

# HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA WING



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CIVIL AIR PATROL

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# FRONTISPIECE



## **Foreword**

With the mentoring of Wright Brothers, Henry H. Arnold would overcome his fear of flying and would expand the Air Service. He would eventually state that “your limits are somewhere up there, waiting for you to reach beyond infinity.” The members of the California Wing Civil Air Patrol work together to reach beyond infinity. Members work together to forward Aerospace Education, promote the development of American youth through the Cadet Program, and be of service to the nation and their state through developing skills in Emergency Services. While maintaining the highest levels of integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect.

## **Special Thanks**

This annual history is dedicated to all 3,469 members of the California Wing who helped contribute to the success of the Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services missions of the Civil Air Patrol. The members of California Wing have come together during a trying time to demonstrate the Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect.

## Command Approval Letter

The members of the California Wing comprise one of the most valuable assets that our Country possesses. Through their continued dedication and diligence, these members provide vital humanitarian serves to our communities, State, and Nation. Our members have saved lives, supported our Nation in time of disaster, and had a positive impact on our leaders of tomorrow. This report covers only a short period in the long and honored history of California Wing, yet captures the spirit and enthusiasm of our membership towards the selfless service to others. I approve this report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross E. Veta".

**Col Ross E. Veta, CAP**  
California Wing Commander  
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

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### Commander's List

<b>Grade*</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Colonel	Bertrand Rhine	1-Dec-41	1-Jan-49
Colonel	Benjamin S. McGlashan	1-Jan-49	11-Apr-49
Colonel	Howard B. Freeman	11-Apr-49	25-May-55
Colonel	Wallace Hershel Easley	25-May-55	21-Dec-56
Colonel	Clement C. Lattimore	21-Dec-56	25-Mar-58
Colonel	Charles A. Ashlock	25-Mar-58	4-Aug-60
Colonel	Leroy F. Breithbarth, Jr.	4-Aug-60	9-Dec-60
Colonel	Herbert Barnett	9-Dec-60	8-Dec-62
Colonel	Raymond H. Gaver	8-Dec-62	14-Mar-69
Colonel	Howard L. Brookfield	14-Mar-69	13-Mar-71
Colonel	Donald D. Dixon	13-Mar-71	27-Aug-72
Colonel	Howard L. Brookfield	27-Aug-72	1-Feb-73
Colonel	Jack Ferman	1-Feb-73	1-Mar-74
Colonel	Warren J. Barry	1-Mar-74	30-Sep-78
Colonel	Edwin W. Lewis Jr.	30-Sep-78	30-Sep-82
Colonel	Donald M. Biondich	30-Sep-82	20-Sep-86
Colonel	V. Lee White	20-Sep-86	21-Apr-90
Colonel	Ernest C. Pearson	21-Apr-90	30-Aug-93
Colonel	Angelo A. Porco	30-Aug-93	5-May-96
Colonel	Bryon L. Brammer	5-May-96	16-Oct-99
Colonel	Larry F. Myrick	16-Oct-99	18-Oct-03
Colonel	Virginia M. Nelson	18-Oct-03	24-Mar-07
Colonel	Jesus Muniz	24-Mar-07	11-Sep-07
Colonel	Larry F. Myrick	11-Sep-07	7-Nov-07
Colonel	Kenneth W. Parris	7-Nov-07	27-Aug-11
Colonel	Jon Stokes	27-Aug-11	26-Sep-15
Colonel	Alan Ferguson	26-Sep-15	23-Sep-19
Colonel	Ross E. Veta	23-Sep-19	Incumbent

**\*All ranks/grades are at of appointment and not current rank/grade.**

## Commander's Message

The members of California Wing are making history each and every day. Through their dedication to excellence and innovation, the California Wing is moving the entire National organization forward by engaging and promoting new and exciting core competencies that will make and keep CAP the valuable National Asset that it is today.

Recognizing the ever-changing world, California Wing has pivoted towards becoming the premier Disaster Preparedness, Prevention and Relief Organization. By employing new leadership philosophies, technologies, and development of new core competencies, California Wing, in addition to its traditional roles, now possesses the capabilities to provide much needed expanded services in times of natural and human made disasters. Through the development of these core competencies, California Wing has been able to integrate and grow our three primary missions while developing new ones. Our members have developed new skills and expertise that allow us to respond to disasters in urban environment with the same level of expertise that we have historically done in wilderness environments.

By embracing new philosophies and technologies, California Wing is a unique resource to our State and Nation. Through professionalism and expert skills, the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol remains on of the most if not the most valuable asset to our State and Nation. Each and every member is a hero in their own right and for their service we are all grateful.

The document that you are about to read is about those heroes.



Respectfully,  
Col Ross Veta  
California Wing Commander

## Chapter I: Introduction

The California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has the area of responsibility over the Golden State. Within the operational boundaries the Wing operates over 155,779 square miles of land and 7916 square miles of water ways.<sup>1</sup> The Wing serves about 40 million people and since 1941, has executed the three missions of Civil Air Patrol: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

### *Group Headquarters*

The current lines for group areas of responsibility have been established in 1999.<sup>2</sup>

### Group 1 Organization

	Capt Jay Weinsoff Cadet Sqdn 3
	El Monte Composite Sqdn 21
	San Fernando Senior Sqdn 35
	Clover Field Composite Sqdn 51
	Brackett Composite Sqdn 64
	Beach Cities Cadet Sqdn 107
	Hawker Senior Sqdn 128
	South Bay Senior Sqdn 129
	San Fernando Cadet Sqdn 137
	Los Angeles Cadet Sqdn 138

### Group 2 Organization

	Jon E. Kramer Composite Sqdn 10
	Santa Cruz Composite Sqdn 13
	East Bay Cadet Sqdn 18
	John J. Montgomery Cadet Sqdn 36
	Diablo Composite Sqdn 44
	San Jose Senior Sqdn 80
	San Francisco Cadet Sqdn 86
	Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156
	Amelia Earhart Senior Sqdn 188
	West Bay Composite Sqdn 192


<sup>1</sup> United States Geological Survey. "How Wet is Your State?" USGS. Accessed July 22, 2020 from [https://www.usgs.gov/special-topic/water-science-school/science/how-wet-your-state-water-area-each-state?qtscience\\_center\\_objects=0#qt-science\\_center\\_objects](https://www.usgs.gov/special-topic/water-science-school/science/how-wet-your-state-water-area-each-state?qtscience_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects)

<sup>2</sup> Civil Air Patrol California Wing. "Group Map." Civil Air Patrol. October 4, 1999. Accessed July 22, 2020 from <http://cawghistory.cawgcap.org/items/show/524>


Group 3 Organization

	Riverside Senior Sqdn 5
	Palm Springs Composite Sqdn 11
	Chino Cadet Sqdn 20
	Cable Composite Sqdn 25
	Corona Cadet Sq 29
	Billie L. Leclair Cadet Sqdn 31
	March Field Composite Sqdn 45
	Hemet-Ryan Composite Sqdn 59
	Redlands Cadet Squadron 411
	Big Bear Valley Composite Sqdn 6750


Group 4 Organization

	Camarillo Composite Sqdn 61
	Vandenberg Composite Sqdn 101
	Bob Beevers Composite Squadron 103
	Santa Barbara Composite Sqdn 131
	Paso Robles Composite Squadron 446
	Simi Valley Challenger Composite Squadron 1986

Group 5 Organization

	Sacramento Composite Sqdn 14
	Beale Composite Squadron 19
	Travis Composite Sqdn 22
	Marin Search and Rescue Comp Squadron 23
	Sierra Composite Sqdn 72
	Eugene L. Carnahan Cadet Sqdn 85
	Auburn-Starr Composite Sqdn 92
	Butte County Composite Squadron 95
	Shasta Composite Sqdn 126
	Redwood Empire Composite Sqdn 157
California Aerospace Academy Composite Squadron 802	


Group 6 Organization

	Tehachapi Composite Sqdn 46
	Pancho Barnes Composite Sqdn 49
	Lt Col Arthur King Composite Squadron 50
	Edwards AFB Composite Sqdn 84
	Fresno Composite Squadron 112
	Bakersfield Composite Sqdn 121
	Merced County Composite Sqdn 147
	Tulare-Kings Composite Sqdn 394

Group 7 Organization

	Falcon Senior Sqdn 40
	Los Alamitos Glider Training Sqdn 41
	Fullerton Composite Sqdn 56
	Saddleback Composite Sqdn 68
	Long Beach Senior Sqdn 150
	Los Alamitos Cadet Sqdn 153

Group 8 Organization

	Skyhawk Composite Sqdn 47
	San Diego Senior Sqdn 57
	Fallbrook Senior Sqdn 87
	San Diego Cadet Sqdn 144
	South San Diego Cadet Sqdn 201
	Escondido Cadet Squadron 714

## Organization



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### PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION

Duty	Member	Rank
<i>Command</i>		
Vice Commander for Groups	Boehm, David	Lt Col
Vice Commander for Special Programs	Newton, Craig	Lt Col
Chief of Staff	Sturgill, Tammy A.	Lt Col
Advisor to the Commander	Crum, James L.	Lt Col
Advisor to the Commander	Ammann, Dennis S.	Lt Col
Advisor to the Commander	Veta, Suzanne E.	Capt
Advisor to the Commander	Gregory, Clairissa D.	1st Lt
R & D Advisor	Alverio, Joseph	Maj
Director of Legislative Affairs – Government Relations Officer	Kempton, Mark W.	Lt Col
Wing Coordinator to CAP-USAFA	Prusak, Michael	Lt Col
Health Service Officer	Olsen, Gregg	Lt Col
<i>Administration</i>		
Director (DA)	Hockel, James J.	Capt
Assistant Administrator	Llamas, Michael A.	Capt
Assistant Administrator	Sturgill, Tammy A.	Lt Col
<i>Aerospace Education</i>		
Director (AE)	Collom, Catherine M.	Maj
Advisor to AE Director	Dunn, Roger B.	Lt Col
Deputy Director of AE	Fridell, Mark.	Maj
Deputy Director of AE (Conferences)	Urbom-Shope, Paula	Maj
Asst Dir of Finance for Aerospace Education	Kuykendall, Neil	Lt Col
Asst Dir of Cadet AE Team	Hoang, Luca Van	C/Col
AE Cadet Advisory Comm Rep	McCoy, Austin S.	C/Maj
External Aerospace Education Officer	Fridell, Mark	Maj

Internal Aerospace Education Officer	Kaye, Robert	Maj
Asst Dir of Human Space Exploration	Chester, Dee	Lt Col
STEM Manager	Endrizzi, Kenneth	Lt Col
<b>Cadet Programs</b>		
Director (CP)	Wiggins, Glenn L.	Maj
Cadet Programs Deputy Director	Brown, Wayne C.	Lt Col
Cadet Programs Deputy Director	Osseck, Jagger S.	Capt
Cadet Programs Deputy Director	Albert, Timothy	Maj
Cadet Programs Senior Development Officer	Reichow, Christopher N.	Lt Col
Cadet Advisory Council Senior Advisor	Brown, Wayne C.	Lt Col
Cadet Advisory Council Chair	Rasmussen, Miller	C/Lt Col
Cadet Advisory Council Chair – Vice	Delgado, Raphael	C/Capt
Cadet Advisory Council Recorder	McCoy, Austin	C/Maj
CAWG Representative to Region CAC	Huang, Luca	C/Col
CP Development Officer	Martin, Seth	Maj
CP Development Officer	Hammond, Donald, R.	Maj
CP Development Officer	Livera, Shawnie	Capt
CP Development Officer	Zherebnekov, Nikolay	Capt
CP Development Officer	Cabrera, Christa	Maj
CP Development Officer	Williams, Mark F.	Lt Col
CP Webmaster	McCoy, Rene	Maj
CP Web Registration Coordinator	March, Brandi A.	Maj
CP Transportation Officer	Bow, Robert	1st Lt
College & Career Advisor	Lopez, Roni	1st Lt
CP Activities Officer	Angus, Steven B.	Maj
CP Activities Officer	Benson, Shaleana R.	Maj
CP Activities Officer	Edinboro, Grace E.	Lt Col
CP Activities Officer – IACE	Sturgill, Tammy	Lt Col
CP Activities Officer – Director of CPC	Restivo, Brent	Capt
CP Activities Officer – Cadet CC for CPC	Lee, Ashley	C/Maj
CP Activities Officer – TLC Manager	Cohen, Marc	Lt Col
CP Chief Administrator	Urbom-Shope, Paula	Maj

CP Asst Administrator	Col Hines, Zoe	C/Lt Col
Youth Aviation Programs Officer	Kim, Robin, Y.	Maj
<i>Chaplain</i>		
Wing Chaplain (HC)	Taubeneck, AnnaMae	Ch, Capt
Advisor to the Wing Chaplain	Black, Jessica	Lt Col
Advisor to the Wing Chaplain	Ticas, Kristian	Maj
Advisor to the Wing Chaplain	Hartle, Molly K.	2Lt
Deputy Wing Chaplain	Dickey, Gary	Ch, Lt Col
<i>Diversity</i>		
Director	Mateos, Louise	Capt
Diversity Advisor	Dunn, Roger	Lt Col
Diversity Asst.	Cosey, Gerald P.	Capt
Diversity Chaplain.	Morison, Michael L.	Maj
Diversity Communications & Innovations	Schneider, Victoria	2d Lt
Diversity Partnership & Outreach	Hurst, Lumen "Ada"	1st Lt
<i>Finance</i>		
Director (FM)	McMullin, Edward D.	Capt
Asst Director	Kuykendall, Neil	Lt Col
Asst Director	Yogurtcugil, Mustafa	Capt
Asst Director	Hesse, Stephen R.	Capt
Asst Director	Benda, William	Capt
Asst Director	Rau, Bodo A.	Maj
Asst Director	Powell, David	Maj
Asst Director	Rohlke, Amanda	1st Lt
Asst Director – for Cadet programs	Urbom-Shope, Paula	Maj
Asst Director – for Aerospace Education	Collom, Catherine	Maj
<i>Historian</i>		
Historian	Zherebnekov, Nikolay	Capt
Assist Historian	Wiest, Charles E.	Lt Col
<i>Information Systems</i>		
Director (IT)	Groner, Steve R.	Maj
Asst Director IT – Support	Bertz, Cole C.	2d Lt
Asst Director IT – Infrastructure	Wilson IV, Isaac C.	Capt
Web Security Administrator	Groner, Steve R.	Maj
<i>Inspection</i>		
Inspector General (IG)	Sturgill, Kenneth W.	Lt Col
Asst Wing IG	Yogurtcugil, Mustafa	Capt
Asst Wing IG	Luce, Brian	Lt Col
Asst Wing IG	Hanley, Valerie	Lt Col
<i>Legal</i>		

Director of Legal Affairs (JA)	Hough, Daniel L.	Lt Col
Asst Deputies Group 1 (Los Angeles)	Bockman, Craig R.	Maj
Asst Deputies Group 2 (SF Bay)	Fenolio, Christopher	Capt
Asst Deputies Group 3 (Inland Empire)	Noyes, Jason A.	Maj
Asst Deputies Group 4 (Central Coast)	Huestis, Samuel M.	Maj
Asst Deputies Group 5 (NorCal)	Baker, Christopher	Capt
Asst Deputies Group 6 (Central Valley)	Karabian, Benjamin	Maj
Asst Deputies Group 7 (Orange County)	Hammond, Donald R.	Maj
Asst Deputies Group 8 (San Diego County)	Irick, Ronald	Maj
Legal Research Asst (Travis AFB)	Chin, Gabriel	Lt Col
Unassigned Staff Legal Officers	Daniels, William	Capt
Asst Legal Officer – Diversity Legal Officer	James, Jesse A.	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Ross, Robert	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Ruwe, William	Lt Col
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Khoury, John	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Green, Richard M.	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Veta, Ross E.	Col
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Huestis, Samuel M.	Maj
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Veta, Suzanne E.	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Rybicki, Richard	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Llamas, Michael A.	Capt
Asst Legal Officer for Special Resources	Hockel, James	1st Lt
<i>Logistics</i>		
Director (LG)	Ferguson, Alan	Col
Asst Dir of Logistics	Ferguson, Ellen S.	1st Lt
Asst Dir of Logistics	Asche, Steve	Lt Col
Asst Maintenance Officer	Groner, Steve R	Maj
Asst Supply Officers	Bertz, James V.	Maj

Asst Supply Officer for sUAS	Devine, Christopher	Capt
Transportation Officer (LGT)	Bertz, James V.	Maj
Asst Transportation Officers	McDermott, James R.	Lt Col
Asst Transportation Officers	Barbre, Thomas R.	Maj
Asst Transportation Officers	Garbutt, Christopher	Maj
Asst Transportation Officers	Bow III, Robert D.	1st Lt
Asst Transportation Officers	Miller, Douglas	Maj
Trailer Project Officer	Garbutt, Christopher	Maj
<i>Marketing and Public Affairs Section</i>		
Director of Public Affairs (PA)	Moat, Samantha	2Lt
Asst Dir of Public Affairs (Bear Facts)	Oberhettinger, David J.	Lt Col
Asst Wing Public Affairs, Advisor	Kalahar, Dave	Maj
Asst Wing Public Affairs, PAO for Cadets	Restivo, Jillian	575287
Asst Public Affairs - Webmaster	Groner, Steve	505047
Recruiting and Retention Officer	Chatham, Daniel L.	130492
<i>Medical Section</i>		
Health Services Officer (HS)	Olsen, Gregg	Lt Col
Asst Health Services Officer	Breedlove, James W.	Maj
<i>Operations Section</i>		
Director of Operations (DO)	Prusak, Michael	Lt Col
Deputy Director of Operations - South	Wallace, David E.	Lt Col
Deputy Director of Operations – North	Ironfield, Jeffrey	Maj
Asst Director of Operations - Special Projects	McDowell, Kevin J.	Lt Col
Asst Director of Mission Resources	Kapphahn, James E.	Lt Col
Logistical/Procurement Support Coordinator	Kapphahn, James E.	Lt Col
Mission Quality Assurance Officer	Chabot, Clifford L.	Lt Col
<i>Standardization/Evaluation</i>		
Standardization/Evaluation Officer (DOV)	Ritter, Roland	Capt
Deputy Stan/Eval Officer	Michelogiannakis, George	Maj
Deputy Stan/Eval Officer for sUAS	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
Asst Standardization/Evaluation	Carr, Brian M.	Capt
Asst Stan/Eval – Gliders	Chapman, John P.	Maj
Stan/Eval Trend Analyst	Hottois, James	Lt Col
Mountain Training Officer	Sharif, Ramsey	Maj
NCPSC Coordinator	Michelogiannakis, George	Maj
Director CAWG Cadet Flight School	Ironfield, Jeffery	Maj
Asst Director CAWG Cadet Flight School	Kim, Robin	Maj
Advisor CAWG Cadet Flight School	Luneau, Noel	Lt Col
AF J/ROTC Orientation Flight Coordinator	Fridell, Mark	Maj

<i>Community Emergency Response Team Training</i>		
Director of CERT Training	Chester, D'Ann	Lt Col
CERT Advisor	Lynch, Michael	Lt Col
Asst Dir of CERT – No. Cal	West, Richard	Capt
Asst Dir of CERT – Central Cal	Uhles, Ryan	Capt
IT Liaison for CERT	Uhles, Laramie	C/1st
<i>Emergency Service Training</i>		
Emergency Service Training Officer (DOT)	Brown, Kathy	Maj
Deputy – ES Aviation Training	Ironfield, Jeffrey	Maj
Deputy – ES Ground Training	Bertz, James	Maj
Deputy – ES Ground Training	Chabot, Cliff	Lt Col
Asst Deputy – ES Ground Training	Martin, Seth A.	Maj
Deputy – ES Airborne Photography Training	Olson, Michael G.	Capt
Deputy – ICS Training	Gadd, George D.	Maj
ES Operation Plans Coordinator	Boyd, Bill E.	Maj
ES Training Call Coordinator	Scarola, Dominick	1st Lt
Redbird Simulator Coordinator	Cosey, Gerald P.	Capt
<i>Aircraft Maintenance</i>		
Director of Aircraft Maintenance (DOAM)	Cinnamon, Gary L	Capt
Deputy Director of Aircraft Maintenance	Foster, Herbert	Maj
LA Basin Assistant	Yacono, David	1st Lt
South Assistant	Swift, Michael	Lt Col
Central Assistant	Sobel, Marc	Maj
North Assistant	Choate, Eric	Capt
<i>Communications</i>		
Director of Communications (DC)	Suter, Christopher C.	Lt Col
Deputy Director of Communications	Hayes, Jordan M.	Maj
Asst Director of Communications	Gadd, George	Maj
Asst Director of Communications	Kapphahn, James	Lt Col
Asst Director of Communications	Ferguson, Alan	Col
Asst Director of Communications	Ferguson, Ellen	1st Lt
Asst Director of Communications	Bertz, James	Maj
Advisor to the Director	Heil, Michael A.	Maj
Engineering Officer (North)	Dahlen, Charles E.	Capt
Engineering Officer (North)	Sobel, Mar	Maj
Engineering Officer (Central)	Asche, Steve E.	Lt Col
Engineering Officer (Central)	Ambrosecchia, William H.	1st Lt
Engineering Officer (South)	Bowles, David E.	Maj
Engineering Officer (South)	Hofheinz, Roy M.	Maj
Engineering Officer (South)	Therriault, Donald L.	1st Lt
Infrastructure Manager	Gadd, George	Maj
Communications Licensing Officer	Gadd, George	Maj
ReadyOp Coordinator	Kapphahn, James	Lt Col
<i>Emergency Services</i>		

Director (DOS)	Christian, Charles R.	Maj
Asst Director of Emergency Service (DDOS)	Groner, Steve R.	Maj
<i>Counterdrug</i>		
Counterdrug Officer (DOC)	Hottois, James W.	Lt Col
Deputy Counterdrug Officer (DDOC)	Barbre, Thomas R.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Officer – Southern CA	Barbre, Thomas R.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Officer – Coastal/Maritime	Redmon, James R.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Officer – Northern CA	Hamill, Zachary A. (IAOD)	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Officer – Administration	Waite, Jennifer A.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Officer - Training	Newton, Craig E.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Officer – Transportation	McDermott, James R.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Officer – FLIR Training	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	McDermott, James R.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Hamill, Zach A.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Hottois, James W.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Meyer, Jon	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Krause, Eric L	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Knight, Roy A.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Barbre, Thomas	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Newton, Craig E.	Lt Col
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Boyd, Bill	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Redmon, James R.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Lee, Rich L	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Powell, David W.	Maj
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Watt, John S.	Capt
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Zigelman, Charles, I.	Capt
Asst Counterdrug Mission Directors (CMD)	Yogurtcugil, Mustafa	Capt

<i>Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)</i>		
Critical Incident Stress Management Ofcr (CISM)	Lynch, Michael D.	Lt Col
Deputy Incident Stress Management Officer	Davenport, Jennifer, D.	Maj
CISM Team Members	Willey, Sue K.	Lt Col
CISM Team Members	Pajuelo-Schwartz, Marcel	Maj
<i>Disaster Relief</i>		
Disaster Relief Officer	Russell, Dale W	Maj
<i>Homeland Security (DOH)</i>		
Homeland Security Officer	Wheeler, Mark	Capt
Asst Homeland Security Ofcr – Special Projects	McDowell, Kevin J.	Lt Col
Asst Homeland Security Ofcr – TLO Program Coordinator	Wetzel, William	Lt Col
Asst Homeland Security Officer – WADS	Freed, Michael	Capt
Asst Homeland Security Ofc – Military Outreach	Coulombe, Andre N.	Lt Col
<i>Search and Rescue</i>		
Search and Rescue Officer	Wordsworth, Jon	Maj
WMAO Coordinator & Training Officer	Nozik, Samuel	1st Lt
<i>Incident Commander Training and Development Program</i>		
IC Training and Development Officer	Christian, Charles R.	Maj
Asst IC Training and Development Officer	Heil, Michael	Maj
<i>Agency Liaison Training and Development Program</i>		
Agency Liaison – CalOES	Christian, Charles R.	Maj
Agency Liaison – CalTrans	Christian, Charles R.	Maj
Agency Liaison – AFRCC	Wordsworth, Jon D.	Maj
Agency Liaison – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Wheeler, Mark	Capt
Agency Liaison – U.S. Customs	Barbre, Thomas R.	Maj
Agency Liaison – U.S. Coast Guard	Redmon, James R.	Maj
Agency Liaison – U.S. DEA	Hamill, Zachary A.	Lt Col
Agency Liaison – USRA	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
Agency Liaison – NASA/AMES	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
Agency Liaison – Red Cross	Obreiter, Robert W.	Maj
Agency Liaison – National Guard	Christian, Charles R.	Maj
Agency Liaison – State Guard	McDowell, Kevin J.	Lt Col
Agency Liaison – FEMA	Prusak, Michael	Lt Col
Agency Liaison – AFWERX/Agility Prime	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
<i>sUAS</i>		
Director of sUAS missions (DOU)	Hollerbach, Karin	Capt
Asst Director of sUAS	Irvine, Nicholas J.	2d Lt
Asst Director of sUAS for Cadets	Hoang, Luca Van	C/Col

<i>Personnel</i>		
Director (DP)	Llamas, Michael A.	Capt
Asst Personnel	Hockel, James J.	1st Lt
Asst Personnel	Sturgill, Tammy	Lt Col
<i>Plans and Programs</i>		
CAWG Conference Coordinator	Gregory, Clairissa D.	1st Lt
Asst CAWG Conference Coordinator	Wiest, Charles E.	Lt Col
Plans & Programs Ofcr for Glider Program Mgr	Welliver, James G.	Lt Col
<i>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; MEMBER ENRICHMENT - EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</i>		
Director of Professional Development (METP)	Ross, Christopher	Lt Col
Deputy Director of Prof Dev (Gr 1,3,7 & 8)	Hanley, Valerie	Lt Col
Deputy Director of Prof Dev (Gr 2,4,5 & 6)	Domke, Jon	Maj
Deputy Director of Prof De (Chaplains)	Morison, Michael	Ch, Maj
Education Manager	Peters, Andrew	Lt Col
Senior Education Officer	West, Richard	Capt
sTesting Officer	Ross, Christopher	Lt Col
Testing Officer	Peters, Andrew	Lt Col
Testing Officer	Hanley, Valerie	Lt Col
Testing Officer	Sturgill, Tammy	Lt Col
Testing Officer	Domke, Jon	Maj
<i>Safety</i>		
Director (SE)	Lam, Elsie K	Lt Col
Director Advisor	Hoppy, Daniel	Lt Col
Asst Director of Safety	Pierce, Stephen	1st Lt
Asst Director of Safety	Newell, Brandon	Maj
Asst Safety	Cinnamon, Gary L	Capt

The California Wing would like to thank all commanders who are serving or have been selected to serve at the Squadron or Group echelons.

<b>Changes of Command in 2022</b>						
<b>Charter</b>	<b>Squadron #</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Grade as of Change of Command</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
CA256	57	2	5-Jan-22	Maj	Charpentier	Tom
CA389	147	6	17-Jan-22	1st Lt	Carlson	Eugene
CA394	394	6	17-Jan-22	Capt	Merino	Anthony
CA343	150	7	27-Jan-22	Capt	Brown	Stewart
CA169	112	6	1-Feb-22	Capt	Ratzlaff	Howard W.

CA007	45	3	16-Feb-22	1st Lt	Gillette	Jacob
CA205	Grp HQ	3	16-Feb-22	Maj	Benner	Kenneth
CA802	802	5	18-Mar-22	2d Lt	Sarmiento	Boris
CA116	137	1	1-Apr-22	Lt Col	Miller	James A.
CA414	86	2	26-Apr-22	1st Lt	Wong	Larry
CA127	21	1	5-May-22	Capt	Roberts	Gregory J.
CA473	201	8	6-Jun-22	Lt Col	Wallace	David E.
CA146	50	6	9-Jun-22	Lt Col	Domke	Jon
CA146	50	6	20-Jun-22	Capt	Jackson	Justin
CA387	5	3	28-Jun-22	2d Lt	Tikhonov	Andey
CA282	64	1	11-Jul-22	Lt Col	Hartwell	Kenneth
CA334	36	2	12-Jul-22	1st Lt	Winter IV	William H.
CA288	129	1	25-Jul-22	1st Lt	Fenton	Robert
CA180	192	2	26-Jul-22	Capt	Harris	Ian
CA123	31	3	1-Aug-22	1st Lt	Stevens	Doyel L.
CA146	50	6	17-Aug-22	Capt	LeChuga	Joseph E.
CA425	46	6	17-Aug-22	Capt	Wellner	Andrew T.
CA423	29	3	23-Aug-22	Lt Col	Yamada	Michael
CA138	22	5	26-Sep-22	Lt Col	Endrizzi	Kenneth J.
CA006	Grp HQ	7	6-Oct-22	Lt Col	Welliver	James G.
CA193	25	3	13-Oct-22	1st Lt	Schwartz	Scott B.
CA324	47	8	8-Nov-22	2d Lt	Keshmiri	Darius
CA475	95	5	17-Nov-22	Capt	Paul	Jill R.
CA478	232	7	5-Dec-22	1st Lt	Kwak	Edward

## Chapter 2 – Aerospace Education

### Albert Scott Crossfield Award

This award recognizes CAP members who have attained a Master Rating in the Aerospace Education Officer (AEO) Specialty Track. The following members have completed the Master Rating for AEO in 2022:



Eric A. Ferdinandwalters  
 Kailash Kalidoss  
 Neil R. Malone  
 Remi Robert Nadeau  
 Stephen J. Collins

## Yeager Award

This award is based on the successful completion of the Yeager test. Before 2020, the award was required for Level 3. With the updated Education and Training requirements the award is now required as a part of Level 2. The following members have successfully completed the Yeager test and were awarded the Yeager Ribbon in 2022:



Aaron M. Gonzenbach	Ian C. Fusselman	Michael D. Cox
Alan W. Cleveland	James D. Burford	Michael D. Ward
Alanna M. Lucas	James D. McCrumb	Michael G. Roberts
Ali B. Taghavi	James G. Lary	Michel Schmied
Alma A. Ferdinandwalters	James M. Brown	Morgan Timothy Neher
Andrew G. Hockel	Jared B. Law	Nancy C. Maas
Anne E. Mueller	Jason R. Mueller	Nelson R. Ruiz
Annika Gabrielle Ong	Jeffrey M. Rocco	Nicholas R. Pegis
Antonio C. Talavera	Jingluen Allen Shih	Nicolas Celse
Austin R. Kardos	Jiro P. Oka	Patricia M. Leat
Bernd Galhoff	John D. Current	Patrick D. Hanford
Brandon L. Drewitz	John M. Owen	Paul D. Lawrence
Caroline Edwards	Joseph M. Wlad	Rebecca A. Mayer-Cherry
Chanda R. Seymour	Joshua C. Maxwell	Reva Y. Henderson
Christopher E. Younger	Joshua W. Roehling	Richard C. Rybicki
Christopher J. O'Donnell	Julie C. Gorwood	Rituparna B. Curt
Cole C. Bertz	Kacey A. Henning	Robert A. Edwards
Collin K. Henighan	Kasey G. Koppelmaa	Rodiel Kirby L. Baloy
Daisy Lee	Kevin V. Le	Ronald L. Martin
Danell M. Daniels	Kimberly A. Walowski	Rory E. Klepper
Daniel J. Hilger	Lawrence M. Bergen	Samson Haile
Darius J. Keshmiri	LeAnne K. Lary	Scott D. Porter
David M. McCrossan	Leroy A. Forbes	Sean R. Depolo
Dennis R. King	Lisa C. Seese	Sigmund J. Walowski III
Denver C. Driberg	Lisa M. Gonzalez	Silvia Bellia
Douglas E. Phillips Jr	Luther T. Dulaney III	Sriya Vennam
Douglas H. Driver	Lynne Owen	Stephanie M. Guaiumi
Frank A. Parodi	Marie M. Coates	Sushil K. Tyagi
Frank R. Garrett	Mario Ruben Esparza	Tara Grubb
Gavin A. McCord	Marisa K. Kupsak	Thad J. Robbins
Gina-Marie A. Behrens	Mark J. Thomas	Timothy J. Rigby
Glen D. Gartley	Michael Hernandez	Troy Chris Smith
Humberto Salvo	Michael B. Sipah	William B. Young

William E. Swigart

### Chapter 3 – Cadet Programs

#### Quality Cadet Unit Award



Any cadet unit that displays strong program fundamentals can earn the Quality Cadet Unit Award. This award motivates squadrons to pursue goals that will inevitably lead to their

having a vibrant Cadet Program. The following California Wing Squadrons have attained the award during the 2022 calendar year:

CA 007 PCR-CA-007 MARCH FIELD COMPOSITE SQDN 45  
 CA 015 PCR-CA-015 EAST BAY CADET SQDN 18  
 CA 051 PCR-CA-051 CAPT JAY WEINSOFF CADET SQDN 3  
 CA 096 PCR-CA-096 DIABLO COMPOSITE SQDN 44  
 CA 116 PCR-CA-116 SAN FERNANDO CADET SQDN 137  
 CA 180 PCR-CA-180 WEST BAY COMPOSITE SQDN 192  
 CA 193 PCR-CA-193 CABLE COMPOSITE SQDN 25  
 CA 214 PCR-CA-214 JON E. KRAMER COMPOSITE SQDN 10  
 CA 240 PCR-CA-240 SANTA BARBARA COMPOSITE SQDN 131  
 CA 282 PCR-CA-282 BRACKETT COMPOSITE SQDN 64  
 CA 285 PCR-CA-285 BEACH CITIES CADET SQDN 107  
 CA 334 PCR-CA-334 JOHN J. MONTGOMERY CADET SQDN 36  
 CA 346 PCR-CA-346 TRI-VALLEY COMPOSITE SQUADRON 156  
 CA 384 PCR-CA-384 SADDLEBACK COMPOSITE SQDN 68  
 CA 410 PCR-CA-410 CLOVER FIELD COMPOSITE SQDN 51  
 CA 414 PCR-CA-414 SAN FRANCISCO CADET SQDN 86  
 CA 441 PCR-CA-441 SAN DIEGO CADET SQDN 144  
 CA 477 PCR-CA-477 REDLANDS CADET SQUADRON 411  
 CA 478 PCR-CA-478 SOUTH COUNTY SQUADRON 232

## **Cadet Milestone Awards**

### ***Wright Brothers Award***

Orville and Wilbur Wright are credited with achieving the first powered, controlled, sustained, heavier-than-air flight, on 17 December 1903. The following cadets have achieved the award during the 2022 calendar year:



Adam Varga  
 Adelaine Annabelle  
 Goodworth  
 Aiden Jacob Fazon-Ruiz  
 Alexander Charles Kaplan  
 Alistair Adi King  
 Andrew Hla Ham  
 Andrew James Sandford  
 Angelina Tsuboi  
 Arthur Chi Kite Liang  
 Arthur Elliott Gabrilovich  
 Arthur Po Nguyen  
 Ascher Rabin Lafayette  
 Atlas Dreicer-McPhail  
 Audrey Linh Agbayani  
 Austin Brent Coffman  
 Ava Firmkoess  
 Avamarie Brooklyn  
 Dieutto  
 Benjamin Francis  
 Buckhout  
 Benjamin Michael Lee  
 Benjamin T Hartle  
 Benjamin W Burnett  
 Bennett James Bullard  
 Braxton Douglas Wagers  
 Brian Liu  
 Brock Stephen Buak III  
 Brody Wayne Brock  
 Bryan Goodwin  
 Caiden Van Gross  
 Calista Michelle Yeh  
 Carter Henry Ranshaw

Chase Edgar Ruffing  
 Christopher Erik  
 Ainsworth Jr  
 Cole Martin Hausman  
 Conlin Joseph Horan  
 Cosette Choi  
 Cyrus Agustin Ramirez  
 Cyrus Pak Hay So  
 Daniel Josiah Hernandez  
 Daniel Mark Delgado  
 Daniel Semizyan  
 Delaney Pearl Edwards  
 Dominick Jeffery Yang  
 Lim  
 Donald Keith Damasceno  
 Short  
 Doyi Kim  
 Dreiden George Runnels  
 Edgar Torres  
 Edward Dewitt Waller  
 Elaina E Wang  
 Eli Ash  
 Elina Grace Bergstrom  
 Elyse Janae Carver  
 Emily K Frank  
 Emily Lokei Liang  
 Emily Lu  
 Emily Raisa Rubin  
 Eshaan Singh Badhan  
 Ethan Joshua Moran  
 Ethan Riley Davies  
 Evelina Estrella Granados  
 Fiona Wang

Gianna Rose Morelli  
 Grace Antonella Perla  
 Graden Oliver Buchanan  
 Graham Nicosia Labass  
 Hailey Soraya Lebehn  
 Hamzah Zafar Choudhry  
 Harrison Macario Wong  
 Hayden Kouya Kobayashi  
 Inca Stienhans  
 Isaac Mui  
 Isaac Vicent Garcia  
 Israel Kaller  
 Izabella Yamin Chan  
 Jace Blake Frazier  
 Jackson Chaney Ferris  
 Jackson Levi Rogers  
 Jackson Matthias Thies  
 Jacob Daniel Bird  
 Jacob Honghui Billideau  
 Jacob Michael Short  
 Jacob Oscar De Leon  
 Jacob Owen Scott  
 Jake Daniel Rychlik  
 James Brayden Heitzig  
 James Thomas Price  
 James Wright Draper  
 Jarrett Tyler White  
 Jasmyne Angel  
 Commiskey  
 Jason Lance Poblacion  
 Viernes  
 Jason Zhou  
 Jennalyn Joy Smith

Jensen Weyant Best	Matthew Freeman Wallace	Sanjay Ram Srivatsan
Jeremy Tyler Klomsue	Maxim Gregory	Sanvy Chinthapally
Jesus Alberto Molina	Stefanioutine	Sean-Gavin Thuat Vu
Johan N/a Babu	Meiling Chan	Sebastian Gaspar
Johnathan G Olson	Michael Lawrence Hurwitz	Shehan Thomas George
Jonathan H Lee	Michael Llewellyn	Sophia Veronica Guzman
Joshua Aaron Gonzenbach	Milan Rachel Santos	Soren James Curry
Julia Rian Delgado	Miron Gridin	Sriram Katreddi
Kai Sunder Kapur	Nathan I Cordova	Sririshi Reddy
Karsten Michael Murphy	Nathan Kaller	Timothy Zhuang
Katherine Lijin Kwon	Nathan Paul Hsiung	Trent Gabriel Forbes
Kaylee Renee Amos	Nathan Ray Whitaker	Trevor Alan Firnkoes
Kayleen Tiongco Speller	Nehemiah Benjamin	Trevor James Caezza
Kenyon Robertson III	Brandt Feusi	Tristen Anthony Forbes
Keziah Bex Carver	Neil Jingchen Yang	Valorie Liz Pratley
Kyliana Gaylord	Nicholas Brandon Fischer	Ved Chandra
Lauren Michelle Smith	Nicholas Pearson	Vorrapon Ben
Lauren Vanessa Delgado	Nicolas Richard Mattson	Pornchavarat
Leia Eve Delgado	Nicole Justine Sanchez	Ward Aaron Brouwer
Levi G Lum	Nimit Shrivastava	Wesley Dean Shotts
Levi Jacob Free	Noah David Fargo	Will Chad Hodges
Liam Scott Hollie	Noah J Sanchez	William Liu
Laughery	Noah James Bird	William Schott
Lizette Marie Mendoza	Noah Tanner Krol	Winter Palalay Jobelle
London Quan Rivera	Patrick James Chabot	Wyatt James Nottingham
Maddox French Allen	Phillip Hirman	Yusuf Zafar Choudhry
Madelyn Anne Mueller	Phoenix Robert Hernandez	Zachary Alan Rich
Marc Charles Chemtob	Ramos	Zachary Patrick Vega
Marcus Jaehon Lee	Preston Duret Keightley	Zachary Van Le
Margaret Rock	Rikelme Ariel Umana	Zion E Kandel
Mark Ryan Delaney	Rowan James Roberts	Zoe Grace Philson
Markus Lu	Ryan William Morrissey	Zorianna Mui
Mason Sean Ferris	Ryder Christian Kupsak	
Matthew Dean Layne	Samuel Italo McAllister	

### ***Billy Mitchell Award***

Billy Mitchell is known as the "Father of the Independent Air Force," Billy Mitchell risked court-martial in his outspoken advocacy of military airpower. When Mitchell's bombers sank the surplus German battleship Ostfriesland in a July 1921 demonstration, it was a strong blow for airpower. It was also a huge embarrassment for the Navy, which had said he couldn't

do it. Mitchell's traditionalist boss, Army Chief Gen. John J. Pershing, sided with the Navy in dismissing the significance of the demonstration. Mitchell continued his all-out public campaign for airpower. He said the world stood on the threshold of an "aeronautical era" and that military airpower, independent of ground and sea forces, should be the first line of defense. World War II proved him right, and after the Allied victory, the Congress awarded him a gold medal for "outstanding pioneer service and foresight in the field of American military aviation." With General Mitchell as their role model, cadet officers know that speaking truth to power is a moral duty. The following cadets have achieved the award during the 2022 calendar year:



Aiden Jace Bajema  
 Anders Kent Hagen  
 Audrey Kahler Zoutis  
 Benjamin Lee  
 Brady Aaron Mollica  
 Brandon Chiraphan  
 Dumrong  
 Brandon Keith Bellows  
 Brenna Elizabeth Rao  
 Caden Charles Kelly  
 Calvin J. Willis  
 Canyon Luke Davis  
 Cassidy Aryn Roberts  
 Cayden Gu  
 Charles Henry Allen  
 Colt Andrew Fry  
 Connor Franklin Stucky

Connor R. Rudolph  
 Dakota Yang  
 Dominic Lim  
 Dylan Fung  
 Elise Lynn Delgado  
 Ephraim Stanislavovich  
 Shalunov  
 Esme Serenity Chen  
 Ethan Mertens Hernandez  
 Finn Deveer Doyle  
 Gary Villanueva Nito  
 Giulia Francesca Telli  
 Grace Muresan  
 Ian Osias Hancock  
 Isiah David Gonzalez  
 Jack Frederick Peterson  
 James Reid

Jonah Douglas Bird  
 Joshua Benjamin  
 Gillebaard  
 Joshua M. Park  
 Joshua P. Nguyen  
 Justin David McCurry  
 Kaylin Joyce Vallee  
 Kaylin Pham  
 Liam McKinnon  
 Logan Arlester Williams  
 Logan T. Yang  
 Nathan Scott Young  
 Nathaniel William Foy  
 Nicholas Joseph Meader  
 Nicolas John Vitello  
 Noelle Carole Madden  
 Patricia Lynn Kackert

Patrick Joaquin Mulligan  
Ruth Christina Schwind  
Sakda Tabongtong Berg  
Samhita Srivatsan

Seth Cameron Ambre  
Tigerlily S. King  
Tyus Allen Isaac  
William Hunter Solylo

Yuriy Yuriyovich  
Kryvoruchko  
Zachary Pham  
Zamara Lopez

### *Amelia Earhart Award*

Amelia Earhart was a record-setting aviator and one of the first female heroes of aviation. In 1928 she became the first woman to achieve a solo trans-Atlantic flight. Outside the cockpit, Earhart was a leading figure of public life, a celebrity "Queen of the Air," a proponent of equal rights for women, an eloquent writer, and one of the key organizers of the Ninety-Nines, an association of female aviators. She disappeared in 1937 near Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean while trying to circumnavigate the world in a twin engine Lockheed Electra. Her disappearance is one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the 20th century. "The stars seemed near enough to touch and never before have I seen so many," she said after one of her record-setting flights. "I always believed the lure of flying is the lure of beauty, but I was sure of it that night." The following cadets have achieved the award during the 2022 calendar year:



Arsh Muhib  
Cayden Gu  
Daniel Patrick Burke  
Demetri Constantine Zoutis  
Emmanuel Nascimento  
Hudson Reid Musial  
John Thomas Marshall Nickless  
Katelyn Marie Winkleblech

Kayden Russell Maly  
Lance Ernest Clement  
Lena Renee Amato  
Liam McKinnon  
Logan Byun  
Patricia Lynn Kackert  
Preston Kwok  
Samhita Srivatsan

***General Ira C. Eaker Award***

General Ira C. Eaker was one of the forefathers of an independent Air Force. With General (then major) Spaatz, in 1929 Eaker remained aloft aboard The Question Mark, a modified Atlantic-Fokker C-2A, for nearly a week, to demonstrate a newfound capability of aerial refueling. During WWII, Eaker rose to the grade of lieutenant general and commanded the Eighth Air Force, "The Mighty Eighth" force of strategic bombers. Even as a general, Eaker preferred to lead from the front, personally flying B-17 precision bombing missions over occupied France and Germany. Today, the Air Force celebrates his legacy by naming the service's top school for commanders in his honor -- the Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development at Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. The following cadets have achieved the award during the 2022 calendar year:



Adam Parker Lucas  
Leon Gin Zhao  
Rafael A. Delgado  
Stefanie P. Storms

### *General Spaatz award*

Carl “Tooeey” Spaatz was the first to serve as Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. One of the giants in the history of airpower, in 1929 Spaatz, together with a crew that included Ira C. Eaker, set an important flight endurance record of 150 hours and 40 minutes in the early days of aviation. During World War II, he commanded the Allied air campaign against the Nazis. In the Pacific Theater, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place under his command. After retiring from the Air Force, General Spaatz served as the first chairman of the Civil Air Patrol National Board. The following cadet have achieved the award during the 2022 calendar year:



Rafael A. Delgado

## **Chapter 4 – Emergency Services**

### **Missions in 2022**

#### ***February***

06 – CAP was requested to assist Sierra County Sheriff to find a missing hiker. CAP was to do a visual search of the area. To avoid airborne conflicts CAP was asked to hold in the morning to allow other aircraft to do some searching first. CAP aircraft was launched but shortly after that the hiker was found so Aircraft was RTB without arriving in the search area. To be prepared a support staff was assembled.

#### ***March***

08 – Mission 22-1-4639 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission (Target, High-bird and Spare). The mission was successfully completed.

22 – Mission 22-1-4746 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission (Target, High-bird and Spare). The mission was successfully completed.

31 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0112 was opened 31 Mar 22 and closed 31 Mar 22 for a 121.5Mhz ELT transmitting somewhere in the area of Novato, California. The signal was first heard by CAP aircraft at 1142Z and triangulated to Sonoma County Airport. The UDF team was dispatched and located the ELT in an open cockpit aircraft and was able to silence the beacon. The owner was contacted the next day and indicated that a bump on his tug may have caused the ELT to go off.

31 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0113 was opened 31 Mar 22 and closed 31 Mar 22 for a 121.5Mhz ELT transmitting at Oceanside Airport and Long Beach Airport simultaneously. The signal was first heard by UDF teams at Bob Maxwell Field in Oceanside at 0527Z. The UDF team located the aircraft and deactivated the beacon. The second signal was heard by the UDF team at Long Beach Airport at 0528Z. The UDF team located the aircraft and deactivated the beacon.

### *April*

07 – California Wing provided a low/slow target aircraft for the Western Air Defense Sector training and a high bird for communication between the mission base and target aircraft. The mission was successful in supporting an active-duty annual test.

15 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0132 was opened and closed today 15 April 2022 for a 121.5 ELT that was reported in the vicinity of Oakland & San Jose, the original information received looked as though the ELT might be coming from the San Martin Airport E16. A UDF team (UDF1) was deployed from Watsonville to E16 and a second UDF team (UDF2) was

deployed to Reid-Hillview (KRHV) Airport to be on stand-by. Additionally, an aircrew was launched from Oakland KOAK airport. The UDF2 team picked up the signal at the KRHV airport and there was no signal at E16 so UDF1 deployed to and joined UDF2 at KRHV. The aircrew also acquired the signal in the vicinity of KRHV. The UDF teams were able to narrow the search to a flight school on the field where a mechanic confirmed and silenced the beacon. The aircrew confirmed that there was no other ELT signal heard once the beacon was silenced. The base staff consisted of an AOB, MRO/CUL, Logistics/Resource Unit Leader, and the IC and mentor IC. Thank you to everyone who responded to the call, we had sufficient resources within minutes of the page out and assets were being deployed within less than 30 minutes of the page. A special thank you to all of the members listed below, each of whom did a stellar job in their respective roles. This mission went very smoothly, I am thankful to the entire team for a job well done. As always, I am proud to serve alongside such dedicated professionals.

26 – Mission 22-1-4988 was executed on April 26, 2022 in the Fresno area in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) training. Target and Highbird aircraft were launched. Thanks to the spare aircraft crew for being ready in the event they were needed. Thanks to everyone who responded to the alert email. The following information on member participation includes details Air and Base Staff may use to document progress towards earning the Homeland Security service ribbon.

28 – Mission 22-1-5030 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Turtle MOA. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission (Target, High-bird and Spare). The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

*May*

17 – Mission 22-1-5140 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) for intercept training in Central California. Three CAP aircraft participated in the mission as target, Highbird, and spare. The mission was completed successfully. Thank you to everyone who supported this important mission.

31 – Mission 22-1-5214 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission (Target, High-bird and Spare). The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

### *June*

17 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0219 was opened 17 Jun 22 and closed 17 Jun 22 for a 406 MHz ELT transmitting at LAX Airport. An aircraft and aircrew were dispatched to find the signal over the special flight rules area. After two passes with a negative signal to the aircraft, AFRCC also confirmed negative signal hits over the prior hour. The aircrew was given permission to RTB.

21 – California Wing provided a low/slow target aircraft for the Western Air Defense Sector training and a high bird for communication between the mission base and target aircraft. The mission was successful in supporting the active-duty.

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28/29 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0238 was opened 28 Jun 22 and closed 29 Jun 22 for a 121.5 Mhz ELT transmitting somewhere in the vicinity of Sacramento. One aircraft with aircrew (three sorties) was dispatched to the Sacramento area. The beacon was located and silenced by the aircrew at L36 Rio Linda Airport.

30 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0244 was opened 30 Jun 22 and closed 30 Jun 22 for a 406 Mhz with a 121.5 Mhz carrier ELT transmitting somewhere in the vicinity of Fullerton Airport. One UDF team was dispatched to the Fullerton Airport area. The beacon was located and silenced by the UDF team at KFUL Fullerton Airport. The UDF team was advised to RTB.

### ***July***

05 – Mission 22-1-5390 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Two Cap aircraft were involved in this mission as Target and Highbird. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

14 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0274 was opened 14 July 22 and closed 14 July 22 for a 406 Mhz with a 121.5 Mhz carrier ELT transmitting somewhere in the vicinity of Mojave Air and Space Port. One UDF team was dispatched to the Mojave Airport area. The beacon was located and silenced by the UDF team in the boneyard at Mojave Air and Space port. The UDF team was advised to RTB.

21 – 22-M-0291 was opened and closed on 21 July 2022 for a 406 ELT plotting in the vicinity of CA20 Eagle's Nest airport. A UDF team was formed out of Sacramento and an aircrew from Merced. The aircrew launched and quickly found a 121.5 signal to go along with the 406 signal. Prior permission was obtained, and they landed at CA20 and met up with the UDF team and

located the ELT. The ELT in a Pilatus PC-7 seemed to be defective, re-activating on its own a few minutes after being deactivated and returned to the “Armed” position.

### *August*

11 – Mission was opened at the request of the Placer County Sheriff’s Department to aid in the search for an individual who was missing following a party in Truckee, CA. Law enforcement partners asked us to search visually and with aerial photography for the individual’s vehicle, both on roads and in off-road areas in the area around Truckee and Reno, NV. Bases were established in CA and NV and aircraft from both wings were flown under the same command. Search was terminated on 21Aug22 when the deceased individual was found by a private ground team in her vehicle in Lake Prosser.

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18 – Mission 22-1-5693 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission as Target and Highbird and Spare. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

27-29 – Search for a missing hiker in the Kings Canyon National Forest. The request was to use the FLUR camera system at night to search the 12,500ft mountain at night.

29 – AFRCC mission number 22-M-0371 was opened and closed on 29 Aug 2022 following voice distress broadcasts received by the US Coast Guard on Marine Channel 16. The human voice stated “Sector LA, Sector LA, I need your help.” Attempts to engage the sender went unanswered. The Coast Guard triangulated the source of the broadcasts to an area between Point Mugu and Lancaster. One aircrew was dispatched from Fresno and searched the area using DF equipment. No distress signals or other clues were located.

### *September*

13 – Mission 22-1-5762 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this mission as Target and Highbird and Spare. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

27 – Mission 22-1-5802 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) for intercept training in Central California. Two CAP aircraft participated in the mission as target and Highbird. The mission was completed successfully. Thank you to everyone who supported this important mission.

### *October*

04 – Mission 23-1-3470 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Two Cap aircraft were involved in this mission as Target and Highbird. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

10-11 – Mission 23-1-3698 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Three Cap aircraft were involved in this

mission as Target, Highbird and Relo. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

### ***November***

02-03 – AFRCC Mission Number 22-M-0475A was opened 02 Nov 22 and closed 03 Nov 22 for a 406 Mhz with a 121.5 Mhz carrier ELT transmitting somewhere in the vicinity of Anaheim, CA. One aircraft and three UDF teams were dispatched to the Anaheim area. The first beacon was found at a recycling facility in Anaheim and was silenced the next morning. The second beacon was found at Fullerton Airport and was silenced the same evening with the owner.

22 – WADS mission 23-456

22 – To locate a 406 MHz ELT in the Paradise (northern California) area, air and Urban Direction-Finding teams were formed. The aircrew located the ELT at the Paradise (CA92) airport. However, as this signal did not have a 121.5 MHz homing emitter that prohibited direction finding on the ground, the teams were directed to return home and the mission was closed.

30 – California Wing provided a low/slow target aircraft for the Air National Guard fighter wing unit training and a high bird for communication between the mission base and target aircraft.

### ***December***

08 – Mission 23-1-4134 was executed by California Wing in support of Western Air Defense Sector (WADS) intercept training in the Fresno area. Two Cap aircraft were involved in this mission as Target and High-bird. The mission was successfully completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important mission.

28 – Mission was opened for an unregistered 406mhz beacon near Corona airport. A UDF team was dispatched to Corona Airport to search for the beacon. Beacon was located in a Piper Arrow

and silenced by maintenance personnel. My thanks to everyone who responded to the mission and to the UDF team who had the beacon located & secured within one hour.

### **Lifesaving Award**

The Lifesaving Award is awarded to members who save a human life, but do not meet the criteria for the Bronze or Silver Medal of Valor.



Major Shaleana Benson, CAP, distinguished herself by heroic actions in saving human life at Cherry Avenue and Bixby Road in Long Beach, California, on 25 January 2021. On Tuesday 25 January 2021, at approximately 1730 hours, Maj Shaleana Benson and Maj Richard Benson, while en route to their weekly CAP Fullerton Composite Squadron 56 meeting at Fullerton Airport; were stopped at the red light at the intersection of eastbound Bixby Road at Cherry Avenue in Long Beach California. While proceeding through the intersection, a transient was heard yelling “call 911” and was seen running southbound. Maj R Benson looked around and saw the transient was running to a downed bicyclist in the roadway, southbound Cherry Ave south of Bixby Rd in the number three lane in front of the bus stop. Maj R Benson advised Maj S Benson of the vehicle versus bicyclist in the roadway, and Maj S Benson made a quick U-turn to place their vehicle in traffic to protect the victim bicyclist and create a safe area to render aid. After the scene was secure for safety, Maj S Benson approached the victim bicyclist to start rendering assistance while Maj R Benson proceeded to call and request paramedics. Maj S Benson performed basic

first-aid and gathered information to provide to Maj R Benson to relay to the paramedic dispatch. While rendering first-aid, a bystander stepped up and assisted Maj S Benson by maintaining C-spine protocols; it was later determined the bystander was an off-duty LA County Fire paramedic. The victim was found to have an altered level of consciousness (only knowing his name) after initially losing consciousness during the vehicle impact. The victim also suffered various facial and occipital lacerations, which Maj S Benson treated with direct pressure. Long Beach Police Officers arrived approximately five minutes after first-aid was started. LBPD did not take over and instead focused on ascertaining witness statements to file a 901T (traffic accident with injury) report DR#22004139. First-aid continued to be provided for approximately ten more minutes before Long Beach Fire station 14 arrived and took over treatment. By that time, the victim bicyclist had become fully alert and could cooperate and answer questions other than those about the accident itself. Although no injury appeared to be life-threatening, the quick actions by Maj S Benson and Maj R Benson greatly assisted the victim in his safety, treatment, and future recovery. Also, without the quick thinking and actions of Maj S Benson and Maj R Benson, by placing their vehicle to create a safety barrier between heavy traffic and the scene, more injuries would have been sustained by the victim and new victims created. Maj Shaleana Benson has credited herself and Civil Air Patrol with her prompt action and humanitarian regard for fellow man.

**Chapter 5 – Senior Member Promotions**

**Master Sergeant**



LaManna

Salvatore

**Second Lieutenant**



Bayless	Robert
Bertz	Cole
Betancourt	Robert
Brannan	Michael
Brej	Martin
Brooks	Adam
Carlisle	Max
Chacon	Antonio
Choudhry	Zafar
Coates	Marie
Cohen	George
Conover	Jinifer
Cronk	Jack
Decicco	John
Dilley	Rebecca
Drieberg	Denver
Edgar	Thomas
Fusselman	Ian
Garcia	Avalito
Gartley	Glen
Goel	Ashish
Gonzales	David
Gonzalez	Arnulfo
Gorwood	Julie
Gross	Albert
Grubb	Tara
Hall	Zachary
Heimbuch	Eric
Henning	Kacey
Horton	Forrest
Jenks	Kimberly
Kachadoorian	Alexa
Krol	Susan
Kupsak	Marisa
Lary	James
Le	Kevin
Lee	Daisy
Lee	Robert

Liberio	Leo
Lowe	Scott
McCrum	James
Miron	Melanie
Mueller	Jason
Neher	Morgan
Ocegueda	Gustavo
Onyemaboli-Prince	Gamaliel
Onyemaobi	Princess
Pace	Tyree
Padgett	Jared
Paterson	Brie-Anne
Pegis	Nicholas
Pingel	Christian
Pomabille	Mark
Richards	Legendre
Rigby	Timothy
Roberto	Lugo
Roberts	Christopher
Roberts	Michael
Ruiz	Nelson
Sansano	Emmanuel
Seumour	Chanda
Shah	Shreedhar
Shah	Hima
Sohail	Fnu
Stevens	Doyel
Thompson	Michael
Vasudevan	Swaminatha
Walowski	Kimberly
Welch	David
Willis	Christina
Wlad	Joseph
Wu	Sandy
Young	William
Younger	Christopher

### **First Lieutenant**



Barde	Andre
Bell	Shawn
Belot	Brian
Boyd	Elizabeth
Brabec	Frank
Chen	Kai
Defreitas	Wagner
Epley	Tyler
Fallone	Robert
Galhoff	Bernd
Gillette	Jacob
Gonzenbach	Aaron
Henighan	Collin
Hilger	Daniel
Hoogendoorn	Kelsey
Irvine	Nicholas
Jongkolsongkroh	Sirikul
Kang	Michael
Kent	Darrin
Kwak	Edward
Logan	James
Mahmood	Raheel
Maxwell	James
McCrossan	David
Nouripour	Ivan
Owen	Lynne
Parodi	Frank
Pegova	Ekaterina
Puppo	Vincenzo
Rigby	Timothy
Rocco	Jeffrey
Roehling	Joshua
Rollins	Fritz
Seesee	Lisa
Stevens	Doyel
Tikhonov	Andrey
Walinowicz	Jennifer
Winter	William

Yacono

David

**Captain**

Brooks	Adam
Buenaventura	Raymond
Chacon	Antonio
Chatham	Daniel
Delgado	Rafael
Drieberg	Denver
Gobel	Gunnar
Goel	Ashish
Gonzenbach	Aaron
Gross	Michael
Haughton	David
Hilger	Daniel
Hockel	James
Hockel	Andrew
Klavon	Erik
Lee	Daisy
Lundberg	John
McCoy	Steven
McCrum	James
Moore	Ryan
Mueller	Anne
Padgett	Jared
Parodi	Frank
Richards	Legendre
Schultz	Robert
Sjobring	Timothy
Steele	Katrin
Szymanski	Douglas
Tirona	Maria

**Major**



Boskovich	Gary
Chin	David
Ferdinandwalters	Eric
Harris	Ian
Henson	Van
Hollerbach	Karin
Spears	Joseph
Swale	Stephen

### **Lieutenant Colonel**



Aspegen	Lynne
Christian	Charles
Domke	Jon
Kim	Robin
Klepper	Rory
Michelogiannakis	Georgios
Park	David
Sears	Robert
Tirona	Jose
Wiggins	Glenn

## Chapter 6 – Education and Training

### Level 1: Onboarding

The materials in Level I provide the new senior member with the information required to participate actively in CAP. Members who complete level one is eligible for the Membership Ribbon.



Adam B. Brooks  
Alexander L. Garrett

Allan G. McGavin  
Allison Hirvonen

Alma A. Ferdinandwalters  
Amy M. Smith

Andrew Young	David Richard Stout	John W. Kennedy
Andrew G. Hockel	Denice A. Ornelaz-Perez	Jorge L. Medina
Angel R. Santoyo	Dennis Emelyanov	Joseph D. Nuccitelli
Anne E. Mueller	Dennis C. Chapman Jr	Joseph Howard Marrotte
Annika Gabrielle Ong	Dennis R. King	Judith E. Ratzlaff
Anthony J. Olson	Denver C. Drieberg	Julia A. Firmkoess
Anthony M. Montes	Diana K. Davies	Julie Cox
Anthony T. Jordan	Donald S. Honigman	Julie C. Gorwood
Antonio I. Montez	Doris Watson	Julie P. Stevens
Arnold R. Beler II	Douglas E. Phillips Jr	Julio C. Alfaro
Arun V. Rao	Douglas H. Driver	Ka Pui Cheung
Austin R. Kardos	Edwin M. Lavino II	Kasey G. Koppelmaa
Benjamin J. Feusi	Ekaterina Pegova	Katrin K. Steele
Bhupinder S. Channi	Elena Orozco	Kelly A. Hunt
Bradley L. Guerke	Elisa Muresan	Ken R. Crouse
Brandon J. Smith	Eric L. Wolff	Kenneth C. Korsmo
Brian L. Anderson	Evan C. Esparza	Kevin A. Streeter
Brianna J. Meyer	Fnu Sohail	Khoi Ta
Bridgitte Kratofil	Frank K. Kratofil	Kirill Solodchenko
Brie-Anne M. Paterson	Gavin A. McCord	Kirollos Nagy Kamel
Bruce C. Willis	Geraldine Oka	Krishna C. Chalamasandra
Candy M. Rodio	Gregory M. Foley	Kushkumar G. Makwana
Carlos M. Lopez	Hannah Elisabeth Autumn	Kyle C. Hawkins
Caroline Edwards	Nilsen	Lambert M. Van Hulst
Chanda R. Seymour	Heloise L. Philson	Laurie L. Sabo
Chiayin Chen	Hima K. Shah	LeAnne K. Lary
Chris J. Owen	Ian C. Fusselman	Leroy A. Forbes
Christian A. Pingel	Ian Lachlan McLean	Leslie Y. Perez
Christina L. Willis	Isaac Zink-Nelson Jr	Linus Fischer
Christine A. Kihlthau	Itschak Biran	Lipping G. Gaw
Christine K. Jones	Jagdeep K. Bajwa	Lisa C. Seese
Christon H. Lopez	James F. Summers	Lisa M. Gonzalez
Christopher E. Younger	Jason David Enoch	Lisa M. K. Simpson
Christopher J. O'Donnell	Jason R. Mueller	Luciana N. Mirtich
Clifford J. Owen	Jeccica Delgado	Luther T. Dulaney III
Constantin D. Apotrosoaei	Jeff Davies	Lynn A. Aspegren
Craig D. Owings	Jeff Reyes	Manish Shrivastava
Cynthia A. Delaney	Jerry L. Johnson	Maria F. Bugarin
Cyrus A. Wood-Thomas	Jingluen Allen Shih	Marie M. Coates
Daisy Lee	Jiro P. Oka	Mario Ruben Esparza
Dallas K. Austin	Joanna Kathryn Green	Mark J. Pomaville
Daniel A. Noriega	Joe Yum	Mark P. Schmidt
Daniel J. Shimmin	John Soliz	Martin Chavez-Urena
Danny L. Parker	John D. Current	Martin J. Brej
Danny R. McAninch	John J. Russ	Matthew Kupsak
Daryl R. Maas	John P. Bockrath	Matthew L. Wallace

Matthew T. Kennedy	Paul Singn Riar	Shaddi Abdala
Max Carlisle	Paul W. Hoikka	Silvia Bellia
Melinda Young	Peter Mazanec	Spencer Wallace Wong
Michael Hernandez	Philip E. Thomas	Sriya Vennam
Michael G. Miller	Rachele Leigh Hicks	Steven A. Suter
Michael G. Roberts	Ralph E. Mejia	Steven P. Beier
Michael R. Fortunato	Raymond J. Burke	Steven R. Walton
Michael R. Hudson	Rea Stelmach	Susan D. Krol
Michael T. Desrosiers	Rebecca A. Dilley	Thad J. Robbins
Michel Schmied	Richard J. Payne	Thomas Duchuy Hoang
Michele H. Buntyn	Richard J. Swank	Timothy A. Jara
Michelle M. Le	Ritesh Solanki	Timothy J. Rigby
Miriam G. Mercado	Rituparna B. Curt	Tristine Marie Evans
Morgan R. Mitchell	Robert E. Lee	Truc H. Dao
Natalie A. Bopp	Robert L. Chiofalo	Van C. Raster
Nathan A. Santos	Rory E. Klepper	Waylene R. Sangcap
Nathan L. Paquette	Ryan B. Baillie	Wayne M. Scott
Nathaniel D. Alexander	Samson Haile	William B. Young
Nathaniel R. Robbins	Sandy M. Wu	William D. Dean
Nicholas C. Costigan	Sarah Gillette	William R. Riesen
Nicolas Celse	Scott D. Bird	Yishay Aizik
Noah Cha	Scott J. Lowe	Zaina Streeter
Ofer Tenenbaum	Sean G. Plotner	Zoe Belle Hines
Patricia M. Leat	Sean M. Darby	
Patricio A. Calderon Jr	Sean R. Depolo	

## Level 2: The Learning Phase

Level II focuses on developing a competent member who can participate actively at the squadron or flight level. In Level II, the member chooses one of four specialized paths tailored to meet the needs of new members, professionals who will receive an advanced promotion, former cadets, and current or former military members.



Andre M. Barde	Daniel J. Hilger	Frank F. Brabec
Andrey V. Tikhonov	Daniel L. Chatham	Fritz T. Rollins
Ashish Goel	David Edward Leong	Glen D. Gartley
Bernd Galhoff	David M. McCrossan	Greg M. Thompson
Christopher E. Younger	Edward Kwak	Gunnar J. Gobel
Cole C. Bertz	Francisco A. Cornejo	Humberto Salvo
Collin K. Henighan	Frank A. Parodi	Jacob N. Gillette

James B. Logan  
 James D. Hayashi  
 James D. McCrumb  
 James K. Kearns  
 James M. Brown  
 Jared D. Padgett  
 Jeffrey B. Ferland  
 Jeffrey M. Rocco  
 Jerome A. Snyder  
 John A. Lundberg  
 John C. Rochford  
 Joseph M. Wlad  
 Joshua W. Roehling  
 Julie C. Gorwood

Justin M. Lillie  
 Kai Edward Chen  
 Kendal M. Grossgold  
 Kenneth Nielsen  
 Kevin V. Le  
 Kimberly A. Walowski  
 Leo Liberio  
 Lynne Owen  
 Marisa K. Kupsak  
 Mark R. Carpenter  
 Miguel E. Pons  
 Morgan Timothy Neher  
 Pamela A. Binns  
 Ramon Velez

Remi Robert Nadeau  
 Richard C. Rybicki  
 Robert M. Fallone  
 Rodiel Kirby L. Baloy  
 Ronald L. Martin  
 Samantha L. Moat  
 Spencer R. Thompson  
 Sushil K. Tyagi  
 Tara Grubb  
 Timothy J. Rigby  
 Tyler M. Epley  
 William E. Swigart  
 Zachary S. Hall

### **Level 3: The Leadership Phase**

Level III focuses on developing the squadron level leader who aspires to serve on staff or as a commander.



Andrew V. Durrer  
 Christine M. Cornejo  
 Gunnar J. Gobel  
 Kenneth Nielsen  
 Kurt F. Sauer  
 Michael P. Petran  
 Miguel E. Pons  
 Paul E. Rivera  
 Rafael Delgado  
 Ricardo F. Demartino  
 Robert J. Schultz  
 Ronald P. Irick  
 Steven F. McCoy  
 Thomas Wilson  
 Timothy J. Sjobring  
 Van E. Henson

### **Level 4: Senior Leadership Phase**

Level IV primarily focuses on expanding leadership skills, program development, and building a more holistic view of CAP. Level IV prepares the member for service as a group or wing-level leader who aspires to serve on staff or as a commander.



Edward M. Nickless  
 Gary S. Boskovich  
 Karin Hollerbach  
 Michael R. Hislop

### **Level 5: Executive Leadership Phase**

The primary focus in Level V is on developing a strategic view of the organization and continued leadership skills. Level V focuses on developing the region or national level leader who aspires to serve on staff or as a commander.

Douglas W. Miller  
 James V. Bertz  
 Matthew A. Herbert  
 Richard West



## **Chapter 7 – Awards**

CALIFORNIA WING  
 LEGISLATIVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL DARRYL L. DUNN**  
 2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
 LEGAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ DONALD R. HAMMOND**  
 2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
RECRUITING AND RETENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT ALAN W. CLEVELAND**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
PILOT OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT REX STUART DEMARTINI**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
CADET SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**EAST BAY CADET SQUADRON 18**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
COMPOSITE SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**DIABLO COMPOSITE SQUADRON 44**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
SENIOR SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**SAN JOSE SENIOR SQUADRON 80**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT RYAN D. UHLES**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEARGROUN  
**MAJ PAULA URBOM-SHOPE**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR – LIFETIME  
**LT COL DAVID A. GOUDE**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR – ANNUAL  
**MAJ ERIC A. FERDINANDWALTERS**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING

CADET OF THE YEAR  
**C/COL JESSE A. JAMES II**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
EDUCATION & TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT RICHARD WEST**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
AFSA CADET NCO OF THE YEAR  
**C/CMSGT TIGERLILY S. KING**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
CADET PROGRAMS OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL CHRISTOPHER N. REICHOW**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT DAVID S. YACONO**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ GEORGE D. GADD**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL JAMES A. MILLER**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL NOEL P. LUNEAU**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
SQUADRON HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR  
**TSGT SALVATORE J LAMANNA**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
SQUADRON CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR  
**CH, CAPT RONALD L. MARTIN**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ SHALEANA R. BENSON**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ VAN E. HENSON**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
BREWER MEMORIAL AEROSPACE AWARD – SENIOR MEMBER  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT KAILASH KALIDOSS**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
BREWER MEMORIAL AEROSPACE AWARD – CADET  
**C/CAPT PRESTON KWOK**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ KARIN HOLLERBACH**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
AIRCREW MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ KARIN HOLLERBACH &  
MAJ STEPHEN L. SWALE**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
COUNTERDRUG OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ JAMES R. REDMON**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL CRAIG E. NEWTON**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
GROUND TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ JAMES V. BERTZ**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING

HEALTH SERVICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1ST LT JAMES BIRD**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR  
**2D LT NICHOLAS J. IRVINE**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
OBSERVER OF THE YEAR  
**C/1<sup>ST</sup> LT LARAMIE D. UHLES**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
INCIDENT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ RAVIN R. KUMAR**  
2022

CALIFORNIA WING  
INSTRUCTOR PILOT OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT KEITH H. BRETON**  
2022

## Chapter 8 – Memorial

### High Flight

*John Gillespie Magee*

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds, – and done a hundred things  
 You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
 My eager craft through footless halls of air...  
 Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
 Where never lark, or ever eagle flew –  
 And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
 Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

### **Colonel Theodore R. Chavez**

It is with solemn respect and great sorrow that we report the peaceful passing of Col. Theodore R. (“Ted”) Chavez, CAP on December 15, 2022. He was 78.

We write to celebrate his life, service, and commitment to Civil Air Patrol, its Legal Officer Corps, and closest to his heart, The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Corps.

Col. Theodore R. Chavez joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1959. He earned the Cadet Certificate of Proficiency (the predecessor to the Spaatz Award) in 1961 and was personally responsible for the ribbon and mess dress medal for this award to be made available for purchase by current CAP members. He even funded the first production run himself.

- Col. Chavez’ selfless dedication to CAP continued over a lifetime and in a variety of capacities, including his service as:
- Commander of the John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron 36 in San Jose, California from 1976 to 1978 – during which time, they won Squadron of the year;
- Hosting and, in his way, adopting cadets in the International Air Cadet Exchange;
- California Wing Legal Officer, Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Pacific Region Legal Officer; CAP’s National Legal Officer; and as
- National Equal Opportunity Officer.

Col. Chavez’ Civil Air Patrol career includes countless other accolades and achievements, among them:

- Garnering almost every significant award for service that can be earned by a member other than the Medals of Valor.
- Completing all five levels of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program and is a 1979 graduate of National Staff College.
- Creating the Pacific Region Legal Officers' College in 1995 and fostering it into the National Legal Officers College in 1997. Col. Chavez coined the college motto: "Discimus Docendo" – We Learn By Teaching."
- Being admitted to the United States Supreme Court at the nomination of colleagues in the CAP Legal Officer Corps.
- Envisioning and connecting CAP's roughly 300 individually serving volunteer legal officers into a collegial body, CAP Legal Officer Corps - a true legal department for the Corporation.
- In creating NLOC and the collegiality among legal officers he provided a model for creation of the National Inspector Generals' College and the growth of networking of inspectors general
- Welcoming new CAP legal officer by personally writing to each, reminding him or her of the need to connect, collaborate, and be collegial. The Legal Officer Corps as it exists today would not be the body that it is without his singular vision.
- Being awarded CAP's Lifetime Membership Award for his years of commitment and service.

As we honor Col. Ted Chavez ("flybear" to his friends – for his love of CAP and fly fishing,) his family asks that we honor their privacy at this time. Information about memorial services and tributes will follow in the weeks ahead.

### **Maj Gary W. Higginbotham**

Maj Gary W. Higginbotham, 3 May 1941 - 31 December 2022. Served in Civil Air Patrol from 11 May 2010 – 31 December 2022, Squadron 5 in Riverdale, CA. There he served as the Deputy Commander, Personnel Officer, Finance Officer, Public Affairs Officer. Professional Levels completed: Level I – III. Pilot ratings: Commercial Pilot, Instrument, SEL. His CAP awards include the Yeager, Davis; Loening; Senior Member of the year, 2 August, 2014; Commander's Commendation Award for outstanding duty performance, 11 October, 2014; Air Force Organizational

Excellence Award, 2 March, 2018; Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding assistance to Civil Air Patrol, 9 September 2018; Crisis Service Award.

Higginbotham was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served as a Law Enforcement Officer (Police Officer). His hobbies included Harley Motorcycles and antique cars. He is survived by his wife Janet S. Higginbotham.

From Fernando, Millicent R 2d Lt: "Gary was one of the few who warmly welcomed me to the Riverside Sq5 on day one. As a finance officer he was gentle but effective in getting the Squadrons business done. What a fine Gentleman he was. May he rest in Peace."

*The California Wing of Civil Air Patrol*

*Wishing you blue skies and tailwinds*

Colonel Theodore R. Chavez

Major Gary W. Higginbotham