



COLONEL JOHN RHOADES

Colonel John Rhoades is the Vice Commander of the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR). In this role, Col. Rhoades assists and advises the region commander in leading and managing more than 4,000 volunteer professionals and over \$30 million in assets across Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming to execute CAP's three-fold mission of emergency services, aviation, space and cyber education, and youth leadership development.

Col. Rhoades joined CAP in 1994 as a cadet in the Louisiana Wing. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Texas and was a charter member of the Nacogdoches Composite Squadron where he served as cadet commander and earned his Billy Mitchell Award. In 1996, he moved to Alabama and transferred to the Bessemer Composite Squadron, earning his Eaker Award and serving as Squadron Cadet Commander, Chairman of the Alabama Wing Cadet Advisory Council, and Cadet Commander of the 1997 AL/MS Wing Encampment. In addition, he participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program to Israel.



As a Senior Member, Col. Rhoades has served in numerous staff positions at the squadron, group, and wing level, including Colorado Wing Commander, Colorado Military Academy Cadet Squadron Commander, Bessemer Composite Squadron Commander, and Alabama Wing Chief of Staff. He holds Master ratings in Command, Stan/Eval, Cadet Programs, and Personnel, as well as senior ratings in Operations and Emergency Services. Additionally, he is a Command Pilot, Check Pilot Examiner and Incident Commander and has earned the Master Ground Team Badge and Emergency Medical Technician Badge.

Col. Rhoades currently serves in the U.S. Navy Reserves as an intelligence officer assigned to the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Joint Intelligence Directorate. He is a qualified Information Warfare Officer and previous assignments include the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Defense Intelligence Agency's Missile and Space Intelligence Center. He also deployed abroad with Patrol Squadron 69 in support of operation Pacific Eagle.

Col. Rhoades completed his primary flight training as a CAP cadet and is currently employed as a pilot, simulator check pilot and Part 142 Training Center Evaluator on the Boeing 757/767. He holds Airline Transport Certificates issued by the FAA, the UK Civil Aviation Authority, and the Japan Civil Aeronautics Bureau with CL-65, A320, B757 and B767 type ratings. He also holds a commercial glider certificate and is an active CFI/CFII/MEI.

The colonel has over 13,500 hours of flight time including 2000 hours in command of B767 and more than 2500 hours in general aviation aircraft.

EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor's Degree, Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
2011 Squadron Leadership School
2011 Corporate Learning Course
2012 FEMA Emergency Management Institute Professional Development Series
2012 USAF Squadron Officer School
2014 Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course
2018 USAF Air Command and Staff College
2024 USAF Air War College (currently attending)

CIVIL AIR PATROL ASSIGNMENTS

1994 – 1998 Cadet, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama Wings
1998 – 2004 Stan/Eval Officer, Bessemer Composite Squadron
2004 – 2009 Operations Officer, Knoxville Composite Squadron
2009 – 2011 Bessemer Composite Squadron
2011 – 2015 Commander, Bessemer Composite Squadron
2015 – 2016 Chief of Staff, Alabama Wing
2017 – 2018 Deputy Commander Group III, Colorado Wing
2018 – 2019 Commander, Colorado Military Academy Cadet Squadron
2019 – 2020 Director of Personnel and Administration, Rocky Mountain Region
2019 – 2023 Commander, Colorado Wing
2024 – Present Vice Commander, Rocky Mountain Region

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 13,500

Aircraft: Cessna 152/172/182/206/208/310/402, Boeing 757/767, Airbus A320, Gippsland GA-8, CRJ 200/700, Dornier 328

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Colorado National Guard Meritorious Service Medal
Distinguished Service Award
Meritorious Service Award with bronze clasp
Commanders Commendation Award with bronze clasp
Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving with silver star
National Commander's Unit Citation
Gill Rob Wilson Award with silver star
Ira C Eaker Award
Command Service Ribbon with silver star
Red Service Ribbon with 20-year device
Find Ribbon
Disaster Relieve Ribbon with V device
IACE Ribbon
Cadet Competition Ribbon
Cadet Advisory Council Ribbon with silver star
National Cadet Special Activity Ribbon
Encampment Ribbon with 2 bronze clasps

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel: 12 JUN 1997

Senior Flight Officer: 16 JUN 1998

Captain: 29 OCT 2004

Major: 15 OCT 2011

Lieutenant Colonel: 16 OCT 2015
Colonel: 19 OCT 2019

(Current as of January 2024)