

Civil Air Patrol



September 2023

Save the Date
2023 AKWG Annual Conference, Anchorage, October 7



2023 ALASKA WING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



UAA Aviation Training Center
2811 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, AK 99517

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| 0800 | Check In (Atrium) | | | | | | | |
| 0900 | Opening Remarks & State of the Wing (Auditorium) | | | | | | | |
| | Auditorium | Atrium | Rm 128 | Rm 130 | Rm 241 | Rm 243 | Rm 245 | |
| 1030 | Cadet 1 | AE Display | OPS 7 | PAO 1 | ET 1 | DV 1 | OPS 1 | |
| 1130 | Cadet 3 | Lunch (1130-1300) | | | | | | |
| 1300 | Cadet 2 | AE Display | AE 1 | COMM 1 | ET 2 | | OPS 2 | |
| 1415 | Cadet 4 | AE Display | AE 2 | OPS 5 | ET 1 | CAC | OPS 3 | |
| 1530 | Cadet 5 | AE Display | AE 3 | OPS 6 | | Cadet CC Call | OPS 4 | |

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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| CADET 1 | The Fields of Friendly Strife: Cadet Competition Briefing | Auditorium |
| DV 1 | Diversity | Rm 243 |
| ET 1 | Choosing Your Duty Assignment & Specialty Track | Rm 241 |
| OPS 1 | What's New in Operations | Rm 245 |
| OPS 7 | sUAS in Civil Air Patrol | Rm 128 |
| PAO 1 | The Importance of Information for the.... | Rm 130 |

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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| CADET 3 | CP Tech-in-A-Day (<i>Lunch Provided for a nominal fee</i>) | Auditorium |
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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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| AE 1 | Are you a STEM kit survivor? (Cadets) | Rm 128 |
| CADET 2 | Learning to Fly: Alaska Wing Flight Training Pipeline | Auditorium |
| COMM 1 | Communications as a Retention Tool | Rm 130 |
| ET 2 | Accountability & Responsibility of the Adult Leader | Rm 241 |
| OPS 2 | Top Ten WMIRS Hacks | Rm 245 |

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

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| AE 2 | The Near Future of Aerospace (adult AE seminar) | Rm 128 |
| CADET 4 | See the World: NCSA's & other Out-of-State Activities | Auditorium |
| ET 1 | Choosing Your Duty Assignment & Specialty Track | Rm 241 |
| OPS 3 | G1000 Tactics, Tips and Tricks | Rm 245 |
| OPS 5 | GIS Training as A Retention Tool | Rm 130 |

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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| AE 3 | How to Become an Astronaut (for Cadets) | Rm 128 |
| CADET 5 | Encampment Preparation | Auditorium |
| C/CC Call | Cadet Commanders Call (Invite Only) | Rm 243 |
| OPS 4 | ICS Staff Training | Rm 245 |
| OPS 6 | Mission Staff Requirements | Rm 130 |

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Big Accomplishments for Birchwood Squadron

Story written by Lt. Colonel David Thompsen, Birchwood



The Birchwood Squadron has been extremely active this last year. Through cadet achievements, orientation flights, encampment, aerospace education, completing STEM Kits, retention, and other AE activities, the Birchwood Squadron efforts have paid off.

Under the direction of Major John

Nealon, Squadron Commander and especially 1st Lieutenant Rena Anderson, Deputy Commander for Cadets, the unit received its reward. On 18 July 2023, Colonel Kevin McClure, Alaska Wing Commander, presented the 2023 Squadron of Merit Award to a packed house at the Birchwood Squadron.

There are currently 38 active cadets. Promotion and retention rates are at an all-time high. This past year the STEM kit of choice has been the Quadcopter. They received an average score of 83% on post testing. The next project they are going to take on is Rockets. Congratulations to all!

According to the CAP Website, award winners are determined by their performance from 31 August 2022 through 31 August 2023. The award criteria are entirely objective. Units with a minimum of 10 cadets that meet at least 6 of the 10 criteria listed below by 31 August 2023 earn the award.

- Enrollment: Unit has at least 25 cadets listed on its roster.
- Onboarding: 70% of all new cadets from 31 August 2022 earned Achievement 1 in 8 weeks
- Cadet Achievement: 45% of cadets on roster have attained the Wright Brothers Award

- Orientation Flights: 70% of cadets on roster have first flight credit
- Encampment: 50% of cadets on roster have graduated encampment
- Emergency Services: 60% of cadets on roster have GES certification
- Outside Activities: Unit participated in a Red Ribbon Leadership Academy, AE ACE+ Adopt Program, or a STEM competition listed here: CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers, The American Rocketry Challenge, UAS4STEM, High Altitude Balloon Challenge
- Aerospace: Unit has submitted a Aerospace Excellence Award (AEX) Completion Report or sent in an AAR after ordering a STEM Kit during this award cycle
- TLC Graduates: Unit has at least 3 current Training Leaders of Cadets graduates on its roster
- Specialty Track: Unit has at least 2 Senior Members with a Cadet Programs Specialty Track rating.



SM Kyle Zimmerman of Birchwood Squadron Instructs Cadets at NCO Training Day at Birchwood Airport
Photo by 1st Lt Rena Anderson

Birchwood Squadron welcomes C/AB Lane Coffman. We recently completed a rocketry program where twelve cadets successfully built and launched rockets. A big shout out to C/Maj. Anderson for organizing the program and to the Parker Family, the Benedict Family, and Lt. Karl Kisser for their support.

On Saturday, September 9th, SM Kyle Zimmerman hosted NCO training for our cadets. It was an excellent day of learning about the Honor Code, NCO Responsibilities, How to Teach

Drill Movements, How to Teach Classes, and Public Speaking.

Thank you SM Zimmerman for your leadership and expertise! The sun even came out in the afternoon, allowing us to practice Drill outside in some beautiful weather! On the same day, Phase 1 cadets had the opportunity to learn about Uniforms, Drill, Customs and Courtesies, Navigating eServices, and Study Aids. Thank you, Lt Rick Benedict for leading the Phase 1 classes.



Cadet Captain Benedict of Birchwood Squadron Teaches Drill at a Recent Training Day at Birchwood Airport
Photo by 1st Lt Rena Anderson



Cadet Maj. Mitchell Anderson of Birchwood Squadron Instructs Cadets on How the Rocket Launching System Works-Photo by 1st Lt Rena Anderson



Rockets Built by Birchwood Cadets are Ready for Launching_Photo by Cadet Maj Mitchell Anderson



Cadet Master Sergeant Jon Shelley of Birchwood Squadron Launches His Pop Bottle Rocket
Photo by 1st Lt Rena Anderson

Polaris

With the fall comes changes - a new Wing Commander and cabinet, and for Polaris, we saw our very own Maj. Don Duff step up to take the Education & Training and Personnel Directorates as long-time Polaris member Lt Col Al Senese stepped down. Thanks again for everything you did "behind the curtain" keeping things running, Colonel Senese-Don has big shoes to fill.



Cadet C/MSgt Pittsenbargar receives the guidon of the Polaris Composite Squadron.

Sadly, we must farewell our Deputy Commander of several years and wish them well as they head to the Lower 48 and the next chapter in their family's life; please take the opportunity to thank Capt "DJ" Burand for all he did for Polaris and for the Wing!

Clear skies and tailwinds to you and yours, DJ - and we'll keep the porch light on for you.

Another change: the Polaris-Lake Hood Joint Cadet Programs concluded consolidated operations, having learned many lessons together over the past year. The cadets of Polaris-Lake Hood have built a sense of camaraderie amongst themselves through shared experiences and hard work. Better armed for the future, each unit will maintain separate meetings once again, and look forward to future collaboration - starting with a joint cadet competition team. Many thanks to our Lake Hood sisters and brothers!



Cadet Wegemer receives the Wing Commander's Commendation Award from Colonel MacPherson for her work as Cadet Commander of our Joint Cadet Competition Team



Cadet 1stLt Halliburton receives his final salute as cadet commander of the Joint Polaris-Lake Hood Cadet Program

This month's activities included Emergency Services task training, Aerospace topics and aircraft systems, physical fitness testing and culminated in a final opportunity to celebrate achievements and recognize the evolution of command. Colonel MacPherson presided over a joint cadet change of command where Cadet 1stLt Kai Halliburton passed the guidon to C/CMSgt Dylan Pittsenbargar. Congratulations and best wishes to both of these fine young leaders as they move out in their new command.



Cadet Lukic teaching the finer points of preflight inspection

Delta Force

CONGRATULATIONS

and thank you to everyone whose efforts made it possible for the squadron to earn the Quality Cadet Unit Award for the 4th consecutive year!

Thank you to the unit's FY2024 Cadet Advisory Council selectees: C/MSgt Medlin as Primary Representative and C/Amn Marshall as the Assistant Representative.

During August Capt. Baugh coordinated two guest speakers for the squadron this month:

First was Lt Col Caitlyn Thorn, US Air Force Acting Site Director for Operations Support Division-Alaska, Missile Defense Agency. She explained her USAF career and the various jobs she's completed in the USAF, as well as provided a fun TLP for the cadets.

Lt Col Steininger-Holmes, US Space Force Acting Site Director for Operations Support Division-Alaska, Missile Defense Agency, spoke about his career in the USAF and then the USSF and provided valuable advice for cadets regarding their futures. He answered the cadets' many questions.

C/MSgt Schmidt shared her experiences at the CAP NCSA Medical Orientation Training School with the squadron. Maj Lorenzana presented a lesson called Character Counts, from the Leadership training guide.

Capt. Baugh provided ES instruction in how to inspect a vehicle, and how to properly change a tire. Capt Schmidt supervised a scenario where cadets practiced correct wear and usage of disposable gloves with a cadet "accident victim," complete with ketchup to make it more realistic.

For Aerospace this month, the squadron learned about "Water Scooper" aircraft, NASA X-59 Quiet Supersonic Jet, and SM Adams provided helpful instruction regarding the forces of flight.

The 5th Tuesday of the August included some fun activities planned by C/MSgt Medlin and a Color Guard introduction by Capt Baugh.

One of the squadron's SMs, David Adams, is a pilot who is working on obtaining his CAP qualifications, which is encouraging.

The squadron has enrolled in the CAP/NASA Solar Eclipse Citizen Science Mission that will be held on 14 October.

The unit continues to grow, with several youth guests each week, and two of them planning on joining as soon as they're able to. Meetings are held at the Fort Greely Chapel on Tuesday evenings.

CONGRATULATIONS
to this month's cadets and their promotions:

- C/MSgt Medlin
- C/Amn Marshall
- C/A1C Montoya
- C/SrA Porter

A big **WELCOME** to the squadron's newest cadet, Jayden Rushe!



C-SrA AJ Gaston and C-MSgt Schmidt Flip the Towel TLP



C-Amn Marshall Receives the Curry Certificate



C-A1C Montoya and C-SrA Allie Gaston Universal Precautions Gloves with C-MSgt Schmidt

Lake Hood

Over the past year, the Lake Hood and Polaris Cadet Squadrons have been holding joint meetings, fostering camaraderie and teamwork. Recently, Lake Hood and Polaris resumed meeting separately.

Our August fun meeting was initially planned as an outdoor fun gathering

However, unexpected rain showers led us to switch gears and transform it into an indoor fun meeting. The indoor fun meeting was a resounding success, with cadets enthusiastically engaging in card games, board games, and various team-building activities.



Cadets in Photo: C/A1C Wesley Simpson, C/2Lt Grania V Wegemer, C/SrA Orian E Jensen, Cadet Axle S. McBirney, C/CMSgt Keena L Bennett, C/TSgt Raymond Patterson, C/A1C Layla Skipper, C/Amn Madison Soots, C/SrA Henrik R Ziesmer, C/A1C Eli Logan, C/A1C Liam Wood, and C/MSgt Asher L Engeberg.

Date 8/29/23 - Photographer: C/TSgt Patrick M Johansen



Cadets are enjoying a new potato relay-type race game that the Senior Members introduced.
Cadets in photo: C/CMSgt Lydia A Ori, C/A1C Wesley Simpson, C/1stLt Kai C Halliburton,
Capt Karen L Padgett

Date: 8/29/23 - Photographer: C/TSgt Patrick M Johansen

Glider Flying at Eielson Air Force Base and a lot of big smiles from 13 cadets



The 71st Eielson Composite Squadron and the 9th Fairbanks Composite Squadron had with 13 glider orientation rides a very successful operational day at Eielson AFB. Both squadrons worked closely together to provide the cadets with the opportunity to fly gliders and learn about aviation. We had 7 first flights and the day ended with big smiles from the cadets and senior members. Flying gliders is a team sport and everyone pulled together to make it possible.









Kenai

Every Monday 6:30 to 8:30 Kenai Cadets make Aerospace, Leadership, Safety and Character Development Presentations. The Cadet led presentations are excellent. One of the best was given by C/SrA Noah Cole. He gave a presentation that was stunning! Everyone was paying attention every second. The room was packed, every eye was on him and we all felt stronger in our values!

Cadets volunteered at the Kenai Industrial Day. It took place close to the Kenai Airport. All local businesses

were present. The ceremony began with the Color Guard. The participating cadets were, C/2d Lt Lane Hillyer, C/2d Lt Luke Hillyer, C/CMSgt Luke Cole, and C/SrA Noah Cole. They were so impressive that they are invited to next year's celebration! They were absolutely excellent! C/2 Lt Lane Hillyer made a great leader!

All cadets are working hard, setting a good example in our community and supporting each other in continuing to practice the Core Values.



Color Guard at Kenai Industrial Days celebration
C/2d Lt Lane Hillyer
C/2d Lt Luke Hillyer
C/CMSgt Luke Cole
C/ SrA Noah Cole

Cadets worked very hard and passed many achievements.
Achievement 2: Brennan Brandt, Maddy Ries, and Eliran Weisser.
Achievement 3: Caleb McCoy, Bjorn David, Hugh Traugott, and Noah Cole.
Achievement 5: Thomas Martin.
Achievement 6: Laif Rothenberger.
Achievement 8: Lydia Schwartz.
Achievement 9: Luke Hillyer.

CONGRATULATIONS



IFR training flights in the G1000

Alaska weather is unpredictable at times and the new G1000 flight decks provide more safety and mission capabilities. However, ongoing training is key, especially for the use of the autopilot and IFR procedures. Capt. Lon Kelly and Maj. Ute Kaden took advantage of the no icing conditions and filed an IFR flight plan for multiple instrument approaches into Fairbanks.





Automations system crew resource management in real IFR conditions is important and training is essential to master the G1000 flight management system.



Diversity and Inclusion



DEI Team having an Inclusive talk along with HHM News Arcturus Cadets. Senior Members got Invited to the Honor guard to observe. It was awesome. The Hispanic H. Team meets every week to plan the HHM and other events.





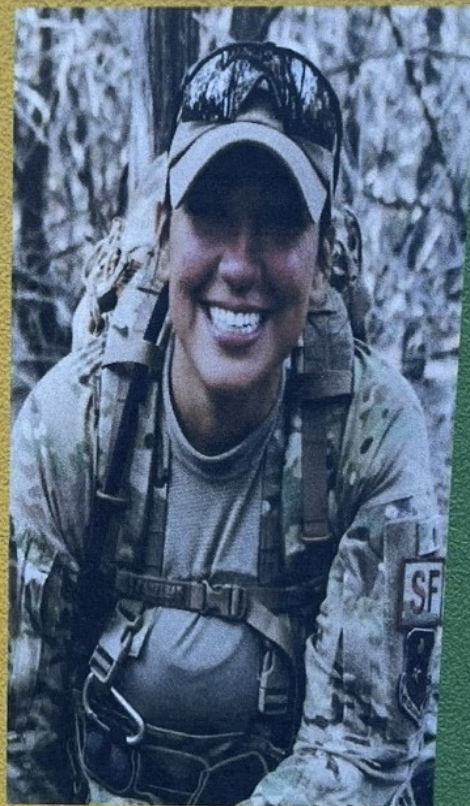
Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15

“Too often, I feel we all get lumped in a category of one. But that is not the case. Mexicans are so different from Colombians. Dominicans are so different from Chileans. Panamanians are so different from Argentinians. Yes, we are all Hispanic, but we don’t share the same food, music, culture... we don’t even share the same Spanish dialect.”

-Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Avila

Joint Base San Antonio



Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Avila, Security Forces instructor and executive officer, Inter-American Air Forces Academy



Hispanic Heritage Month

EARLY YEARS:

Carmen Contreras-Bozak was born on December 31, 1919 she was the oldest of her three siblings, they were all born and raised in the town of Cayey, Puerto Rico, It is located in the central mountains of the island ,She received her primary education in Puerto Rico. Both her parents were divorced Lila Baudilia Lugo Torres, moved the family to New York City. In New York, Contreras attended Julia Richman High School and after she graduated, she went to work for the National Youth Administration. Contreras worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C. as a payroll clerk after taking and passing a Civil Service test.



World War 2:

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established during World War II on May 15, 1942, "for the purpose of making available to the national defense the knowledge, skill, and special training of the women of the nation. During this period, the Army was looking for bilingual Hispanic women to fill assignments in fields such as cryptology, communications and interpretation. In 1942, Contreras joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and was sent to Fort Lee, Virginia, for training. Contreras volunteered to be part of the 149th WAAC Post Headquarters Company, the first to go overseas, setting sail from New York Harbor for Europe in January 1943. She was the first person of Hispanic heritage and the first of approximately 200 Puerto Rican women who would serve in the Women's Army Corps during World War II.

The unit arrived in Northern Africa on January 27, 1943, and rendered overseas duties in Algiers, in General Dwight D. Eisenhower's theater headquarters. The women who served abroad were not treated like the regular Army servicemen. They did not receive overseas payment nor could they receive government life insurance. These women had no protection if they became ill, wounded or captured. If captured, the women were considered as "auxiliaries" serving with the Army rather than in it, and did not have the same protections under international law as the male soldiers. These were factors which the Army took into consideration when they decided to integrate the Women's Corps into the regular Army. On July 3, 1943, the WAC bill, which established the Women's Army Corps as an integral part of the Army of the United States, was signed into law (Public Law 78-110) becoming effective on September 1, 1943.

Contreras was promoted to the rank of Tech 4 (Technical Sergeant) which, in today's Army, would equal the rank of Sergeant (E-4). Her responsibilities included the transmission of encoded messages between Eisenhower's headquarters in Algiers and the battlefield in Tunisia. After returning home, Contreras entered Valley Forge General

Hospital in July 1945, for treatment of an eye infection which she had contracted in Algiers. There she met Theodore John Bozak, a recovering combat wounded patient, who would become her husband. Carmen Contreras-Bozak and her husband had three children, two sons, Brian and Robert, and a daughter, Carmen.

LATER YEARS:

Contreras-Bozak lived for many years in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There she worked at the post office, and as a real estate broker. She started a chapter of WAC Veterans and in 1998 founded a chapter of the Society of Military Widows. She moved to Tampa where she resided until her death in January 2017 at the age of 97. Contreras-Bozak was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, next to her husband Theodore John Bozak, in Washington, D.C.

AWARDS and DECORATIONS:

During her career Carmen received the following: Army Good Conduct Medal, Women's Army Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, and a World War Victory Medal.



<https://akwg.cap.gov/members1/diversity>



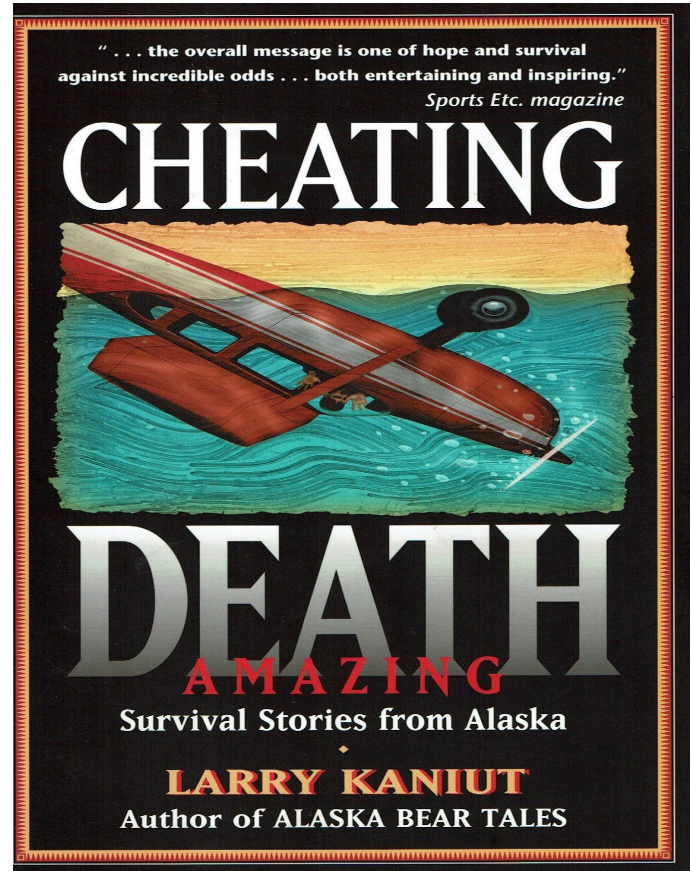
ALASKA WING MEMORIES

Author of the review: Capt. Richard Dennis

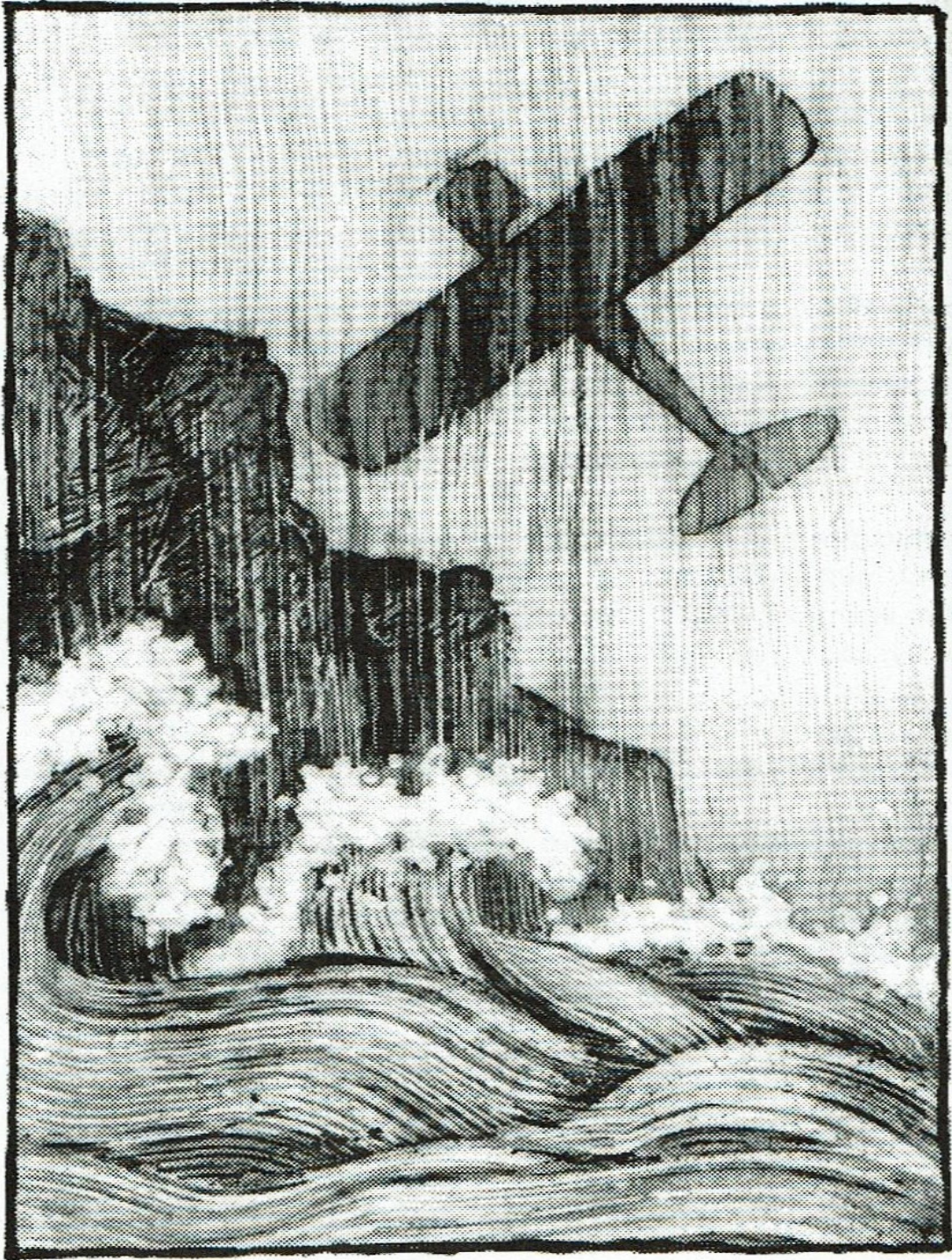
A review of one story from "Cheating Death" by Larry Knaut chapter 13 "The Sand, the Wind, and the Waves" by Clyde M. Dahle. TRUE - "See p. 28 for CAP member's recollection of this event.

I have lived in Alaska, equal parts the interior and Anchorage, for almost 70 years. In addition my father-in-law was a long time CAP member and flew search and rescue in addition to many mercy flights under extreme conditions. So the danger and sometimes bad outcomes are not new to me.

But this first hand narrative of an unexpected crash on 'just another day's flight', put me right there with him as he endured the pain, hypothermia and hunger. Even knowing that Mr. Dahle



survived the ordeal didn't dull the tension generated by his first hand description of four days with only hope and faith to hold on to. Soaking wet clothing, no survival gear, a non-functioning ELT, together with 20F temperatures and wind would have put many a man down and out. But his determination and resourcefulness in using items at hand, as little as they were, allowed him to survive.



A gust picked up the plane and slammed it toward the bay.

CAP Story SM Jennifer Harrison

<https://youtu.be/63K-DpXJQ7A>

Hello, my name is Jenni Harrison. I was asked why I decided to join Civil Air Patrol, so this is my story. I received my private pilot certificate in 2021 and joined Civil Air Patrol this past Spring. I grew up in Alaska going flying and fishing with my Dad. A few years ago I realized that as he got older, maybe I should learn how to land the airplane, if needed. But, I found that I really enjoy flying and decided to complete the training. Next I want to get my seaplane and tail dragger ratings.

I joined Civil Air Patrol to become a Mission Pilot. My father was a member of CAP in Utah when he got his pilot certificate and then when we moved to Alaska in 1973. I think he served until the 1990's. I want to be a Mission Pilot, because CAP and the Coast Guard found my Dad when his airplane went in the ocean and he was missing for 3 nights, 4 days.

It happened when I was in 6th grade, I was 11 years old, in October 1983. I was in the kitchen when my Mom got the phone call that his airplane was overdue and that Civil Air Patrol had been deployed to search for him. Everyone around us was worried and bringing casseroles to our house. The news talked about how it was important for CAP to find him, because he was one of their own. But, I was never worried, I always believed that you could drop my Dad in the middle of nowhere and he would come walking home.

He took off from Togiak and landed on a five mile sand spit on Hagermeister Island near Dillingham to do some beach combing. When he was taxiing to the top of the spit where it was flat for parking, a 20-25 mph crosswind picked up his wing and flipped the TaylorCraft into the ocean. He grabbed his survival bag and ELT, which was one of those old, big, orange ones.



The plane sank pretty fast and filled up with water. When he was struggling to get out the door and out from under the wing, he lost the survival bag.

He was exhausted by the time he swam to shore and all he had was the clothes on his back, two pocket knives in his pocket, and the ELT. He thought he would still be okay, because he had the ELT, but the sea water ruined it and it didn't work. Being October, he was very cold and wet and unable to make a fire.

My Dad scratched out SOS in a patch of black sand and hauled white rocks to help it stand out. When search planes flew overhead, he would wave a large, white trash bag. After three cold nights and four days, a Coast Guard C-130 spotted him and dropped a radio, water, and a candy bar by parachute. Then, Civil Air Patrol came and picked him up and brought him home.

I want to be a Mission Pilot to give back to Civil Air Patrol for helping my Dad.



Operation Pulse Lift

This week Operation Pulse Lift changed its Annual Goal for 2023 to 30,000 units of blood. That is because its original goal of 25,000 units of blood was quickly surpassed last week, now sitting at 27,328 units; 91% towards the new goal for 31 December 2023. This burst in energy can only be attributed to the new and awesome relationship between Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Department of Defense's Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP). As examples, in the last two weeks the Army Blood Collection Team's collection of 1,400 units of blood was supported by members of the Alaska Wing (their first blood mission events) at Joint-Base Elmendorf/Richardson, Eielson AFB, and Ft Wainwright, Alaska.

For six consecutive weeks before that, members of the Kentucky Wing supported the collection of 3,223 blood units at Ft Knox, KY; and members of the Texas Wing supported the collection of 377 units of blood at Joint Base-San Antonio; a total of 5,000 units for our

military members and their families. That puts CAP on the map for supporting blood collections at 11 military installations in five states; 6,686 units during 38 joint CAP/ASBP blood collection events in FY2023. CAP/AFBP - a great team!

September will open and close with blood collections supported by the Alamo and Randolph Squadrons of the Texas Wing, followed by those supported by the Arizona Wing's Falcon Composite Squadron 305 and Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302. Individual CAP member donations, in support of the "101 Days of Giving," have potentially saved 900 lives this summer. Again, this campaign is done to off-set the "101 Days of Summer," running from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, the nation's most lethal period for accidental deaths and injuries. Let's try and surge to challenge the goal, this last week of the campaign, and reach 1,000 lives saved!



Blood Stats

Operation Pulse Lift



- ❑ 12 April 2017 – 31 December 2019: **527 Blood Units**
- ❑ 15 April - 31 December 2020: **1,530 Units**
- ❑ 1 January – 31 December 2021: **7,493 Units**
- ❑ 1 January – 31 December 2022: **8,783 Units**
- ❑ 1 January – 11 May 2023: **2,785 Units**
- ❑ 12 May – 31 December 2023: **6,210 Units**
- ❑ Total Units Collected: **27,328 Units**

COVID Response

- ❑ CAP COVID Donor Center Events: **362**
- ❑ Wings Participating **52+NHQ**
- ❑ Blood Transports: **703**
- ❑ Collection Sites Supported: **48**



TXWG Cadets
Joint Base – San Antonio

With one month to go, Operation Pulse Lift has potentially saved over 33,000 lives in Fiscal Year 2023 while supporting 96 blood events. in 12 states.

One of the most important statistics, coming out of this mission, is the fact that in Calendar Year 2022 (so far the mission's peak year), the mission netted 8,874 units of blood. That figure has already been exceeded this calendar year by 212 units,... with four months remaining in the year! How, you may ask?. By over 5,000 Volunteers Serving America's Communities, Saving (now 82,687) Lives, and Shaping Futures.

Operation Pulse Lift - "And the heart beat goes on."

Dr Bob

Dr. Robert Ditch, Lt Col (CAP), EdD, CEM
Operation Pulse Lift

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Emergency Preparedness Expo

15th Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo

Saturday, September 30th, 2023 - 10 am - 3 pm
Menard Sports Center . 1001 S Clapp St, Wasilla



Are You Mat-Su Ready?

*First 200 adults receive
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The goal of this Emergency Preparedness Expo is to serve the needs of the whole Mat-Su Borough by providing all-seasons safety and disaster preparedness information and training at no cost to residents and visitors.

The family friendly event will feature indoor and outdoor exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, hands-on activities for all ages, and food trucks!

Information can also be found at <https://ready.matsugov.us/> or on the Facebook event here [Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo/Facebook event](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me via email at talon.boeve@matsugov.us or by phone at 907-861-8316.

We look forward to seeing you September 30th at the Menard Center!

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At last years show, CERT had a display at the Mat-Sue Emergency Preparedness Expo. CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team. Their Basic Training includes research-validated guidance for CERT programs, to teach members what to do before, during and after the hazards their communities may face. (photo by R Dennis)



Bugout Bags, Emergency Supplies or Survival Gear. These items and more will be at the Mat-Sue Emergency Preparedness Expo later this month in Wasilla (photo by R Dennis)



Matanuska-Susitna Borough Emergency Preparedness Expo 2023

Saturday September 30, 2023 - 10 am - 3 pm
Menard Sports Center, 1001 S. Clapp St. Wasilla

YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

What does Emergency Preparedness mean to you?

Parents and teachers are encouraged to help children understand what it means to be prepared for an emergency or disaster. Then design a poster to illustrate it.

Work in any medium on paper from 8.5" x 11" up to 24" x 24"

How to submit your entry:

- Create it at the Expo
- Create it at home or school and bring it to the Expo.

OR

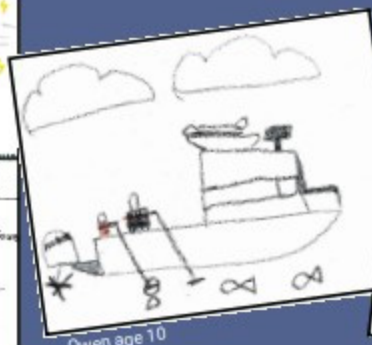
- Scan for more ways to submit
- Winners will be announced on Oct. 3



THEME: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Brinley age 8



Owen age 10



Janessa age 17

Prizes will be awarded in 5 age categories!

Open to all ages - Kindergarten through High School
More details at www.ready.matsugov.us



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Through Pick.Click.Give, Alaskans can choose to give a portion (or all) of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) to charity. Thanks to generous donors from all over the state, Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol Cadet Programs has used donations to support critical mission activities, including aerospace (and other STEM) education, emergency services, and cadet programs. When filling out your PFD application between now & March 31, please consider making a difference by contributing to the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol Cadet Programs (just "Search Organizaitons" for the name "Civil")

Please forward this newsletter to your Alaskan neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family who may like to see what Civil Air Patrol does in Alaska and may like show their appreciation for the great work Civil Air Patrol does.

Helpful Links:

PFD Application Information: <https://pfd.alaska.gov/>

Pick.Click.Give General Information: <https://www.pickclickgive.org/>

Pick.Click.Give listing for Alaska Wing (AKWG) Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Programs: <https://www.pickclickgive.org/index.cfm/pfdorgs.info/Civil-Air-Patrol-AKWG-Cadet-Programs>

Very Respectfully,

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Important announcements

Retention Survey

We respectfully request that you follow this link now,

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZMFW83>

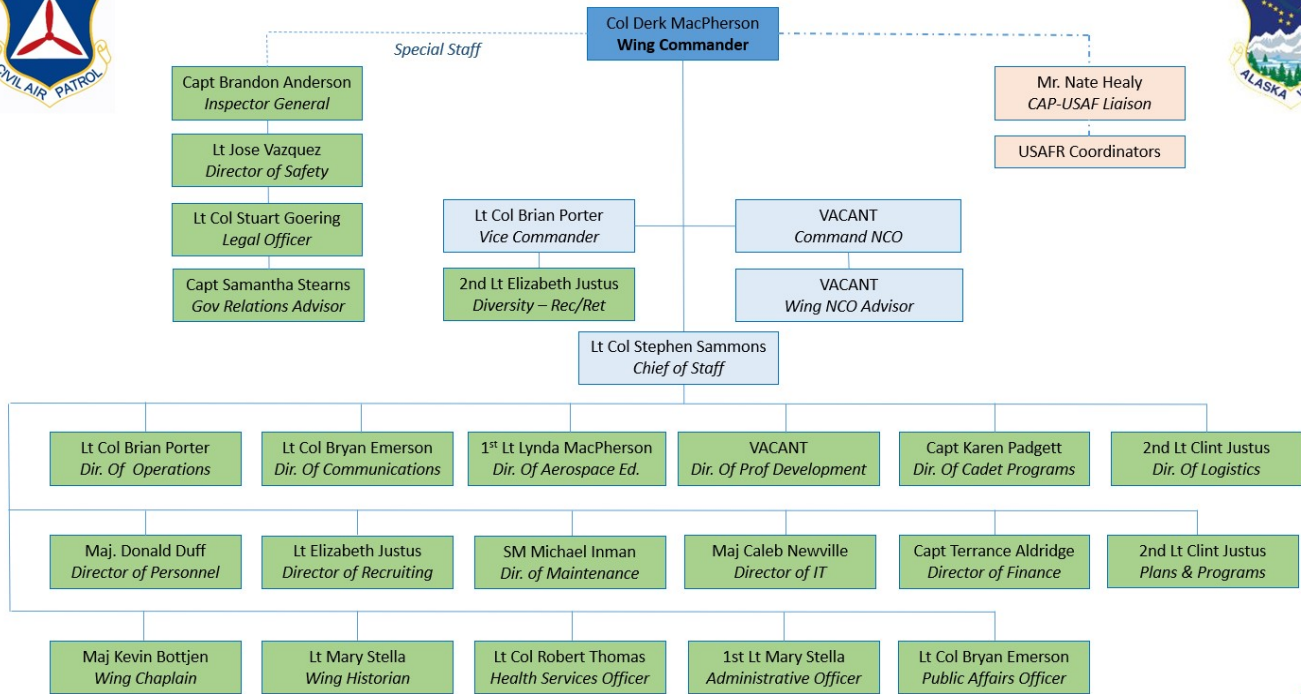
to a five question anonymous survey of attitudes concerning the retention of wing members. Lt Michele Bremer designed this to help guide the Commander's formulation of appropriate strategy and tactics.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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If you have room, feel free to write your fellow members with questions and comments.



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WING VACANCIES

Wing Command NCO

- Participate in the decision-making process, as appropriate, on technical, operational and organizational issues.
- Advise the Wing Commander for dress and personal appearance items affecting CAP members and specifically NCOs.
- Serve as a representative of the Wing Commander.
- Serves on award and recognition selection committees.

Wing NCO Advisor

- Participate in the decision-making process, as appropriate, on technical, operational and organizational issues.
- Work closely with their wing's command NCO.
- Perform other duties as directed by the wing commander.
- Encourage NCO mentorship of cadets and junior officer CAP members.

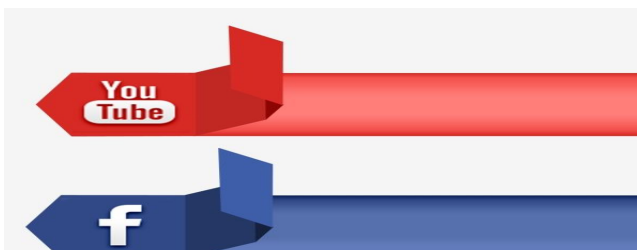
Assistant Public Affairs Officer - Public Relations, Digital Engagement and Creative Services

- Works with Public Affairs Officer to provide oversight across AKWG units and staff to ensure a CAP-compliant and active social media presence.
- Provides units and staff education.
- Training to develop and sustain relevant social media activities.
- Advises the commander, staff and members as required on CAP social media policy.

FOR FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES, REFER TO CAPP 30-1

I hope that you plan to join us at the annual Wing Conference in Anchorage on Saturday, October 7 as it caps a productive and fun summer of activities. Please register at <https://akwg.cap.gov/members1/wing-conferences/2023-wing-conference---alaska> as soon as possible. There will be many informative classes during the day at the UAA Aviation Technology Center and awards, food and camaraderie during the evening banquet at the Lakefront Hotel. Senior members, cadets, parents, family and friends are all welcome.

We hope that you enjoyed seeing and reading about all of the powered and glider flight missions and exercises we executed all over the Wing in the past month. With only two weeks left in this fiscal year, we begin to plan for new budgets, colder temperatures and shorter days. Stay warm and fly safely.



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