



Wing Command and Staff Listing

Wing Commander	Robin Vest	Colonel
Vice Commander	Kirk Dehn	Major
Chief of Staff	Kirk Dehn	Major
Command NCO	Gerald Martin	Technical Sergeant
Director of Development	Don Morgan, Sr	Captain
Diversity Officer	Sarah Lynch	Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Cadet Programs	Scott Heins	Major



APPENDIX III: Wing Staff - Data and Statistics

Logistics	Yolanda Statham	Captain
Communications	Eric Freeman	Major
Professional Development	Gary Bough	Captain
Administration	Sherry Ochoa	1st Lieutenant
Personnel	Sherry Ochoa	1st Lieutenant
Recruiting and Retention	Ryan Navin	Lieutenant Colonel
Plans and Programs	Vacant	Select Rank
Public Affairs	Stephanie Payton	1st Lieutenant
Information Technology	Matthew Benoit-LaFleur	Captain
Director of Finance	Merle Starr	Colonel
Chaplain	John Moser	Captain
Historian	Vacant	Select Rank
Health Services	Nicholas Vietri	Lieutenant Colonel
Inspector General	Joyce Fernando	1st Lieutenant
Safety	Sarah Lynch	Lieutenant Colonel
Government Relations	Warren Vest	Colonel
Legal	Vacant	Select Rank
Transportation Officer	Gayland Edward	Captain
Maintenance Officer	Clyde Glick	Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Operations	Scott Fisher	Lieutenant Colonel
Director of ES	Randy McLain	Captain
Disaster Relief Officer	Mike Vorachek	Colonel
Homeland Security Officer	Mike Vorachek	Colonel
Standardization/Eval Officer	Frank Brannon	Capt

APPENDIX III: Wing Data & Statistics

Logistics

Idaho Wing has 9 aircraft and 19 vehicles. The wing picked up a new C-182 from the factory in June.

Communications

Idaho Wing conducted or participated in their annual Communication Effectiveness Exercise in September 2021. During 2021 ID Wing participated in 100% of the NTN HF nets. During 2021 a cadet from Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron became the wing message center. On March 27, 2021, ID Wing participated in a no-notice RMR comm exercise that included flying a sortie. Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron developed and published a wing aircrew communications guide. During 2021 ID Wing developed and used ReadyOp. ID Wing participated in Comm Conferences in May and November. On December 4th ID Wing participated in the national communication day for CAPs 80th Birthday.

Professional Development

21 members earned Technician ratings in 14 different specialties; 7 members earned Senior ratings in 6 different specialties and 5 members earned Master ratings in 4 different specialties. 2 members earned Davis Awards; 1 earned the Garber Award and 1 earned the Loening Award.

Administration

The wing gained a new Admin Officer, 1Lt Sherry Ochoa.

2021 ID Wing Awards

1. National Aerospace Education Mission Award
2. National Cadet Program Mission Award
3. Quality Cadet Unit Award Winners – Nampa Squadron, Boise Squadron, Coeur d'Alene Squadron & Eagle Rock Squadron
4. Meritorious Service Awards – Maj Scott Heins – ID Wing CP & Capt Jeff Rodgers – Coeur d'Alene Squadron Mx Officer; Col Mike Vorachek – RMR Senior of the Year; 1Lt Stephanie Payton – RMR PAO of the Year; 1Lt Jeff Rodgers – RMR Aircrew Member of the Year; Lt Col Sarah Lynch – RMR Safety Officer of the Year & Col Warren Vest – RMR Legislative Officer of the Year
5. ID Wing Commander's Commendation – Maj Paul Young – ID Wing SE; Maj Mitzi Breshears – Pocatello Squadron CC; Capt Michelle Martin – Nampa Squadron CC; 2Lt Sara Nichols – ID Wing FM; Lt Col Scott Fisher – Ops Officer of the Year; C/MSgt James Grupp – Cadet of the Year; Capt Hilary Lind – Squadron Chaplain of the Year; C/CMSgt Ethan Madrid – Cadet NCO of the Year; Capt Randy McLain – Incident Staff Member of the Year; Capt Jim Meyer – Cadet Programs Officer of the Year; C/2Lt Daniel Moser – Communicator of the Year; Capt John Moser – Senior Chaplain of the Year; Col Mike Vorachek – Senior Member of the Year; & Lt Col Sarah Lynch – Safety Officer of the Year

6. ID Wing Achievement Awards – Capt Matthew Benoit-LaFleur – Twin Falls Squadron CC; Capt Ron Goin – Eagle Rock Squadron Comm MTWG Mission & C/2Lt Daniel Moser – Coeur d’Alene Squadron Comm MTWG Mission
7. Communicator of the Year – C/2Lt Daniel Moser – Coeur d’Alene Squadron
8. Col David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year – Lt Col Scott Fisher – Idaho Wing
9. Col Robert V. “Bud” Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year – 1Lt Stephanie Payton – Boise Squadron/Idaho Wing & RMR
10. Safety Officer of the Year – Lt Col Sarah Lynch – Coeur d’Alene Composite Squadron/Idaho Wing & RMR
11. Lt Col T. Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year – 1Lt Jeffrey Rodgers – Coeur d’Alene Squadron/Idaho Wing & RMR
12. Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr. Incident Staff Member of the Year – Capt Randy McLain – Coeur d’Alene Squadron
13. Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year – Capt James A. Meyer – Eagle Rock Squadron
14. Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Capt Hilary Lind – Eagle Rock Squadron
15. Senior Chaplain of the Year – Capt John B. Moser, IV – Coeur d’Alene Squadron/Idaho Wing
16. George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year – Col C. Warren Vest/RMR
17. Air Force Sergeant’s Association Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year – C/CMSgt Ethan Madrid – Coeur d’Alene Squadron
18. Cadet of the Year – C/Msgt James Grupp – Eagle Rock Squadron
19. Senior Member of the Year – Col Mike Vorachek – Idaho Wing & RMR
20. Squadron of Merit – Coeur d’Alene Composite Squadron (For 2021 – Streamer says 2022)

Personnel

The wing gained a new Personnel Officer, 1Lt Sherry Ochoa.

On May 15 Col Robert Bost stepped down as the ID Wing Commander. Lt Col Robin Vest was appointed the Interim Wing Commander. On September 16 Col Robin Vest became the ID Wing Commander.

On August 31 1Lt Darren McKenzie replaced Capt Michelle Martin as the commander of Nampa Composite Squadron. On August 16 Capt Kirk Gustafson replaced Capt Gayland Edwards as the commander of Twin Falls Composite Squadron. On August 19 1Lt Mike Smith replaced Major Mitzi Breshears as the commander of Pocatello Composite Squadron.

APPENDIX III: Unit Data & Statistics (Continued)

Recruiting and Retention

The wing lost 1 senior member in 2021 ending with 242 senior members. The wing maintained 236 cadet members during 2021 with no losses or gains.

Plans and Programs

Not applicable

Public Affairs

Annual wing PAO plan was submitted and approved on time. The wing PAO created a Google Drive for the unit PAOs. The drive includes photos, guidelines, resources, newsletters, media releases, presentations, interview series, social media posts, wing magazine articles, and quarterly meeting agendas. The ID Wing PAO also tracked down and confirmed a Congressional Gold Medal recipient from Lewiston, ID. Her son will accept the medal on her behalf during the TX Wing Conference in April 2022.

Information Technology

IT redid the wing web page to match what NHQ requires.

APPENDIX III: Wing Data & Statistics (Continued)

Financial Statement

The finance committee met quarterly as required and conducted quarterly Internal Financial Reviews. When the ID Wing Commander resigned in May the wing FM needed to resign since she became the interim Commander. The wing appointed a new FM. In July the wing received a Successful rating in Finance from the Wing Financial Analyst.

Chaplain

The new wing commander appointed a new wing chaplain in September, Chaplain Captain John Moser. He replaced Chaplain Otto Zuckschwerdt. Chaplain Moser identified and processed paperwork for a new chaplain in Twin Falls Squadron, Chaplain Lynn Schaal.

Historian

No member assigned.

Health Services

Health Services helped the wing commander, wing vice commander, director of safety and the DR/Homeland Security Officer every time a new plan was needed for COVID-19. The wing started 2021 in COVID-Phase I, moved to Phase 2 on February 2, moved to Phase 3 on June 21, moved back to Phase 2 on September 10, moved back to Phase 1 on September 28, moved to Phase 2 on November 11, and ended the year in Phase 3 starting on November 20.

APPENDIX III: Wing Data & Statistics (Continued)

Administration

Nothing memorable.

Inspector General

The IG Team conducted SUIs on Twin Falls ID-049 and Pocatello ID-096 Squadrons in September 2021. The SUI Team conducted an SUI at Boise Squadron ID-073 in December 2021. All three squadrons were deemed effective.

Safety

ID Wing appointed a new Director of Safety the first week of April. Lt Col Sarah Lynch has done a remarkable job creating monthly safety presentations she sends to the squadrons for their use. She was selected to participate in on the new National Safety Teams as a Safety Program Team Lead. TSgt Damen Therkindsen is a National Safety Program Team Member.

Government Relations

Col Warren Vest, the ID Wing Government Relations Advisor began making headway with obtain state funding for ID Wing CAP. He approached state legislators and the Idaho Air National Guard. He and several ID Wing members traveled to the state capitol and met with some of our potential supporters. A budget request was submitted to the ID Air National Guard. In October we learned that the state was going to fund only \$4,000 in their FY23 budget which begins on July 1, 2022. This \$4,000 could be used only for office expenses because of the current law. Col Vest then drafted changes to that law for introduction as a bill in the Idaho Legislature in 2022. The bill will be sponsored by Representative Clark Kauffman. A funding increase of \$46,000 will also be requested so that our original request of \$50,000 can be attained.