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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT: Historical Information Regarding California Wing Patch

TO: Colonel L.E. Hopper

Dear Colonel Hopper,

Please excuse the delay in my responding to your request for information. Your request has brought up many questions that we have been unable to answer. I have made numerous contacts, but have found out very little regarding the background of the California Wing patch. What I have been able to determine is that the patch was designed by the Walt Disney Studios in Los Angeles California. It was the only patch other than the standard National patch that was ever worn in California. In studying many old photos we have determined that the patch was always worn on the left shoulder. In regards as to wheter or not the patch was approved by National, we have be unable to determine this information. In regards to the symbolism: the wings denote the mission of flying, the outline of the states is of course that of California and the bear is representational of our state flag, the of the California Bear Flag, which is the approved flag desig for the state of California. The gold color used in the patch is also symbolic of the state's history and the reference of California being the Golden State, this of course refers to the state very early gold rush period. I sincerly wish I could at this time provide you with more information, but I have not heard from all my sources. As further information is brought to light I will forward the information to you. If you need any clarifacation please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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