

# Oregon Wing Civil Air Patrol 2013 Historical Update



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## CHAPTER VI –SQUADRONS

There are twelve squadrons within the Oregon wing, one of which is a senior squadron located in the metro Portland area.

### AURORA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Located in Aurora, Oregon and commanded by Captain Michael Schrock, the Aurora squadron has a very active program. The squadron is a regular participant in activities at the Oregon Wing Operations Center, which is co-located with their meeting place at Aurora State Airport.

### COLUMBIA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Commanded by Major Margaret Martin, the Columbia squadron is located on the Portland Air Guard Base in Portland, Oregon. Columbia squadron plays a significant role each year in organizing “Wreaths Across America” for the wing. It also supports regularly internment honors for veterans at local veteran’s cemeteries.

### GRANTS PASS COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Captain Daniel Ash commands the Grants Pass Squadron. The squadron, although small, is very active in local community outreach programs.

### HIGH DESERT COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Located in Bend, Oregon, Captain Mike Wissing, originally a native of South Africa commands a composite squadron known for its vibrant cadet rocketry and Remote Control Model aircraft program.

### KLAMATH FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Teresa Longley commands the Klamath Falls squadron. The squadron is housed in facilities at the Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base in Klamath Falls. Squadron personnel worked throughout the year to increase community awareness both on base and in the civilian community of the missions of Civil Air Patrol and how it serves the community. K-Falls has worked over the past year to increase its presence in the local community

### MAHLON SWEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Commanded by Capt. Roxanne Cole, the Mahlon Sweet Composite Squadron enjoyed a busy year with regular involvement in squadron, local and wing activities including SAREX’s and

training. The squadron currently has 24 members—nine senior members and fifteen cadets. An emphasis has been placed on nurturing cadets for greater responsibility and developing ground teams. Though there are currently no cadet officers, the squadron does have four cadet Chief Master Sergeants who will be eligible for their Mitchell awards over the next few months.

The squadron has participated in four major community activities and has seen a majority of its membership involved. These activities include:

- 1) Toys for Tots
- 2) 2) Memorial Day services with color guards at three local cemeteries in Eugene and Springfield
- 3) Wreaths Across America, and



- 4) A chartered relationship with the Boy Scouts.

#### McMINNVILLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Scott Hall is commander of the McMinnville squadron. The squadron has a close relationship with the Evergreen Aviation Museum and performs a number of educational support missions there and in the local community.

#### MEDFORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Medford Composite squadron is commanded by Captain Herman Dennington. Medford squadron has grown significantly during 2013 with a strong focus on cadet activities. The squadron also assists in numerous activities on the Medford airfield in support of the field's Strategic Air Command KC-97 fuel tanker, which is used for parties and special activities.

## METRO SENIOR SQUADRON

A heavy focus on Emergency Services operations keeps Oregon's only senior squadron, located on Portland Air Base engaged in training and proficiency operations. The squadron is commanded by Major Billy Jackson.

## SALEM COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Commanded by Major Dennis Wyza in Salem, Oregon. Salem Squadron took home the Outstanding Squadron of the Year award at the wing banquet celebrations.

## NORTHWEST COASTAL COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Located on the Pacific Coast in Tillamook, Oregon is commanded by Major Michael Walsh. Each year, NW Coastal hosts a rocketry weekend and campout. This year was no different and was enhanced by special assistance from the Tillamook County Sheriff's office who instructed cadets and seniors on the fine art of rappelling from the Sheriff's department's rappelling tower.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Captain John Clarey commands Hillsboro, Oregon's Washington County squadron. In May, two former Washington County cadets, Tommy Milligan and Dylan Halums, graduated from U.S. Military Academy at West Point and U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, respectively. A great year for Washington County.