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(Front Cover) This edition features images and stories from the successful Winter Raptor VII Encampment held at Camp Rilea in late December 2023. For a look at many photos from the event check out: [Winter Raptor VII Photo Gallery](#).

The Commander's Corner . . .

*Colonel Wm. "Nick" Ham,
Oregon Wing Commander*

Oregon Wing, it is Spring, Cadets are winding down the school year and getting ready for finals. Senior members are looking forward to better flying weather. We are also nearing the Pacific Region and Oregon Wing Conference!

The Conference will introduce you to the next Wing Commander, Colonel (select) Scott Maguire. The conference will also have a long list of special guests some you may not see unless you attend a national conference. Maj Gen Edward Phelka, CAP National Commander, Chief Operating Officer John Desmaris, Director of Logistics Mike Valdez, Director of Administration and Personnel Marie Vogt, and Director of Aerospace Education Dr. Shayla Broadway.

We will also welcome current Wing Commanders from every state in our Region and we will welcome past ORWG Commanders. We'll have cadets and seniors attending from all six states. You may also see members of our Oregon Legislative Squadron.

We are going to have Q&As with the National Staff and Aerospace Education is bringing their STEM kits for you to play with. And our guest speaker from the National Science Federation will be presenting a lively discussion on Extragalactic Astrophysics. Sounds boring? He will bring fun into a discussion on how the stars we see make it possible for me and you to exist.



Our wing is stronger now than it has been in the past two decades, because of you. Because you are here and because you are bringing other people into CAP. Because of your volunteerism, your spirit, and your energy. Cadets and Seniors of Oregon Wing are what is making ORWG one of the best Wings in the nation. Thank you for all you do in CAP.

Please come to the PCR-ORWG Conference, celebrate with us your accomplishments, meet with our neighbors and our national team. You have so much to be proud of and to celebrate. I look forward to seeing you there!

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CHANGE OF COMMAND



Incoming
Col. (sel) Scott Maguire



Outgoing
Col. Wm. "Nick" Ham



CIVIL AIR PATROL SELECTS LT. COL SCOTT MAGUIRE AS OREGON'S NEW COMMANDER

EUGENE, Ore. (March 15, 2024) – Civil Air Patrol today announced that Lt. Col Scott Maguire has been selected as the incoming commander of the Oregon Wing, effective April 20, 2024. The appointment was approved by Maj. Gen. Edward D. Phelka, CAP National Commander and CEO and Col. Virginia Nelson, Pacific Coast Region (PCR) Commander.

Maguire will lead a volunteer force exceeding 590 members dedicated to CAP's core programs: aerospace education, emergency services, and cadet programs. Based in the Portland area, he will oversee CAP's critical role in Defense Support of Civil Authorities, working alongside the U.S. Air Force to ensure public safety and provide critical training support. Additionally, he will prioritize member readiness, education, and training opportunities while advocating for their interests across the state.

ORWG welcomes new Command NCO - SMSgt Larry A. Hartman



SMSgt Hartman (facing) at 2023 CAP National Conference

By Capt Timothy Vaughan, ORWG Public Affairs

January 18, 2024 marked the assignment of SMSgt Larry Hartman as the ORWG Command NCO. But, his service above self started when he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, as an Arabic Language Analyst. The (then) new Airman set off to the Defense Language Institute, located on the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., for basic language training. He went on to serve in several intelligence squadrons, gathering actionable real-time intel to support warfighters and decision makers up to and including the U.S. President.

SMSgt Hartman's first operational assignment was as an airborne reconnaissance operator on the RC-135/Rivet Joint aircraft. Afterward he served in numerous ground positions, culminating as an intelligence agency on-watch director. Hartman spent nearly his entire career supporting combat operations through out the Middle East, North Africa, Southwest Asia, Afghanistan, and Balkans regions. His work produced numerous tactical and strategic outcomes.



USAF RC-135/Rivet Joint Aircraft USAF file photo

SMSgt Hartman returned to the Presidio to serve as a language instructor, eventually managing all language instruction on the installation, training thousands of military language analysts. Before his retirement in 2013, Hartman served as a First Sergeant for a 500-member intelligence squadron. As a "Shirt" he oversaw the professional development, readiness, discipline, and morale of all assigned airmen and reported directly to the commander issues that required resolution.

Oregon Wingspan interviewed SMSgt Hartman in February 2024 for this profile. Here is how he answered our questions.

Wingspan: Your background as a private pilot, retired Air Force intelligence professional, and amateur radio enthusiast seems well suited to Civil Air Patrol. What led you to joining us in 2023?
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Hartman: *As I advanced through my career in the USAF, I learned that the military—the country—required more from me than simply being an expert technologist. I needed to grow as a leader. Leadership may come naturally to some; however, for me it required a lot of hard work. When I showed competence in this role, the military then asked me to mentor both enlisted and officers on how to lead.*

I learned that this mentoring function ran a very close second in importance to mission accomplishment. Along the way I discovered how deeply rewarding it was to watch those whom I mentored grow and advance as leaders in their own careers.

When I retired, I thought that I could lay the leadership mantle aside. While I found some of my post-retirement pursuits enjoyable and relaxing, after years have passed I began to realize two things: first, I was not living up to my best potential as a person, and second, I really missed the thrill of watching others around me grow. The Civil Air Patrol presented an opportunity to reconnect with my roots.

Wingspan: The intelligence agency on-watch directorship mentioned earlier sounds really exciting. Can you give our readers a glimpse into what that experience was like?

Hartman: *The training program was rigorous and grueling. I was given 90 days to learn all of the sources, methods, and systems for each intelligence mission operated on site—over 30. The decision for my qualification was made after I completed an 8-hour graded walking tour of the facility, visiting each office and briefing each leadership team on their respective missions. The teams were comprised of agency career intelligence analysts, all of whom were subject matter experts with 20+ years of experience.*

I served 18 months directing watch operations for one of our six teams. I was responsible for overseeing all site intel collection and systems, maintaining discipline for 800 military shift workers, identifying and reporting intelligence to decision-makers, and providing real-time information to U.S. troops engaged with hostile forces in two active combat theaters. Each work cycle was six days long, and I flipped from day-shift to grave-yard shift every nine days.

Every shift was different, and many were nearly overwhelming with challenges to solve. The typical shift involved daily intel updates, checking intel tasking, ensuring national and tactical assets properly covered the most important tasks, and protective overwatch of U.S. reconnaissance flights and U.S. Navy fleet operations. My email queue normally held 700 emails at the beginning of each shift. Many other small things took place that regularly required my attention. (continued next page)

Wingspan: Can you tell us about your goals for your first year as our Command NCO?

Hartman: Like the other Wing command staff, one of the biggest challenges I face will be visiting the squadrons to meet in-person with our professional volunteers. The real work of the Auxiliary takes place by members in their local squadrons. As time constraints allow, I would like to meet as many of these people as possible, build relationships, and grow trust.

The grand expectation for Senior NCOs in the military is that they create and lead successful teams that will accomplish its missions. These skills are imparted mainly through in-person contact, and are learned far more through experience than classes. As this year progresses I will be exploring opportunities to work with members across the Wing to develop leadership skills. Considering the geographic distances involved this is a big lift. I welcome input on how I can do this equitably among our several geographically separated squadrons.

Wingspan: As CAP continues to take advantage of technological advances to serve the nation and our communities, what would you say to our cadets about being ready to gain the skills and experiences necessary to be leaders as we move beyond the first 25 years of the 21st century?

Hartman: First, I want to express my applause to our cadets across the Wing for being involved in the program. Additionally, I also learned that Winter Raptor was a huge success. Chief Barnett expressed to me his pride in seeing our cadets working at all levels to make the most recent encampment experience rival that of Basic Military Training.

I want to make the idea of reaching for the future simple to our cadets: the most important priority is that you listen to your parents/guardians and maintain your studies in school. Individuals cannot lead successfully if they do not keep the most important things important. Beyond this, consider these basic concepts for your Civil Air Patrol activities:

1. Learn how to lead other cadets effectively, then seek higher rank.
2. Find one technical activity that you enjoy, master it, then teach others.
3. Own mistakes, correct, then try again, mistakes offer the best lessons.
4. Not least, bake some fun into your meetings!

For those cadets looking forward to a career in the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard, or other military branches, the Civil Air Patrol will give you a tremendous head start. Your hands-on involvement with real-world, potentially life-saving missions at such an early age shows your motivation and capacity to reach above-and-beyond your peers.

Words on words . . .

*Lt Col David Younce,
Oregon Wing Public Affairs and Marketing Director*



I am going to start using this column to help our members learn about writing for *Wingspan* with short, informational, public affairs and marketing & communications information.

The bread and butter for most print and digital media outlets are stringers. The Oxford Language defines a stringer as “a newspaper correspondent not on the regular staff of a newspaper, especially one retained on a part-time basis to report on events in a particular place.” On the Aerospace Education side, Wikipedia defines a stringer as “a longeron, a strip of wood or metal to which the skin of an aircraft is fastened.

If you have written an article or taken pictures for any media outlet, you are a stringer. Many in this wing have done just that for *Wingspan*. We rely on you heavily, you are the “bread and butter” that our quarterly publication cannot do without.

A few rules for writing stories - just like CAP, we never violate our ethics while reporting, and always practice the utmost integrity. When I was a police officer years ago, we were taught that our ethics and integrity would always keep us out of trouble, and that once you violate your integrity, you never get it back.

It is incumbent on you, our writers, to quote your sources accurately and to give proper attribution for any fact or opinion you write. Remember, if you are reporting an event – your opinion(s) should not be included in the story. Opinions, observations, and quotes from your sources, YES. Save your personal feelings for a commentary column – that's where this goes.

Why are you so important? Let's revisit the Wikipedia mention, stringers are laid out, the aircraft skin is attached to them. Could the plane fly without the stringers? No, it would fall apart and never get off the ground. Could a plane fly without its skin? No, it would look weird and again be unable to fly.
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Words on Words, continued . . .

This metaphor is used to explain that our journalist stringers in the wing are vital, and Wingspan, being the skin, cannot fly without our stringers.

The more stories our stringers send to Capt. Vaughan and me, the stronger the skin on our Wingspan will be. You get to showcase your unit, the members, and even our wing's activities. You get to be the reporter and have the byline. And, you can then add Published Writer to your resume or LinkedIn page.

You do not have to be the public affairs officer to be published in Wingspan. I thank you ahead of time for your stories and photos, keep them coming.



What are the Benefits of a Byline?

Your byline not only tells readers that you wrote a particular piece of content; it also gives them an insight into your areas of expertise. It allows you to establish credibility in that area and, in turn, develop a readership who trust your opinions.

Your byline also actively associates you with the brands and publications you write for. If that brand or publication is trusted, you are more likely to be trusted – so it's a great way to boost your reputation. You are more likely to reach an audience of people who are interested in your particular area of expertise (whether that's readers or potential clients). All of this can increase demand for what you do and the services you offer. Just keep in mind that readers tend to attribute the values of a publication to its writers, so take care that you do actually want to be associated with their values!

Finally, bylines help you build your portfolio. When seeking new writing opportunities, you need to be able to share examples of your work with potential clients. Clients want reassurance that you have the right knowledge and experience to deliver on their brief. Examples of previous work are the best way to showcase your skills and provide that reassurance.

From Knowadays.com

April is National Distracted Driving Month

*Maj Steve Case,
Oregon Wing Safety Officer*



Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use — specifically, texting, talking, and social media use — has become the most common distraction. Other risky actions include adjusting the radio or GPS, using social media, applying makeup, eating and drinking. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash

Drive Responsibly

In 2021, distracted driving killed 3,522 people. April, which is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps while driving. Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

If you are driving at 68 miles per hour, you are traveling at 100 feet per second. If you take your eyes off the road for three seconds, you have traveled the length of a football field without knowing what is going on ahead of you.

FOMO

FOMO is a social disease. FOMO is "The Fear of Missing Out". It usually starts with a simple text like "Where R U?". Some friends have just gotten together and they want you to join in. Someone has found a sale that they think you should take advantage of before it is too late. Many times, distracted driving starts with a FOMO event.

CAP Vehicle Operations

If you are driving a CAP vehicle, you are prohibited from working comms whether it is by radio, cell phone or by any other means. Let a passenger handle the comms or pull over and stop before responding to comms.

The Consequences

During a portion of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, from April 3 through 10, you may see increased law enforcement on the roadways as part of the national paid media campaign U Drive. U Text. U Pay. This campaign reminds drivers of the deadly dangers and the legal consequences – including fines – of texting behind the wheel. If you kill or injure someone, you will live with this for the rest of your life.

Judicial Implications

If you cause an accident due to distracted driving, you may face legal consequences. If you are found at fault in a distracted driving accident and there are injuries or fatalities, you could find yourself facing assault to manslaughter charges. You could find yourself in a civil lawsuit by any victims or families of victims.

Take Action

- Remind your friends and family: If you're in the driver's seat, it's the only thing you should be doing. No distractions.
- If your driver is texting or otherwise distracted, tell them to stop and focus on the road.
- Ask your friends to join you in pledging not to drive distracted. You could save a life. Share your pledge on social media to spread the word — #JustDrive.

Safety Video

In conclusion, please take a few minutes to watch: [The Last Text](#). This is a well-produced video by AT&T to illustrate the dangers and consequences of distracted driving.

Oregon Legislature approves funding for Civil Air Patrol

By Lt. Col. Scott Maguire,
Assistant Governmental
Relations Advisor

As the Oregon Legislature closed its short session in March 2024, they approved \$100,000 for Civil Air Patrol's Oregon Wing.



L-R, Sarah Settimo, Chief of Staff for Sen. Jeff Golden, Lt Col Scott Maguire, Sen. Jeff Golden, C/SSgt Piper Winder, and Col. Wm. "Nick" Ham, ORWG Commander, at presentation of membership certificates for the staffer and senator.

Section 423 of Senate Bill 5701 reads: "In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriations, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$100,000, for distribution to the Civil Air Patrol U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Oregon Wing to support operations."

The effort began on Aug. 31, 2022, at a meeting with Rep. Ron Noble, who represented the McMinnville area. Col Wm. "Nick" Ham, Lt Col Rick Koon and Lt Col Scott Maguire approached him to see if it was possible to get state funding. Mr. Noble had participated in some activities at McMinnville Composite Squadron.

51 more meetings followed with Oregon Senators, Oregon Representatives, Legislative staffers and two Legislative Committees.

Oregon Wing relaunched its Oregon Legislative Squadron with Mr. Noble being the first member. His term ended, so he is not in the Legislature to see the end result. However, he encouraged us to meet with his colleagues in Salem and around Oregon. Many of the meetings were held during the 2023 Legislative session which ended in May of 2023. At the last minute, the funding for CAP was removed from the budget in the confusion of a flurry of activity in the last two days of the session. (continued next page)



(L-R) C/SSgt Piper Winder and Sen. Kim Thatcher as she is presented with her Legislative Squadron membership certificate.
Photo credit: Lt Col Scott Magure, ORWG

That didn't stop the Oregon Wing. Seven meetings were held between sessions and eleven more meetings were conducted with Senators, Representatives, and staffers during the six-week short session ending March 8th. Sure enough, in the "omnibus funding bill" which cleans up all the remaining money issues for the session, Civil Air Patrol was funded.

Many people helped explain what Civil Air Patrol is and does for Oregonians to our Salem officials during our efforts. Eighteen cadets traveled to Salem and other locations to help. The legislators enjoyed meeting and hearing from the cadets. About ten Senior Members also participated in the informational settings.

The wing ended up with six Oregon Senators in the Legislative Squadron. They are Sen. Kim Thatcher, Sen. Jeff Golden, Sen. Aaron Woods, Sen. Tim Knopp, Sen. Mark Meek, and Sen. Chris Gorsek.

The lower house in Salem was not to be left behind. Also joining were Rep. Dacia Grayber, Rep. Tom Anderson, Rep. Court Boice, Rep. Ed Diehl, Rep. David Gomberg, Rep. Jeff Helfrich, Rep. James Hieb, Rep. Cyrus Javadi, Rep. Pam Marsh, Rep. Mark Owens, Rep. Thuy Tran, and Rep. Boomer Wright. That's 12 Representatives in our Legislative Squadron.

Several Legislative staffers also joined: Sarah Settimo, Shane O'Brien, Jason Hitzert, Alexandria Goddard, Andrew Sagert, and Shawn Garrett.

As members of the Legislative Squadron, they can go on flights with CAP aircrews, observe Wing activities, attend squadron ceremonies, and help us promote cadets to officer ranks. We encourage squadrons to coordinate all invitations of legislators through the Wing Commander and the Government Affairs Advisors. (continued next page)

The following wing members were instrumental in the lobbying necessary for this successful funding request -

Salem Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/Capt Angeline Groux
- C/CMSgt Anya Beebe
- C/CMSgt Genevieve Groux
- C/MSgt Sophia Groux
- C/2dLt Jameson Campbell

Seniors:

- Capt Terry Rohse

Columbia Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/SSgt Piper Winder
- C/CMSgt Elliott Esayian
- C/SMSgt David Hawkins
- C/MSgt Natalie Ashmore

Seniors:

- 2dLt Nancy Ashmore

Washington County Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/2dLt Evelyn Wineman
- C/Capt Daniel Vermillion
- C/SSgt Gavin Baldwin

Seniors:

- Capt Patrick Wineman

McMinnville Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/2dLt Thea McCullough
- C/CMSgt Jewel McCullough
- C/2d Lt Karston Vaz

Aurora Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/2dLt Alison Brewer

Seniors:

- 2dLt Tawana Brewer

Grants Pass Composite Squadron:

Cadets:

- C/Capt Kenzie Leet
- C/Capt Lysie Leet

Seniors:

- SM Kendon Leet

Oregon Wing Staff:

- Col Wm. "Nick" Ham, Wing Commander
- Lt Col Harold Buchanan, Vice Commander
- Capt Bart Bradish, Chief of Staff
- Lt Col Rick Koon, Operations Director
- Lt Col Scott Maguire, Asst. Government Relations Advisor



On the right, Rep. Ron Noble, the first legislator approached about the support needed by ORWG, speaking with cadets. Photo credit - Anonymous

WINTER RAPTOR VII



Editor's Note -

Encampments and the right of passage therein are special to Civil Air Patrol. Year after year young people come together to challenge themselves to learn, work as teams, and accomplish more than is possible by working alone. Bonds are built, friendships nurtured, and skills are gained. One such story is that of Technical Flight Officer Annika Ziesmer, a former cadet and now an adult CAP member, as well as serving in the U.S. Space Force. As emblematic of the encampment experience - Ziesmer's story gives insight to the value of encampment.

- Capt Timothy Vaughan, Oregon Wingspan Editor

Inspiring the Next Generation: Annika Ziesmer's Journey from Cadet to Guardian

By C/1st Lt Izzy Fecher, CAP Winter Raptor VII Public Affairs

Annika Ziesmer's remarkable journey from a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to her current role as a Technical Flight Officer (TFO) as an adult member of CAP to Specialist 3 (Spc. 3) in the U.S. Space Force (USSF) serves as a source of inspiration for cadets aspiring to have careers in the military. In this article, we explore TFO Ziesmer's trajectory, emphasizing her commitment to education and mentorship.

TFO Ziesmer's involvement with Civil Air Patrol began in 2017, where she eventually achieved the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. Over the years, she actively participated in various CAP programs, graduating from Oregon Wing Winter Raptor II Encampment as a first-time student and Winter Raptor III as an Advanced Training Squadron student. Her dedication led her to staff positions, such as Senior Staff Supply Officer for Winter Raptor V and ATS Zulu Flight Commander for Winter Raptor VI. Her training at Winter Raptor enabled her to successfully lead the Alaska Wing's 2022 Encampment as its Cadet Commander.

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TFO Annika Ziesmer, AKWG CAP, Photo Credit: C/1st Lt Izzy Fecher, WRVII PA Team

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Recently graduated from USSF Basic Military Training, and currently stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Ziesmer serves as a Specialist 3 in the USSF. Her ascension to the USSF stemmed from a deep-rooted interest in military service from a young age and an interest in space exploration that was cultivated during her attendance at the National Cadet Special Activity (NCSA) – the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (now known as the Space Operations Academy) in 2019.

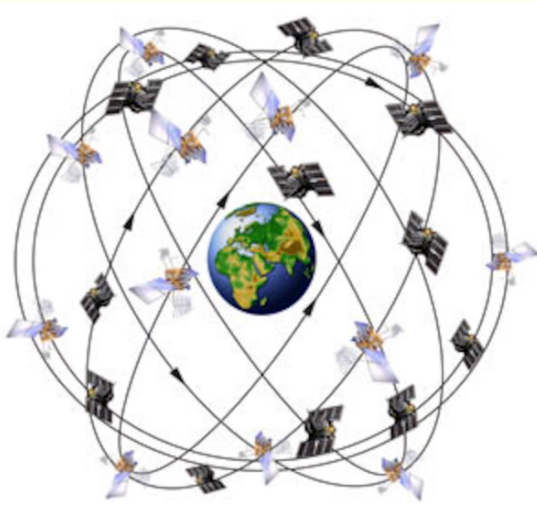
Her NCSA experience played a pivotal role in shaping Annika's career aspirations, exposing her to the possibilities within space-related operations, challenging her preconceived notions and revealing tangible career opportunities. Having thought long and hard about her own potential and career options, she shared this realization of opportunity with others, like the cadets at Winter Raptor VII.

Ziesmer presented an informal class at encampment about her personal experience with CAP and its relation to the USSF hoping to encourage discussion and curiosity on the part of students. For many of the cadets this was their first introduction to the newest branch of the military.

During her class, Annika highlighted the USSF's multifaceted role, including cyber defense against evolving threats and the development, maintenance, and protection of crucial satellites like those supporting GPS. She stressed the importance of adapting to the changing landscape of warfare, where half the battle is now fought beyond Earth's borders.

In her role as a mentor, Ziesmer addressed the process of enlisting in the USSF, shedding light on routes different from her own, such as the service academies. Given the USSF's relative novelty, she emphasized that Air Force recruiters often serve dual roles as Space Force recruiters due to limited awareness and personnel shortages within the USSF.

TFO Annika Ziesmer's dedication to education, outreach, and mentorship exemplifies her commitment to inspiring the next generation of leaders. She took personal time off to volunteer at Winter Raptor VII as Assistant Squadron Training Officer for the 22nd Cadet Training Squadron. She is incredibly invested in teaching and spreading awareness of her own experiences to show these students their potential, the very same potential she had when she was in the same exact spot. Through her experiences in Civil Air Patrol and the United States Space Force, she encourages cadets to realize their potential and reach for the stars and beyond, no matter from where each may start. As the USSF continues to evolve, Annika Ziesmer's story serves as a beacon of hope for those aspiring to make their mark in the realm of space-related operations.



GPS Satellite graphic courtesy Los Angeles Air Force Base



Winter Raptor Encampment Newsletter



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Here is a recap of the daily newsletters published by the WRVII Public Affairs Team

Start of Encampment: In-Processing

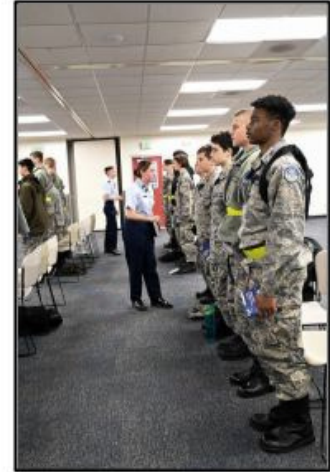
Students begin with the process of signing into and starting encampment.

They get checked in by the admin cadre and receive their SOP handbooks (Standard Operating Procedure).

Cadets receive standardized bedding provided by our logistics cadre and are then transferred to their barracks and where they finalize any paperwork with their flight's TO's (Training Officers) and start to unpack.



The Start Of Encampment: The Honor Agreement



Students from the 21st Cadet Training Squadron doing the honor agreement

Encampment fully commences only when each cadet signs the Honor Agreement. This session is a prelude to the overall encampment program. It communicates the overall vision for the encampment program, previews some of the exciting activities, and establishes the norms of behavior by presenting them as challenges to be accepted. The Honor Agreement is an invitation, and as such this exercise teaches that attitude and effort are important keys to success.



Encampment Media

There's only so much we can fit into one newsletter, try as we might, so the photos you may be looking out for might not make it into a newsletter. But please be assured the PAO team is trying our best to capture that picture you are looking for of your cadet. The best place for you to look for pictures of your cadet is at:

<https://photos.cap.gov/Pacific-Region/Encampment/Winter-Raptor-VII-2023>



Winter Raptor Encampment Newsletter



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Issue 2

Day 1



Cadet Wakeup: Hit The Wall!

Encampment is an event with a military style structure. This affects everything, including wake up. The high intensity first thing in the morning sets the mood and expectations for the day, and it also helps students learn to deal with the high stress that they will be experiencing throughout the week. At 0530 sharp, students are made to wake up and “hit the wall” by their flight cadre.

Morning PT (Physical Training)



Students begin the day with physical training and calisthenics to promote fitness and a healthy structure. Today each flight was marched to the designated PT locations and then trained for up to an hour.

Morning PT also encourages cadets to motivate each other. To push themselves and their wingmen to their very best.



Day 1

Black Hawk Orientation Rides

The highlight of the day was cadet orientation flights (O-flights), and they were provided to 144 student cadets at this year's encampment, and for 144 of the student cadets this was their first O-flight.

Orientation flights give the opportunity to experience the wonder of flight and are among the most exciting aspects of cadet life.

This O-flight is especially significant as the cadets get to ride on a UH-60 Black Hawk.



The UH-60 Black Hawk, developed by Sikorsky, is a versatile medium-sized helicopter derived from the S-70. It serves various purposes such as tactical transportation, electronic warfare, and air rescue. The Black Hawk can carry soldiers, equipment, and even function as the US President's Marine One. Originally designed in 1972, it replaced the UH-1 Iroquois in 1979. Upgrades, like the UH-60L with a more powerful engine, followed. The latest model, UH-60M, is under development with improved engines and advanced electronic systems, extending its service life.

This was an amazing opportunity for the students, and is something that can rarely be arranged. Both the students and cadre are thankful for Winter Raptor and the opportunities it offers.

Cadre Highlight: Plans and Curriculum

The Plans and Curriculum team is responsible for coordinating the schedule, the instructors, and overall ensuring the encampment runs smoothly and people are where they are supposed to be.

Some of the struggles that the Plans and Curriculum team deal with on a day to day basis is the detrimental issues that can rise up unexpectedly. Without this team, Winter Raptor would truly suffer.

We thank the Plans and Curriculum team for everything that they do.

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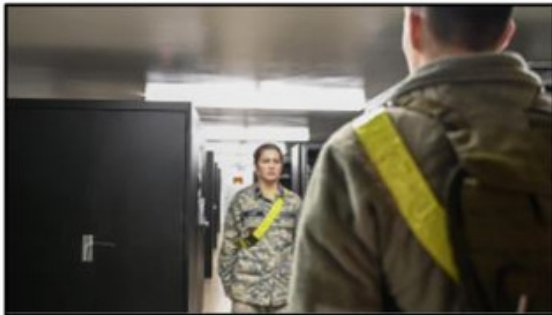
Day 2

Highlight Of The Day: Team Sports

While regular PT (Physical Training) is a healthy practice, Team sports is valuable as it contributes to overall physical fitness, teamwork, leadership skills, discipline, and mental toughness among cadets. These qualities are essential for cadets to stay motivated throughout encampment. Team sports also builds camaraderie among cadets and teaches to work as a team and to communicate effectively in a stressful situation, while in a safe environment. All of the cadets, cadre and students, had a great time letting off some steam in a healthy way.



20th Cadet Training Squadron playing dodgeball



Barracks inspection



Barracks Inspection

Students are given time to SOP their rooms. They will be following the proper procedures and instructions and their barracks are to be maintained to established CAP standards. Once the cadet student is finished SOPing their room, cadet cadre will inspect and grade the room, whilst giving feedback and criticism. As the week goes on, the cadet students are expected to reach the established CAP standards perfectly, without fail.

Day 2

Aerospace Education Foundations Presented by Captain John Cantu

Aerospace Education (AE) is one of the three mission elements of the Civil Air Patrol, the other two being Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. The mission of AE is to educate, inspire, and instill an appreciation for and an understanding of aerospace. During the OHWG encampment, several aerospace classes will be provided to the cadet students.

Captain John Cantu presented a class to the entire encampment that included Basic Orbital Mechanics and Military Space. He went over different orbital elements and different classes of satellites, Kepler's Laws, as well as different nuclear weapon delivery systems.

Captain Cantu was a missileer in the U.S Air Force and a former CAP cadet who has attended many encampments before, and we thank him coming out to share his knowledge with our first time students.



*(on the left)
Captain
John Cantu
teaching his
class*



*(on the
right) The
first time
students
attending
the lecture*

Cadre Highlight: Administrative Team

The Cadet Admin Team handles the organization of all cadets and information essential to the encampment. The team had to work through technical difficulties and missing documents in order to account for all cadets. They have also been responsible for the printing of almost all papers at encampment, helping out departments such as Plans and Curriculum and Standards and Evaluations. Encampment would be near impossible without the Administrative team and we can't thank them enough.

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Day 3

Highlight Of The Day: Team Leadership Problem



Students participating in the Spider Web TLP

Students were presented with several challenges that test their skills of communication, teamwork, trust and problem solving. Through these challenges students will learn how to improve these skills as well as their ability to lead. These challenges include a variety of Team Leadership Problems (TLPs) including but not limited to: The Ring, It's All In The Cards, Not Me, and Leadership From The Hat. Students are made to work as a team in order to complete these TLPs in a timely manner, while fostering working relationships with their flights.



22nd Cadet Training Squadron drilling after PT

Drill and Ceremonies

Drill and ceremonies have been a vital part of cadet life since 1942, so it stands to reason that it is a very important part of the cadet student's encampment experience. The primary importance of drill is to build teamwork and promote attention to detail. A flight learns to adapt their movements to match those of the team, and eventually they visibly come together as a single, cohesive unit, as everyone marches in step and executes commands with precision. The Winter Raptor standard requires nothing less.

Day 3

Cyber Security: Intro To Cyber Domain Presented by Cadet Captain Lucas Morrow

For most of us, cybersecurity involves doing very simple things such as setting strong passwords, using encryption for our wireless networks, ignoring suspicious links or attachments and not responding to suspicious emails.

C/Capt Morrow, an XP Assistant of encampment, taught the students about the professional practice of identifying vulnerabilities and countering threats of exploitation or disruption to computers, smart phones and network systems.



Cadet Captain Lucas Morrow teaching his Cyber Security Class

While only briefly mentioned in C/Capt Morrow's class, CyberPatriot is something we try to make sure every cadet student knows about. CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

For more CAP cyber information visit:
<https://cyber.cap.gov/>

Cadre Highlight: Logistics Team

The responsibilities of the logistics team include distributing vital supplies, including but not limited to: bedding, equipment for activities, and pre-PT snacks.

They also are responsible for vehicle inspections and the music needed for reveille in the morning and taps in the evening. Anticipating the needs of encampment can often be a struggle for the team, especially with frequent schedule changes. But the logistics team is always adapting and we are incredibly grateful for all that they do.

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Day 4

Highlight Of The Day: Encampment Photo

On day 4 of Winter Raptor Oregon Wing encampment, it seems that the students, both ATS and first time, are finally coming together as a team, regardless of their different backgrounds and experiences.

This was realized with a full encampment photo, which included every student from every flight, as well as their senior and cadet cadre.

While seemingly insignificant, this photo represents the unity of every student, staff member, and senior member, working together to achieve a common goal: to learn to the best of their ability and graduate this encampment.



Cadet Captain Anderson briefing the students on USAFA

USAFA Briefing

Cadet Captain KatieMarie Anderson, India Flight Commander, 20th Cadet Training Squadron of Winter Raptor VII, and a cadet at the U.S Air Force Academy, as well as Second Lieutenant Anna Fournaris, an Academy graduate and admissions advisor, gave an insightful presentation about USAFA and the different career options it can offer. Many cadets in Civil Air Patrol often consider the U.S military for their lifetime careers, and even more consider the U.S Air Force specifically. This briefing provided more in depth information for cadets, including cadre, to consider when making life changing decisions.



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Day 5

Highlight Of The Day: The Sunset Beach



C/Col Mon Pere, planting the Winter Raptor Guidon in the sand

Students and cadre have been hard at work nonstop throughout the week, working on drill, uniforms, CAP knowledge, and much more, with minimal personal time to relax. This trip to the beach was a break from all the intensity and stress of encampment. Sports activities were planned for the cadets if they so choose to participate, while some chose to sit back and enjoy the view. For 4 cadets, this was their first time seeing the ocean, and it was an unforgettable experience.



Line cadre member enjoying the view



Students first time seeing the ocean

National Cadet Special Activities

Cadet Colonel Gerald Mon Pere, Winter Raptor Group Superintendent, spoke to students about National Cadet Special Activities (NCSAs). NCSAs are exciting training opportunities for cadets to experience unique opportunities to further their leadership skills, develop knowledge in various aviation and career related fields, and grow personally. There are different prerequisites for each NCSA, except for the requirement of attending encampment beforehand. That is needed regardless of the specific activity. NCSAs encompass a wide range of activities, each focusing on different aspects such as aerospace education, leadership development, physical fitness, and more. NCSAs typically last 7-9 days. Many take place during the summer, but there are opportunities through the year.

Day 5

USSF Presentation



TFO Ziesmer teaching about USSF

Technical Flight Officer Annika Ziesmer, gave a presentation on her personal journey as a U.S Space Force (USSF) Guardian as former CAP cadet, with the perspective of a current CAP senior member.

Flight Officer Ziesmer went over her own experiences and how she got where she is today, as well as covered other routes to join the USSF, as well as what it really is.

For many of the students, this was their first introduction to the USSF, as it is a new branch of the military, being founded in 2019.

With that in consideration, she provided crucial information about this military branch, building up from the very basics into the USSF's mission: secure our nation's interests in, from, and to space.

Cadre Highlight: DFAC Staff

The Dining Facility (DFAC) team is responsible for feeding the entirety of encampment, while making accommodations for numerous different food allergies and restrictions, including but not limited to: vegan, vegetarian, celiac, halal, and kosher.

This is a great undertaking, as there are almost 400 individuals to feed. DFAC crew is also responsible for prep and clean up, so it can be a struggle to keep the meal process smooth, especially with constant schedule changes during the encampment.

We could not survive without the DFAC staff, and we thank them for all of their hard work.

ATS Activities: Cadre Shadowing



Randomly selected students from the Advanced Training Squadron had the chance to "shadow" different departments on the Winter Raptor staff and learn in depth whichever department they were assigned to. This "shadowing" helps the students really learn what it can be like behind the scenes, and what it takes to be in a leadership or staff position.

New mission scanners begin the training process.

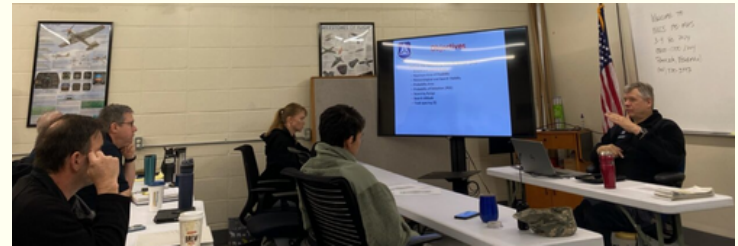


By Capt Timothy Vaughan, ORWG Public Affairs Officer

HILLSBORO, Ore., February 4, 2024 – Fifteen Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members from two wings gathered on Saturday, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, 2024, to attend a two-day Mission Scanner Academy, or ground school, hosted by Washington County Composite Squadron at Hillsboro Airport. Six squadrons and two CAP wings were represented in the group.

A mission scanner’s primary responsibility is to maintain constant visual contact with the ground while over the search area. This responsibility makes each scanner a key member of the search aircrew.

Instructors covered: scanner duties and CAP missions, aircraft familiarization, survival and urgent care, communications, scanning techniques and sighting characteristics, weather, temperature, humidity, and high-altitude considerations, navigation and position determination, search planning and coverage, visual search patterns, and crew resource management.



Capt. Bart Bradish (right) instructs mission scanner objectives to Mission Scanner Academy students. Photo Credit: C/2d Lt Evelyn Wineman, ORWG C/PAO.

“This academy would not have been successful without the selfless work and service of not only these AMAZING emergency services members,” said Capt Patrick Wineman, ORWG Deputy Emergency Services Director. “But also, from the dedication and support of the assisting instructional team - Capt Bart Bradish, ORWG HQ Chief of Staff, and Capt Terry Rohse, Salem Composite Squadron Commander.”

“Everyone’s hard work, personal motivation, stick-to-itiveness, and grace as we tackled the content and worked through the group activities,” said Wineman. “Their demonstration of solid work ethic just affirms that our wings are better positioned with amazing leaders helping to move us forward.”

The training will continue with airborne missions called sorties to apply the skills learned in the classroom. (continued next page)

(Left) Capt. Patrick Wineman (foreground) instructs students at Mission Scanner Academy at Hillsboro Airport. Photo Credit: C/2d Lt Evelyn Wineman, ORWG C/PAO



Mission Scanner Course Attendees

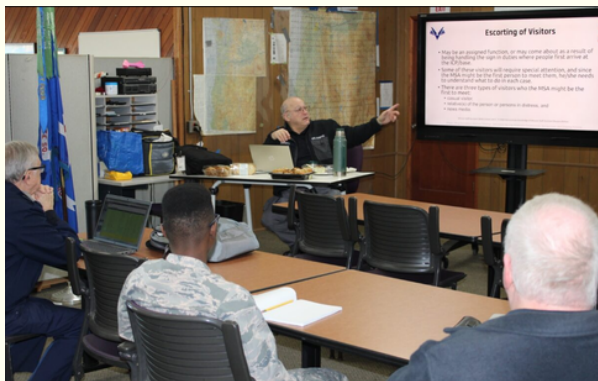
C/SrA Cameron Huggins, ORWG
 Capt. Jeremy Zamberlan, ORWG
 SM Robert Vandehey, ORWG
 MSgt Patrick Tillmann, ORWG
 SM Kelley Gago, ORWG
 Lt Col Deborah Maynard, ORWG
 2d Lt Michael Whelan, ORWG
 SM Alison Harding, ORWG

SM Etienne Casal-Jouaux, ORWG
 SM Ryan Muse, ORWG
 2d Lt Holly Robison, ORWG
 SM Jerry Allen, ORWG
 2d Lt Micah McNeal, ORWG
 2d Lt Hugh North, WAWG
 2d Lt Bryan Bozeman, WAWG



TRAINING FOR MISSION ASSISTANCE

By Lt Col David Younce, ORWG PAO



Lt Col Rudawitz instructing students on escorting visitors. Photo Credit: Lt. Col. David Younce.

AURORA, Ore. (March 18, 2024) - ORWG Emergency Services Directorate, led by Lt. Col. David Rudawitz held a training class for Mission Staff Assistants (MSA) at the Aurora Composite Squadron today. Students numbered only three. But MSAs are integral parts of the highly trained Emergency Services team that springs into action when called for a search and rescue or disaster relief mission.

Class students were Capt. Terry Rohse, Salem Composite Squadron Commander, SM Robert Vandehey, Sr., Washington County Composite Squadron, and C/MSgt Michael Hunker, Columbia Composite Squadron.

"I want to build my qualifications so I can cover more jobs," said Cadet Hunker. "Qualifying as a Mission Radio Operator or MRO is my next goal; after that, it's on to the Cadet Wings Program and my powered flight wings."

After a senior member or cadet earns her or his General Emergency Services certificate the next step is usually qualifying as an MSA. Once qualified, the member can assist with several functions at an ES mission base – checking in participants, handling phone calls in and out, processing various mission records, and updating mission events in the Web Mission Information and Reporting System, or WMIRS, to name a few. It is a good place to see the Incident Command Structure (ICS) in action, from ground, air, and Incident Command viewpoints.

"MSAs help mission supervisors do their jobs," said Lt. Col Rudawitz. "We are doing a particular deep dive into the WMIRS, on how to check personnel into the incident"

Students will take their newly learned skills from the class and practice them as trainees at drills or actual missions to complete their MSA qualification.



The students are attentive to the lessons. (L-R) SM Bob Vandehey, C/MSgt Hunker, Capt Rohse,. In the Background is Col Virginia Thompson, ORWG/CS. Photo Credit: Lt. Col. David Younce.

First Lieutenant Willa Beatrice Brown, CAP - The First Female Commissioned Black CAP Officer

By Lt Col James Howell,
ORWG Diversity Officer

Willa Beatrice Brown, 1906-1996, the daughter of a Native American mother and African American father was born in Glasgow, Kentucky. Her family moved to Terra Haute, Indiana, when she was six. When she graduated from high school, she attended the Indiana State Teacher's College and graduated in 1927 with a bachelor's degree in business. She worked for five years as a high school teacher at the segregated Roosevelt Annex in Gary, Indiana. She taught typewriting, and stenography, sponsored the writing club, and served as the school's newspaper faculty advisor.

In 1932, she held jobs as a teacher, Post Office Clerk, secretary, laboratory assistant, and a social worker. according to Dennis K. Johnson for the AOPA Foundation.

In 1934, She moved to Chicago where she met John C. Robinson, a black pilot and mechanic. Robison introduced her to Cornelius Coffey who was a mechanics instructor at the Curtis Wright Aeronautical School. Both Robison and Coffee convinced Willa to join the school's first all-black class She was the first black woman in the U.S. to earn a mechanic's certificate.

In 1937, Willa Brown joined the Challenger Air Pilots Association where she served as the organization's publicist, with the goal of getting more African Americans interested in aviation.



1st Lt Willa B. Brown - Photo Courtesy CAP.news

She worked with other Challenger Air Pilot members to broaden the organization's scope. On August 16, 1937, they changed the organization's name and reformed as the National Negro Airman Association of America (NAAA).

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Graphic Courtesy National WWII Museum - New Orleans

In 1937, Cornelius Coffee and Willa Brown also opened the Coffee School of Aeronautics. She began flight training and soloed in April 1938. On June 22, 1938, Brown earned her private pilot certificate. On April 6, 1939, she became the first black woman to earn a U.S. commercial pilot's certificate.

President Roosevelt signed the Civil Pilot Training Act (CPTP) on June 29, 1939. The law authorized the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to train civilians through educational institutions. However, at least five per cent of the students trained had to include African Americans trained at six black universities, plus five per cent of the students had to be non-college students. The CAA required a responsible civic body to conduct the ground school. And that a nearby commercial flying school had to conduct the flight training.

The NAAA applied to the CAA. It planned to provide ground school training and to work through the Coffey School of Aeronautics which would provide flight training. Willa Brown worked tirelessly to get the NAAA accepted into the program. Her efforts succeeded, and in the fall of 1939, the CAA notified the NAAA that it was one of the selected training organizations.

On December 12, 1941, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8974 transforming the CPTP into a wartime training program designed to train pilots for military service. The CAA barred women from training and closed several black flight training schools. The only remaining black flight schools were the Tuskegee Institute and the NAAA/Coffee School, which trained some of the Black pilots who later became Tuskegee Airmen.

Willa Brown and Cornelius Coffee were instrumental in forming the first desegregated Civil Air Patrol (CAP) unit in the country. Upon approval of the U.S Office of Civil Defense, the 111th Flight Squadron, Illinois Wing was established. 25 members, mostly from the Coffee School of Aeronautics. Cornelius Coffee served as the Squadron Commander was commissioned as a Captain. Willa Brown served as Squadron Adjutant and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

The government training contracts ended after the war and the Coffey School of Aeronautics closed its doors. (continued next page)

Brown and Coffey married on February 7, 1947. The marriage lasted less than 10 years.

In 1946, Willa Brown was the first black woman to run for a congressional seat in Chicago's first district. She lost in the primary election. She ran and lost again in 1948 and in 1950. Brown subsequently went to work for the federal government. Willa married J. H. Chappell on September 12, 1955, and became active in his church after their marriage.

In 1962, she returned to teaching at different Chicago public schools and retired in 1971.

In 1971, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) appointed Brown to the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. She was the first black woman to join the committee. President Lyndon Johnson had created the committee on May 4, 1964, to advise the FAA (then the Federal Aviation Agency) on problems and matters relating to women in civil aviation. Brown resigned from the board in 1974. She remained active in several aviation and social organizations after leaving the committee.

On July 18, 1992, in Chicago, Willa Beatrice Brown died from complications of a stroke at the age of 86. She received several accolades posthumously. In 2003, the Women in Aviation International listed Brown as one of the 100 most influential women in the aviation and aerospace industry. She was inducted into the Aviation Museum of Kentucky's Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2014, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her World War Service. She was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 2016, as written in *Getting to Know African American Aviator: Willa Beatrice Brown*, by Rebecca Edwards, FAA History Intern.

Willa Brown's positive efforts to encourage and train black pilots to become Army aviators, led to desegregation of Army Aviation, eventually desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces, and desegregation of the Civil Air Patrol. CAP Cadet Achievement 10 is named after her.



Photo Courtesy: Metropolitan Airport News



Tuskegee Airmen
Courtesy: National Air & Space Museum

Boyd earns Valor Award

*-Presented by Col. Virginia Nelson,
Pacific Region Commander*

by Lt Col Scott Maguire, PCR PAO

AURORA, Ore. (Nov. 14, 2023 – Pacific Region Commander Col Virginia Nelson presented a Bronze Medal of Valor to a Civil Air Patrol officer and U.S. Air Force officer Joseph L. Boyd, Jr. on Tuesday night at a ceremony in his home town.

“Civil Air Patrol gives the Bronze Medal of Valor only once every year or two,” said Col Virginia Nelson, Pacific Region Commander. “It goes through a lengthy review and approval process.”

The award stems from a night on June 22, 2020, when 1st Lt Boyd discovered the Prescott, AZ, fourplex he was living in was on fire. Lt Boyd saw flames out his kitchen window. He leapt into action immediately, notified 911 and then pounded on his neighbors’ doors to help them escape the fire. He ran down the hall to the apartment that was on fire and got the occupant out of the dwelling to safety. He ran downstairs to get some air, then back upstairs to keep pounding on doors and getting people to safety. It was such a spur of the moment action that he was barefoot and only wearing basketball shorts. His only other personal item was his cell phone.

Prescott Fire Department recognized his efforts on October 9, 2020, presenting him a Certificate of Appreciation. It states: “. . . you distinguished yourself by taking prompt and selfless action towards alerting and assisting occupants within an apartment complex that was on fire. Your selfless actions most certainly were life-saving for one or more of the apartment complex occupants. Furthermore, your actions were of great aid to the professional firefighters.”

Lt Boyd was a student at Embry Riddle Aeronautical College in Prescott. He was working on a bachelor’s degree. He was at that time a member of the Oregon Wing of Civil Air Patrol and a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps based at Embry Riddle.



Today he is a 25-year-old First Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, formerly known as Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas. He is also a member of the Oregon Wing staff for Civil Air Patrol and serves as the Information Technology Director, a job he can do remotely from Texas.

At the ceremony attended by his parents, Lt Col Joseph Boyd and Lillian Ann Boyd, an adult member with no rank, Lt Boyd answered questions by the cadets of the Aurora Composite Squadron who attended the event. “I knew how to act because of the training of Civil Air Patrol and ROTC,” he said. “I learned how to act under pressure.”

Lt Boyd was in CAP eight years as a cadet joining in 2011 and had achieved the rank of Cadet Captain. When he turned 21 he joined as an adult member. The fire was a kitchen grease fire. A neighbor was apparently frying something and fell asleep. The fire caused enough damage that the roof and the back wall of the building had to be replaced. Firefighters removed all of Boyd’s belongings from his apartment which was saturated with smoke, causing it to be cleaned and rebuilt.

Lt Boyd was home celebrating his recent marriage to college classmate Marilyn Valencia. The family event was on Saturday.

ORWG Round-Up

Editor's Note: This is a compilation of events and stories from around Oregon Wing. Squadrons are listed in alphabetical order. If your squadron has events to be included in the next edition of *Wingspan* please send them to me at Timothy.Vaughan@orwgcap.org or to Lt Col David Younce at David.Younce@orwg.cap.gov

Three Aurora cadets demonstrate leadership -- in and out of the squadron

By 2dLt Tawana Brewer

Leadership doesn't need to end when you graduate from a squadron. Aurora Composite Squadron has been very lucky to have cadets come back to share their current experiences and encourage their fellow cadets. Our most recent examples are Kylah (Hansen) DeRoche, Wesley Hur, and Logan Johnson.

Each of these individuals joined Civil Air Patrol in 2019 at the start of COVID pandemic as in-person meetings were restricted. Each aggressively acquired the necessary knowledge and skills to rise in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program by using the available online tools.

When in-person meetings and activities safely resumed, Hansen, Hur and Johnson found a new group of prospective cadets excited to come learn from them. They each stepped up and demonstrated their leadership skills in different ways.

C/2d Lt. Kylah Hansen was dedicated to achieving her Mitchell Award before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. Kylah's enlistment began August 2022; she trained as a Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Specialist (CBRN). She prepared herself physically to meet the demands of Air Force Basic Military Training while demonstrating the importance of commitment to her goals. Since joining the Air Force, Kylah has met another goal – she is now Kylah (Hansen) DeRoche.

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Former cadet, now SrA Kyla DeRoche, USAF, demonstrates CBRN detection gear to fellow airmen. Photo credit: SrA Kyla DeRoche, USAF

(Aurora - continued)



C/Maj Wesley Hur speaks to Aurora Composite Squadron as he welcomes new Cadet Commander C/2d Lt King. Photo credit: C/2d Lt Alison Brewer, Aurora Composite Squadron

C/Major Wesley Hur was Aurora's Cadet Commander from October 2022 to June 2023. He demonstrated his determination by earning his Private Pilot certificate through Cadet Wings Program in June 2023. Hur was accepted to the United States Naval Academy and the United States Air Force Academy. After careful consideration He decided to select the Air Force Academy. Hur left for Basic Military Training in June 2023.

C/Capt Logan Johnson was also a leader in the squadron. His communication skills helped cadets learn drill and leadership. Before graduation, Johnson also earned his Eagle Scout badge with the Boy Scouts of America, while a member of our squadron. Through his commitment to Civil Air Patrol and his studies, he was selected to receive a full AFROTC scholarship to Embry Riddle University in Prescott Arizona. He has begun his studies.

We have been fortunate to have each of these cadets return to our squadron to share their experiences. Many of our cadets are considering their futures and the many options available. Having these leaders still leading by sharing their experiences is a privilege. Their paths have been different, however, their commitment to their fellow cadets is unwavering.



Former C/Capt Logan Johnson studies another leader at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy: National Cadet Special Activity – Civic Leadership Academy





Commander's Challenge - Accepted and Met

By Capt. Steven Burns,
High Desert Composite
Squadron Commander

BEND, Ore. (March 12, 2024) - Before Thanksgiving, 2023, Capt Steven Burns, High Desert Composite Squadron Commander, issued a challenge to the squadron cadets. He wanted to see half of the Cadets earn a grade advancement by the awards ceremony that would be held in January. The December awards ceremony was cancelled because no cadets earned a grade advancement. There was some questioning of the attainability, but the questioning ceased when proof was shown that it could be accomplished.

By the first meeting in December, the request for drill and ceremony evaluations and promotion boards filled Cadet meeting nights. The Cadets even asked for more promotion boards at the end of senior member meetings, on the meeting nights when cadets and senior member come together. The challenge was turning into a monster.

Over the holidays, a promotion board was requested about every third day. It was like the mythical hydra. Instead of cutting off a head that created two, it was the request for a promotion board created two more requests.

Then the worst thing could happen after the new year: ice and snow. Two meetings in a row had to be cancelled due to dangerous road conditions. The challenge requirements were delayed until the first meeting in February. The last normal cadet meeting of January was filled with drill and ceremony evaluations and promotion boards. To add to the chaos, more promotion boards were requested and not all of them could be completed by the end of the meeting. It was asked if the cadets would be interested in a fifth Tuesday meeting. Having cadets not earning their next grade because of bad weather and surge of promotion boards from the challenge was not a good reason to deny the cadets the chance. The fifth Tuesday meeting was just as busy as any regular cadet meeting and ran a little late to complete all the promotion boards. (continued next page)



Front row (L-R) in ABUs: Cadet Phillips, Cadet Handy, Cadet Ziegwied, C/Amn Davis*, C/Amn T. Telford*, C/Amn Harvey, C/SrA Scott*, C/Amn Matrisciano*

Middle row (L-R) in Blues: C/SMSgt Price*, C/A1C Schnur*, C/SrA A. Telford*, C/SrA Horn*, C/SrA Pedersen*, C/A1C Herauf*, C/SSgt Jones*, C/SrA Oneil*, C/2dLt Reid, C/CMSgt Goodrich*

Back row (L-R) SM Price, Lt Griffin, Capt McLellan*, Capt Burns, Lt Col Boehme, SM Goodrich, Capt Granger*, Lt Phillips, SM Doden, SM Harris, SM Hood.

*Cadets earning grade promotions and Senior members earning ribbons or certificates of appreciation.

Photo Credit: High Desert Composite Squadron

High Desert Composite - continued

On February 6th we held our overdue awards ceremony. It took over an hour to present all the grade advancements, ribbons, and certificates. These were the cadet advancements: four Cadet Airman, three Cadet Airman First Class, four Cadet Senior Airman, one Cadet Staff Sergeant, one Cadet Master Sergeant, two Cadet Senior Master Sergeant, and two Cadet Chief Master Sergeant. That came to seventeen grade advancements. Cadets also earned ribbons: two for community service and one received the Red Service Ribbon for two years of service.

For the Senior Members, one earned a Homeland Security Ribbon with a bronze triangle for participating in twenty-two FELIX missions, and another received their Leadership Award ribbon for completing Level II. A third Senior Member received a certificate of recognition for earning their CFI and CFII certificates.

It was a very successful night, and the challenge was completed despite the twists of having four more cadets joining in December, after the challenge was issued and the weather cooperated. As promised, refreshments and treats were provided for the cadets' accomplishment.

A new challenge is being thought of, but the requirements and ending date are still being determined.



(L-R) SM Tiffany Goodrich (her mother) pins new C/CMSgt Taylor Goodrich during High Desert Composite Squadron's awards ceremony. Photo Credit: Capt Steve Burns, High Desert Composite Squadron.



Cadets and Seniors Distinguish themselves in Medford

By Maj Max McHatton, Medford Composite Squadron Commander



(L-R) C/2dLt Holland receives the Gen. Billy Mitchell award from Lt. Col Buchanan. Photo credit: Maj. Max McHatton



(L-R) C/Capt Blumhardt received Earhart Certificate from Lt. Col. Buchanan. Photo credit: Maj Max McHatton



Left (L-R) C/2dLt Holland receives award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Medford, Ore. (February 27, 2024) - Medford Composite Squadron held it's monthly Awards and Promotions Ceremony on Tuesday, February 27, 204. Several special guest also attended the event, including Lt. Col. Harold Buchanan, ORWG Vice Commander; and representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

Promoted:

- Cadet Chael Fullilove was promoted to C/SMSGt.
- Cadet Audrey Miller was promoted to C/SMSGt.
- Cadet Logan Smith was promoted to C/MSgt.
- Cadet Peyton Bleick was promoted to C/SrA.

Milestone Awards:

- C/Capt Matthew Blumhardt was awarded the Amelia Earhart certificate, presented by Lt Col Harold Buchanan.
- C/2d Lt Daisy Holland was awarded the Gen Billy Mitchell certificate, presented by Lt Col Harold Buchanan.

Achievements:

- C/SMSGt Chael Fullilove was presented Achievement 6, Gen Jimmey Doolittle.
- C/SMSGt Audrey Miller was presented Achievement 6, Gen Jimmey Doolittle.
- C/MSgt Logan Smith was presented Achievement 5.
- C/SrA Peyton Bleick was presented Achievement 3, Col Mary Feick.

1st Lt Bryan Shaw was presented the Gen Benjamin O Davis Award.

Special Awards:

- C/2d Lt Daisy Holland received an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- C/SMSGt Chael Fullilove received an award from the Non Commissioned Officers Association.



Above (L-R) C/SMSGt Chael Fullilove receives his award from the NCOA representative

SALEM'S GRAY RECEIVES GARBER AWARD AND PROMOTION

By Lt. Col David Younce, ORWG PAO



(L-R) Lt. Col. Barringer, Maj Gray, and Mr. Gray "pin" the rank of Major on Maj T. Gray. Photo Credit: Lt Col David Younce, ORWG PAO



(L-R) Col. Ham administering the oath of office to Maj Gray. In the background (L-R) Lt Col Harold Buchanan and Mr. Dave Gray. Photo Credit: Lt Col David Younce, ORWG PAO

AURORA, Ore. (March 16, 2024) - The sun shined brightly in Aurora on March 16, 2024, and even brighter for Capt. Teresa Gray, from Salem Composite Squadron, as Col. William "Nick" Ham presented her with Civil Air Patrol's Paul E. Garber Award and promoted her to Major.

As part of the professional promotion ceremony, Ham also administered a new oath of office to the new Major. Then, Lt. Col. John Barringer and Mr. Dave Gray, Teresa's father, put on her new rank epaulets.

"To be a major is to do what is right, and to help fix other people," said Teresa. "I look forward to applying myself to Cadet Programs moving forward."

Three other CAP colonels were also in attendance. Virginia Nelson, PCR commander, "Bill" Ray, PCR Vice Commander, and Virginia Thompson, ORWG Chief of Staff.

The Garber Award marks a senior member's achievement of finishing Level 4 of 5 levels in the senior member professional development program. Called "the leadership" phase, Level 4 focuses on developing the squadron-level leader who aspires to serve on wing staff or as a commander.

Maynard chaperones UCAN cadets at 2024 Women in Aviation International Conference

A personal insight by: Lt Col Deborah Maynard,
Commander, Tillamook County Composite Squadron

ORLANDO, Fla. (March 19-24, 2024) - I was privileged to be a chaperone for Underrepresented Cadet Aero Networking (UCAN). This is a new program which was developed to give cadets from underserved, underrepresented and under-resourced communities an opportunity to network with professionals in aerospace-related fields.

Conferences and educational opportunities in 2024 through UCAN include; Women in Aviation International Annual Conference in Orlando, National Society of Black Engineers Conference in Atlanta, and the National Diversity in STEM Conference in Phoenix. All expenses are paid, and cadets are chaperoned by adult CAP volunteers in a professional field related to the conference. For more information - check <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/activities/ucan>

I was one of four senior members participating in the program. We traveled to the Women in Aviation International conference in Orlando, Florida, to meet with twenty specially chosen female cadets who attended the conference to learn more about careers in aviation/aerospace industry and possibilities for their future endeavors in related fields.

The three-day conference included motivating presentations by noted women across aviation and aerospace fields in the U.S. and internationally. One of the most inspiring presentations highlighted Dr. Sian Proctor's path to being the first black female to pilot a commercial space capsule.

Dr. Proctor, a professor at the Maricopa Community Colleges in Tempe, Ariz., considers herself an Afrofuturism artist and has published several books. She is the chief inspiration astronaut of Space2Inspire and the founder of The Proctor Foundation for Art and Science. Proctor was the mission pilot for SpaceX Inspiration4 at 52! That mission was the first all-civilian mission to orbit the earth. Her message was "Never give up and never say no to an opportunity to put yourself out there!"

Photos - Right (Top) UCAN 2024 was a hit with the attending cadets. (Middle) Conference speakers were among top aerospace leaders from across the U.S. (Bottom) L-R Dr. Sian Proctor and Lt. Col. Deborah Maynard at the Dr.'s Space2Inspire booth. Photo Credits: Lt Col Deborah Maynard, Tillamook County Composite Squadron



Presentations were given from aerospace leaders from across the U.S.



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During the conference, cadets who could produce a copy of their FAA medical certificate were treated to experiencing hypoxia (lack of oxygen in the blood) in a hyperbaric chamber. They learned what hypoxia feels like and how fast it can interfere with one’s brain function. Tons of activities were available, and swag was offered by just about every event booth. Cadets could “fly” simulators and make cute gifts for younger cadets back home.

The conference also included Girls Aviation Day Orlando, where cadets and CAP senior members manned a hands-on activity booth for youth to experiment with different kinds of fliers. One of 100 booths, CAP’s table was continually crowded with excited young people. UCAN’s visiting team helped with construction and flying the final product in the crowded conference hall.

Late nights and early mornings, the after-conference activities included the iFly experience of indoor skydiving, a trip to the beach for a quick jump in the waves, dinner at Kobe’s restaurant where food was flipped and set afire by their talented chefs, and some high-speed shopping at Disney Springs. All in all, the cadets experienced new challenges, networked with the nation’s finest in aerospace and aviation, and had a little fun along the way.

It was my observation the cadets chosen to participate were of such high caliber and completely focused on their respective future endeavors, the job as a chaperone was enjoyable. They met some of the most intelligent and professional cadets from across the country and gained a renewed sense of what CAP can provide for youth focused on working the program and challenging themselves to be the best they can be.



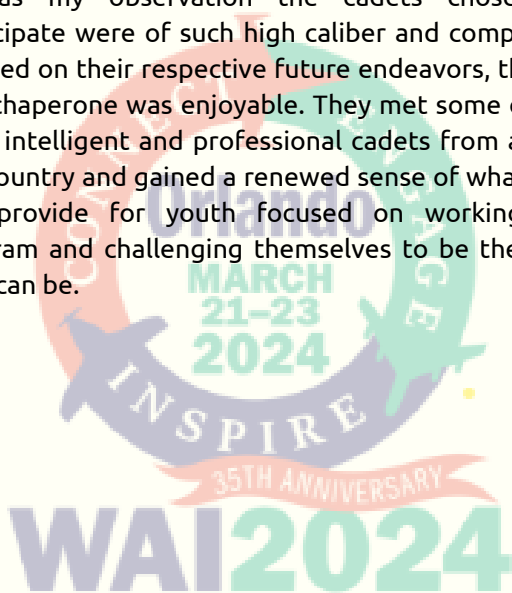
Cadets in the hyperbaric chamber getting a taste of hypoxia. Photo Credit: Lt Col Deobrah Maynard



iFly was a blast and everyone got their turn at indoor skydiving (including the seniors who wanted to participate). Photo Credit: Lt Col Deobrah Maynard



Dinner at Kobe’s – they set the onion ring castle on fire! Photo Credit: Lt Col Deobrah Maynard



Beautiful Flying Weather over Tillamook

By Capt Tim Maynard, Tillamook County
Composite Squadron Safety Officer



L-R, C/Amn Gago and Capt Maynard in front of N293CP at Tillamook County Airport. Photo Credit: SM Kelly Gago

TILLAMOOK, Ore. (March 16-17, 2024) - The weekend of March 16 and 17 dawned bright and glorious in northwest coastal Oregon. Typical weather for Tillamook County. Perfect weather for three young CAP cadets of the Tillamook County Composite Squadron to receive Orientation Flights.

Capt. Tim Maynard served as the orientation flight pilot. On the ground he was supported by 2d Lt Zach Robertson and SM Kelly Gago. In the cockpit - C/Amn Ryan Bozley took his first flight. with the ground support team of 2d Lt. Zach Robertson and SM Kelley Gago were able to get C/Amn Ryan Bozley and C/Amn Toetaua Gago to take their first flight. C/Amn Eliora Johnson took her third flight.

"All of the cadets enjoyed the flying experience," said Maynard. "And, it was my pleasure to give these young CAP members a fundamental aviation experience offered in Civil Air Patrol."



L-R, Cadet Gago checks for proper elevator movement during the pre-flight walk-around, Capt Maynard looks on. Photo Credit: SM Kelly Gago



Left, N293CP, an ORWG Cessna 182 taxis on a beautiful Tillamook County day.

Right, C/Amn Gago is checking for proper control movements before his flight.

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Wineman earns Mitchell Award

Promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenant - follows in father's footsteps

By Capt. Bart Bradish, ORWG Chief of Staff

HILLSBORO, Ore. (February 6, 2024) This evening, February 6, 2024, many gathered during the Washington County Composite Squadron (WCCS) meeting, to witness Cadet Evelyn Wineman receive the coveted General Billy Mitchell Award. The event was graced by the attendance of Col. "Nick" Ham, Oregon Wing Commander and Col. Virginia Thompson ORWG Asst. Chief of Staff. This achievement marks when a cadet leaves the enlisted ranks and becomes an officer in the cadet corps.

Col. Ham presented this prestigious award to Wineman. A particularly poignant moment arose when WCCS Squadron Commander, Captain Patrick Wineman, a recipient of the Mitchell Award years ago, witnessed his daughter's achievement. This touching display underscored the rich familial traditions within Civil Air Patrol.

Colonel Ham remarked on the significance of such moments, describing them as cherished highlights of his role as Wing Commander. These instances of generational dedication and shared achievement serve as powerful reminders of the enduring spirit and legacy of Civil Air Patrol.

Asked if her goals and aspirations changed. Evelyn responded, "I feel now as a cadet officer

my goals have expanded rather than changed. When I joined, I had the intent to try something new to push me out of my comfort zone and attend an encampment. Now as I look toward the broadened possibilities cadet officers have, I hope to be a cadet commander and attend National Blue Beret." Evelyn said about now being in the cadet officer ranks, "I am excited to be a cadet officer! I hope I can continue to help motivate and lead the cadets I work with to better serve our wing." (continued next page)



New C/2d Lt Evelyn Wineman holds her freshly delivered Mitchell Award Certificate.

Photo credit: Capt Bart Braddish, ORWG Staff



Daughter (L) and father (R) share their certificates at this WCCS Awards Night.

Photo credit: Capt Bart Braddish, ORWG Staff

(Wineman - Mitchell Award, continued)

National Blue Beret is one of several National Cadet Special Activities – in this case, CAP cadets and seniors on a competitive basis work flight line marshalling, crowd control, and other emergency services in support of the Experimental Aviation Association’s annual convention held in Oshkosh, Wisc.

Wineman said of her mentors, “Although I have had many peers and Senior members who have absolutely helped me in the program, C/Maj Druffner from Washington Wing is someone I consider to be my mentor.” Evelyn went on to say, “She truly has pushed me to be the best cadet I can be providing insight on leadership and guidance through the encampments I have attended as staff. She inspires me and I am grateful for her help inside the program.

Oregon Wing, Chief of Staff, Captain Bart Bradish expressed immense pride in both Captain Wineman and Cadet Wineman. Their dedication, commitment, and exemplary service demonstrate the values upheld by the Oregon Wing, inspiring fellow members, and aspiring cadets alike.

The presentation of the Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet Evelyn Wineman not only honors her individual accomplishments but also symbolizes the collective dedication and excellence fostered within the Civil Air Patrol community. As Cadet Wineman embarks on the next chapter of her CAP journey, her achievement serves as a beacon of inspiration for future generations of cadets, continuing the proud legacy of service and leadership within the organization.

**About the General Billy Mitchell Award**

This achievement culminates several requirements.

- The cadet must attend squadron meetings, be active in squadron activities, wear the uniform properly, and set a good example.
- Take two closed book tests, one in Aerospace Education the other in Leadership. These are proctored, cadets have one-hour to finish, and must score 80% or higher.
- Cadets also must pass a physical fitness test that is based on sex and age.

General Billy Mitchell is regarded by many as the "Father of the Independent Air Force," 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. Top Navy brass said it could not be done. 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.

After the Allied victory, the Congress awarded Mitchell 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.

High Flight

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

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
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Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with
easy grace
Where never lark nor 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.



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