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Col. Mike Fernandez • Utah Wing Commander

Utah Wing,

I am proud and honored to be the Commander of the Utah Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Col. Niedfeldt left the wing in great shape; and I want to take a moment to personally thank him for everything he has done for not only the Wing, but for me personally. I'm grateful for his leadership, mentorship, and friendship.

During the wing's command transition, there were several members of both Wing and Squadron staffs that made the transition smooth, and although the list is long, I want to specifically thank Lt. Col. Jason Hess and Maj. Inken Christensen. Couldn't have done it without your support and backing.

I joined CAP in Michigan Wing in 1979 at 15 and held the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant before joining the Air Force at 17. After 10 years of active duty and returning from Desert Storm, I was part of the 'early out' program in 1992. I joined the local Sheriff's office and a year later moved to Utah. I have been in with Murray Police for over 22 years and due to my position within the department, allowed me the time to rejoin CAP in 2009. Since rejoining, I have had several duty assignments that prepared me to take on the role as Wing Commander.

My vision for the future of Utah Wing consists of two basic core concepts: Mission Purpose and Mission Accomplishment. You will find that my leadership decision will always be based around on accomplishing those two goals.

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Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Competition

By 2nd Lt. Grace Pettet, CAP



To be a cadet in Civil Air Patrol (CAP) requires knowledge and skills in many different areas. Not only are cadets proficient at drill and ceremony, but they also possess a working knowledge of aerospace and current events, as well as being skilled speakers and leaders. Nowhere else can you see all the work cadets put into CAP like at a cadet competition.

From May 12th -14th six teams, each consisting of six cadets from Rocky Mountain Region. Representing Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and Utah, converged on Camp Williams in Riverton, Utah. Cadets competed against each other for the chance to advance to National Cadet Competition at Wright State University, in Dayton, Ohio, from July 1-3.

Upon arrival the afternoon of the 12th the competition started with written test challenging their knowledge of CAP. Test questions the cadet's knowledge of rank and leadership, aerospace, and regulations.

"We only had a week or so to prepare for this. So really we are here for the experience. This competition illustrates the standard set by the region for cadets," said Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Trey Siers



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from the Flathead Composite Squadron (FHCS) in Montana.

The morning of the 13th cadets woke early for a full day of competition. The first event of the day was CAP Jeopardy. This was an individual event with two members from each team competing by answering questions in a gameshow format challenging their knowledge of CAP. Following

Jeopardy the cadets participated in a mile run and other teambuilding exercise. Teambuilding being a fundamental piece of CAP, every team said this is something they could not do without their team.

“Our team has made it past the norming and storming phases to get to this stage. And it’s not just us, the cadets, it also takes a lot from our senior members that have coached us to get this far. This



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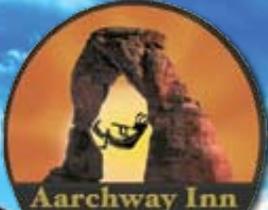
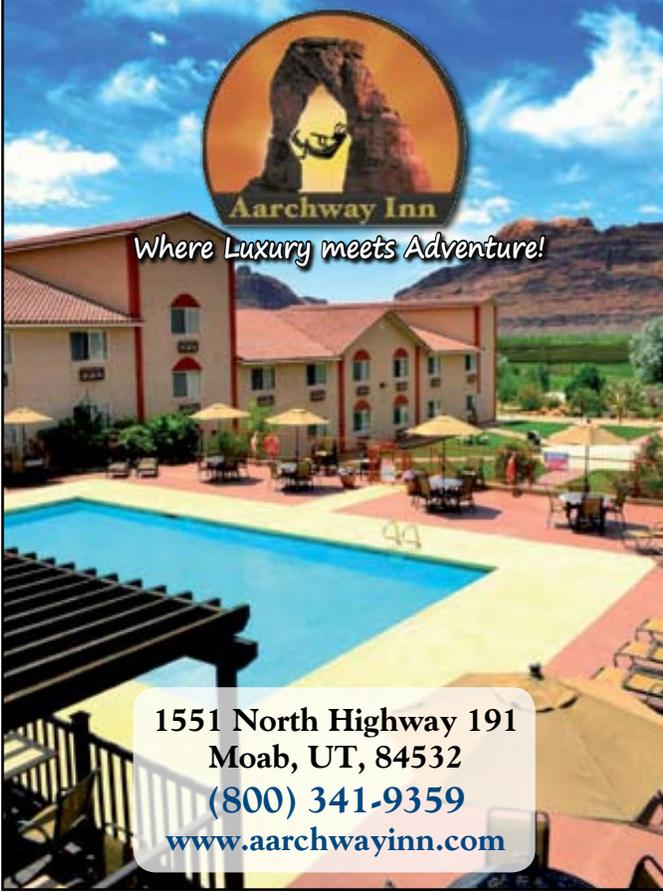
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competition is an opportunity to come together as a team, and preform as a team, which has been our overall goal,” said Cadet 2nd Lt. Dillan Searle, the Cadet Commander of the Weber Minuteman Composite Squadron (WMCS) team from Utah.

During the teambuilding phase the teams displayed how well they worked together. This challenge pushed each team in communication, their ability to complete a task together, and finding multiple solutions to the problem.

“This competition is mainly about synergy, not just within the teams individually, but as a region. It’s a chance for us all to learn new things to take back to our squadrons,” said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jacob Pitman, of the Boise Composite Squadron (BCS) team from Idaho.

Drill and ceremony is another teamwork and leadership, two part test. Indoor practical drill starts with evaluators moving items in the room to the wrong place. The color guard, under the direction of the color guard commander, rearranges the room in preparation for the presentation and posting of the colors (flags). Part two, the commander then directs the color guard through the room for the presentation to evaluators and spectators.

“I have realized that this team is family, even when we are all under pressure we are able to come together. We are like the strands in a braid, alone we aren’t that strong, but once we get together we can do great things,” Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Eilasam Sosa of the CSCS team said.

The final drill and ceremony event was the outdoor posting of the colors on the flag pole. This is a



highly coordinated movement of cadets raising and lowering of the flag. Following military customs in raising the flag, cadets move in formation to attach and raise the flag to full mast, lower the flag to half mast, and raise back to full mast. They must then lower the flag, remove from the pole, properly fold

the flag and present to the review board all whilst in formation. This was made extra challenging due to the winds and unfamiliar style of flag pole.

“I am surprised that we have made it this far. We are a new team this year. The fact that we get to compete for a slot at Nationals is mind blowing to me,” claimed Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Cooper, the commander





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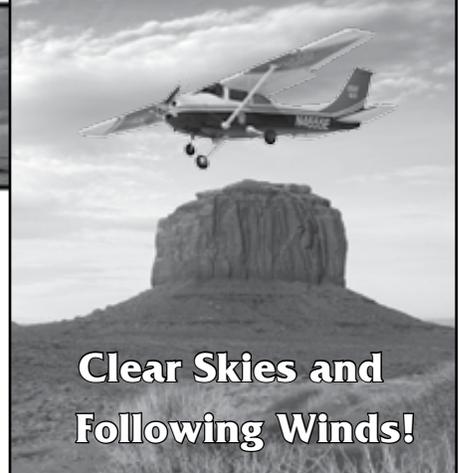


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of the Black Hawk Squadron team in Utah, as he spoke about how far his team had come in the few months that they had been working together.

The final event of day was for each team to give two speeches. The first speech was a prepared topic of the cadet's choosing. The second speech was an impromptu speech. The cadet was given a topic and ten minutes to prepare.

"I am very proud of our ability and the honor to come and compete for the squadron. We came and gave our all for this competition. The experience is everything, preparing to come out here really pushed me out of my comfort bubble," said Cadet Staff Sgt. Enoch Horning about his time working with the WMCS team.

At the end of the day on the 13th, the region staff held an award ceremony. Several individual awards were given, awards for speeches were presented to Cadet Capt. Ty Miller for his prepared speech and Cadet Lt. Caleb Bryant for his impromptu speech, and both cadets were from BCS (Boise, ID) team.

The Fleet-Foot Award is for the fastest male and female mile run. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jacob Pitman received the Award for his 5 minute 19 second mile run and Cadet Technical Sgt. Hanna Burns of the Vance Brand Cadet Squadron (VBCS) from Colorado also received the Award for her 6 minute 22 second mile run.

The last individual award was for the written exam. Usually only one or two cadets are able to earn an award for the written exam; however, this year four cadets earned awards because they all tied with the highest score. Cadet Staff Sgt. Reginald Ash of the CSCS team, Cadet 2nd Lt. Sawyer White and Cadet Staff Sgt. Timothy Stanford of the VBCS team, and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Trey Siers.

The team awards started with the Flathead



Composite Squadron team taking first place in the teambuilding event. The Boise Composite Squadron team placed first in two events, the Indoor Practical Drill and Inspection. The newcomer Jeopardy winner, written exam, and team fitness awards all went to the Vance Brand Cadet Squadron team. Finally the All Ranks Jeopardy winner, and outdoor presentation went to the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron team.

In the end there were less than 10 points separating first place and fourth place. The Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron took home 1st place and Vance Brand Cadet Squadron team took home 2nd place, both Colorado teams earning their opportunity to represent the Rocky Mountain Region at National Cadet Competition in Dayton, Ohio, from July 1-3.

"I walked into all of this a little scared and nervous. After training with this team I can say I have learned so much about perseverance and discipline. It just goes to show how much you can learn while training for this competition," said Cadet 1st Lt. Amy Griswold of the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron team as she reflected on her time with her team. ★





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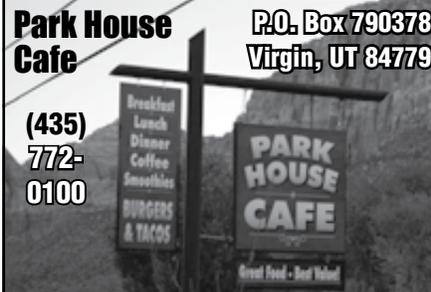
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UTWG Conference and Change of Command

Once again, Maj. Inken Christiansen did an amazing job organizing the Utah Wing Annual Conference for 2017. With special events this year, there was a little more pressure to make it special and find a location fitting the ceremony of the day.

On May 20th senior and cadet members gathered at Weber State University in Ogden to hear updates and future outlook for the Utah Wing. During opening remarks, anticipation was building until the new Utah Wing patch was finally unveiled. When the new patch was introduced for the first time it was well received by everyone.



New UTWG Patch

As everyone left the commander's welcome they all received a "swag bag" containing a notebook, a mug and a sticker all displaying the new wing patch. Members then dispersed to attend their selection of



Col. Niedfeldt "Welcome to Wing Conference."

24 offered training sessions that had been scheduled throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who put time into preparing and instructing a class.

Following a day of learning, meeting new members and catching up with others, everyone gather at the Hill Air Force Base Museum for an evening dining and ceremony among the aircraft. Wing command, region

command and USAF liaisons in attendance all supporting the importance of Civil Air Patrol in the community and the value CAP provides as a cadet program instilling leadership in future generations.

Wing and RMR recognition awards were presented to several members for their accomplishments and contributions to CAP throughout the year and



Col. Kettell, Col. Niedfeldt, Col. Fernandez

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Brewer Aerospace Educator of the Year, Lt. Col. Ron Sorgrass-Senior of the Year, Cadet Lt. Colton Mansfield-Cadet of the Year, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jay Brimhall-NCO Cadet of the Year, and Phantom Squadron received the 2017 Squadron of the Year.

The big event of the night was the Utah Wing Change of

Command! Col. Jon Niedfeldt has successfully led the UTWG along with his loving wife, Lt. Mel Niedfeldt, who is also a very active member of wing staff.

During his tenure as wing commander Col. Niedfeldt faced many professional and personal obstacles that some would consider life altering events.



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Col. Fernandez receives command.



Col. Kettell swears in Col. Fernandez.

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We now welcome to command Col. Mike Fernandez as our new wing commander. Col. Fernandez has been working with Col. Niedfeldt for two years leading up to this change of command. Prior to his vice com-

mander post, Col. Fernandez has supported the UTWG for many years in several capacities and many levels of responsibility. He brings exemplary leadership, professionalism and a passion for CAP which he shares with every member he serves with. ★



Col. Niedfeldt hands over command.



Col. Niedfeldt-former UTWG Commander, Col. Kettell- RMR Commander, Col. Fernandez-New UTWG Commander



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Summit County Search and Rescue Exercise

By Cadet Airman First Class Lauren Shafor, CAP

On Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 cadets from the Uintah Wilderness Squadron, Phoenix Squadron and Thunderbird Squadron joined, the National Guard and local search and rescue teams gathered for a SARX (Search and Rescue Exercise) in Summit County. We first arrived at the Heber airport and helped set up the communications van. This van served as the remote command center for the SARX.

After getting the communications van set up we reviewed the contents of our 24 hour pack. Making sure that we have what we need in that bag is essential. If something were to happen to us while in the field, we need have the supplies to provide help, basic survival and to signal for help.

After lunch the ground team headed out to the incident command center in the mountains, about 20 miles from the command post. We geared up, received our briefing and headed out to find missing persons that were last spotted somewhere along the creek. We then got into our line formation and started our first search. We were down in a swampy area searching when Cadet Senior Airman Alex Marzo pointed out I was standing in a spider's nest and had a snake crawling up my boot. Needless to say I jumped at least five feet!

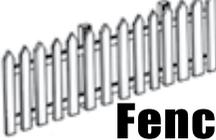
After a short while we found our first missing person and we learned how to assess his condition. He was alert, responsive and in good condition. After taking care of him we continued the search for a second missing person. When we found the second missing individual, he had passed, (Yes,

it was a dummy, no cadets were injured in the making of this SARX). We had one more object to find, an orange cone hidden to represent a third individual. We split into two teams, one took the dummy back to incident command and the other went to find the orange cone. Thankfully we had air support throughout the day. When searching for the cone we received directions via the communication team's system that connects our radios to the National Guard. Using this radio connection we received directions from the Blackhawk helicopter overhead that lead us directly to the cone.

Upon retrieving the cone, we headed back to incident command. We waited about 1 1/2 hours for the next SAR team to arrive. While we were waiting we re-hydrated, learned some new tricks with a compass and how to build a shelter. Once the new group arrived we broke into three teams, received our briefing and headed out for another search. This time we were looking for a downed aircraft and three missing people. We set out in the direction of the distress ELT beacon using a direction finding (DF) antenna. After nearly an hour and a half of searching up and down hills, through thick brush, and a swamp the only thing we had found was that some of our boots weren't water proof! Incident command called all teams back.

Upon arriving back at incident command we checked in, ate some pizza, and thanked everyone for having us. I learned so many valuable things, to many to list, and cannot wait to do it again!

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Utah Wing 2017 Communications Conference

2nd Lt. Grace Anderson, CAP

Members from all around Utah met April 8, 2017 at the Utah Wing building in Salt Lake City for the annual Communication Conference. In total 38 members, both cadet and senior members, attended with some coming from as far as St. George and Vernal, Utah.

The morning started with presentations from Maj. Mike Collett, the Utah Wing Director of Communications. He spoke

on the various Wing Communication activities that had been held in the last year. He also held an open discussion about the Unit Leader Notification Plan.

Lt. Col. Rand Woodward then held a training class on how the technisonic FM Aircraft radios worked and Maj. Dave Rhodes gave a seminar on WMIRS Comm Log issues.

Right before lunch started 1st Lt. Steve Baxter gave an orientation on the Utah Wing's communications van. The CAP members in attendance took a tour of the different parts of the van and then were quizzed on the new knowledge.

Following lunch Col. Jerry Wellman gave presentations on how to properly prepare an MRO grab bag and what you did and did not need in the bag. He also held an exercise in which the members were split into different groups to get a station back into operating order after solving many different troubles.

At the end of the long and educational day, many of the members stated that they enjoyed the conference and saw it as a positive learning experience.



Lt. Col. Rand Woodward leads a discussion on the Technisonic T-136 Radio.



Col. Jerry Wellman explains what to and what not to include in an MRO grab bag.



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1st Lt. TeriLee Hammond, CAP

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Standing - Cadet teachers: Cadet 2nd Lt. Robert Hammond, Cadet Staff Sgt. Cadence Largent, Cadet Staff Sgt. Gage Nelson, Cadet Technical Sgt. Scott Brook and Cadet Master Sgt. Caleb Mathews.
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2017 Annual UTCH Homeschool Convention

By Cadet Senior Airman Rachel Crouter, CAP

In recent years CAP recruiters have been targeting public school teachers and their students. Now we have started to reach a different audience, homeschoolers. On March 10-11 2017, UTCH (Utah Christian Homeschoolers) held their annual convention in Kaysville, Utah. CAP had a recruiting booth at the convention, thanks to a homeschooling senior member.

As part of our display, there was a robotic arm STEM kit, a model rocket, and a wide variety of aerospace and robotics books, which were given away for free along with TOP flights (O-flights for teachers). The robotic arm had been built the week prior to the convention by a cadet. It took almost six hours to complete. The main attraction at the booth was the robotic arm. The kids had fun picking up a pencil with the robotic claw while their parents had the opportunity to talk to a cadet or senior member.

It was enjoyable talking to the teachers and kids ranging from kindergarten to high school. Many of these people were interested in becoming CAP members. The teachers were impressed with the resources CAP has to offer its members. Those who helped operate the booth made a good



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Overall, the booth was quite successful. The Utah wing is planning on making this event a regular part of our recruiting calendar.



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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Twenty-four of Civil Air Patrol's outstanding cadets are gathering in Washington, D.C., this weekend for the Civic Leadership Academy, part of a real-world, hands-on activity long recognized nationally as a top-notch educational experience.

"If you are interested in politics and careers in public service, this is for you," said Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez, CAP's national commander and chief executive officer. "CLA is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity afforded to our very best cadets, who receive a well-rounded understanding of government leadership, public service and the principles that guide us."

Scheduled from Feb. 25-March 4, the week-long academy is not "your average field trip" to Washington. This select group of cadets partici-

pates in behind-the-scenes tours and briefings at the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, State Department, Pentagon, CIA, Arlington National Cemetery and other notable places in the nation's capital.

Now in its 12th year as one of CAP's National Cadet Special Activities, CLA allows participants to experience the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government firsthand. It is an academically intense, interactive study of U.S. government in action, providing participants the opportunity to grow as citizens and young leaders through lessons in persuasive leadership, federal government, public service careers and American heritage.

In recognition of CLA's outstanding academic value, the National Association of Secondary School Principals has again placed it on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities



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for 2016-17. The NASSP's National Committee on Student Contests and Activities annually evaluates the educational value and organizational structure of school-related program opportunities nationwide and recommends those worthwhile to principals, teachers, parents and students. CLA has made the organization's National Advisory List in each of the past nine years.

In addition to a blend of lectures, seminars and assigned readings from historic and current sources, the cadets also visit the National Archives: legislative offices; and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, as well as the World War II, Korean War, Vietnam Veterans, Women in Military Service and Lincoln memorials. At each of these locations, they hear from VIPs who provide insights designed to deepen their understanding of government in action. Their CLA tasks culminate with a final project — a presentation on their CLA experience to their peers in their home squadrons and wings.



“This project gives our cadets an opportunity to interact with government,” said CLA director Lt. Col. Elliott Korona. “They learn that individuals and small groups are often the agents for change, and they realize the power of persuasive leadership.”

On March 2, the CLA cadets will participate in CAP's 2017 Legislative Day, where they will meet

with their elected leaders on Capitol Hill. As part of the annual event, the cadets assist their region and wing commanders in briefing their representatives and senators on how CAP's primary missions of emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs have benefited their communities.

“Our cadets leave a favorable impression on the Hill,” said Korona. “As part of Legislative Day, they are always eager to meet with their congressional leaders and ready to explain what Civil Air Patrol is all about and what our volunteers have done over the past year.”

Vazquez said CLA is one of CAP's most important activities because the 24 cadets chosen for the experience represent America's future.

“It is our hope that these cadets will be inspired through CLA and the principles they learn here in Washington,” he said. “We want them to remember these lessons when they return home, and be thoughtful participants and leaders in their communities.”

Participants in the 2017 academy include:

- Arkansas Wing
- 42nd Composite Squadron (Little Rock)
- Cadet 1st Lt. Hannah G. Cheatham
- Arizona Wing
- East Tucson (Ariz.) Cadet Squadron
- Cadet Capt. Andrew T.G. Varnes
- California Wing
- Corona Cadet Squadron 29 (Norco)
- Cadet Lt. Col. Nicole J. Khattar
- Skyhawk Composite Squadron 47 (Camp Pendleton)
- Cadet Capt. Samuel Cho
- Connecticut Wing
- Danielson (Conn.) Cadet Squadron
- Cadet Lt. Col. Keith P. Trotochaud
- Florida Wing
- Clearwater (Fla.) Composite Squadron
- Cadet Col. Viviana L. Angelini
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The longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, operates a fleet of 560 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP's 56,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

Civil Air Patrol additionally plays a leading role in STEM/aerospace education and serves as mentors to 24,000 young people currently participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Marking its 75th anniversary this year, Cadet Programs can track its beginning to Oct. 1, 1942—10 months after the formation of CAP itself. More than 1 million cadets have benefited from the Cadet Programs' leadership, character development and aviation training curriculum.

Visit www.capvolunteernow.com for more information. ★

A Moment to Remember

*By 2nd Lt. Grace Anderson, CAP,
and Capt. Alice Wadley, CAP*



Lt. Bill Pilkington



Maj. Jesse (Jess) Hall

Although Civil Air Patrol is usually an active and lively organization for both the cadets and senior members, sometimes it is important to take out time to remember the members that have come before us and those who have recently left us.

Castle Valley Composite Squadron recently celebrated the lives of two members. Lt. Bill Pilkington and Maj. Jesse (Jess) Hall passed away in the last few months. Though this was a sad time for the squadron, cadets and senior members alike took some time out to hold a memorial for these amazing pilots and dedicated members of Civil Air Patrol.

Pilkington will be remembered for his adventurous career as a pilot. He worked as a bush pilot in Alaska and flew tourist through the Grand Canyon.

As a highly skilled pilot Hall took many of the CAP cadets out for their orientation flights and shared his aviation knowledge with everyone. He also spent time as a flight instructor at the United States Air Force Academy.

These men dedicated their lives and time to aviation and CAP. They will be missed by not only their own squadron but from those all around the wing as well.



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