

California Wing Lineage and Honors

Unit Designation:	California Wing – Civil Air Patrol (PCR-CA-001)
Established:	December 1941
Location:	California Wing Headquarters 1875 Airport Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308
Higher Headquarters:	Pacific Region – Civil Air Patrol (PCR-PCR-001)
Subordinate Units	8 Groups 68 Squadrons
Commander:	Col Craig Newton, CAP (21 Oct 2023 to present)
Vice Commander:	Lt Col Shawn Lawson, CAP (21 Oct 2023 to present)

Emblem: The California Wing emblem was approved 17 January 2024 by MGen Edward Phelka, CAP National Commander. It preserves the legacy of the original emblem used since the mid-1950s.



The State of California is prominently displayed at the center of the emblem, signifying California Wing's dedication to the communities we serve.

The California grizzly bear is the official state animal of California and is included in the California State flag, representing strength and independence.

The stylized wings represent the flying missions of California wing.

The gold color (or) represents the history of the State of California, especially the state's role as the center of the 1850s Gold Rush, as well as the state's nickname as the Golden State.

The blue color (azure) represents the sky, additionally significant given the nature of our flying missions in California Wing.

Awards:	Unit Citation Award 16 Jan – 10 Mar 1994 Northridge Earthquake Relief Effort
	Unit Citation Award 1 Feb – 4 Mar 2003 Search for Space Shuttle "Columbia"
	Unit Citation Award 3 Sep – 30 Sep 2007 Search for Steve Fossett
	National Commander's Unit Citation Award 1 Mar 2020 – 31 Jul 2021 Disaster Relief for COVID-19