

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

## CADET ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## How Rocky Mountain Region Wrapped 2022 Up...

By: C/Capt. Sheik Guarin

### IDAHO WING



*Top Photograph By: C/Major AC Nelson*  
The Boise & Nampa squadron participated in a joint Glider event at Ontario Municipal Airport. All cadets had the chance to take two O-Rides and were exposed to the different jobs in glider operations. A great hands on learning opportunity.

*Bottom Photograph By: 2nd Lt. Darren Mckenzie*  
The Nampa Composite Squadron hosted a Cohort event where over 60 cadets and seniors learned about Civil Air Patrol and its opportunities!



*Photograph By: C/ 2nd Lt. Sihu Hwang at the Color Guard Training Event*

Cadets from the Nampa, Boise, and Burley Squadrons participated in a color guard training. This training was held at the Gowen Field Air National Guard Base.

Cadets who participated were given the opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of color guard. This knowledge they plan to implement into their home squadrons and color guards. A great way to practice followership to leadership.

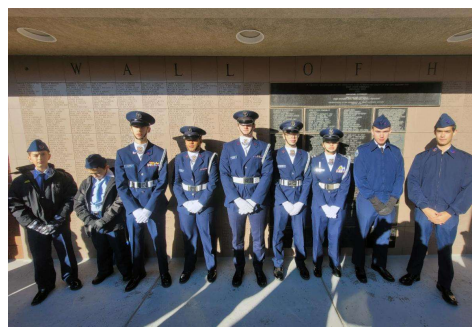
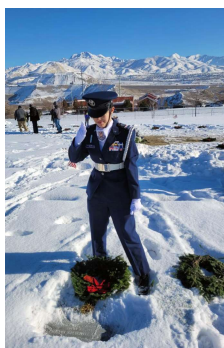


*Photograph By: 2nd Lt. Stephanie Payton*

For Wreaths Across America the Boise (RMR-ID-073) and Nampa Squadron (RMR-ID-015) volunteered to present colors and place wreaths at the Idaho State Veterans Ceremony.

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## UTAH WING



*Photographs By: Lt. Col. Scott Carlisi*

Wreaths Across America took place on December 17th, 2022. Cadet Captain Morgan Mejia was the MC for the event, coming from the Weber Minuteman Composite Squadron. The event was located at Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park. In total 20 cadets from three different squadrons and their accompanying Senior Members attended. A lot of people showed up to the event. There were a total of 3,290 Wreaths laid over 9,000 veterans' graves. It was a great success, thank you Lt. Col Carlisi and Captain Alison Carlisi from the Thunderbird Squadron for the support and outstanding photographs.

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## WYOMING WING

On 19 November 2022, at F.E. Warren Air Force base the Wyoming Wing held their annual conference. Cadets from the Casper ES Squadron and the Cheyenne Composite presented the colors, and then posted them, where they would remain for the day.

After a light breakfast, SMs were invited into multiple breakout sessions to get qualified on various items, and have training opportunities not available elsewhere. Meanwhile C/2nd Lt. Shephard instructed cadets from various squadrons in



*Photograph By: C/MSgt. Makenzie Morgan*



Color Guard, and was able to form a training staff composed of cadets from Wind River Composite, so that this squadron will now possess the capability of fielding a color guard team. The cadets had the opportunity to meet with RMR Commander, Jason Hess, who talked with the cadets about their dreams, and past CAP experiences. The conference concluded with an awards ceremony.

Overall, the cadets who attended, were given the chance of talking with officers, getting trained in important subjects and meeting cadets from around the state.

C/1st Lt. Mikah Shepard was recently selected to be the cadet commander Cheyenne Composite Squadron WY-066. The last cadet commander had left the program leaving the squadron without a cadet commander for a few months. Cadet Shepard stepped into a leadership position when the prior cadet commander left, helping the first sergeant run the squadron. The change of command ceremony took place making Cadet Shepard the official Cadet Commander. It was the first official change of command ceremony in over 2 years. Cadet Shepard has plans to recruit more cadets as well as get all of the current cadets in the squadron ICUT certified.

## COLORADO WING



*Photograph By: 1st Lt Turner*

Parker Squadron Cadets volunteering at the Parker and Franktown Cemeteries.



*Photograph By: 1st Lt Turner*

Cadets during Wreaths Across America



*Photograph By: Miss Liu*

1st Orientation flight for C/Airman Brown from the Parker Composite Squadron.

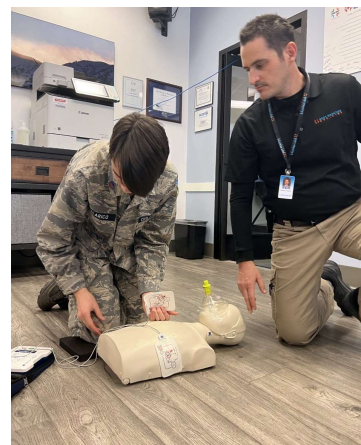
## MONTANA WING



Cadets during the event of Wreaths Across America are in the photographs above. Two squadrons were part of the event; thank you to cadets from the Missoula Composite Squadron and Flathead Composite Squadron that made this event a great success.

Meanwhile... The Gallatin Composite squadron held a First Aid And CPR Training. They also did a classroom-based Emergency Services training where they got to see A-10s! To top it all off, they had alumni from West Point give a presentation on life at the academy to cadets. Also, an Airforce recruiter came to talk about enlisted careers.

*Photographs were provided by: The Gallatin Composite Squadron*



## Senior Member Spotlight: Col. Jeffrey L. Johnson

By: C/1st Lt. Felisha Jimenez



*Photograph From: RMR.cap.gov*

Col Johnson was a professional educator for 30 years in Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. He became a member of the CAP in 2003 and served as a squadron, group, and wing chaplain in Colorado for 8 years before transferring to Wyoming to become the wing chaplain there. In February 2020, he became the RMR Commander. He holds a master rating in chaplaincy and a technician rating in communications and has participated in 18 cadet encampments. He has been



awarded the Silver Medal of Valor, CAP's highest award, Exceptional Service Award, two Meritorious Service Awards, 8 Commander's Commendations, Gill Robb Wilson Award, Grover Loening Award, Paul Garber Award, Benjamin Davis Award, Yeager Award, Disaster Relief Award with V device, Search and Rescue and Community Service ribbon. In 2015, he was recognized as the National Senior Chaplain of the Year. Thank you for your service and excellent example.

## **Colorado Wing Cadet Serving as Chair of National Cadet Advisory Council (CAC)**

By: C/Major Spencer Hola

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Cooper Eisman from the Valkyrie Cadet Squadron is the Chair of the Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet Advisory Council (NCAC.) As the NCAC Chair, he works to advise the National Commander and the National Cadet Team on matters important to CAP's Cadet Corps.

I asked Cadet Eisman about NCAC and what it is like to serve as the NCAC Chair.

### **1) What is your job? What is it like to be the NCAC Chair?**

C/Lt. Col Cooper Eisman's Response: The National Cadet Advisory Council represents the diverse interests, passions, and concerns of all 25,000 Civil Air Patrol Cadets. In fulfilling its duties, the NCAC advises the National Commander and National Cadet Team on matters important to our Cadet Corps. The council consists of eighteen senior cadets: two representatives from each region of CAP, a vice-chair, and a chair.

At any level of leadership in a committee, I have found that the strongest leaders have a distinct aptitude toward traits that are generally associated with servant leadership. I like to think of the position of the chair as being largely centered around the coordination of people, organization of tasks, and maintenance of esprit de corps. I work closely with the vice-chair -- C/Lt Col Rodrick Zapanta -- to support the representatives in their work; facilitating the best conditions for successful outcomes.

The NCAC team this year is full of intelligent, diligent, and dedicated members. I am beyond honored that I was given the opportunity to work alongside these outstanding individuals to introduce important changes to the Cadet Program. I am proud to represent our Cadet Corps.

### **2) How have Region CAC and Wing CAC prepared you for National CAC?**

C/Lt. Col Cooper Eisman's Response: I have been in the Cadet Advisory Council Program for roughly 5 years now. Back when I had just joined the Civil Air Patrol, I was doing some research online when I found out about the Cadet Advisory Council Program. At the next squadron meeting, I asked my Unit Commander and was appointed to the position of Assistant Representative to the Wing CAC the next day. Since then, I have served as the Primary Representative from Valkyrie Cadet Squadron to the Wing, Colorado Wing Recorder, RMR Assistant Representative from Colorado, RMR CAC Recorder, and Rocky Mountain Region CAC Vice-Chair.

At each level, I have found that my peers and mentors have pushed me to work harder, to develop discipline in my work, and to constantly focus on becoming better than I was yesterday. So, I would say that my experiences not only prepared me for the position but that my peers pushed me to work for and earn the position I am currently in.

## **Cadet Spotlight: Cadet Col. Jenna Jones**

By: C/1st Lt. Felisha Jimenez

*Photograph From: The Rocky Mountain Region Facebook*



A Colorado Wing's Air Academy Cadet Squadron Member since February 2016 used her leadership and work ethic to positively influence her fellow cadets as the unit's cadet commander.

Jones served as the Rocky Mountain Region representative on CAP's National CAC and was cadet commander of the 2021 Colorado Wing Encampment.

Leading the cadet competition team to 1st place in the Colorado Wing. She learned cybersecurity skills and captained the squadron's varsity team, leading it to victory in the state competition and qualifying for the national competition. C/Col Jones was an Air Force JROTC commander at Air Academy High School and a Kitty Hawk Air Society member, representing 20% of JROTC cadets academically. She maintained a 4.68 GPA with a rigorous academic schedule, including Advanced Placement courses in calculus, English, U.S. history and U.S. government and politics.

Jones attended the CAP National Cyber Defense Training Academy and National Blue Beret. She is now a student at Norwich University in Vermont, majoring in computer security and information assurance. Her plans include attending law school and potentially commissioning into the U.S. Air Force.