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## Commander's Comments

*Col. Michael Fernandez • Utah Wing Commander*

### *Greetings Utah Wing*

Congratulations to the cadets of the Utah Wing Color Guard for taking 1st place at the Region Cadet Competition held in April. Outstanding job! I would also want to recognize both Thunderbird and Weber Minuteman Color Guard team for representing Rocky Mountain Region at National Cadet Competition with honor.



The annual Wing Conference and Banquet was a tremendous success. Thank you to all of those members in attendance. If you couldn't join us, numerous wing and region level awards were presented recognizing our members for the incredible job they do. We had the honor of having the National Vice Commander, Brigadier General Ed Phelka and the Region Commander, Col. Tom Kettell, join us to present a Congressional Gold Medal to SM Alice Ludlow for her CAP service during World War II. This was truly a memorable moment in our evening. We also had the pleasure of hosting Col. Regina (Torch) Sabric, 419th Fighter Wing Commander, as our keynote speaker; her amazing story took us along her career path, including the detours, which reminded us that getting to a goal may not always be a straight path.

The amount of time and planning that goes into hosting an event of this level is tremendous. I appreciate all the members that dedicated themselves to this effort. If you would like to be on the planning committee, the teaching staff or general support for next year, please reach out to Capt. Ken Prince or 2nd Lt. Margaret Hess.

During the conference it was also announced that our CAP specialty license plate was approved by the state legislature and signed into law by the Governor. We truly appreciate the support of Representative Andrew Stoddard as we couldn't have done it without him. This plate will promote our Wing in a way that hasn't been done before. I'm looking forward to identifying fellow members on the

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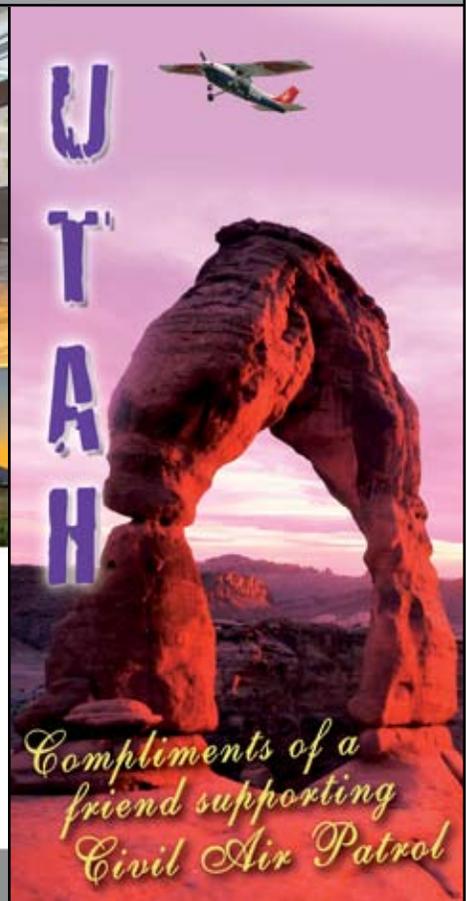
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# Utah Wing attend 2019 National Cadet Competition

*Capt. Jen Setera*

Two Utah cadet teams competed at Wright State in Dayton, OH from June 28th to July 2nd for the Air Force Chief of Staff sweepstakes trophy at National Cadet Competition. Weber Minuteman Composite Squadron, representing Rocky Mountain Region and Thunderbird Cadet Squadron - who was able to attend after the North East Region team dropped out - each sent 6 cadets and 2 senior members to compete in 3 days of rigorous competition with 14 other teams, all seeking to win the Air Force Chief of Staff sweepstakes trophy. Cadets competed in multiple categories ranging from CAP knowledge, drill, robotics, physical fitness and uniform compliance. With what little down time they had they studied and even managed to visit the National Museum of the US Air Force! After 3 long days of competition Utah wing teams both placed in the top 10 with Weber Minuteman placing 9th and Thunderbird placing 10th. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Grant Lee also won the male Fleet Foot award. Great job Utah Wing!



## **Representing Weber Minuteman:**

Cadet 1st Lt. Faith Christiansen  
Cadet 2nd Lt. Gage Nelson  
Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Grant Lee  
Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Gideon Lee  
Cadet Staff Sgt. Mallorie Anderson  
Cadet Staff Sgt. Kaipoi Naihe  
Maj. Cory Setera  
Lt. Matt Leckman

## **Representing Thunderbird:**

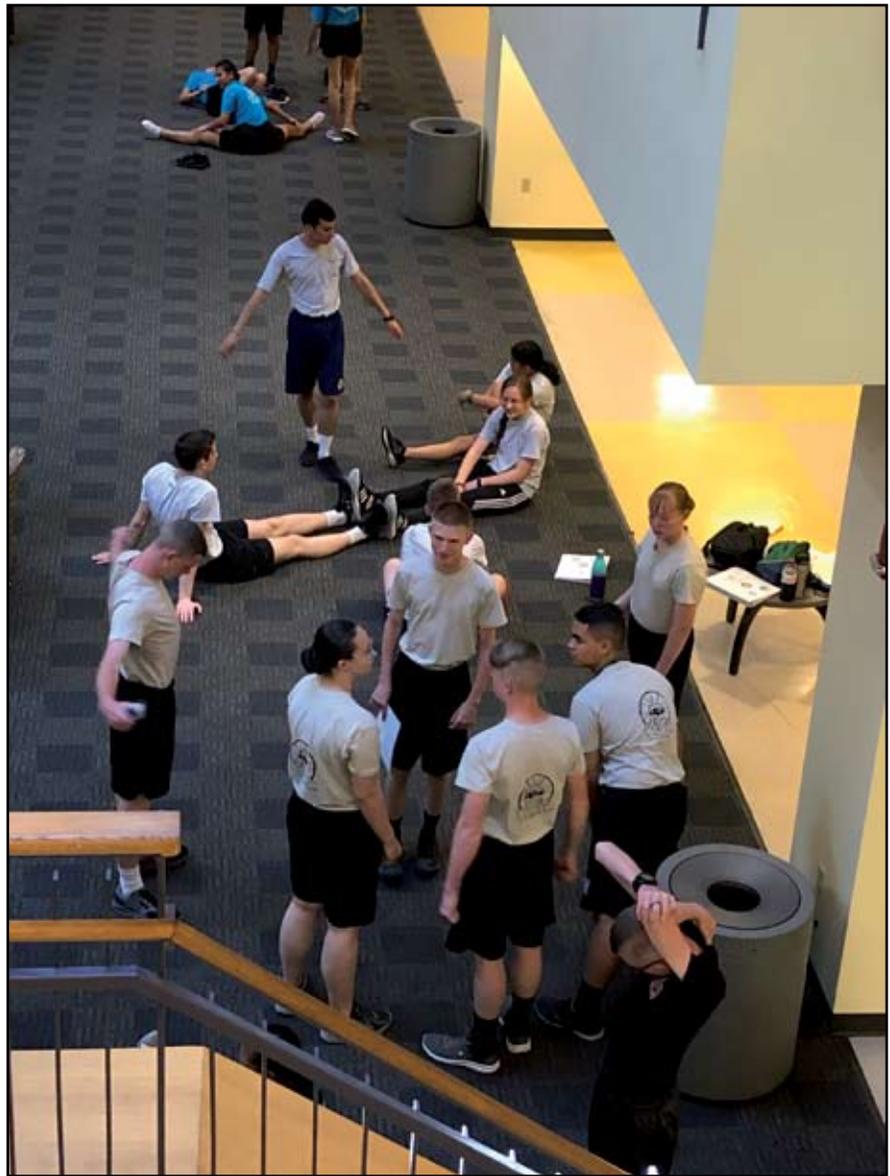
Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Monica Martinez  
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Cadet Master Sgt. Zacehry Janeish  
Cadet Staff Sgt. Conner Davenport  
Cadet Staff Sgt. Brock Bunker  
Cadet Airman Kyla Bunker  
Lt. Col. Scott Carlisi

## A little about NCC...

Civil Air Patrol National Cadet Competition (NCC) program was redesigned into a new format combining both drill team and color guard aspects into one competition. Core Events include: Inspection, Written Exam, Physical Fitness, Team Leadership Problem(s), Standard Color Guard Drill, Standard Element Drill, Indoor Posting of the Colors, and Outdoor Posting of the Colors.

The mission of NCC is to showcase the full range of challenges in cadet life experienced at the squadron level, and new areas of learning that are important to America. Besides the standard Drill and posting of the colors, NCC added several new elective competitive components to reflect the CAP Cadet Program, such as: rocketry, public speaking (extemporaneous, impromptu), geocaching, robotics, community service project, Jeopardy, Panel Quiz, Unmanned aerial vehicle (UAS), and Obstacle courses. Elective Components differ from year to year and are chosen at the discretion of the Activity Director.

To qualify, all 52 Wings and 8 Regions host a Cadet Competition each year in order to decide which team will ultimately represent their Wings and Regions respectively. Specifically, the winning team, and their runner up for each Wing, represent their respective Wing at the Region competition. At the Region competition the winner and runner up receive a slot to represent their Region at National



Cadet Competition. NCC continues to be the most prestigious and elite competition Civil Air Patrol has to offer.

To participate, the NCC program is open to all cadet and composite squadrons. There are no special age or cadet grade requirements. Teams Consist of six cadets with one Cadet serving as Team Commander. No Alternates. Must also have two escorts, with one eligible to drive a CAP vehicle. ★





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# 31<sup>st</sup> Cadet to get PPC under Cadet Wings!

Cadet Charles Vandersteen from Utah Wing is the 31st cadet to earn his Private Pilot Certificate via Cadet Wings on August 15, 2019.

The Cadet Wings Program is part of Civil Air Patrols Youth Aviation Initiative, funded by the Air Force. The mission goal of the program is to assist cadets in obtaining their Private Pilot Certificate, recognized by industry as the first milestone for those who have a serious desire to pursue a flying career.

In Cadet Lt. Vandersteens case, he has wanted to fly and be a pilot since he was little boy. Speaking with his parents, they explained that one of his first words was “mana”. Anytime he saw something flying in the sky he would point up and yell “Mana! Mana!” We think it meant airplane.



A month after Cadet Vandersteen turned 12, his family heard about Civil Air Patrol through his aunt who was already involved in CAP in Las Vegas and was flying. Cadet Vandersteen went to his first meeting when it was aerospace night and that was it! He was hooked! A few months later, Cadet Vandersteen went for his first O ride.

Utah Wing introduced its Flight Academy a couple years later. Cadet Vandersteen was too young to apply but made it a goal to apply when he turned 16. Once 16, he reapplied and was accepted to Utah Wing Powered Flight Academy. Upon graduating from Flight academy with his solo wings, his lead instructor, Lt. Col. Rand Woodward, challenged Cadet Vandersteen to pass his ground school

test and apply for the Cadet Wings scholarship. In March 2019, Cadet Vandersteen was one of first Cadets across the country awarded the scholarship.

Through the scholarship program he flew several times a week via a CAP 172 airplane and Lt. Col. Woodward as his private instructor. In June 2019, he completed his cross-country solo with flights to Nephi and Wendover, Utah.

On August 15th, one day shy of the 5-year anniversary of his first O flight Cadet Vandersteen passed his oral and check ride and became the 31st Cadet and the first in Utah to receive his Private Pilot license through Civil Air Patrol’s Cadet Wings Scholarship program. Maybe something regarding the cost if he would have done this without the scholarship \$10,000 – 15,000 in flight and instruction time.

Through this program Cadet Vandersteen was able to take a huge leap towards his goal of becoming a commercial pilot. As he applies for colleges this has given him a huge advantage on his college resume and a jump start on his aviation schooling. Most aspiring pilots earn their Private Pilot’s License the first semester at university.

Cadet Vandersteen is overwhelmingly grateful for the opportunities to fly he has had through CAP and the instruction and support of Lt. Col. Woodward.



# ***A message from the National Commander***

## ***Commanders, Ops Staff, Aircrew Members, Safety Officers,***

We find ourselves at a critical time in our Operations. Coming off a busy summer of missions and training, we are entering the peak of the hurricane season where our crews and our resources will be called upon to perform in the reliable, professional manner that Civil Air Patrol has become known for. Dorian sits off the coast as a reminder that we have much work ahead. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering spirit of volunteerism, and to make sure we are all focused on the same goal moving forward ... mission effectiveness and service to our country that is anchored in professionalism and a commitment to risk management in *everything* we do.

I get a bit concerned when I look at the last few months and see a series of minor mishaps that were easily preventable if our aircrews embraced a more aggressive approach to risk management. There have been cases of pilots taxiing into inanimate objects, aircraft being damaged while being pushed or pulled into or out of parking, and cases where minor damage went unnoticed during incomplete post-flight inspections. I need your help in making sure these lapses in checklist usage and attention to detail don't manifest themselves into more serious mishaps as our mission flying intensifies.

I am asking every aircrew member to commit to their own personal culture of risk management. It isn't hard.

- Reread your Aircrew Professionalism Commitment and choose to live by it.
- Practice risk management in everything you do. RM isn't an acronym or a form ... it means pausing before every task and asking yourself, "what can go wrong and what can I do to keep it from happening?"

I am asking every commander to ensure this is happening. Lead by example. Let people hear you ask yourselves that risk management question out loud. Ask your crews to say it out loud. When I am out and about that is what I expect to see and hear. I will be doing it and I challenge you all to join me.

I am asking every safety officer to read Chapter 1 of the new CAPR 160-1 that is online for review, as well as the other publications that make up the new CAP Safety Program. This is an exciting time for CAP safety, and we will ask a lot of you as you become the experts who teach our members how to use RM in all their activities.

Thank you for everything you do, day in and day out, to make CAP the most respected volunteer flying operation in the Country. This is just a reminder that we all need to be 100% committed to high standards of professionalism and active risk management. We can't accept anything less.

Semper Vigilans.

MARK E. SMITH  
Major General, CAP

# Words of Wisdom

I would like to share some words of wisdom that were provided to me when I first took command. The original article was written by a former Wing Commander many years ago to be read by newly assigned Wing Commanders. I gained valuable insight from his advice and want to share it with both Seniors and Cadets in the hope it might provide you guidance in your current and future leadership roles.

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*As a CAP Wing Commander, you are the final decision maker. CAP is not a democratic organization. When it is decision-making time no one makes a motion, nor is there a vote taken. The final decision rests solely on the Wing Commander's shoulders. The primary reason for this is that CAP is a quasi-military organization where the commander may delegate authority - but never responsibility. Apparently, it is the feeling of those who established the structure of CAP that since the Wing Commander is going to be held ultimately responsible for everything good or bad that happens in their Wing, they must have the final choice as to what the policy or decision will be. The general parameters of the Commander's authority are set forth in the manuals and regulations propagated by National Headquarters CAP, and a great deal of latitude is afforded the Wing Commander.*

*"An ego trip," you say. "It must be nice to be able to tell people what to do without their having anything to say about it or a vote in the final decision." Guess again! With the possible exception of the orders that must be issued during a SAR or other actual mission, the Commander had better know what the vote would have been, had it been taken.*

*In a volunteer organization most people don't have to do anything they don't want to do - and don't. A few will bite the bullet and perform because they don't want to lose the benefits of their membership, such as the availability of less expensive flying, or from long term loyalty to the organization. For the most part, the policy of the Wing must, at least, obtain the consent of the majority, or, regardless of the Commander's authority to issue the policy, it won't be followed. This isn't to say that the membership won't occasionally let you get by with an arbitrary decision, just to make you feel good and think that you are more important than you really are, but I don't recommend making a habit of it. Even the military commander or the boss of his own business will soon learn that even though subordinates can be ordered to do things, unless they want to do them, the best you will get is minimum performance. On a few occasions the time available requires a command decision without a great deal of consultation with your subordinates, but as I quoted my old Army Sergeant before, "You can't push a rope."*

*Accomplishing the Wing's goals through leadership is really the only practical way. Even though, at times, it may seem less efficient than command, unless you want to find yourself in the same situation as Gary Cooper in High Noon, the great majority of your policies and decisions must result from the collective wisdom. You are in charge, because someone must be. Like the horse, the head and the rear engage in different functions, but unless they exist in harmony, the horse will function inefficiently, if at all.*



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# 2019 Utah Wing Desert Hawk XVII

## A Tradition of Making Leaders

*Cadet 1st Lt. Faith Christiansen, CAP  
Weber Minuteman Composite Squadron*

UTAH WING - The story begins on June 8th, 2019, with in-processing, where cadets from all over Utah are welcomed by a group of handpicked leaders, who over the past several days, months and sometimes years, have been training for this moment. The moment they are finally able to build the cadets of Utah Wing. Cadets that will someday lead elements, flights, squadrons, and will hopefully replace them in the encampments to come.

“We will all succeed together, or we will fail alone” quote from Lt. Leckman, Commandant of Cadets at DHVXII from Thunderbird Cadet Squadron.

Known as the most stressful day, in-processing begins by stripping unneeded items such as phones and civilian clothes from cadets; replacing them with a hat, canteen, and their SOP (Standard Operating Procedures). With every bag dump, another item is added into contraband bags.

On this day, cadets are also given their assigned flight. Whether their flight is Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, or Foxtrot, it will soon become their

team and family throughout the upcoming week.

“Behind all of the yelling I gave, I truly cared for every one of my cadets,” said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Monica Martinez, Flight Sergeant at DHXVII from Thunderbird Cadet Squadron.

The day will be filled with shouting, quick instructions from cadre, and classes taught by Lt. Col., Chaplain Stu Boyd on Wingman, character development and the power of grit.

“Encampment is one of the best experiences anyone can have, whether as a basic or as a staff member. It’s definitely intimidating and hard, but it has built me as both a leader and a cadet” said Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Courtney Giles, from Blackhawk Cadet Squadron.

The next morning starts the first day of opening formations, Reveille, To the Colors, and physical training; where cadets will do everything from sit-ups and flutter kicks, to running laps on the dirt Wendover road.

“Desert Hawk XVII was one of the best encampments, and I am glad I got to be a part



of it. Helping my flight do P.T. was an amazing experience for me,” said Cadet Staff Sgt. Gideon Lee, Flight Sergeant at DHXVII from Thunderbird Cadet Squadron.

This year at encampment, we had a fantastic guest, Lt. Col. Christine Lee, National Cadet Programs Team. Here to observe both how our encampment can improve, and find encampment practices we have, that might work for other wings. When asked about her favorite part of encampment, her response was, “Encampment!”. It was noted that she enjoys her duties, because she gets to see how different wings run encampment and circulate ideas throughout the country.

The day continues with classes on Critical Incident Stress Management taught by 1st Lt. Barlow, the importance of effective followership, and leading with outdoor ethics explained by TSgt Sarah Limb, USAFR, and ending with a competitive team sport played amongst the many flights, hygiene, and lights out.

“Encampment truly is a training experience, regardless of how many times you’ve been. There’s





always something more you can learn,” said Cadet Capt. Gabriel Beninati, Cadet Deputy Commander at DHXVII from Blackhawk Cadet Squadron.

The next day is filled with flight time, drill, and classes such as Core Values, taught by Chaplain

Boyd. Aviation, instructed by Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Johnston from Blackhawk Cadet Squadron, and lastly a class online Searches taught by Cadet 2nd Lt. Zane Dunn, from Thunderbird Cadet Squadron.





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June 11th marks Rotation Day where cadets and their flights are alternated through activities like the Rockwall, Obstacle Course, and Shooting Range. “One of the best activities at this encampment was the obstacle course that I helped to run.

It was impressive to see each team go from zero to hero, in just a few rotations” said Cadet 1st Lt. Abigail Johnston, Squadron 1 Commander at DHXVII from Blackhawk Cadet Squadron.

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# 2019 Utah Wing Desert Hawk XVII

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“On June 12th, cadets got the opportunity to fly, flying from different airports and having fun while in the air. The support cadre had fun running flight operations and marshaling, quickly learning how to run a mission base. Overall, it was a fun day for everyone,” said Cadet Capt. Nicholas Cooper, a SET (Standard Evaluation Team) evaluator at DHXVII from Blackhawk Cadet Squadron.

As the next day arrived so came the water confidence course (also known as pool day by the cadets) and physical training consisting of sit-ups, flutter kicks and a run in the water. The day also had a class on drones, and the practical for the communications knowledge learned the day before.

“Water P.T. especially, was one of the best things I have done in Civil Air Patrol, and I am hoping to do it again,” said Cadet Staff Sgt. Lee.

June 14th marks the final and most crucial testing day; as cadets are examined by the Standard Evaluation Team and flight leadership on their drill and ceremonies skills, teamwork, physical training, and more. “Evaluations at the end of the week are critical towards your team’s success. You have to work together to be adequately prepared,” said Cadet Capt. Beninati.

“Being a SET evaluator and evaluating all of the flights to decide the honor flight and honor cadet was incredible. Seeing how individual cadets and flight improved objectively over the week, taught me so much about what works and what doesn’t, in all aspects of team dynamics and leadership” said Cadet Capt. Cooper.

Finally, the long-awaited day has arrived, graduation. Where after days of hard work, cadets will show both their leadership, squadron, parents, and Utah Wing how far they have come throughout the week. As they march off the parade field, some reflect on a week of hardships, lessons learned, leadership skills gained, first flights, fun activities, and fantastic opportunities, they can hardly wait to return for DHVXIII. Repeating the never-ending cycle of training next year’s leadership throughout Utah Wing.

“Desert Hawk XVII was an amazing encampment for me. It was my first experience as a leader of a large group, and I learned more in that week than I could have in a year of study” said Cadet Lt. Johnston. ★

# Commander’s Comments

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Utah roadways! A big thank you to those that have already donated to the \$7,500 start-up costs. We only have until the end of September, so please consider donating to these one-time fees as every little bit helps! The link is located on the wing website.

Summer Encampment was a huge success after another great week of training and team building experiences was held in June. Winter encampment is being spun up and applications are now being accepted.

Desert Scorpion II completed its second successful year at the Wendover training facility. The motto “Do you have what it takes?” helped trainees stay focused and complete the rigorous training. If you want to attend next year and believe you have what it takes, consider taking up the challenge. Contact Capt. Danny Evans for more information.

In preparation for the Wing Operations Evaluation in May, we conducted several successful tabletop exercises. When CAP/USAF showed up and conducted the Ops Eval, at the end of the day, we were given an overall rating of “Mission Ready”. Thank you to all that participated to show CAP/USAF what we already knew, that our ES team is always Mission Ready!!

The Wing’s focus this year is on Senior Member Professional Development (PD). To support this, Wing Finance has recently allocated funds to assist Senior Members in attending PD training, locally, within the RMR or at a National level. Please contact your Unit Commander for details and eligibility.

I’ve said this before and will continue to say that without you and your dedication to serve, none of this would be possible.

Thank You Utah Wing for always supporting the mission! ★

# **HART 2019**

## **Honoring Allies and Remembering Together**

*Maj. Sarah Borden, CAP*

The HART (Honoring Allies and Remembering Together) Ceremony in Lethbridge, Alberta is an annual event to remember fallen members of our military for both the US & Canada.

The ceremony is hosted by the Air Cadet League of Canada, together with Rocky Mountain Region Civil Air Patrol. Several Gold Star and Memorial Cross families will be present, as well as dignitaries from both Canada and CAP. After the ceremony the cadets from Canada and the US will have time to meet with each other, trade items, and participate in activities together.

2pm Thursday Nov 14th to 8pm Sunday Nov 17th, Vans will depart from several Utah Squadron Locations.

Cost for 2019 will be \$100, which includes all activities, lodging, food, and travel to and from Canada.

Cadets should have attended encampment and be at least Cadet Staff Sergeant. Cadets will have a chance to sign up in late September.

There are only a couple open positions for Senior Members; Senior members interested must have a Passport, CAP Drivers License, and Basic CPPT. Interested SMs can email Maj. Borden at [sarah.borden@utwg.org](mailto:sarah.borden@utwg.org)



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# Major Wayne K. Jackson, CAP, Retires

*Maj. Mike Starke, CAP*

Maj. Wayne K. Jackson first joined CAP in 1962, as a cadet in the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron, 301 in the Arizona Wing. He remained a cadet until turning 18, in 1963, when he transferred into the seniors as a student pilot.

Maj. Jackson remained in CAP until 1965 when he joined the US Air Force. Memorable events were guarding the desert around Dear Valley Airport while an aviation company crash tested a Lockheed Constellation in the name of safety. He also had the opportunity to fly for eight hours as an observer inside the Grand Canyon following the Colorado River in search of a missing aircraft.

Maj. Jackson did not have the opportunity to join CAP again until 1985. By that time, he had earned his commercial and flight instructor (CFII) ratings in single and multiengine aircraft. At that time, he and his family were in Northern Virginia. His oldest son came home from high school one evening and said that a bunch of his friends were going to a CAP meeting at the Manassas Airport and that he wanted to go. "Well okay, but I have to drive you!" Maj. Jackson responded. They both joined the Prince William Composite Squadron, in Manassas, VA.

While in the Manassas squadron, Maj. Jackson served in the positions of safety officer, check pilot, and squadron commander. On July 17, 1993, Maj. Jackson was privileged to be able to attend the Dedication Ceremony of a CAP Memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1997, Maj. Jackson left Manassas, VA for Australia when his employer reassigned him. He kept his membership in CAP current and in 1999, returned to Virginia and was a member of the Blacksburg Squadron where he, once again, served as squadron commander.

In 2004, Maj. Jackson moved to Pierre, SD where he became a member of the Pierre Composite Squadron. A memorable event in this wing was to fly the Missouri River from the northern border to the southern border photographing key sites along the river. This is where he received a checkout in the G1000 and became a G1000 check pilot and check pilot examiner. Maj. Jackson also served as squadron commander.

In 2010, Maj. Jackson made the move to Utah and served in the St. George Composite Squadron until his retirement in April 2019. While in St. George, Maj. Jackson continued to serve in many capacities providing flight training, mission base assignments such as Air Operations Branch Director, and squadron commander.

Maj. Jackson has been an invaluable source of knowledge and training to all the squadrons in which he has served. His service has been exemplary, and he will be missed. We wish him a fulfilling and joyful retirement.



# Sevier Valley Raptors Change of Command

*Written by Khyber Lee*

On July 11, 2019 the Sevier Valley Raptors held a Change of Command at their hangar in Richfield, Utah. The previous Cadet Commander, 2nd Lt. Scott Brook, served as Cadet Commander from January of 2019 to July of the same year. 2nd Lt. Brook has served the squadron in the past positions including Flight Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Cadet Commander. He has passed the role of Cadet Commander on to newly promoted 2nd Lt. Kelby Bosh. Bosh's previous positions include Flight



Sergeant, First Sergeant, and a Flight Commander. Along with the new Cadet



Commander there were quite a few other staff changes. With newly promoted 2nd Lt. Khyber Lee as Deputy Commander, 2nd Lt. Robert Hammond as XO, newly promoted Staff Sgt. Ikaikakamana'o Ogden as First Sergeant, 2nd Lt. Scott Brook as Flight Commander, and newly promoted Staff Sgt. Grayson Christensen as Flight Sergeant. The first element leader is Senior Airman Thomas Adams, followed by second element leader Senior Airman Jacob Brown, and third element leader Senior Airman Britton Singleton.



# Why we do this....

A few weeks ago, I was attending a meeting working through the challenges at hand and someone made a joking comment “remind me why we volunteer to do this again”. For a split moment, I started to think back about the amount of time, money, effort that most CAP members give as volunteers and said to myself, why? For some members, it’s their drive to support the community, some want to give back to CAP, and others it’s their dedication to support of the mission at hand. I’m sure I could keep listing solid “why’s” all day long, but then I thought of an email I received from one of our Orientation Pilots. I can’t speak for everyone, but for me, this was one way to put things into perspective and I wanted to pass it along.



*“... Today I had the pleasure of watching this young cadet (9th grade, I think she told me) fly one of our aircraft under my instruction. She is so small, she was unable to reach the rudder pedals, no matter how far forward I slid the seat. She had to reach the full length of her arms to hold the yoke. Not quite able to see over the panel (even sitting on a pillow I’d folded in two), she faithfully followed my instructions to turn a little left here, a little right there. But she watched out the side window nearly constantly. Best part was the perma-grin on her face. What a pleasure to watch! ...”*



I did some research and found that the pilot was referring to Cadet Airman Samantha Newton. Cadet Airman Newton joined UTWG CAP in March of 2019. She is a graduate of UTWG Summer Encampment and is a proud member of the Thunderbird Cadet Squadron. The O-Flight ride the pilot was referring to was her first flight in a non-commercial aircraft.

I looked back at the individual and reminded them “we do this because...” and left it that.

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# ***Southern Arch III - Utah Wing Winter Encampment***

The Utah Wing is making plans for Southern Arch III. Southern Arch is one of the few winter encampments in the Civil Air Patrol.

Capt. Alice Wadley, Senior Encampment Commander, said “Attending encampment is the most important activity a cadet will attend in CAP. It’s where the learning begins and the full immersion into the cadet life takes place. I am constantly amazed at the transformation that takes place in the cadets in a short period of time. At the beginning of the week the cadets struggle to learn new skills and often make mistakes. By the end of the week the cadets are more confident in their skills and are proud of what they have accomplished. The cadets have learned to be part of something bigger than themselves, a team. This team will help one another through the weeklong encampment. There will be bumps along the road, but at the end of the encampment this team will accomplish more than they ever imagined.”

Cadet 2nd. Lt. Gage Nelson is the Cadet Commander and Lt. Matthew Leckman will be the Commandant of Cadets. Cadet Nelson and Lt. Leckman have been instrumental in the success of Southern Arch. They are in the process of planning the encampment, selecting the command staff and the cadet cadre. Senior Member Colton West will be assisting Capt. Wadley as the executive officer of the encampment.

Southern Arch III will take place, Dec. 26-31 at the Rising Star Sports Ranch in Mesquite, Nev. All cadets will need CAP Forms 31, 160, 161 and 163. An early bird special of \$225 will be offered to cadet students who sign up before Nov. 1. After Nov. 1, the cost will be \$250. An online payment method will soon be available. Applications for CEAP will open on Nov. 1. You can send your questions and e-mail applications to Capt. Wadley at [southernarchutah@gmail.com](mailto:southernarchutah@gmail.com). You can mail payments and applications to Capt. Alice Wadley, PO Box 434, Huntington, UT 84528.

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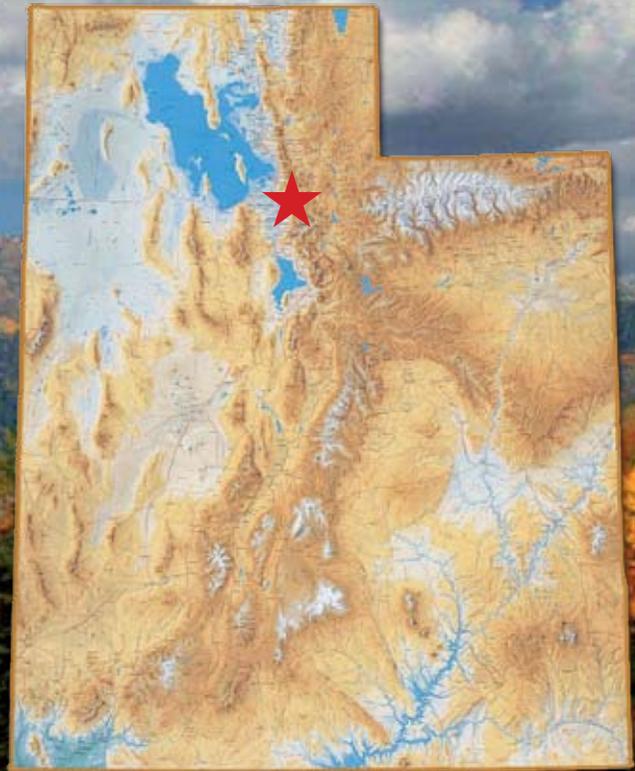
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Left: C/CMSgt Gage Nelson talks about the cyber domain. Center: Cadets participate in Leadership Reaction Courses. Right: Cadets enjoy their orientation flights.



Left: Cadets are evaluated on their drill and ceremony.  
Middle: Rex Shoell gets ready to take off.



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