



Greetings Alaska Wing!

Well according to the calendar we are officially in Spring. Of course, most of the state still looks like winter.... But the snow and ice are slowly starting to disappear, so let's keep our fingers crossed that spring is here to stay.

Alaska Wing has been very busy over the winter months getting things ready for our favorite time of year... Summer! We currently have 6 cadets working towards their private pilot's licenses thanks to the Cadet Wings Scholarship and we are wishing them the best of luck in completing that endeavor. We also had 16 cadets and 1 senior member complete Encampment in Oregon Wing and 2 cadets complete Region Cadet Leadership Academy in Hawaii after Christmas. We also have cadets participating in both our Nation Power Flight Academy (Distributed) and our Wing Powered Flight Academy.

Then to top it off 3 cadets accompanied me, with other senior members, to Washington D.C. for our National Legislative Day on Feb 29th (see photo on right). It is absolutely

great to see our cadets and senior members getting out and showing just how much we enjoy CAP here in Alaska Wing.

As we move further into spring and then summer, we are also getting ready for lots of activities for both cadets and senior members. We start May off with the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering in Palmer, Alaska on 4 & 5 May. We are looking for members to volunteer to help with both the recruiting booth and the AE STEM booth during the event. That is followed by our Wing Glider Academy at Clear, Alaska 24 May through 2 June. Following that will be our Wing Summer Encampment from 16 to 22 June at JBER. Our large USCG support mission for Arctic Shield also begins in May and we are always looking for mission pilots to support that as well. In addition to all of our wing activities, we have 16 cadets slotted for National Cadet Special Activities. I hope everyone enjoyed their winter and is excited and ready to have fun this spring and summer.

Col Derk MacPherson

Alaska Wing Commander



*Best wishes,
Lynn Ruskowski*

From left to right: 1st Lt Lynda MacPherson (AK Wing DAE), Capt Jason Mellerstig (Polaris), Capt Samantha "Reux" Stearns (Polaris/AK Wing JA/GRA), Senator Murkowski, C/1st Lt Lydia Schwartz (Kenai), C/Capt Sigge Mellerstig (Lake Hood), C/1st Lt Elijah Goins (Juneau), Col Derk MacPherson (AK Wing CC).

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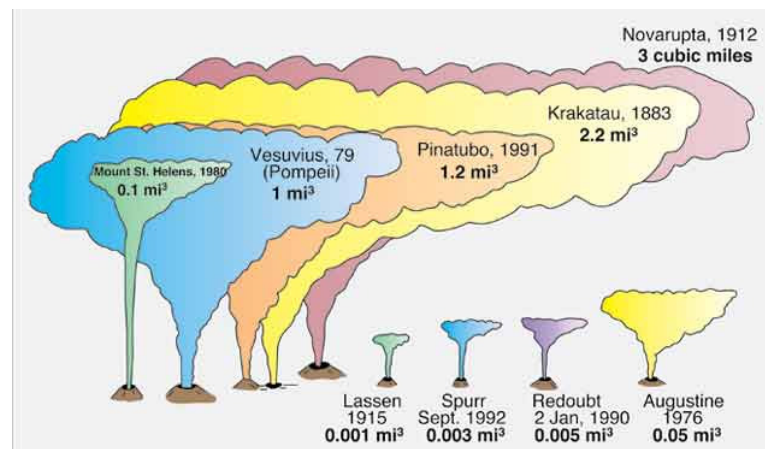
Will Civil Air Patrol be Ready for the next Big One?

by Capt Richard Dennis, PAO

Good Friday, March 27, 1964 nearly brought Alaska to its knees. This was the Great Alaska Earthquake. That was sixty years ago this past month. First came the earthquake with major impact particularly to Anchorage. The earthquake triggered several tsunamis with devastating effects. These events wiped out whole communities; such as Valdez, Kodiak and Seward along with other lesser known areas around Prince William Sound. The wave action traveled as far south as California and Hawaii, resulting in loss of life there too. But being prepared for an earthquake is not all that we need to consider, as most of the 131 deaths were caused by the tsunamis that followed.



The eruption in 1912 of Novarupta Volcano, in what we now know as The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, is located on the Alaska Peninsula in Katmai National Park. Katmai is a noted Alaskan destination for visitors. That eruption is considered to be the most powerful volcanic eruption of the 20th century.



Heading to the gold fields of the Klondike on the Trail of 98 was no picnic. Consider the 1898 Chilkoot Trail's "Palm Sunday" Avalanche. The avalanche occurred on that last pitch which was from "The Scales" up to Chilkoot Pass. The avalanche cost 65 stampedees their lives. Annually, there are Alaskans lost in avalanches, although nothing like that avalanche on Palm Sunday. One of the greatest tsunamis ever recorded occurred at Lituya Bay in 1958. Lituya is located just South of Yakutat about 50 miles. This tsunami was created by a major landslide making it a megatsunami, with a recorded height of 1,720ft. Three fishing boats were anchored in the Bay. Two somehow survived, but nothing was ever found from that 3rd boat.



On April 1st 1946 an earthquake was generated in the Aleutian Islands. This earthquake registering an 8.6, created a tsunami estimated at 130ft, taking out the newly built Scotch Cap Lighthouse located on the southwest corner of Unimak Island, along with 6 men. These tsunamis travel great distances, with this one traveling south to Hawaii. It took nearly 5 hours to get there. History notes there were 6 or 7 waves each recorded as being 25ft high. The tsunami created extensive damage, destroying buildings and killed 159 people there.

On November 3, 2002 a strong earthquake hit the Alaska Range. This was the Denali Fault Earthquake of





2002. It hit at a magnitude of 7.9. No loss of life and little physical damage was recorded. Fortunately this was probably due to this being a sparsely populated and developed area. Still the Tok Cut-Off was closed for over a day. Crews worked around the clock and when it reopened it was one lane with pilot car only. Up at Mentasta Pass, looking at the highway on the NE side viewers can see that the center line now lines up with the fog line. Scientists note that the Pacific Plate moved against North American Plate 17ft. Along the Richardson Highway

the Alaska Pipeline was shut down. Damage was small and relatively easily repaired. That Pipeline was designed to handle an 8.0 magnitude earthquake, which it did. Not a drop was spilled.

And most recently on 30 November 2018 a 7.0 quake hit Anchorage damaging roads, bridges and buildings. Schools were evacuated and a number of businesses shut down for the day. Alaska's Governor issued a declaration of disaster and the FAA closed Anchorage International Airport. Subsequently, it was discovered that a number of public buildings sustained major damage.

How do all of these major calamities relate to the Civil Air Patrol? Is the Alaska Wing Ready? Are you ready? Are we ready?



Book Review *Arctic Guerilla*

By L. Shane Land
Review by Laura Emerson

In the prior article, CAP Capt Richard Dennis asks if we are ready for a future natural catastrophe. In this book, the author argues that we are ill prepared for a military invasion.

If Russian and/or Chinese forces decided to invade America, where would they land to establish a defensible beachhead? How would they disable American communications and logistical support?

In this non-fiction book, citing publicly available sources, the author (52nd Security Police Squadron Combat Readiness Force) asserts that they would invade Alaska because of weak US preparation for Arctic engagement. He argues that the invasion could cross the Bering Strait, create a supply corridor, and land at an ill-protected coastal community in Alaska (which he identifies) in very cold weather, for which he gauges American military preparedness as very weak.

The author contends that national and state military personnel have, for the past 20 years, underestimated the resources that Russia has put into its Arctic warfare materiel and thus, have put very effort, training, or mon-

ey into defending Alaska. He quotes military medical officers and others who point out our weak preparations for both military and civilian response networks, including incompatible communications, inadequate training, and poor aviation emergency response to an invasion in extremely dark, cold weather.

Readers: Do you agree or disagree with his citations and assessments? This could be a great book club discussion generator for CAP members or friends with backgrounds in the Air Force, Space Force, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard, Army, Reserves, and Military Medical Corps. Although the author is repetitive in his writing style, his concerns are thought provoking and his conclusions are worthy of consideration.

Is anyone interested in starting a monthly book club (On Zoom or phone) on topics of Arctic aviation and military issues? If so, let Bryan Emerson, PAO, know and suggest some books. Participants can be senior or cadet members and parents.



Firecraft Exercise by Maj Carl Siebe

On March 16, 2023 the Polaris Squadron conducted a Fire Craft exercise.

Why firecraft? Building a fire is part of shelter and signaling in a survival situation. Remember shelter is whatever it takes to keep your body warm, either directly or by drying wet clothing. Plus, it provides an emotional boost. Thus, fires fill out three of the survival essentials.

I got some feedback from some of the senior members that building a fire is easy. I would counter that building a fire is a skill that should be practiced, even if you know how.

Caution about using liquid fuel. Some folks have said that 100LL makes a dandy fire starter. I would caution that using any liquid fuel is dangerous. If such usage results in flames in places not intended, a survivor suffering burns could quickly turn from an inconvenient situation into a life-threatening situation. Don't do it.

So, to get started you need to collect wood. Think:

Tinder – pencil lead sized

Light fuel – pencil size

Medium fuel – 1 to 1.5 inch

Heavy fuel – everything else

Where can you build a fire in the winter when the landscape is covered in snow? You have a couple of choices: 1) Dig to dirt or 2) build a platform from sticks to keep the fire up out of the snow until it is established.

Heat is your friend in starting a fire. Heat will dry damp wood and allow it to burn. Did you know that a Highway Flare is an option for drying out wood and getting it to the ignition point? Practice with this before being forced to use it in a survival situation.

During our exercise we practiced using premade tinders- my favorites are candle stubs and cotton balls in vasoline. These fire-starting aides are another way to get a heat source that can dry out damp wood and help get a fire established.

We then practiced making on the spot tinders. A couple of options are shaving birch bark or carving a feather stick. Thin Paperbirch bark is a wonderful option here in Alaska. There are many others.

Other thoughts. I strongly suggest you include Work Gloves in your survival kit. Nice nylon covered ski gloves will keep your hands warm, but many pairs have been ruined collecting wood and working around fires.

Right: SM Jenni Harrison adds green branches to signal fire.



CADET PROGRAMS

Interview of C/Lt Col Katarina Lukic

by Laura Emerson

Cadet Lt Col Katarina Lukic was persuaded by her father to join CAP at age 12. Initially unenthused about flying but interested in other branches of the military (she now has a full scholarship to attend NROTC at Purdue University this fall), the self-described shy girl quietly attended several meetings at the Polaris squadron (Anchorage). After Col. Ben Padgett took her up on her Orientation ride and she attended her first week-long summer encampment, she became an enthusiastic member and leader of cadets in Alaska and beyond.

“These two experiences really changed my attitude,” explains Lukic. “I became quite persistent in seeking out additional opportunities.”

For flying, she three times attended the Glider Academy at Clear Space Force Base, near Fairbanks. The 15 – 20 cadets enjoy about 25 flights over ten days, in addition to ground school training. “I was honored to earn the Distinguished Graduate award in 2021,” she mentions quietly. She also plans to take her glider pilot check ride in late April.

Lukic’s enthusiasm for encampments is infectious. “These are my very favorite activities and I encourage all cadets to attend. It is a great experience for bonding with people beyond your

squadron. When I joined CAP, there was one other girl in my squadron. At my first summer encampment, there were 20 of us in one dormitory, all sharing stories. It was terrific. Plus we had fun and learned a lot.”

The summer encampments in Alaska attract about 60 cadets. The national encampment she attended in S. Dakota accommodated twice as many.

“After my first encampment, I decided to apply for more leadership roles. When I was 13, I became the Cadet Commander at my Squadron, leading 25 cadets. The role requires creating a schedule and leading activities for meetings and Saturdays. I designed mine by looking at prior years’ calendars and referring to the CAP website curriculum guide, which offers lots of good ideas. Col Brian Porter was a great mentor to me.”

“For several encampments, I applied for various staff positions. The support staff and line cadre (cadet leaders) arrive three days early. Support staff members are responsible for behind the scenes project management, such as public affairs, supplies, and logistics. The line cadre leads cadet activities, such as drill, barracks work, and basic CAP knowledge.”

“At a national encampment in South Dakota, I served as Squadron Commander, responsible for 70 cadets.”

Lukic’s advice to cadets:

- Attend weekend bivouacs and



week-long encampments. They are memorable experiences, well worth the time. For national and state encampments, CAP offers some financial aid.

- CAP offers a welcoming environment to get outside your personal comfort zone to learn, practice, and refine skills. If you are shy or don’t know where to start, get “exposure therapy” in public speaking by volunteering for the CAP booth at a summer air show or volunteer to serve as an Element Leader at the Squadron, in charge of three other cadets on one skill, such as uniform inspec-

tion or drill.

- Get certified (online and in the field) in skills that interest you, such as leadership or communications. Some opportunities are as easy as raising your hand. Others require a competitive application or some pre-requisites.

Six years ago, a quiet girl attended her first CAP meeting. Today, C/Lt Col Lukic thanks CAP for the squadron and national leadership experiences that will serve her well at Purdue next year. Go Boilermakers!

CADET WINGS NEWS

Wings Cadet #300

CONGRATULATIONS to Cadet Wings #300, C/Maj Thomas Clifton from Sitka, Alaska! Clifton passed his check ride on 4/9/24, thereby becoming the 300th cadet nationwide to receive his private pilot's license as part of CAP's Cadet Wings program. He is excited to encourage other cadets to do all the things necessary to qualify for the Cadet Wings program.

"Heads Up for Cadet Wings" Workshop

Cadets, please join us on Saturday 5/4/24 from 1-3pm at Polaris Hangar on Merrill Field for a workshop to help you prepare your Cadet Wings applica-

tion. The workshop is designed specifically for cadets in the 2024 Powered & Glider flight academies and cadets who have soloed or may solo (glider *or* powered) by the end of this summer. All cadets are welcome.

Guest speakers will feature Alaska Wing cadets currently enrolled in the Cadet Wings program, graduates of the program have also been invited. flight instructors, and other mentors.

Details regarding the Cadet Wings Workshop are available here: <https://akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp/flighttraining>

Below: C/Maj Thomas Clifton with his examiner after his check ride, 4/9/24. Photo credit Sherry Clifton.



New! COB: Downloadable Cadet Opportunities Brief

Are you overwhelmed by all the cadet-related opportunities out there? Are you worried you will miss out on something cool? Following the lead of Washington Wing, Alaska Wing now has a downloadable Cadet Opportunities Brief.

Before each meeting, go to the following webpage to download the table, print a few copies, and post them on your squadron bulletin board: www.akwg.cap.gov/programs/cp then "COB" Cadet

Opportunities Brief"

You may have to be logged into your CAP Google account to access the download

The link stays the same, and the information updates automatically with new opportunities as they arise.

To add an activity, please email the following information to cp@akwg.cap.gov: Event Name, brief description including any weblink, dates, location, cost, and registration/application start & end dates.

Cadet Programs Openings For Senior Members

The following Alaska Wing positions are available for all AKWG Senior Members to apply for. For more information, or to express interest in assisting the activity directors, please email karen.padgett@akwg.cap.gov

To Alaska Wing Senior Members,

Alaska Wing Cadet Programs is soliciting applications for the following positions:

(1) CAC (Cadet Advisory Council) Assistant Senior Member Advisor (virtual meetings 2-3 times/month year-round)-Resume and Letter of Intent due 8pm Tuesday, 30 Apr 2024 to karen.

padgett@akwg.cap.gov

(2) *Alaska Wing Conference Cadet Activities SM Advisor--*

Work with senior-ranking cadets to plan, coordinate, and oversee cadet activities and cadet-related sessions at the Nov 2024 Wing Conference.

This is a great short-term activity to gain experience working with cadets.

Resumes and Letters of Intent due by 8pm Friday, 31 May 2024 to karen.padgett@akwg.cap.gov

(3) *Cadet Competition Activity Director* (2024 AKWG Competition tentatively scheduled for Virtual Part 1 Sat 30 Nov

2024, In-person Part 2 Sat 7 Dec 2024) Maj Ed Stickel generously offers his mentorship to the new Competition Activity Director selected.

Maj Stickel has directed the previous two AKWG Cadet Competitions and coached the two-time National Runner-Up team for many years.

The primary objective of the AKWG Cadet Competition is to raise the bar for excellence wing-wide.

This is accomplished by involving the maximum number of units and cadets possible and helping the teams learn about cadet competition and prepare to the maximum extent possible through frequent communications and webinars leading up to the competition. Resumes and Letters of Intent due by 8pm Friday, 31 May 2024 to karen.padgett@akwg.cap.gov

More info on the below openings for 2025 opportunities will be announced in June or July 2024:

- CAC (Cadet Advisory Council) Senior Member Advisor (virtual meetings 2-3 times/month year-round)

- NEW: National Legislative Day Project Officer: (Cadet Selection Process &

Training Nov 2024-Feb 2025, travel to Washington, DC with selected cadets roughly 25 Feb - 2 Mar 2025)

- NEW: Pacific Region Conference Cadet Attendance Coordinator: (March or April 2025, Specific Date & Location TBD)

- Encampment Commander (2025 AKWG Encampment tentatively scheduled for 12-21 June 2025)

- Glider Flight Academy Activity Director (2025 AKWG Glider Academy tentatively scheduled for 23 May-1 June 2025)

- Powered Flight Academy (Distributed) Activity Director (need not be a pilot!) (2024 AKWG/National Powered Flight Academy takes place in instructors' and/or cadet students' home towns on their own schedule roughly 1 Mar -15 May 2025)

To apply, please email a CAP resume and cover letter to karen.padgett@akwg.cap.gov by 2000 hrs (8:00pm) on Saturday, 31 August 2024.

We appreciate your interest in these phenomenal cadet activities, and we appreciate all you do for the Civil Air Patrol!

Eielson

As part of the monthly course rotation, cadets at Eielson AFB focused on cold weather emergency survival skills to include hands-on litter carry in up to knee-high snow!

Now before the cadets could get the chance to train in the snow, Senior Member Maj Davis first instructed them on the roles and responsibilities related to Emergency Services and how they could prepare to be a member of a ground search and rescue team for those interested. Instruction



covered many of the risks that one might find out in the field and emphasized the importance of being prepared.

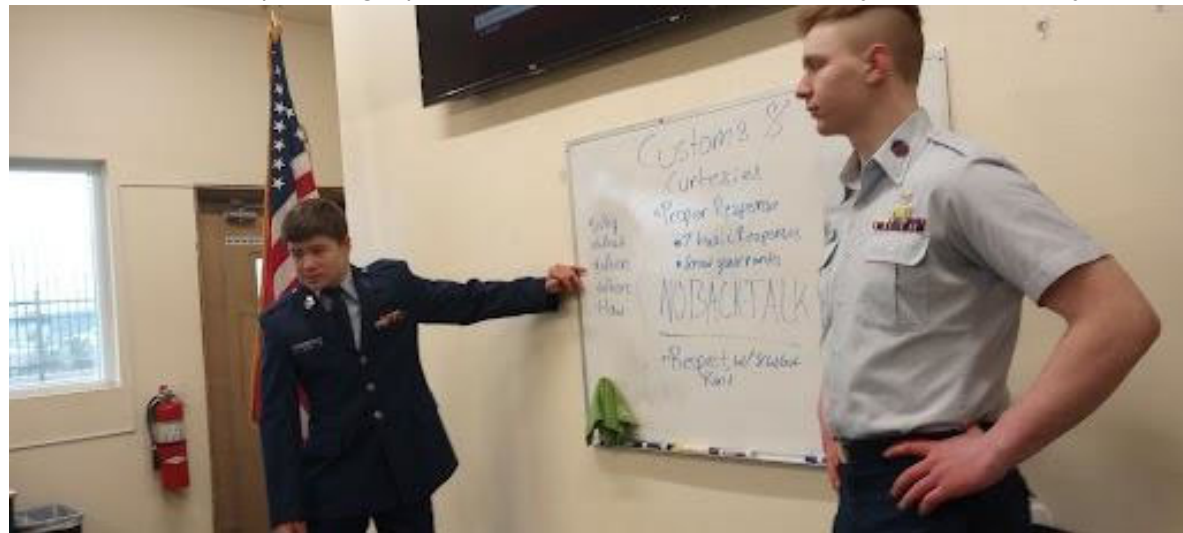
This message was further emphasized as cadets got a chance to learn how to use equipment, like a litter, in conditions all too familiar to Alaska. C/ CMSgt Vazquez and C/SMSgt Gomez led teams in the procedures to stabilize a patient to be loaded into the litter, lift to waist height, and carry them over difficult terrain.

Polaris

The cadets of the Polaris Composite Squadron have been preparing and improving themselves for the upcoming encampment and NCSAs. Whether through drills and ceremonies, instructive classes on ground handling, or even through volleyball, cadets have demonstrated their enthusiasm and willingness for self-improvement. Through these activities cadets have developed a strong sense of camaraderie and teamwork, empowering them to achieve their goals in Civil Air Patrol and to become the leaders of the future.



Cadet McArthur (Far Right) explains how to bump a volleyball effectively.

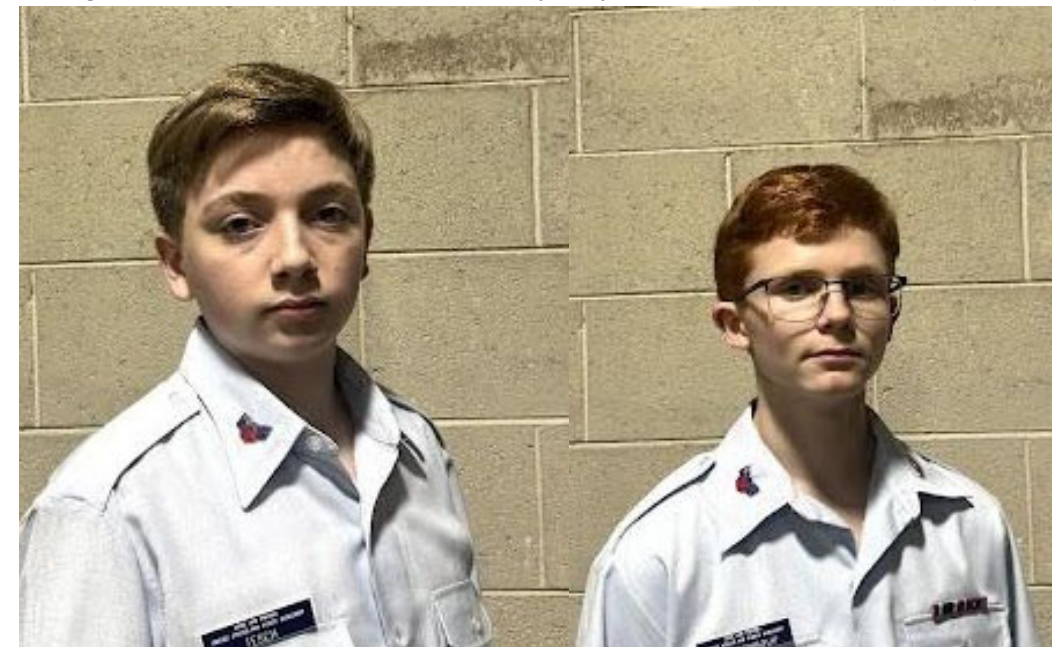


Cadets Burke (Left) and Wilcox (Right) teach a class on Customs and Courtesies.



Cadet McArthur (Right) assists cadet Meyer (Left) in drill movements.

Congratulations to Cadets: Tesch (Left) and Slaughenhoup (Right)



Stay safe and Fly High - C/CMsrgt Korte



Arcturus

Opposite page photos from top left to bottom right courtesy of C/SSgt Davidson.

- Cadet Tegen, S. promotion to C/Amn
- Cadet Flores, A. promotion to C/A1C
- Arcturus cadets listen and learning to character development activities
- Drill practice
- Inspection
- C/2nd Lt Shook, J. and C/CMSgt Buller watching new cadets learn facing movements
- New and prospective cadets learning basic drill movements
- SM Tanaka-Sanders, C/a1c Flores, c/SSgt Maierison



Other photos available upon request:

- Presentation of certificate for C/Capt Martin, A.
- Presentation of certificate for C/2nd Lt Shook, J.
- Cadet Buller, T. promotion to C/CMSgt
- Cadet Maierison, Jonathan promotion to C/SMSgt (pictured). Cadet Maierison, Jacob was promoted to C/SSgt; however, was unable to attend the event.
- Certificate Presentation for C/SMSgt Bridge
- Cadet Fry, A. promotion to C/SrA
- Cadet Johnson, O. promotion to C/A1C
- Cadet Marquez, M. promotion to C/Amn



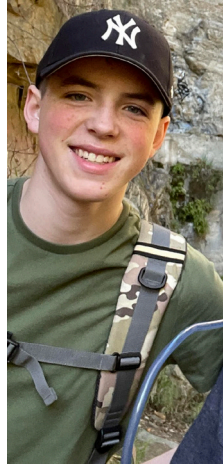
Birchwood

by Cadet Commander Major Reagan Benedict

In March 2024, the Birchwood Cadet Program conducted a weekend training exercise offering drill and ceremony instruction, online test proctoring, Healthy Fitness Zone (PT) testing, tutoring for aerospace and/or leadership expectations, eServices navigation, and a Cadet Wingman Course for new members. Powered orientation flights were also offered, and seven cadets took to the air.

Captain Chris Hixson enlightened cadets by offering various options to become USAF pilots through ROTC.

The squadron also conducted an aircraft ground handling training event and a promotions ceremony for three cadets. The ceremony also celebrated the service of 1st Lt Rena Anderson for her contributions to the Birchwood Cadet Program. Congratulations to Cadet Jack Parker, who obtained the Billy Mitchell Award for promotion to 2d Lt, and to Cadets Noah Andrews and James Wood, who obtained the Wright Brothers Award for promotion to Staff Sergeant.



The following interviews were conducted by Birchwood Cadet PA's SrA Evann Haddock and SrA Aurora McAtee of Cadets A1C James-Tagaban, SMSgt Barnette, 2ndLt J. Parker, 1st Lt Moehring, and Maj Benedict.

The Birchwood Public Affairs team recently interviewed various cadets from Cadet Program Phases I through IV. They enjoyed talking about their experiences in C.A.P and what they have had fun doing.

Phase I: C/A1C James-Tagaban joined Birchwood Squadron as a new cadet in September 2023. He has spent most of his time in Alpha Advanced Flight and has already gained valuable experience.

Q. Why did you join C.A.P?

A. C/A1C James-Tagaban: My brother heard about C.A.P and wanted to join; when he started talking about it, I realized it would be a good opportunity for me to get a shoe in the door for the United States Air Force Academy.

Q. What is your goal in C.A.P?

A. C/A1C James-Tagaban: To become a sergeant by the time I graduate high school.



Q. What has been your favorite part of the program?

A. C/A1C James-Tagaban: I really enjoy drill and ceremonies, and I think it would have helped me to learn drill before I joined C.A.P, I find it important to always use your core values, and I enjoy drill and ceremonies the most.

Phase II: C/SMSgt Barnette regularly participates at Birchwood Squadron and has consistently been on the color guard and cadet staff teams. She is an asset to the squadron and promotes regularly.

Q. Why did you join C.A.P?

A. C/SMSgt Barnette: I was interested in learning more about leadership, and some of my family members told me about the program.

Q. What was your goal in C.A.P and have you achieved it?

A. C/SMSgt Barnette: My goal was to become a sergeant, and I accomplished it by studying hard, working hard in PT, and promoting regularly.

Q. What is one thing you would tell people looking to join the program?

A. C/SMSgt Barnette: You will make lifelong friends and other con-

nections, get physically fit, and have incredible experiences you will remember forever.

Phase III: C/2ndLt Jack Parker has been a very good cadet. He promotes very frequently, teaches many classes, leads and instructs his flight, and consistently holds staff positions. He is also on the color guard team.

Q. Why did you join C.A.P?

A. C/2ndLt Parker: My brother joined the program, and I wanted to join so that I could learn about aviation and fly in planes.

Q. What was your goal in C.A.P, and have you achieved it?

A. C/2ndLt Parker: My goal is to become a private pilot, and no I have not achieved it because I am too young. But one day I will become a pilot.



Phase III: C/1stLt Moehring is the Cadet Deputy Commander of Birchwood Squadron, he holds many staff positions at one time, and has very good bearing. He is very important to the squadron.

Q. What was your goal in C.A.P, and have you achieved it?

A. C/1stLt Moehring: My goal was to get my Mitchell Award, and I achieved it by studying and promoting regularly.

Q. What would you tell people looking to join the program?

A. C/1stLt Moehring: Join only if you are willing to put in hard work, and you will need it to achieve your goal as well.

Phase IV: C/Maj Benedict is the current Cadet Commander. As well as being on the color guard team, he constantly teaches the cadets how to be proper and pristine and mentors his cadets. Birchwood would not be a squadron without him.

Q. What is your favorite part of C.A.P?

A. C/Maj Benedict:

Flying gliders: I have attended multiple glider academies, and I love flying and working with them.

SAREX's, I look forward to going to those, and I love being in nature while working with the cadets around me.

Q. What is one way C.A.P has changed you?

A. C/Maj Benedict: It has given me a sense of duty and responsibility; I have also gained a lot of leadership experience as the Cadet Commander.

Q. What is one thing you would tell people looking to join the program?

A. C/Maj Benedict: Come for the flying, stay for the paperwork.

Photos by 1st Lt Rick Benedict: Self-portrait; LTC Thompson presenting a plaque to 1st Lt Rena Anderson for her service to Birchwood's Cadet Program; Cadets Makar, Mattson, Sheridan, Cole, and Foreman receiving first O-Ride awards; and Cadets Maj Reagan Benedict and SMSgts Mya and Haylee Cole with 2d Lt Dennis Eby receiving orientation flights. Additional photos available upon request.



Kenai

Major Jan Bobek

Every Monday 6:30 to 8:30 Kenai Cadets make Aerospace, Leadership, Safety/HFZ, and Character Development Presentations.

They always try to do their best in their presentations. Every week all cadets learn something new to apply to their lives which has a pronounced effect on our community.

One new cadet signed up. His name is Jack Vance from Homer. He will learn a lot from the strong Homer flight. We're happy to have new cadets who will learn much and help the community when needed.

Cadets volunteered often recently. They served food at the Kenai Senior Center at the annual fundraiser. They also will have a booth for the IDEA community presentation in Sterling. They will explain what the CAP program is for young people. They will also demonstrate Aerospace STEM

kits. That will be two days of education and fun.

The Kenai cadets also participated in a SAR Search and Rescue simulation at the Swanson River. They learned skills for Emergency Rescue. The overnight was a success.

Cadets worked very hard and passed many achievements. Achievement 2: Grace Potvin. Achievement 3: Thomas Drake Anthony, Aiden Quinlan and Titus Potvin. Achievement 6: Zion Henderson and Hugh Traugott. Billy Mitchell: Jacob Ries and Luke Cole. Achievement 10: Lydia Schwartz and Luke Hillyer. We are very proud of their efforts and hard work and consistent effort.

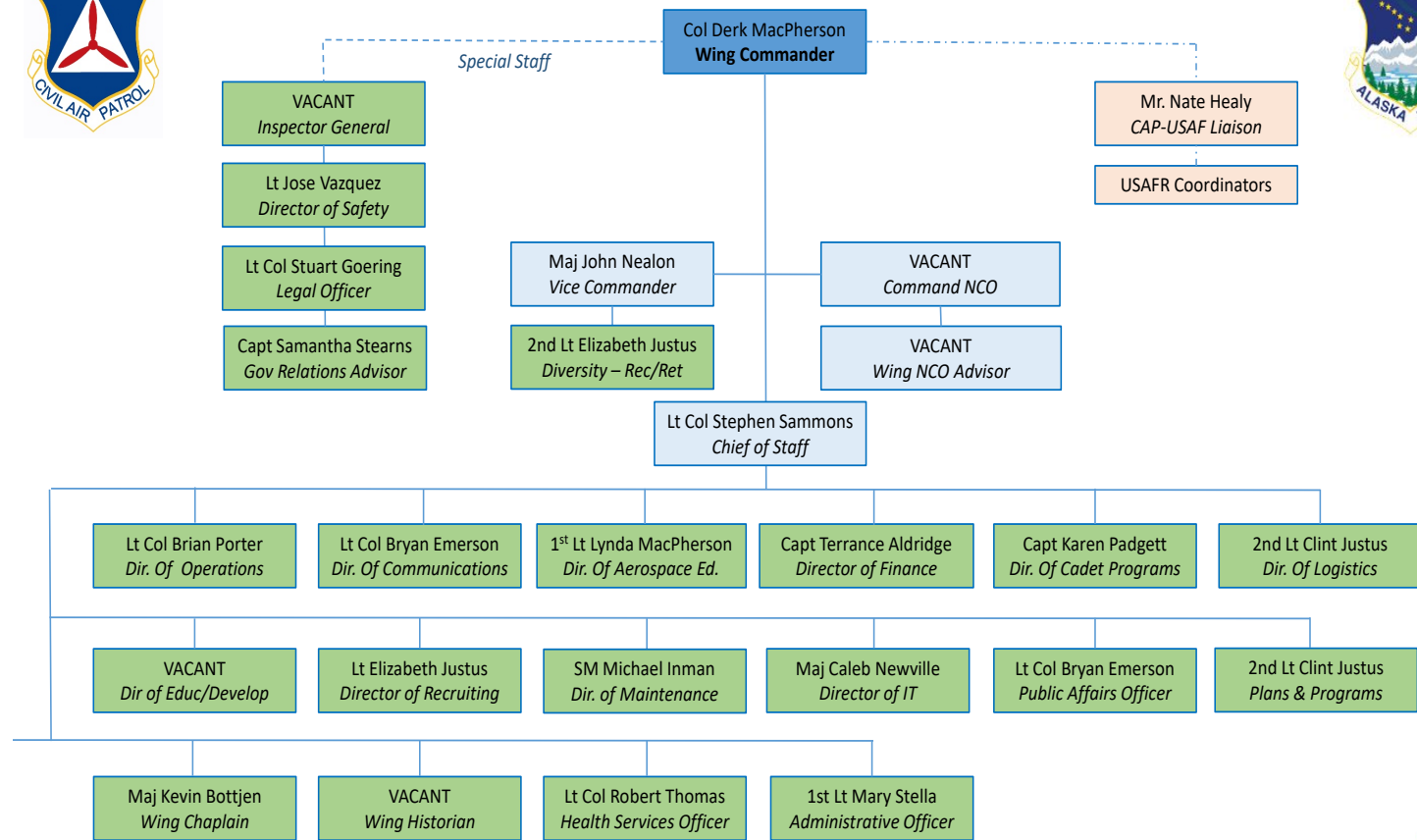
We're proud to have cadets in our Squadron. All cadets are working hard, setting a good example in our community and supporting each other in continuing to practice the Core Values.



In the first picture, a group of cadets practice drill on March 21.
In the second picture, a couple cadets present a class on paper rockets at a local school.
In the third picture, C/Capt Andrew Smoot, the cadet commander, inspects C/MSgt Christian Yew during the uniform
In the final picture, the cadets learn to use compasses in an outdoors compass course.



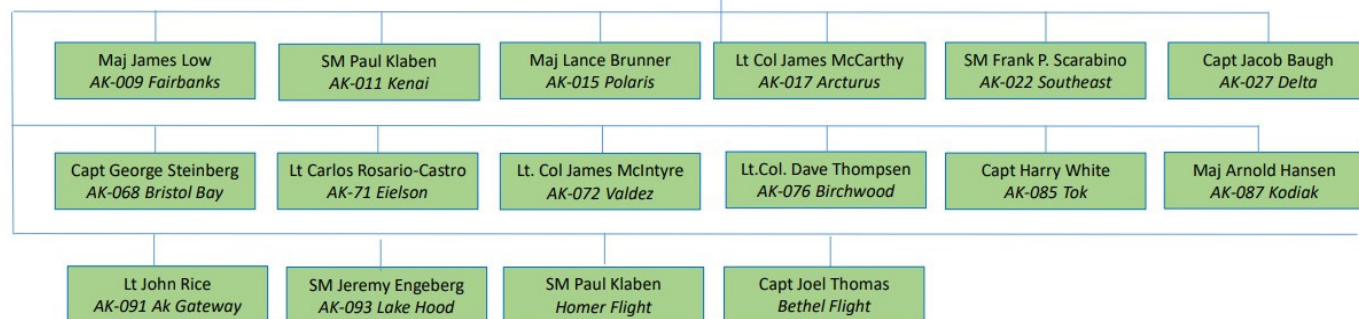
Capt Samantha "Reux" Stearns (7th from left) was recently inducted into the Supreme Court Bar along with other members of CAP's Legal Corps.



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

WING VACANCIES

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.

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.

Wing Historian

- Be familiar with the CAP History Program, including applicable regulations and pamphlets, and with professional historical standards and requirements.
- Assist the Commander on all historical matters and implement a unit historical program.
- Collect and preserve material of historical significance

CAC (Cadet Advisory Council) Senior Member Advisor (virtual meetings 2-3 times/month year-round)

Encampment Commander (2024 AKWG Encampment is scheduled for 13-22 June 2024)

Glider Flight Academy Activity Director (2024 AKWG Glider Academy is tentatively scheduled for 24 May-2 June 2024)

Powered Flight Academy (Distributed) Activity Director (need not be a pilot!) (2024 AKWG/National Powered Flight Academy takes place in instructors' and/or cadet students' home towns on their own schedule roughly 1 Mar -31 May 2024)

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THE MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION (MAC) PROJECT BRIEF

By Lt Mary Stella

As part of Civil Air Patrol's transformation, developing a more robust marketing effort and improving brand management are important growth initiatives. It is essential to update CAP's web strategy to help manage the brand, attract members and donors, and mitigate security risks. The web strategy being launched has been reviewed and approved by CAP Senior Advisory Group (CSAG). MAC will make it as easy as possible to help make websites compliant.

The challenge is to bring approximately 1,000 subordinate websites into a cohesive brand strategy as One CAP telling the same brand story accurately, while reducing workload on the people of teams managing websites.

The Alaska Wing has already received its new website template and has begun work to bring much of the content from the existing website as is permissible under the new template guidelines. Once wing website updates are completed, all

unit/squadron websites will either:

- Be migrated to the new SiteViz template, with a link to the appropriate squadron page on the new wing website, or

- Noncompliant websites will need to be taken offline immediately.

One of the missions is to correct content that is years old, omit flagship programs, correct broken links, poor site performance and possible security risks.

The Air Force Auxiliary was recently added to the home page at airforce.com the Air force Website. It attracts 1.3M visitors per month. This will lead to a landing page with CAP content and links to GoCivilAirPatrol.com

The project will be executed in four phases based on the amount of work required for compliance. Alaska Wing is in Phase 3. We must have the updates completed by May 22, 2024. MAC will review the website beginning June 6, 2024, with the new website in production by June 23, 2024.

Honorable Mention: Congratulations to two of our members, Lt Col Thomas M Thibodeau and Maj Edward A Kornfield, who received the FAA's Wright brothers Master pilot award! See page 27 [here](#). Thanks LTC Senese.



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CAP Capt Richard Dennis asked if we are ready for future emergencies. CAP members may be better prepared than many other people thanks to our training. Examples abound: the winter bivouac, the weekly radio net, summer encampments, table top exercises, squadron activities, and our search and rescue operations. For many of us, this training translates to emergency preparedness at our homes, schools, and offices. In such ways, our involvement in CAP teaches and protects our families and colleagues, too. Stay safe out there.

This online publication is designed to attract, inform and motivate readers through photographs, 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. Submissions are accepted through the 10th of each month. Be safe and live our core values!

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