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Cadets muster during Encampment 2019





By Capt Karen Padgett

Alaska Wing kicked off the summer season with two National Cadet Special Activities (NCSAs)—a powered flight academy and a glider flight academy. This year’s glider academy hosted the largest number yet of female students! Maj Ute Kaden, Certified Flight Instructor-Glider (CFI-G) stated that she was excited to have so many female students, and that the whole atmosphere was different. See more photos on the Facebook pages for Alaska Wing and for Women of the Civil Air Patrol. A photo of these ladies is currently the banner for the “Women of the Civil Air Patrol” Facebook page!

Our guest speaker on April 10 was Chief Master Sergeant Neverley Wake, USAFR and current CAPRAP liaison for Alaska. Slides from the presentation are available at https://akwg.cap.gov/media/cms/21Apr_WLF_CMSgtWake_CAPRAP_Bias_Wri_E54EE2C033C76.pdf We learned about what CAPRAP and CAP-USAF do, what great resources they are for all CAP members, and heard about all the interesting jobs Chief Wake has held.

We also discussed “Avoiding Gender Bias in Reference Writing.” It is a great time in the CAP year to start thinking about writing awards nominations, and your people can use recommendation letters all throughout the year. Learn to spot words that sound good but may be inadvertently holding some of your people back.

The Alaska Wing Women’s Leadership Forum hopes to strengthen skills and relationships to build a stronger organization with a more diverse and engaging membership. The forum is open to people of all genders at any time. The forum is designed for people who lead women, people who are lead by women, and people who serve alongside women—in other words everyone!

In your CAP recruiting efforts, be sure to let prospective female cadets and Senior Members know Alaska Wing has a Women’s Leadership Forum. That may help make CAP even more welcoming to them!

Finally, keep your eyes open for National Women’s Leadership Forum activities at the 2021 National CAP Conference (virtual) and at the in-person Alaska Wing Conference on Saturday October 2, 2021.

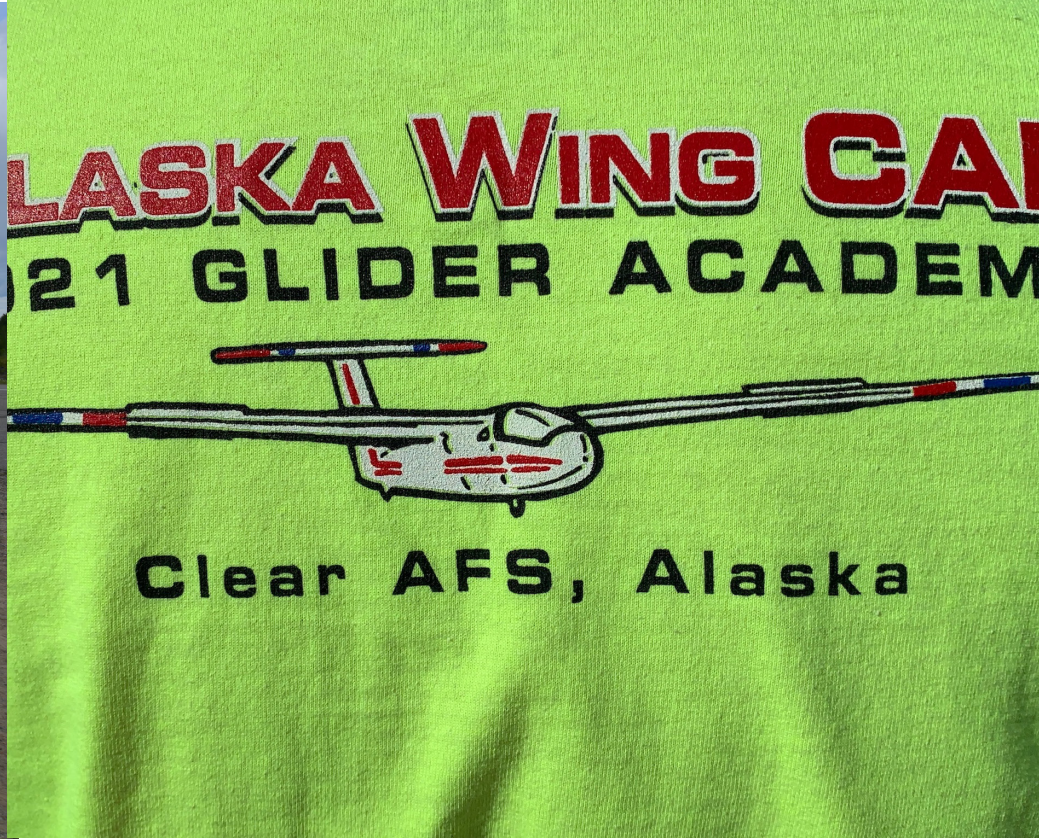
AKWG/CC’s Seven (Strategic) Priorities 2021-2023

- 1.Ensure the Health & Safety of All Members In An Inclusive, Diverse Organization Fostering Our Core Values Within A Culture of Compliance
- 2.Increase Impact of All Unit-Level Fundraising; Pursue Grants At Every Level
- 3.Enhance Recruiting, On-Boarding & Retention In Order to Develop Every Member (and Build Our Organization’s Future) via Effective Mentoring
- 4.Ensure CC’s Have UCC & Units Increase Their Mission Capability By Growing ICS, Aircrew and Ground Team Personnel by 25%
- 5.Ensure All CC’s With Cadets Have Completed TLC; 80% Meet QCUA Criteria; Exceed PCR O-Flt Goals; Increase Cadet Flt & ES Training
- 6.Continue AE Internal Development & External Outreach Programs With A Focus On AEX/STEM Enrollment/Completion (All Units Complete 1 in FY21)
- 7.Expand Partnerships with USCG, USCG Aux, NG/ANG, SOA



The Ladies of the AKWG 2021 Glider Academy: front row: C/SMSgt Annika Cottle (Kodiak), C/TSgt Lillian Monroe (Arcturus), C/TSgt Madeline Ashlock (Lake Hood), C/TSgt Taran Harris-Barnes (Lake Hood), C/Maj Katarina Lukic (Polaris), C/Maj Annika Ziesmer (Lake Hood), C/SSgt Caitlynn Schmidt (Delta Force). Back row: SM Sherry Clifton (Sitka), 2d Lt Velma Vining (Kodiak), Maj Ute Kaden (Fairbanks), and Capt Kristina Schmidt (Delta Force).

National Glider Academy



The first two 2021 National Flight Academies (NFA) for Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a Powered and Glider Academy, were conducted from 28 May to 6 June at both Nenana Airport (PANN) and Clear (Z84) Airport in Alaska, approximately 50 miles West of Fairbanks. These NFA's were the result of much support and guidance from CAP National and Pacific Region regarding COVID procedures. Cadets and Senior Members from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and Wyoming participated. The personnel for the NFA's included 11 glider cadets, 10 powered cadets, 5 powered instructors, 4 glider instructors, 3 tow pi-

lots, 6 orientation flight cadets, and several senior members to handle logistics including WMIRS, flight scheduling, vehicle driving, and supervision. The aircraft provided by the Alaska Wing included four Cessna 172, one Cessna 182, two Cessna 182 tow planes, one ASK-21 glider, one Blanik L-23 glider, and one SG 2-33 glider.

The ten NFA powered cadets flew 99 flight hours achieving one cadet solo pilot and several cadet pre-solo pilots. The 11 glider cadets, flying at Clear Airport, accomplished 296 glider flights. This resulted in 4 cadet solo pilots and several cadet pre-solo pilots. Ground school

classes were taught in the evenings at the Denali Borough School District Anderson School and Clear Air Force Station provided logistics support.

Alaska Wing used this training opportunity also as part of their pilot training "pipe-line" program. In Alaska, many cadets are unable to get their powered and glider orientation flights due to the vast distances between squadrons. The six Alaska orientation flights cadets were invited to not only support these NFA's but get their orientation flights as well.

In spite of temperatures ranging

from 38-75 degrees F, two windy afternoons, and "tons of mosquitos", cadets and senior members were able to experience Alaska's beautiful scenery and very long day light hours. Furthermore, NFA's participants were almost half female and half male cadets. This dynamic, coupled with the vast experiences and diversity of so many members from various states provided for two successful and enjoyable National Flight Academies. By Maj. Ute Kaden, PAO CAP AK Wing 71st Eielson Composite Squadron and Lt. Col. Eddiy Daly, CAP AK Wing 71st Eielson Composite Squadron Eielson Composite Squadron. Photo: C/Thomas Clifton



Note: Much more to follow on this next month!

Arcturus

The Schweizer SGS 2-33 Flat Tire Incident by Lt Col Jim McCarthy

Flying gliders in Civil Air Patrol requires a team effort. This was particularly apparent during Alaska Wing's annual glider academy at Clear, Alaska, when the main wheel on the Wing's Schweizer 2-33 glider suffered a puncture and went flat on Thursday, June 3. With a team of cadets and senior members lifting the tail of the glider manually, LTC Don Burand and Maj Wally Parks were able to remove the wheel, install a new innertube, and put the glider back in operation.

Photos and Captions:

1) Sara Parks and Team (below left) - "1Lt Sara Parks takes photos of the team (Cpt Mellerstig, C/TSgt Ostlund, LTC Daly, C/TSgt Monroe, C/2Lt Porter, C/SrA Sabo, C/Maj Ziesmer) raising the 2-33 tail."

2) Kat Lucic - (top right) - "C/Maj Lukic keeps the 2-33 wings level."

3) Don Burand and Wally Parks (right bottom) - "'Dirty' Don Burand and Wally 'Pigpen' Parks wrestle with the main wheel."

4) Wally Parks (below right) - Birchwood Squadron member, Maj Wally Parks, didn't realize his skills as an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic would be put to good use when he signed up with this outfit!"

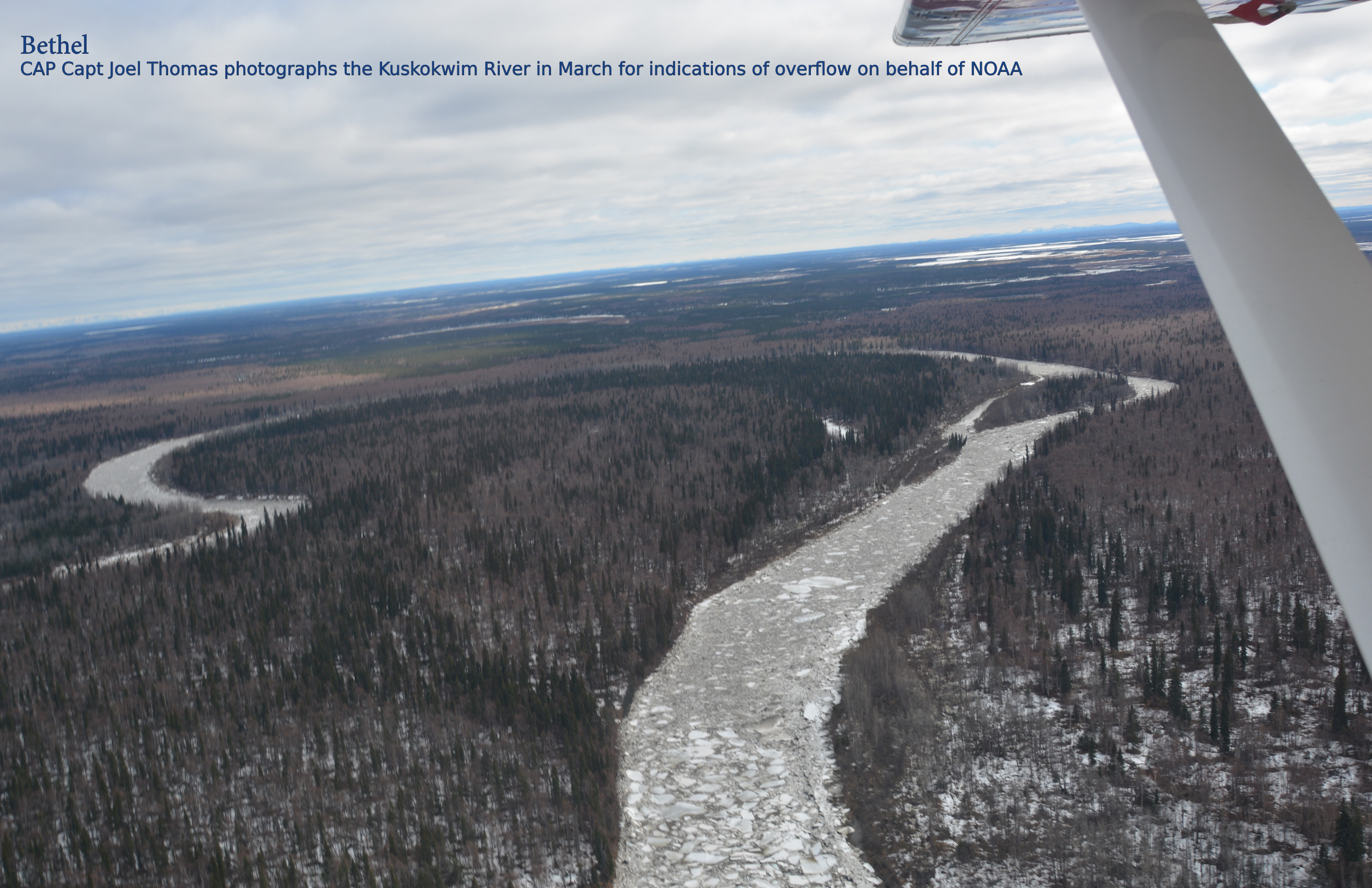


Cadets Supporting Ann Arbor Run



Left to right: C/SrA Lucia, Cadet Lockwood, C/A1C Oberle, C/SMSgt Goodman

Bethel
CAP Capt Joel Thomas photographs the Kuskokwim River in March for indications of overflow on behalf of NOAA



Lake Hood / Polaris

<https://lakehood.cap.gov/>

By C/CMSgt Adler

On May 15th, 2021, cadets welcomed three new members with a CAP Great Start. Great Starts help cohorts of new members become cadet airmen in a short period of time while giving cadet NCOs and officers opportunities to apply their leadership skills. Cadet instructors helped the new cadets learn the Wingman concept, drill, leadership, PT, eServices, and their new uniforms, and memorizing the cadet oath. Congratulations to new Cadet Airmen Mariah Andrews, Marcos Lage, and Hayden Martin!

On May 28th, several Polaris and Lake Hood cadets joined cadets from all over Alaska and several other states at the National Flight



Academy and the National Glider Academy. They enjoyed great weather and lots “hands on” flight time learning the basics of flying a glider or powered aircraft, ground instruction, and the opportunity to work the flight line. They are now well on their way to a private glider rating or powered rating if they choose to pursue that. The instructors, civilian and military aviation professionals, shared their expertise on how to prepare for

a career as an aviator. Here is a link to coverage of the event by Fairbanks news stations: <https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2021/06/02/alaska-civil-air-patrol-trains-cadets-to-fly-glid-ers-and-airplanes-during-annual-academy/>

Photos: Top center - “Great Start TP TLP”. Cadets learn about teamwork at the May 2021 Great Start. Featuring Ms. Zita Varner, C/Amn Mariah Andrews, C/Amn Hayden Martin, C/Amn Marcos Lage, C/2dLt Sigge Mellerstig & his brother, C/TSgt Madeline Ashlock, C/LtCol Ryan Padgett.

Bottom left - Glider Solo Ceremony. Lt Cols Jim McCarthy & John Western prepare to help Cadets Annika Ziesmer, Taran Harris-Barnes, Laramie Uhles, Michael Porter, Sigge Mellerstig, and Mitchell Anderson celebrate their solo glider flights.

Bottom right - Cadets wash a static display jet at JBER’s Heritage Park.

In preparation for the Memorial Day events, several cadets met other volunteer groups at Heritage Park for the biannual washing of the historic static displays. The static displays serve as a reminder of the many types of aircraft that have flown in and out of JBER.



On May 30th, Polaris and Lake Hood cadets and senior members joined with VFW Post 1685 to place flags on veterans' gravesites at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. The event was covered by Anchorage Daily News.

C/SrA Dakota Quebman places flags and grooms veterans' gravesites at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

<https://bit.ly/2Td-KAgL>



CAP Capt Karen Padgett and C/Lt Col Alan Padgett honor our fallen heroes atop Gold Star Peak in Eklutna, Alaska.





Our First O-Ride

By: C/SSgt Haley and C/SrA Haley

My brother and I experienced our first o-ride recently, it was a great opportunity. Along with being extremely informational, it was fun. We arrived at the Birchwood airport on an early winter morning and were met there by our pilot, Lt. Dennis Eby. He gave us a quick but clear briefing on the flight patterns of the airport and necessary safety information. After we finished the briefing, we did the pre-flight check (which he explained in the briefing). This was really interesting because, during the preflight

check, the pilot explained how many parts of the plane worked. This gave more clarity to much of the information we had previously learned in our cadet CAP meetings about how planes worked. After the preflight check, we got into the plane and waited for the pilot to turn on the plane. My brother and I had only been in large commercial aircrafts until this point and this little Cessna was a lot of fun! Once the pilot turned on the engine, the plane bursted with life. We now talked to the pilot through headphones and the center screen turned on. It was interesting to see the pilot adjusting his flight instruments after listening to

the control station give him the temperature, dewpoint, and our altitude above sea level. After he finished adjustments, we made our way onto the taxiway heading for the runway. We took off and once we got to altitude, he let us take control of the yoke. He asked us where we wanted to go and we decided to fly over our house. It was amazing seeing the town of Eagle River from the sky. It was interesting to see the positions of the many different buildings. After flying over our house, we still had a good amount of time left so our pilot recommended we fly over a glacier. This was one of the most amazing things we have

ever seen. It was amazing to see that blue ice illuminated by the bright sun. After we finished taking pictures and looking at the glacier, we decided it was time to head back. It was cool to see all the steps of landing come to life that you don't usually see in a large commercial aircraft. This powered flight was an amazing experience and is just one of the reasons we love Civil Air Patrol.

Photos: Left - Cadet T. Haley and Lt Eby of Birchwood Squadron getting ready to board aircraft for o ride.

Right - Looking down at Knik Glacier.

Welcome to CAP Cadet Landon Langley!

Report by Lt. Robbins: At 0700 hours May 17, 2021 the skies were bright blue with a forecast of 8 knots or less of wind... a rare occurrence in Ketchikan. I started making phone calls to wake 6 new cadets from a deep slumber for one of the best surprises of their lives. The conversation went "Good morning Cadet _____, would you like to go on your O-ride this morning?" Short pause... "WHAT! Am I dreaming???"



My response back: "You are not dreaming. Get your ABU's on and report to the airport immediately!" After some cheering the cadets responded "Hold the ferry! We will be right there!!"

A very kind USMC Chief Engineer gave the cadets a front seat tour of the VTOL. The Cadets were hooked!

Prior to an Osprey takeoff, the cadets watched Southeast Composite Squadron pilots Andy Rosson and Justin (my apologies for forgetting your last name...) grease a landing directly in front of the marines showing them how it's done!

While cadets were getting O-rides, the others were practicing drills and knocking out their Learn To Lead tests and oath. After logging their O-rides, the cadets immediately jumped onto the two flight sims our squadron has, and probably spent close to 6 hours on the hobbs putting their new found knowledge of flying to the test.

Cadets came back with stories of seeing a Navy Submarine underway, as well a spotting whales and other wildlife. For one cadet, it was his first time ever in an airplane, and three others had only been on a plane once in their lives, when they were toddlers.



They all agreed it was one of the best times they had ever had, and are now wishing to pursue careers in aviation. The time literally flew by. We watched the iconic CAP Cessna 172 lift back off towards Juneau. I've been serving with the Civil Air Patrol for 3 years now, and Andy and Justin truly opened my eyes regarding the importance of the Civil Air Patrol mission.

Semper Vigilans - Lt. Robbins



Like children on Christmas morning, the six arrived at the airport with huge smiles on their faces. Another surprise awaited them - three Marine Ospreys on the apron.



Color Guard (l to r): CTSgt Ryan Justus, CSSgt Christina Wise, CAmn Caleb Tapp, CSSgt Josiah Wise, CSSgt Caelyn Wise.

Fairbanks



Cadets were able to practice aerial refueling in the B.O.S.S (Boom Operator Simulator System), followed by a lunch break, after which we toured the Civil Engineering Squadron. Later tours included, but were not limited to: the Force Support Squadron, the Communications Squadron, the Logistics Readiness and Vehicle Maintenance areas, the Metals Fabrication area, the Aircraft Maintenance, and the Medical Group. We were also allowed to tour a KC-135 which flew to Germany a few hours after we were in it. Cadets were allowed to climb into the cockpit and also down to the boom operator system. All Air Guard members throughout the day were very willing to answer questions. Also included is a link to the Air Guard article on the activity: 168th Wing connects with Civil Air Patrol > 168th Wing > News (af.mil). By C/CMSgt Weisensel.

The highlight for the 9th COS in April was traveling to Eielson AFB for a tour of the 168th Air Guard Wing. We were briefed on the mission of the 168th, followed by an overview of the security forces. After security, we went to the armory and were able to see and handle some very interesting guns.

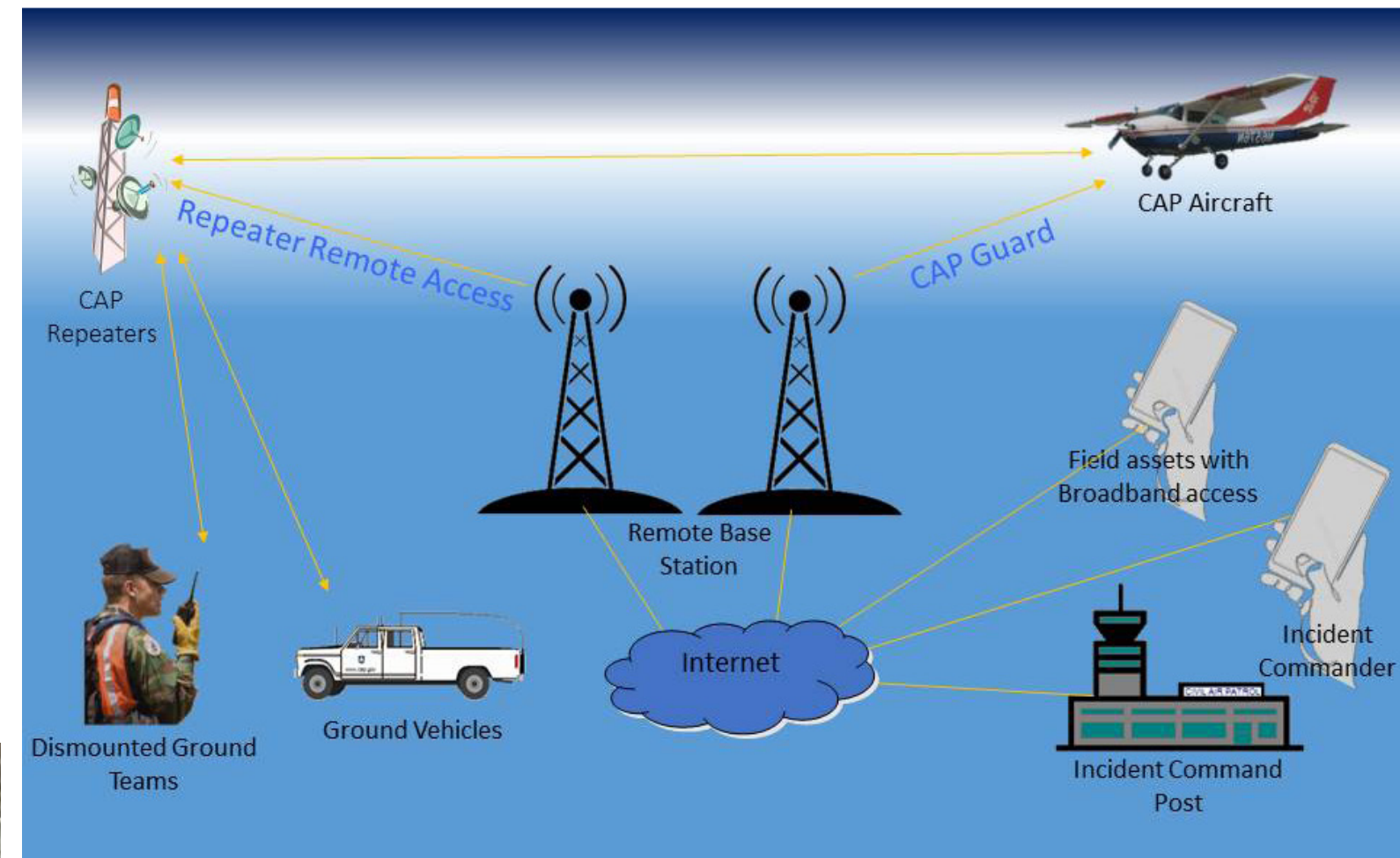
Captions: Top left - A look at an engine on a KC-135. Bottom left - The cockpit of a KC-135. Bottom right - Outside of a KC-135.



Communications - ReadyOp now operational in AKWG!

ReadyOp is a secure web-based application that integrates multiple databases and a communications platform to support planning, response, command and communications for single agencies and unified commands. ReadyOp is designed for fast, efficient access to information, as well as the ability to plan, coordinate, direct and communicate with multiple persons, groups and agencies.

Remote Base Options



ReadyOp provides multiple means for communicating with and between persons and agencies. Simple icons are used to initiate voice calls, conference calls, texts, emails, alerts and more. Groups can be pre-identified or arranged ad hoc. All communications sessions are logged with a date and time stamp, including the names of all persons included. Single and multi-agency communications are initiated with ease, including multi-party, multi-agency calls, texts and emails. Encrypted voice and video communications are also available between ReadyOp users. Please contact Bryan.Emerson@akwg.cap.gov if you would like an account, subject to availability and allowances.

Logistics and Diversity

The AATD trailer, is turning out to be a fantastic recruiting tool. Logistics and Diversity teamed up along with SM Jack Minko, & Squadron Commander, Lt Col James McIntyre, in a recruiting effort last weekend, at the Valdez Airshow. This Sim Trailer is available to any squadron on the road system.

Photo on right: SM Jack Minko and Cadet Ryan Justus.



RIGHT MINDSET, RIGHT BEHAVIOR, RIGHT OUTCOME

When asked about safety, are you all in? Do you use the tools and follow the rules? Do you learn and stay up to date about safety? Do you mentor others in safety? Do you lead by example? Bottom line: Safe outcomes depend on knowledge, attitude, and action.

When leaders have a “safety attitude” they lead by example and take responsibility to ensure:

- A safe environment exists for members and resources under their care.
- Risk is assessed and mitigated to a reasonably acceptable level.
- Safety equipment is available and being used properly.
- Others know what a “safety attitude” looks like and how it benefits everyone when we do the right things.

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE?

- Are you eager to learn more about safety?
- Are you using the tools available to ensure you, others, and our resources are protected to the greatest extent possible?
- Are you speaking up when you notice unsafe conditions?
- Are you open to receiving feedback from others when they observe you doing something that



could be unsafe?

If you answered “yes,” to the above, there is a good chance you have the right attitude about our safety principles and practices.

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD SAFETY

Here are some ways you can demonstrate a good safety attitude.

- Pay attention to training.
- Use the tools and follow the rules.
- Give the task you are on your full attention.
- Ask yourself, “What can go wrong here?”
- Take responsibility for addressing safety hazards.
- Urge others to follow safety requirements and good safety practices.
- Ask questions when anything is unclear.
- Report safety hazards and encourage others to do the same.

Tired? Fatigue can make you more prone to safety incidents because situational awareness is hampered by exhaustion. Planning for and taking breaks can help you stay alert!

Kodiak

May 4th Cadets toured the Kodiak Control Tower and received information about air traffic control in Kodiak from an Army veteran.

May 8 Cadets toured Marine Corps V-22 Osprey.

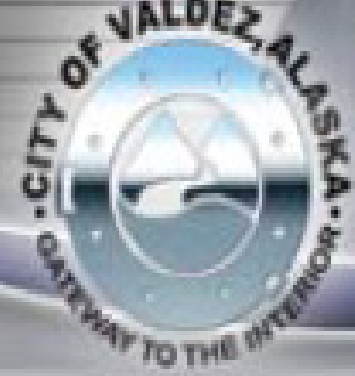
May 11th Cadets completed a physical fitness test and played games. May 18th Cadets participated in a team leadership problem called Step-

ping Stones. They developed problem solving skills, communication skills and teamwork.

May 25th Cadets completed general Emergency Services 101 training.

May 27th - 31st Cadets picked up trash for at Kodiak’s Crab Fest as a community service for a total of 23 hours.





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the many fine men and
women who make up our
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*Thank you,
and keep up the good work!*

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- Veterans and volunteers decorate Anchorage gravesites for Memorial Day
- Alaska Civil Air Patrol trains cadets to fly gliders and airplanes during annual academy

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