



BIOGRAPHY

Lt Col Matthew J. Bolin

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J. Bolin is the Chief of Staff for the Rocky Mountain Region. Additionally, he holds the duty positions of Montana Wing Vice Commander, Montana Wing Director of Finance, Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Activities Officer, and is a member of the National Headquarters staff serving on the DOKR ReadyOp team.

As the Region Chief of Staff Lt Col Bolin collaborates with region staff members to prioritize and support the Rocky Mountain Region commander's policies and objectives. Additionally, he provides tactical support to implement ideas from ideation to implementation, provides support and oversight for special projects and initiatives, and helps to identify and provide recommendations on improvements across the Rocky Mountain Region.

As the Montana Wing Vice Commander, Lt Col Bolin serves as an advisor to the Montana Wing Commander, assisting in promoting CAP objectives and purposes throughout the wing. Additionally, he helps to ensure the wing fulfills the goals that are passed down by the Rocky Mountain Region, and assists the wing commander in setting goals to fulfill region and NHQ objectives and responsibilities.

As the Montana Wing Director of Finance, Lt Col Bolin is responsible for adequately managing wing and unit funds, ensuring that all financial, regulatory and reporting requirements are met, and assisting subordinate units. Lt Col Bolin is also responsible for keeping the finance committee adequately informed of wing and subordinate unit financial positions, in addition to working with the Wing Commander and Wing Administrator on any financial related goals and objectives within the Wing.

As the Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Activities officer, Lt Col Bolin works directly with the Region's Director of Cadet Programs to coordinate and assure attainment of cadet program objectives and adherence to cadet program directives. He also ensures cadet protection policies and training are in place and are being enforced, and serves as the official point of contact between the Montana Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) members appointed at both the wing and region level.

As a staff member of the ReadyOp DOKR team, Lt Col Bolin works directly with the Civil Air Patrol ReadyOp program manager as a logistics specialist tasked with coordinating equipment orders for all of Civil Air Patrol's 52 wings throughout the United States of America, Guam and Japan.

A member of Civil Air Patrol since 2015, Lt Col Bolin earned his master technician rating in the Financial Management specialty track on June 13, 2021. Additionally, he earned a technician rating in the Personnel specialty track on November 28, 2018, a technician rating in the Cadet Programs specialty track on February 18, 2020, and a technician rating in the command specialty track on September 24, 2022.

Lt Col Bolin is also a certified instructor for Civil Air Patrol's Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 Professional Development Program for Senior members, in addition to the Squadron Commander's and Group Command's training courses. Lt Col Bolin has been awarded two CAP achievement medals, one Wing Commander's Commendation medal, one Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, one Crisis Service Award and finally two Meritorious Service Awards during his time in the Civil Air Patrol.



Lt Col Bolin is a 21-year veteran of United States Air Force currently serving in the rank of Master Sergeant. He is a member of Weather Career Field, specializing in space weather forecasting for the 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, NE. He joined the Air Force on August 1, 2001, graduating basic training on September 14, 2001, just 3 days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. During his Air Force career, he has deployed 5 times to the countries of Kuwait, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar and Djibouti Africa. During his career, Master Sergeant Bolin has earned the NATO service medals, the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and finally two Meritorious Service Medals.

Lt Col Bolin holds an Associate's Degree in Weather Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and is currently working towards earning a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Columbia Southern University.

A former resident of Schertz, Tx, he is married and has one son, Tyler, 18.

CIVIL AIR PATROL ACTIVITIES

- Rocky Mountain Region Chief of Staff, Nov 2022 - present
- Rocky Mountain Region Cadet Activities Officer, Oct 2021 – present
- National Headquarters Ready Op Team, Sep 2021 – present
- Montana Wing Vice Commander, Sept. 2020 – present

CIVIL AIR PATROL BACKGROUND

- Montana Wing Director of Finance, May 2019 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Alerting Officer, Oct 2019 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Testing Officer, Aug 2019 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Administrative Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Communications Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Emergency Services Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Logistics Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Operations Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Personnel Officer, May 2022 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Commander, Jan 2021 – Oct 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Deputy Commander for Seniors, Jul 2019 – May 2022
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron Finance Officer, Mar 2019 – Mar 2022
- Col Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron Finance Officer, Jun 2018 – Oct 2018
- Col Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron Personnel Officer, Apr 2018 – Jan 2019
- Col Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron Testing Officer, Jan 2016 – Jan 2019
- Col Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron Finance Officer, Oct 2015 – Jun 2018
- Joined CAP in Sep. 2015

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Weather Observer for the Grand Forks International Airport – Mar 2014 – Mar 2015
- Weather Observer for the Grand Forks International Airport – Apr 2006 – May 2012
- United States Air Force Meteorologist – Aug 2001 – Present

EDUCATION

- Associate of Weather Technology, Community College of the Air Force, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Senior Member: 15 September 2015
- 2nd Lieutenant: 16 March 2016
- 1st Lieutenant: 25 March 2019
- Captain: 9 September 2020
- Lieutenant Colonel: 6 May 2022