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Looking down at Knik Glacier.

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Tanana River, photo courtesy of Maj Ute Kaden.



Open Mic night, 17 Nov at 1900



DOD Vaccination Guidance: "All CAP members who fly, train, or attend meetings in a DoD facility must now report vaccine status or submit negative COVID tests per DoD's policy. Entry into DoD facilities around the nation will require compliance with this memo."



Cadet Michael Porter receives the Alaska Wing Cadet Junior Officer of the Year award from Col McClure.



Lt Col Sammons receives a CAP Achievement Award for his work as HSO during encampment and Senior Member of the Year Award 2020 from Col McClure.



On Tuesday, November 2, 2d Lt Cris Becker (Polaris Sq.) and SM Jck Minko (Arcturus Sq.) completed their ferry flight from Washington to Anchorage in AKWG's brand new C172/G1000. All

told, the mission lasted 4 days, had 10 sorties, and was over 1600 miles of flying as they followed the ALCAN highway home. These photos were taken in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

CLICK HERE to see current Wing Staff position vacancies including:

- Aerospace Education Officer - Internal
- Aerospace Education Officer - External
- Command NCO
- Cyber Education Officer
- Director of Development
- Historian
- Recruiting & Retention Officer
- Plan and Programs Officer
- Public Affairs, Assistant - Social Media



Lt Col John Western and Cadet Brody McComas, new Arcturus Cadet, return from a first O-ride on October 23.

As the COVID pandemic continues with little abatement, Arcturus Squadron's cadet program continues to meet at the Elmendorf Aero-club hangar on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) every Tuesday evening. The squadron's senior members stay in touch with a Zoom meeting every first and third Tuesday evening, supple-

mented by meeting minutes.

Below: Cadet Caden Redford awaits refueling at Spernak's after completing his first powered orientation flight on October 24. C/Amn Rae Dawes accompanied Caden and accomplished her second powered flight.



# Cadet Program News

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## CPC: Cadet Programs Conference Sunday, Dec 5, 2021

Similar to the Alaska Wing Conference held in early October, Alaska Wing Cadet Programs will host a virtual conference specific to Cadet Programs.

Various tracks will provide a variety of topics for participants to attend. The highlight of the day will be the Noontime session featuring recent Spaatz Award Recipient C/Col Ryan Porter, and announcement of the winning team and other awards from the previous day's Cadet Competition (Virtual). Senior Member and cadets alike will be able to choose from 30- and 60-minute sessions on topics such as:

- Free Money to Learn to Fly
- Let's All Meet at Hawk Mountain
- Navigating the New Cadet Interactive (sessions for Senior Members \*and\* for cadets)
- Updates in Cyber, featuring AKWG's new Cyber Officer, 2d Lt Josh Jones
- STEM Activities—Learn One, Teach One
- Get Ready for Encampment
- Alaska Flight Academies
- Applying for Encampment Cadre

## Positions

This website contains the most updated information related to the conference: [HTTPS://AKWG.CAP.GOV/PROGRAMS/CP/ACTIVITIES/CPC](https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/activities/cpc)

## Cadet Competition Saturday, Dec 4, 2021

A record-breaking six cadet teams will compete in the 2021 AKWG Cadet Competition (Virtual). Tok, Kodiak, and the four Southcentral Squadrons will all have teams of cadets vying against each other in the areas of color guard, teamwork, aerospace and leadership knowledge, and physical fitness. The winning team gets to host the Alaska Wing trophy for a year and will be eligible to compete at the Pacific Region Cadet Competition in Spring 2022. Cadets with highest test scores will also be acknowledged at the CPC: Cadet Programs Conference (Virtual) the following day.

Do cadets in your squadron want to improve their cadet competition skills? The winning team will need to practice to prepare for the region competition. Challenge the winning team to a one-on-one competition as spring approaches. You will all benefit! The competition website, [HTTPS://AKWG.CAP.GOV/PROGRAMS/CP/ACTIVITIES/COMP](https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/activities/comp) includes information for virtual spectators.

## Cadet Programs Connect

The Directorate of Cadet Programs is leveraging new tools and technology now available to CAP Members. Cadet leaders & cadets now have many ways to stay up-to-date on the many opportunities available to them.

Website: The Cadet Programs portion of the Alaska Wing website ([HTTPS://AKWG.CAP.GOV/PROGRAMS/CP](https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp)) includes more information every week. Check back often.

## Monthly Virtual Meetings

CDCs and other Cadet Programs Officers now convene for monthly virtual get-togethers, with a feature topic each month. October's featured topics are the AEX award and the new Cadet Interactive promotion path. November's featured topics are SUI help and the Cadet Programs Specialty Track. For more information, visit this link: [HTTPS://AKWG.CAP.GOV/PROGRAMS/CP/CPOS](https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/cpos) Better yet, join us on second Wednesdays of the month at 7pm AK time.

**YouTube:** PLEASE SUBSCRIBE! Hats off to the Cadet Advisory Council! Thanks to great ideas by CAC's Recruiting and Retention Committee, helpful and motivating videos are now available in a central location: the "Alaska Wing, Civil Air Patrol" YouTube Channel: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCWQEA-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWQEA-)

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## 085th Tok Composite Squadron,

Submitted by Capt Richard Dennis, PAO



### TOK CADETS TRAIN FOR SURVIVAL

Survival ! ??

Cadets on 1 Nov, are making fire utilizing flint and steel. Is this necessary? Well, we all hope not, but in a survival situation this skill may be critical to someone's survival.

Marshmallows and hot dogs were available following this exercise. What will be next? Fire by Friction?

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On 11 November 2021, the cadets from Tok Composite Squadron played a key role in the **Tok Veteran's Day Ceremony** hosted by Tok School Principal, Drew Larrabee, in their school gym.

Led by C/2Lt Stephen Briar, Tok's cadets looked sharp as they posted and retired the colors for



the ceremony. Special guests included Representative Mike Cronk from Northway and the 9th Army Band (AD) from Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. The event was well attended by the student body and several veterans from the local area. Senior Member Rex Hamner, also a teacher at Tok School, read the names of all the veterans who

attended and presented a special gift to each veteran.



### SENIORS:

The big activity with the senior members at this time of year is **Wreaths Across America**. This is the sale and placement of a holiday wreath at the gravesite of each of our veterans. The Tok Composite Squadron has participated in this program each of the last 2 years. This Holiday Season, 2021 will mark their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of involvement.

Sales are ongoing and will continue until the cut-off date of 29 November. Currently the 085<sup>th</sup> has sold 140 wreaths with sales ongoing. The first year the squadron sold and placed app 70 wreaths. Last year, their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, about 160 were sold. Every veteran at the Tok Cemetery was recognized with excess wreaths being shared with Elmendorf.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Barbara Pine is leading out with the program this year. Give her a call (907-940-5013) and participate. Each wreath is an affordable \$15.00.

Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 Kenai Cadets work together on achievements, practicing drill and getting flight simulator time. Kenai Cadets presented required Safety, Aerospace, Character Development and Leadership lessons.

One memorable presentation by C/A1C Luke Cole and C/Amn Luke Hillyer was about Integrity. After they showed a CAP movie, everyone analyzed the situations which require Integrity in everyday school life. They also discussed CAP Values for Living. A "hands on" activity followed. A lot of emotion and discussion transpired. Cadets learned a lot.

On one Monday night cadets, Mrs. Hillyer and Captain Timothy Cole played volleyball at the Kenai Rec Center. We had to put up posts and stretch the net ourselves because the center was very short of help. Cadets played hard and everyone had a great time!

Our Cadet Commander, 2nd Lt Andrew Wyatt Cole, earned the Commander's Commendation for work performed at Summer Encampment in Alaska. He did an excellent job!

C/SSgt Matthew Schwartz also earned a Commander's Commendation for organizing and working at the Alaska Summer Encampment. He is a very hard worker.

C/A1C Luke Cole received an Achievement Award for his work at Summer Encampment at Wendover Air Force Base in Utah. He worked very hard preparing food for all. He also received a National Rifle Association Pro-Marksman Certificate. We are proud of him.

Cadets continue to get O-rides and study Aeronautics. Kenai cadets to set a good example in our community and state.



C 2nd Lt Andrew Wyatt Cole receives Commander's Commendation.



C SSgt Matthew Schwartz receives Commander's Commendation.



C A1C Luke Cole received an Achievement Award for his work while at an encampment at Wendover AFB, Utah.



Cadets Woolfe, Brass and Vazquez got promoted to Achievement 1. 71st cadets worked on building rockets during AE with 2Lt Jon Orr and practiced Drill and Ceremonies. Lt Rosario sees it as a priority to support cadet activities with COVID protocols in place to keep everyone safe.



Cap Gennusa practicing MP search patterns.



Maj Kaden, Cap Gennusa, and SM Burrell in the GA8 during a SAREX training flight.



LtCol Holder is back in Anchorage with his family and reunited with Henry.

Keeping our members mission ready qualified is a high priority at the 71st Eielson Composite Squadron. During the last 6 months we accomplished 7 initial Form 5s, trained three new Flight Release Officers, one new scanner, one MP, two Mission Transport Pilots, and checked out two new CFI's.

# Polaris-Lake Hood

[HTTPS://LAKEHOOD.CAP.GOV/](https://lakehood.cap.gov/)

Cadet Chiefs Ashlock, Harris-Barnes, and Monroe, and C/Lt Col Ziesmer led **Promotion Pushes** on October 15, 22 and November 11. They conducted the October Promotion Pushes in person at the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club. Record-setting snowfall on Veteran's Day, November 11, meant cadets could exercise their flexibility skills and switch to a virtual format. By C/CMSgt Adler and C/CA1C Ori.

The first **Ground Observer Corps** or GOC program was formed somewhere between 1939 and 1940 and was known as the WW2 Civil Defense. The GOC was made up of 1.5 million citizen volunteers and 14,000 coastal observation posts used to spot and identify German and Japanese aircraft. The first GOC ended in 1944 shortly before the end of WW2 in 1945. The second Ground Observer Corps was founded in 1950. This was encouraged by the recent establishment of Canada's RCAF Ground Observer Corps.

The second GOC was used to detect and identify any Russian and allied aircraft during the beginning of the Cold War with Soviet Russia. Observations made by volunteers were sent directly to filter centers where the information was sorted and sent to the Air Defense Command.

In 1952 the GOC was expanded into Operation Skywatch which consisted of over 750,000 volunteers ages 7 to 86 years old working shifts at more than 16,000 posts and 73 filter centers throughout the country. In 1958, new high tech radars were being used more and more and the need for the GOC lessened and the program eventually ended. (Reference: "Ground Observer Corps." Wikipedia, 29 Jan. 2021, [EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/GROUND\\_OBSERVER\\_CORPS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ground_Observer_Corps). Accessed 3 Nov. 2021.)

Images: C/A1C Lydia Ori displaying her great-great grandmother's awards. The Ground Observer Corps pins belonged to C/A1C Ori's great-great grandmother, Catalina Dobler. The hours section of the pin shows how many hours she volunteered in a post looking for aircraft. By C/A1C Lydia Ori.



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This online publication is designed to attract, inform and motivate readers through photos, text and stories. We see and feel the four core values in the faces and body language of the cadets and senior members portrayed herein.

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