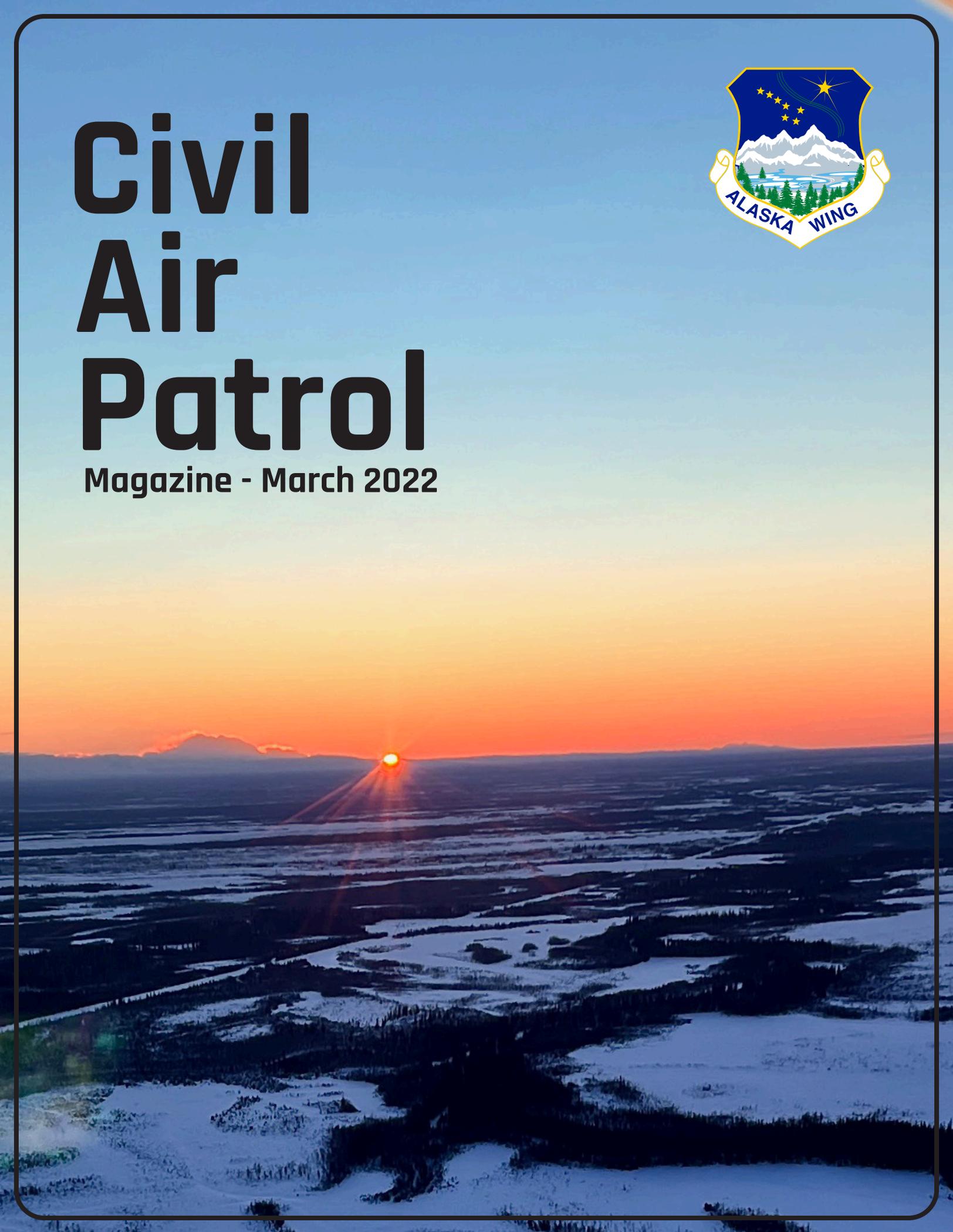


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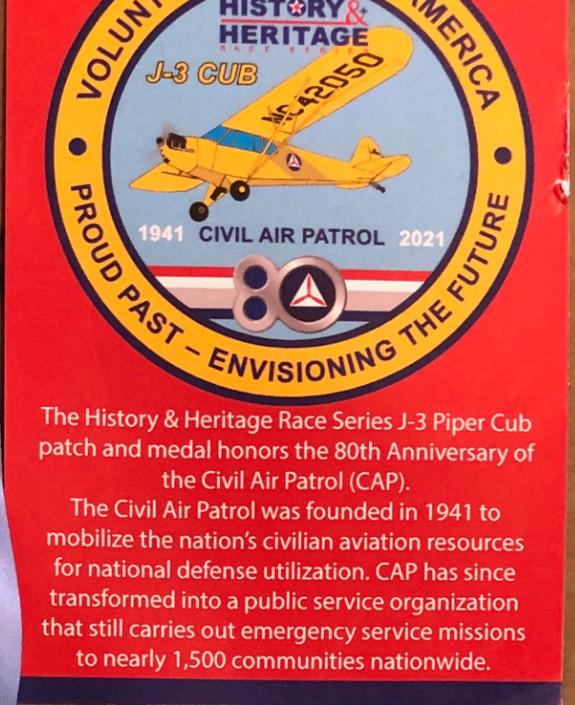
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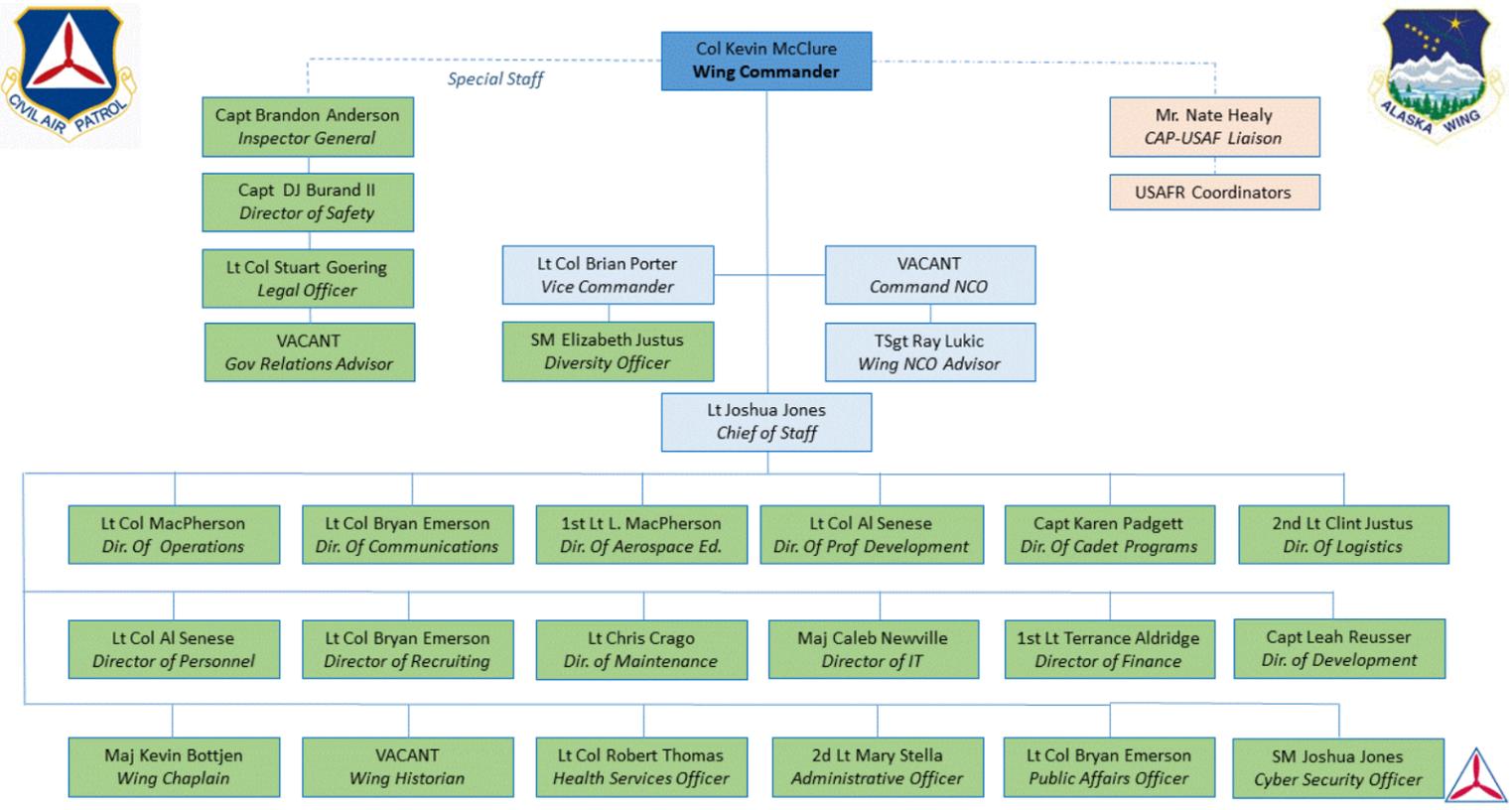
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Open Mic night, every 3rd Wed at 1900



The History & Heritage Race Series J-3 Piper Cub patch and medal honors the 80th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Civil Air Patrol was founded in 1941 to mobilize the nation's civilian aviation resources for national defense utilization. CAP has since transformed into a public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

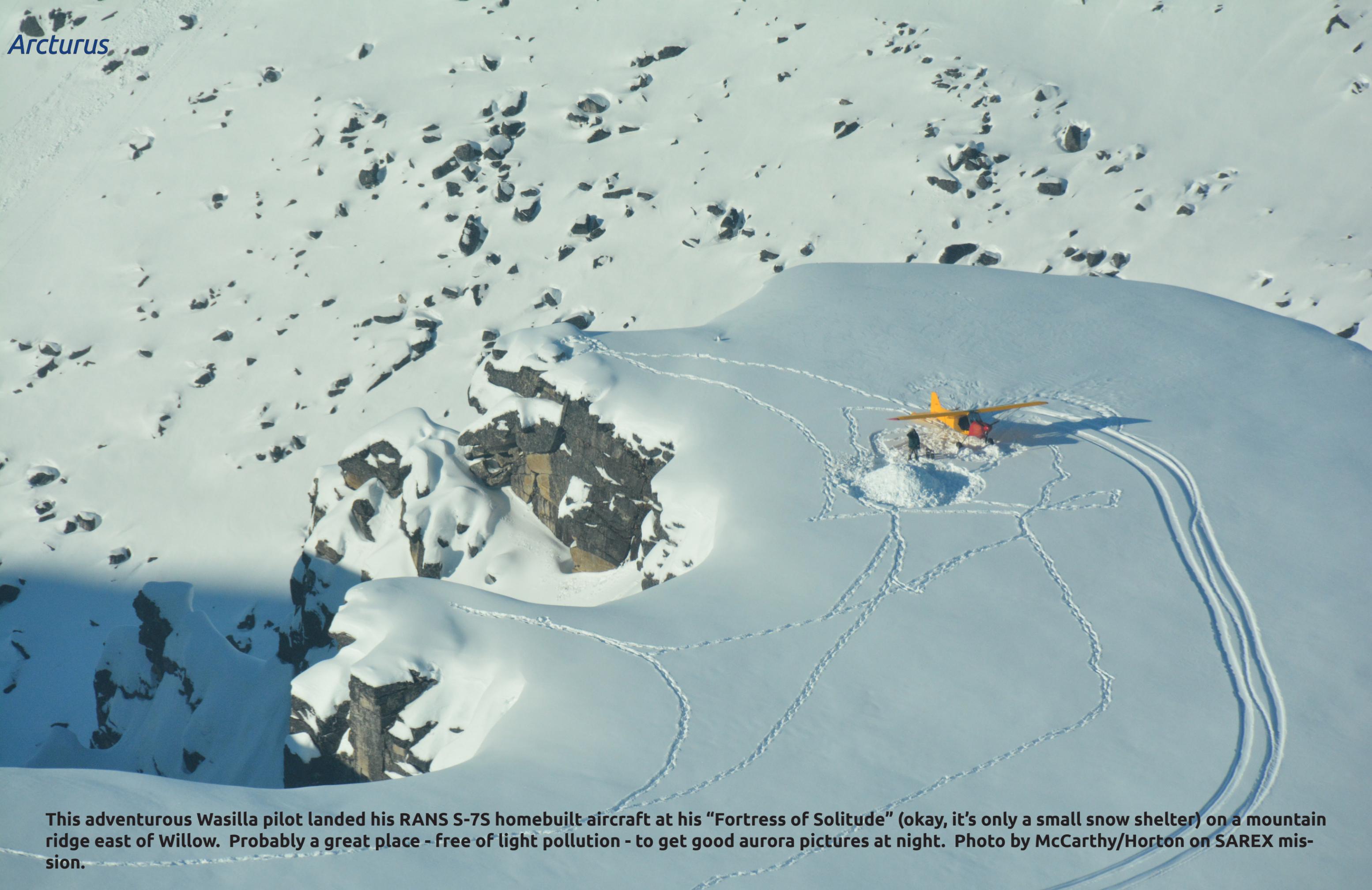


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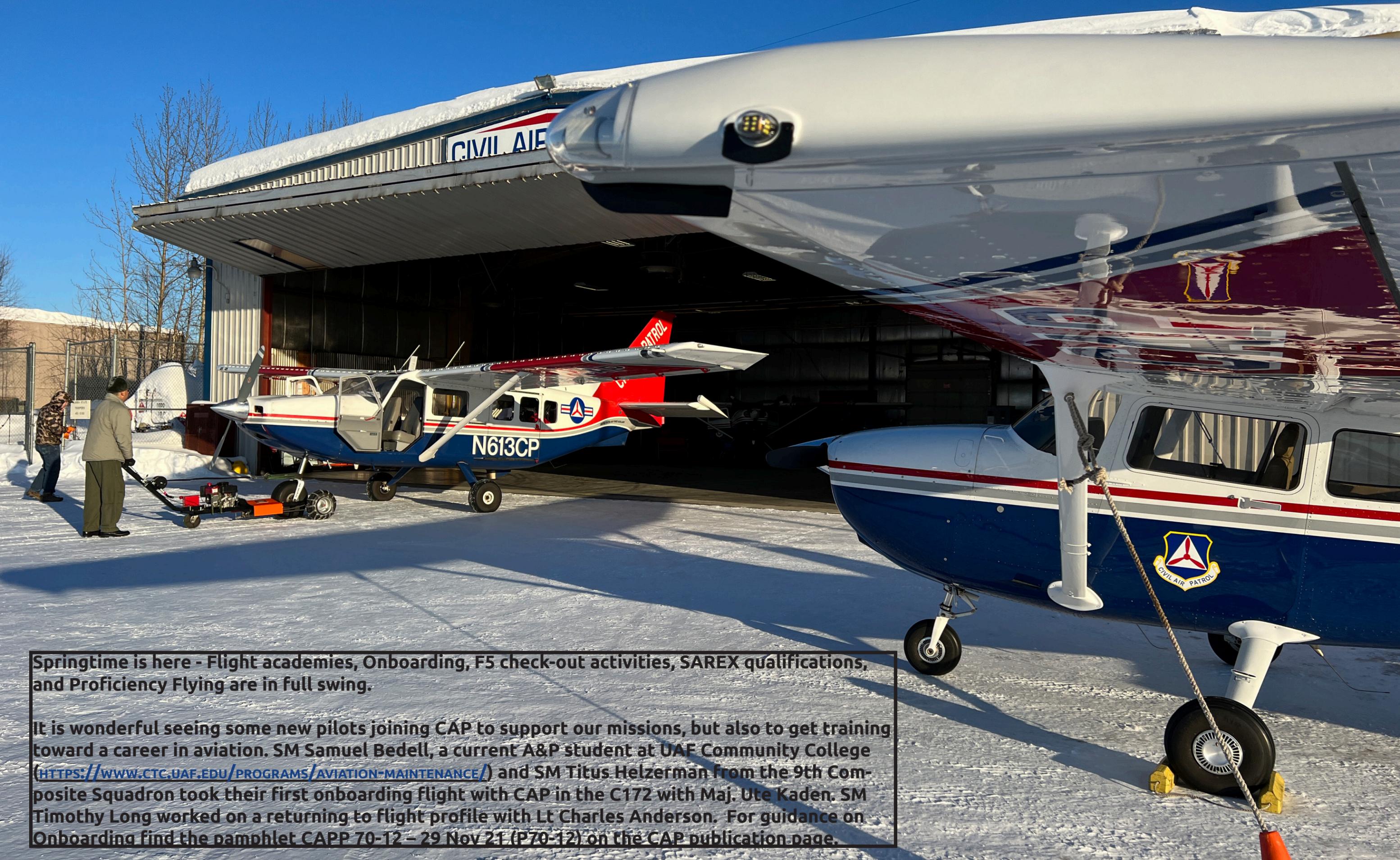
Register now for the [PCR SPRING CONFERENCE, 25 - 27 March](#), [2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 25 - 27 August](#), and [2022 AKWG CONFERENCE, 2-3 OCTOBER](#)

- [CLICK HERE](#) to see current Wing Staff position vacancies including:
- Commander, AK-93
 - Command NCO, AKWG
 - Aerospace Education Officer - External
 - Historian
 - Recruiting & Retention Officer
 - Legislative Liaison
 - Public Affairs, Assistant - Social Media





This adventurous Wasilla pilot landed his RANS S-7S homebuilt aircraft at his “Fortress of Solitude” (okay, it’s only a small snow shelter) on a mountain ridge east of Willow. Probably a great place - free of light pollution - to get good aurora pictures at night. Photo by McCarthy/Horton on SAREX mission.



Springtime is here - Flight academies, Onboarding, F5 check-out activities, SAREX qualifications, and Proficiency Flying are in full swing.

It is wonderful seeing some new pilots joining CAP to support our missions, but also to get training toward a career in aviation. SM Samuel Bedell, a current A&P student at UAF Community College (<https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/programs/aviation-maintenance/>) and SM Titus Helzerman from the 9th Composite Squadron took their first onboarding flight with CAP in the C172 with Maj. Ute Kaden. SM Timothy Long worked on a returning to flight profile with Lt Charles Anderson. For guidance on Onboarding find the pamphlet CAPP 70-12 – 29 Nov 21 (P70-12) on the CAP publication page.



Fairbanks - Cadets

Every fire was started with flint and steel. Some took longer to light but the cadets were able to start a fire. Some had to rearrange their tinder and learned that the flint had to be very close to the tinder to light. By Maj Jim Low.

Fairbanks - Ops

A word on Mountain Flying by Maj Ute Kaden

Mountain Flying in Alaska is rewarding and demands skills to minimize associated risks. Notes from a recent March 22 SAR training flight along the Alaska Range.

Useful links for mountain flying

AOPA

Extensive online course with certificate

[HTTPS://WWW.AOPA.ORG/TRAINING-AND-SAFETY/ONLINE-LEARNING/SAFETY-SPOTLIGHTS/MOUNTAIN-FLYING](https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/online-learning/safety-spotlights/mountain-flying)

You'll review:

Basics of mountain flying

Flight planning for the mountains

Density altitude and how it affects performance

Maneuvers unique to mountain flying

Weather considerations

Human elements of mountain flying

FAA Aviation Safety [HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/NEWS/SAFETY_BRIEFING/2017/MEDIA/SECTOPIC_17_04.PDF](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2017/media/sectopic_17_04.pdf)

Photo: Yanert Glacier by Maj Kaden

Lake Hood

By C/CMSgt Adler

2/28/2022 Thanks to Round Table Pizza, a fundraiser was set up for our squadron from 4 pm-9 pm. 15% of all the proceeds would go to Lake Hood Squadron. In total, the fundraiser collected three hundred and forty three dollars.

3/1/2022 March's ES meeting had quite the lineup for this month. Service Dog Lox came in with his handler and they showed cadets what it's like to have a service dog. More information on the non-profit that provides service dogs

to military veterans can be found here: <https://www.vetdogs.org/>

Next guest speaker was Dr Wendy Sanders, Brigade Surgeon for the Alaska State Defense Force and former CAP cadet. She talked about the force and what they do (also that they serve the governor, not the president). Afterwards, cadets went outside to learn how to build snow shelters, courtesy of C/LtCol Padgett R.

Photo: Vetdog Lox at a Lake Hood Cadet Meeting.



USAF

Air Force Combat Action Medal Awarded to Capt Veronica "Roni" Morthorpe

Veronica (former Cadet) flew multiple sorties into Afghanistan during the evacuation as C17 pilot with an all female crew. This citation is from action on her last flight on the last day of the

operation. The entire flight crew was female while the squadron members watching were mostly male. As Roni said, when she first entered USAFA women weren't allowed combat positions so to have earned a combat action medal was a big achievement for her and her crew. By Paris Morthorpe.



Awards



requiring 16 sorties to accomplish this single movement. This airlift was repeated the following day with the movement of the MSTF. The award was two fold; first was the risk mitigation plan that was developed and refined over three months allowed for USCG approval by a two star Admiral for the operation to continue. Second, the coordination of CAP volunteers and mission management was time intensive and made it possible to accomplish the mission with minimal interruptions to what would have otherwise been canceled.

I do want to convey my gratitude and respect to the aircrews and mission base members across the wing that came together to accomplish some-

thing great. While this was an individual award, it highlights the federal level recognition of what our wing was able to accomplish; during a global pandemic, in one of the most austere flying locations on earth, with all the unknowns, our wing was able to execute a mission with a 300% increase in productivity for a federal agency that increased the safety of many underserved, at-risk communities throughout western Alaska.

Pictured: CAPT Leanne Lusk USCG, Commander, Sector Anchorage; author and Agency Liaison, Alaska Wing; LCDR Christian Fernley USCG, Deputy Branch Director, Arctic Coordinating Element.

By LtCol Stephen Sammons CAP
In February of 2020, as a CAP volunteer supporting USCG operations in the Arctic, I provided technical insight from my nursing background that led to the development of a testing and quarantine protocol based on, at the time theoretical, rapid COVID tests that didn't exist at the time. Having that plan allowed Sector Anchorage to continue forward with their scheduling and procurement cycle leading up to the summer operations. During the Summer of 2020 during the pandem-

ic threat, Sector Anchorage was able to execute a 300% increase in facility and commercial fishing vessel inspections in austere environments with zero spread of COVID. Recognize that most of the Coast Guard had paused operations world wide with the exception of SAR and some limited Law Enforcement. In addition to the record numbers of inspections CAP supported, we were able to move a port security team from California, along with their weapons, and gear over 250 miles from Anchorage to King Salmon



Cadet Programs



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Cadet Programs Connect

To stay up-to-date on Alaska Wing Cadet activities...

Website: The Cadet Programs portion of the Alaska Wing website (<https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp>) includes more information every week. Check back often.

Monthly Virtual Meetings: CDCs and other Cadet Programs Officers meet monthly. All interested Senior Members are welcome! April's topics include Encampment preparation and a Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) update. May's featured topic is O-flights. For more information, visit this link: <https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/cpos> Better yet, join us on second Wednesdays of the month at 7pm AK time.

Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) Classes: All Senior Members are encouraged to take the Training Leaders

of Cadets (TLC) Basic & Intermediate classes. Virtual classes are offered throughout the US, and Alaskans are welcome!! This website shows TLC classes we know of. Email cp@akwg.cap.gov if you know of 10 or more people who would like a class on another day/time than what is offered: <https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/tlc>

Upcoming TLC Classes & registration links (note what time zone they are in when you register!)

- Saturday, April 16, 2022, http://caphclib.us/?page_id=52
- Saturday, April 23, 2022, Go to www.eventbrite.com and search for "NER-CAP TLC Basic"
- Wednesdays, June 8 & 15, 2022, Go to www.eventbrite.com and search for "NER-CAP TLC Basic"

Alaska Wing Powered Flight Academy—In Progress!

The Distributed Powered Flight Academy is in full swing! Southcentral and Southern squadron cadets have been working with their Instructor Pilots during their spring break the second week of March. Northern squadron cadets will be doing the same later in

March during the interior Spring Break. Many thanks to CAP National for funding these nine Alaskan cadets on this important step toward Private Pilot Certificates!

Alaska Wing Glider Academy Fund-raiser Saturday, April 2, 2022

Students of the Alaska Wing Glider Academy, scheduled for May 27 to June 5, 2022, are already banding together to raise funds to help them on they begin their journeys toward Private Pilot Certificates. Come get your car washed on Saturday, April 2, 2022, in the Ardaz Cir cul-de-sac just east of the Merrill Field Tower in Anchorage. If you are not in the Anchorage area, or your car is already clean, you can donate via the Alaska Wing Glider Academy Facebook Fundraiser.

Alaska Wing Summer Encampment June 12-18, 2022

Registration is now open for students to apply for the 2022 Alaska Wing Summer Encampment, either as first-time students or as returning students in the Advanced Training Flight. Students must attend the entire encampment June 12-18, 2022. Be sure to read the page thoroughly before registering. Then complete the forms including all

required signatures, scan each form as its own file, and be prepared to upload the forms when you click on the "register" link. We are excited to see you at Encampment!! <https://akwg.cap.gov/encampment/2022>

Cadet Advisory Council

The Alaska Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) is in full swing, working on many projects to improve cadet life in the Alaska Wing. The next CAC meeting is at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 4, 2022. Keep your eyes open for tools they are developing to improve communication in the wing, involve cadets more in operations (especially ground team ES work and sUAS work), and make it easier for new cadets to find their way around CAP (Spoiler alert: AKWG YouTube Channel). Ask around to find out who the reps are for your squadron! Ask them to provide a monthly report. And let them know of anything you'd like to bring up to the council. More Alaska Wing CAC info here: <https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/cac>

Marketing and Communications (MAC)

The Alaska Wing MAC Team is looking to expand. We want cadets and senior members to fill three teams: Public Relations, Digital Engagement, and Creative Services. These three teams will each have a lead in charge of maintaining the team that they will put together. After applying, the current wing MAC director will send interview requests to interested parties.

1. Public Relations

The Public Affairs team has long been the core team responsible for media relations and public awareness. This team manages the public relations channel of marketing and strategic communications including, but not limited to, managing the media and coordinating with the liaisons at the local squadrons.

2. Digital Engagement

Civil Air Patrol's digital footprint (on the web and in the realm of social media) is a largely ineffective tool for attracting a continuous stream of new members needed to support the growth and sustainability of the organization. The Digital Engagement team will, over the course of the next few years, execute key strategies needed to help make Civil Air Patrol a world-class brand, respected nonprofit, and effective marketing organization poised for growth. This team will handle social media throughout the wing and execute the wing's digital

plan. This team will also make sure that squadrons put out appropriately branded and professional messages and remain on brand with education, mentorship, and support.

3. Creative Services

This team of volunteers consists of members whose vocation and/or avocation includes expertise in creative services (e.g., graphic design, photography, videography, painting, brand management, etc.). Other external resources include expertise in filmmaking, illustration, infographics, and more. Collectively this team is charged with supporting the national creative services teams goals and creating brand compliant services for the wing.

Training

As CAP transitions from a public affairs model with 1,500 PAOs in the field, to an omni-channel marketing effort, a considerable amount of training will be required to help create a team of marketers in every wing. A new national MAC training group is being stood up and tasked with the responsibility for supporting wing MAC teams with meeting the core competencies of their duty assignments, mentoring and assisting new MAC officers and cadet MAC officers, and creating appropriate training materials.

These positions are an additional duty as a wing assistant for the marketing team and will not take them away from their home squadron.

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY.](#) This form is being used as a self-assessment of public relations skills, personal equipment, software and program experience, and social media platform use. The AKWG team is migrating to a marketing platform ahead of the new regulations coming out that will be retiring the Public Affairs duty positions. This form is being used to connect with adult and cadet members interested in working on the AKWG Marketing & Communications team.



Delta

Congratulations are due to C/Amn P. Porter for her promotion and earning the Curry Award!

The squadron held a food drive for the Fort Greely 49th Missile Defense Battalion to fill their food pantry. The 49th thanked the 027 squadron with

a wonderful pizza dinner at a local restaurant. It was encouraging to get to know them and their mission better. The effort is continuing by collecting

breakfast foods for their food pantry through the month of March. Cadet Sponsor H. Medlin, and her sons C/ CMSgt M. Medlin and C/A1C J. Medlin spearheaded the food drive; many thanks for their leadership.

Battalion Commander, Lt. Col Stutz, Battalion Command Sgt Major Christianson, Company commander, Cpt. Russell, Company First Sgt. Meyers, Battalion Chaplain- Chaplain (Maj) Crow, and Religious Affairs NCO- Sgt. Medlin attended the dinner along with several of their spouses. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the squadron by Lt Col Stutz. Additionally, he and Sgt Maj Christianson presented C/CMSgt M. Medlin and C/CMSgt B. Lee with the honor of a Commander's Coin for their efforts in CAP and in the squadron.

Squadron members anticipate warmer weather and breakup soon, realizing that there may be a need for sandbagging assistance due to the unprecedented amount of snow and potential flooding this Spring.

Photo: Sgt Maj Christianson and Lt Col Stutz present Capt K Schmidt, squadron commander, with a certificate of appreciation for the squadron's assistance.



Kenai

Every Monday 6:30 to 8:30 Kenai Cadets work together on achievements, practicing drill and getting flight simulator time.

An exceptionally good presentation was by Captain Timothy Cole. For a Safety meeting he presented the "4 Types of Hypoxia" to the whole Kenai Squadron. The four types are: Hypoxic, Ischemic, Hypemic, and Histotoxic Hypoxia. Symptoms are: numbing, not responding, breathlessness, yawning, headache, tingling, and euphoria. An oxygen sensor for a plane is about \$30.00. The Hyperbolic Research Center in eastern Colorado was covered. A Senior had visited the Hyperbolic Chamber and shared many interesting observations. Discussion was plentiful among Cadets and Seniors.

An Aerospace Presentation by C/SSgt Luke Cole was amazing! He demonstrated how to make the "award winning" paper airplane, the Suzanne. It flies 226 feet! We tried to make our planes fly that far. We need a lot more practice. Cadets also created their own planes and tested them and compared why some planes flew further. It was an excellent meeting of aerodynamics. Cadet Luke Cole is a very good teacher and had each cadet and adult make much progress through his demonstrations and explanations.

Two new cadets made a Safety Presentation this month. Cadet Owen Bell was a new cadet for two weeks. Ca-

det Jacob Ries was a new cadet for 5 hours! Their slideshow covered the six types of fire extinguishers: A for wood, paper, cardboard: B for flammable liquids, diesel, oil, gas: C for electrical used on airplanes: D for combustible metals: and K for kitchen fires. They demonstrated how to use an extinguisher which only lasts 30 seconds. They also invented an Extinguisher Game. For brand new cadets, it was amazing! It takes a lot of courage to present in front of your peers and they did a wonderful job.

Cadets provided Color Guard for our new Senior Commander, 2nd Lt Nick Maliniak, who is taking the place of Major Henry Knackstedt, who has served our squadron well for years. Col. McClure flew down for the Ceremony. He's a good speaker. We appreciate him flying down to our Kenai Squadron.

We are very proud of C/A1C Lane Hillyer and his twin brother, C/A1C Luke Hillyer for advancing to the Wright Brothers Milestone. They are still attending meetings in Hawaii.

Orientation rides continue to be difficult to accomplish this month because of weather. We abide by strict health guidelines to protect Cadets and adults. We had six new prospective Cadets attend our meetings. Three new cadets have joined our squadron: Cadet Owen Bell, Cadet Aaron Fletcher, and Cadet Jacob Ries.

Denali After Action Report

Here are the results of our 11-12 Feb 22 Operation DENALI:

- 5 units involved in the planning, staging and execution of a 2-day event focused on winter operations, survival, Ground Team, Aircrew and ICS Staff training. AK-27 participated in planning, and will execute its assigned scenarios in the weeks ahead
- Chief Martin, AK-17, qualified as GTM3/2 and is prepared to lead training in home unit upon coordination with AKWG/ES and AK-17/CC
- TMP/MP/MO ground training accomplished for 2 aircrew members; flight training and air-to-ground signalling portion planned but not executed due to weather
- Lt Col Bryan Emerson ran the command post (and rehacked CUL tasks) from his Mat-Su location, interfacing with Lt Rice in Craig, Colonel Palmer at PAMR and Colonel Porter at PABV and C/2d Lt Anderson from home using READY OP, GoToMeeting, VHF simplex, VHF ALMR and cell phones
- C/2d Lt RC Anderson completed MSA training; WMIRS, WX and mission briefing tasks, accomplished virtually in real-time with ground teams
- 8 ICUT practical tests administered; ICUT qualifications completed for all
- 8 members from 3 squadrons accomplished all Fam, Prep and Advanced Training for UDF, GTM3 and GTM2

(they will wrap up IS and First aid back at their units to complete their qualification).

- Hawk Mountain Ranger School syllabi were used in addition to the NESATask Guide, ensuring all 9 participants were proficient with Ranger Third Class tasks including feldcraft, firecraft, mobility and survival task areas
- 2 CAP-USAF members (Lt Col Holmgren and Chief Wake) participated and provided hands-on training for participating cadet and senior members

Lessons Learned:

- AK VHF Radios should all be ops-checked on both Simplex and ALMR systems prior to STARTEX to ensure up-to-date-programming
- Members should work with a sense of mission and urgency
- Members should bring appropriate/ tested equipment and keep track of personal gear.

By C/Capt Michael Porter.

Education and Training

Volu 18 Months Later

Since August 2020 when VolU came online results have been mixed to say the least. Level achievements are down when compared from August 2018 to August 2020. Part of this can be attributed to COVID which negated any face to face classroom instruction leaving members to take their courses via Virtual in Residence (akin to zoom meetings) or moderated courses that required a cohort. Another factor has been the lack of instructors causing delays. Hopefully the numbers will be better as COVID restrictions are lifted and more instructors are brought on board.

Level 2 has suffered the most in completion awards. Since August 2020 only 92 senior members achieved Level 2 for the Pacific Region. For the two years prior to August 2020, 210 members achieved Level 2. Approximately 20% of the Alaska Wing membership is enrolled in Level 2. Level 2 is comprised of two parts. Part 1 has 2-3 moder-

ated courses and six automated. Completion of part 1 is needed for promotion to 2nd Lt. Part 2 has 4 moderated courses and 14 automated along with taking the Yeager Test and achieving a technician rating in a selected specialty track. Part 1 can be completed in as little as six, maybe eight weeks depending on the scheduling of the moderated courses. Part 2 completion is at least six months. VolU understands that level achievements do take time and commitment along with the fact that there are only so many hours in a day so the key is to do what you can when you can. Our initial goal is to get members through part 1 of Level 2.

Each Level in VolU provides a list of modules/courses that are moderated and automated. All the modules/courses that pertain to your level of study are listed in AXIS which is your starting point.

The VolU site has a page dedicated on how to make Virtual in Residence work for you such as scheduling your class-

es and expectations.

Virtual In-Residence Program, Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

For members that may be interested in being a VolU instructor an application see the below application link. The VolU page provides the criteria and contact information.

Volunteer University Instructor Application

VolU provides CAP members the opportunity to not only increase their knowledge of CAP but also opportunities for promotions and staff positions along with contributing to the well being of their unit and wing.

Any questions feel free to contact your unit ETO or CC, myself (491061@AKWG.CAP.GOV) or Capt. Karen Padgett (282238@AKWG.CAP.GOV).

By Capt Don Duff

Birchwood

18 of our 36 Birchwood Cadets were promoted on Feb 22nd. Our squadron record for number of Cadets promoted in one month stands at 22. V/R John Nealon

- C/Amn Hayley Cole
- C/Amn Sadie McArthur
- C/Amn Taya Tolbert-Nielsen
- C/A1C Elizabeth Barnette
- C/A1C Mya Cole
- C/A1C Shepherd Cook
- C/A1C Aidan Evans
- C/A1C Riley Foreman
- C/A1C Jack Parker
- C/A1C Jonathan Shelley
- C/A1C Corban Tolbert-Nielsen
- C/SrA Wyatt Klostermeyer
- C/SSgt Nolan Cok
- C/TSgt Benjamin Parker
- C/MSgt Liam Connolly
- C/MSgt Adam McArthur
- C/SMSgt Taylor Moehring
- C/CMSgt Reagan Benedict



Happy to report that new Iridium constellation (enabled Feb. 2019) is much more powerful than the original constellation regarding inReach tracking. We tracked a human in heavy SE Alaskan rain forest timber and every waypoint uploaded!

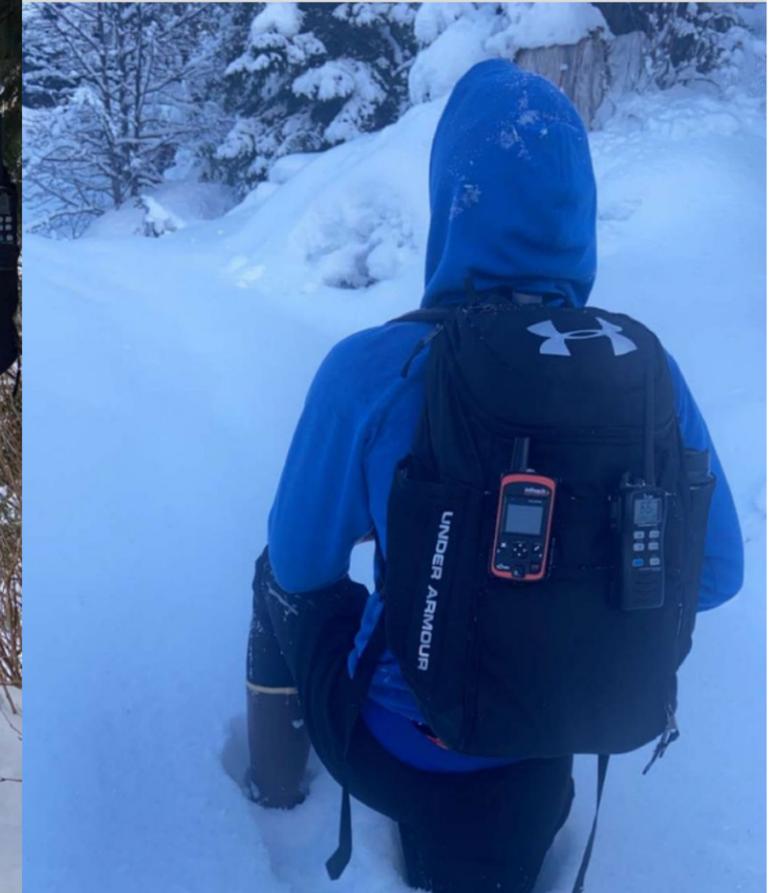
3D printed adaptor for S2 and iPad.
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Thank you Army NatGuard SSG Sean C. Smack for the lessons on finding ourselves at MGRS Coordinates 9UUB2817137837! **Yes, that's a 3D printer!**



C/2dLt Colin Rice testing inReach tracker in SE Alaskan heavy timber.



Viewing progress in the browser back at Mission HQ in Craig, AK.





cleaning, organization, and inventory check of our hangar. We created a better cadet office, testing stations and more accessible storage when it came to ranks and pins. We have been maxing our simulator usage as more daylight comes in the hopes of starting powered O-rides. Polaris has also continued its Rocketry Courses and will launch rockets as the last interactive step before personal testing. Lastly Polaris is training old and new cadets for encampment and prepping for the upcoming flight academies.

Since Polaris has not had a Public Affairs Officer, this is an update from the beginning of the year.

Polaris had a change of command switching from C/2Lt Michael Krol to C/Capt. Madeline Anderson. Capt. Chet Harris initiated the change of command with help from Lt. Col Bryan Porter, C/Capt. Michael Porter and C/2Lt Rachel Anderson. We also had several promotions, Dylan Pittsenberger promoted to his first C/Chief, Theodore Neroda promoted to C/A1C, Madeline Anderson promoted to C/Captain, Karlie Therrien promoted to C/SSgt.

Several cadets have joined our squadron including Cadet Caroline Vakulich, Cadet Michael Michaud, Cadet Talen Benjamin and C/1Lt Catee-Blythe Scharer. Our cadets worked together to do a complete

Stay Safe!



V/R

C/2Lt Rachel 'Viking' Anderson
Deputy Commander for Ops
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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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