



# Overview of the Alaska Naval Militia



Presentation to the House Military and Veterans Affairs  
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## History and Authority

The Alaska Naval Militia (AKNM), was established in 1974 with one full time employee who was stationed in Juneau. The organization was inactive until re-established in 1985.

Per AS 26.05.010, the Naval Militia is comprised of USC Title 10 Navy and Marine Corps Reservists who serve in the AKNM as prescribed by AS 26.05.030.



### **Sec. 26.05.010. Alaska militia established.**

- (a) The militia of the state consists of all able-bodied citizens of the United States and all other able-bodied persons who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, who reside in the state, who are at least 17 years of age, and who are eligible for military service under the laws of the United States or this state.
- (b) The militia is divided into two classes:
  - (1) the organized militia, consisting of the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, and the Alaska State Defense Force; and
  - (2) the unorganized militia, consisting of all qualified persons available for service but not serving in the organized militia.
- (c) The Adjutant General may, by regulation, prescribe the maximum age for eligibility in the militia.

### **Sec. 26.05.030. Composition of organized militia.**

- (c) The Alaska Naval Militia consists of units authorized by the governor, organized, equipped, trained, and administered as prescribed by state and federal law and regulation, and manned by personnel who are
  - (1) members of the United States Naval Reserve or the United States Marine Corps Reserve and
  - (2) enlisted, appointed, commissioned, or warranted under the laws and regulations of the United States.



## Current Organization

### Strategic Direction

As a group of skilled individuals, fully integrate Naval Militia members into the DMVA according to their military occupational field through combined training and exercises.

When called, members augment DMVA on State Active Duty orders in their respective work centers and/or perform specific tasks as assigned.

### Primary Areas of Expertise:

- Military Planning
- Aviation
- Communications
- Construction
- Firefighting
- Intelligence
- Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Ship Operations

- Currently, the AKNM has 48 members.
- AK Statute and Charter updated in 2022
  - 5% rule for leadership continuity added



## Mutual Benefit

- Training available with Air Guard units at JBER and Eielson Air Force Base
- DMVA has access to fully trained and integrated personnel when needed
- Joint Staff Training (five members trained & integrated in 2018)
- Member Benefits:
  - Pension: Base Benefit of \$100 for each month of guard service (AS 26.05)
  - Education: First-term personnel may apply for tuition reimbursement of 12 university credits
- Members may be placed on Title 10 orders for Title 10 funded missions



State Active Duty the Alaska Naval Militia has participated in over the years:

- Yakutat Snow Storm
- Seward Landslide
- Typhoon Merbock
- COVID 19 Support
- Swan Lake Fire
- Alaska Homeport Study
- Montana Creek Flood
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Response
- Turnagain Pass Avalanche Body Recovery
- Search and Rescue Missions
- Y2K Watch
- Public Affairs Support
- Earthquake Exercises
- Annual Admin/Retirement Report
- Arctic Care Support
- Operation Santa Clause
- Alaska Shield Exercise 2014
- Millers Reach and Other Fires



# Overview of the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol



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## What is the Civil Air Patrol?

- Federally chartered
- Nonprofit, Humanitarian Organization
- Serves as the Civilian Auxiliary to the United States Air Force
- Serving America for over 80 years







# CAP Missions: Emergency Services

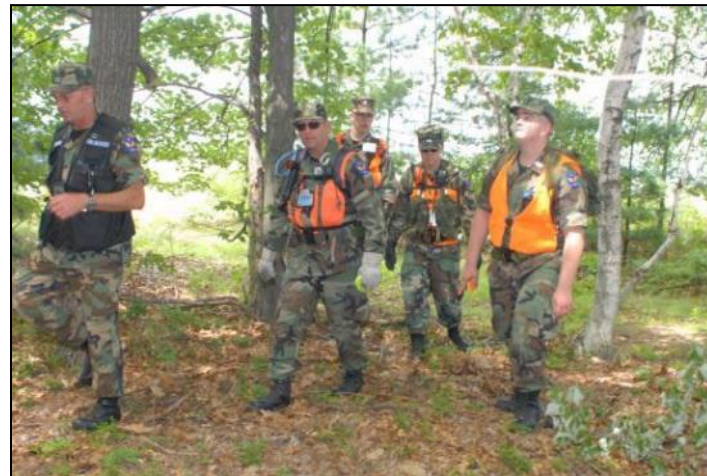


- Disaster Relief

- Point of Distribution (POD) Support
- Sandbag Brigade
- Damage Assessment

- Homeland Security

- Search & Rescue (Air & Ground)
- Counterdrug
- Humanitarian Services
- Air Force ROTC Flights





# CAP Missions: Cadet Programs



*Cadet Staff and Students – 2021 AKWG Summer Encampment*

- Leadership Skills
- Aerospace Education
- Physical Fitness
- Character Development
- Activities (including Flight Training & SAR)



# Unique Service Organization



## **Title 36, USC §40301 – Federally Chartered Corporation**

Volunteering for the public welfare. Provide aviation education and training. Encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities. No Federal Interest.

## **Title 10, USC §9442 – Volunteer Civilian Auxiliary of the Air Force**

Volunteer Civilian Auxiliary when the services of the Civil Air Patrol are used by any department or agency in any branch of the Federal Government.

**AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION 10-2701** - CAP may conduct these missions as an auxiliary of the Air Force to support non-federal agencies when a federal interest exists.

The Civil Air Patrol shall be deemed to be an instrumentality of the United States with respect to any act or omission of the Civil Air Patrol, including any member of the Civil Air Patrol, in carrying out a mission assigned by the Secretary of the Air Force.



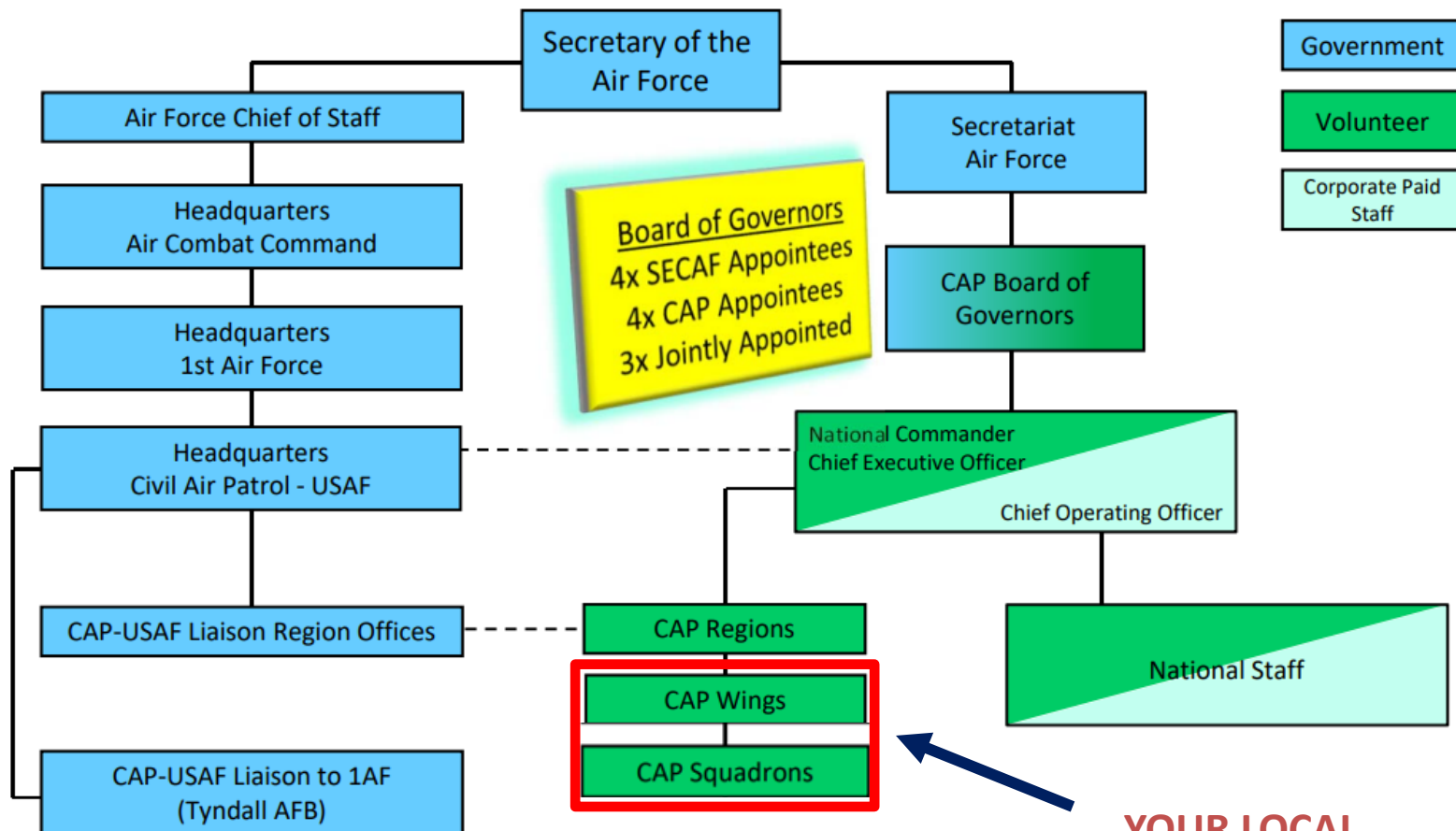
## CAP's Legal Status

- A group of citizen volunteers and paid corporate staff who are a Federally supported, Congressionally Chartered, Non-Profit, Public Benefit Corporation
- CAP serves as the Auxiliary Of The Air Force (when tasked)
  - Defined in Title 10 U.S.C. §§ 9441-9448
  - Must be performing an AF-Assigned Non-Combat Program or Mission
  - Members serve as an “instrumentality of the United States” and receive federal legal protection and benefits in this status
- There is no permanent “Air Force Auxiliary” – it is a temporary legal status enjoyed by CAP members when performing Federal missions
- The AF funds CAP through a Cooperative Agreement IAW 2 CFR 200



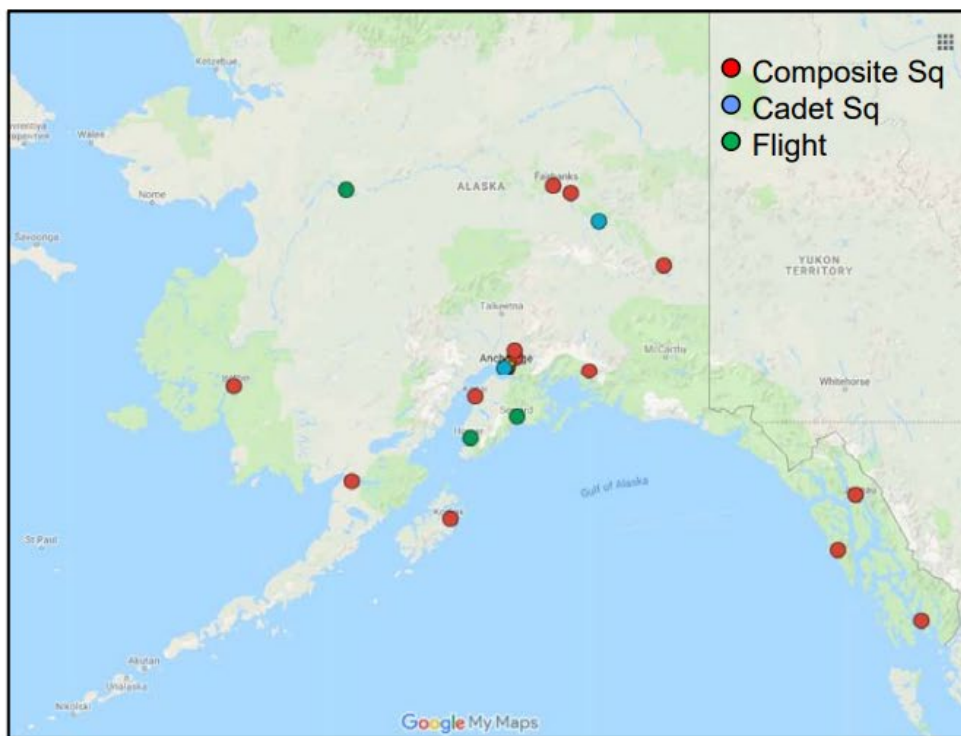


# CAP's Organization





# CAP's AK Organization



- Anchorage 6 Aircraft
- Fairbanks 5 Aircraft
- Kenai 1 Aircraft
- Kodiak 1 Aircraft
- Bethel 1 Aircraft
- King Salmon 1 Aircraft
- Tok 1 Aircraft
- Valdez 1 Aircraft
- Juneau 1 Aircraft



## CAP's AK Resources

Seniors: 488  
Cadets: 264  
Pilots: 53  
Aircraft: 21  
Vehicles: 18



**Gippsland GA-8 (4)**



**Cessna 206 (2)**



**Cessna 182 (4)**



**Cessna 172 (5)**



**Cessna 185 (3)**



**Gliders (3)**

Cruise speed 110-135 kts  
Range 520-730 NM





## CAP's Mission Roles

- Flies 90% of all inland Search and Rescue
- Actively supports civilian authorities
  - National level exercises
  - Relied upon by FEMA, USGS, State and local authorities
- Supports Green Flag East and West exercises
- International award winning cadet and aerospace programs
  - Received multiple grants for STEM initiatives



# The Alaska Wing (AKWG) Funding

- Flying is either AF-funded (\$30K) or Member-funded (\$20K) per year
- Vehicles/equipment are provided by CAP National HQ
- **Utilities and facility maintenance are paid for locally with assistance from the grant provided by the State of Alaska**
  - Vital to keeping the lights on (literally), especially in Interior Alaska
- FY23 Plan:
  - ~\$60K Roof for Leaking Kodiak Hangar
  - ~\$30K Broken Merrill Hangar Door
  - ~\$130K State-Wide Unit Facility Utilities (per Annum)
  - ~\$30K Ops/IG/Aerospace Education/Cadet Programs (STEM/Outreach)
- \$15K “Fenced” for State Missions as requested (e.g. Nov 2018)
- Unpaid Volunteer manpower hours annually (~2.6M in FY18)



# Search and Recovery (SAR) Mission Impact

- Actively involved in 40% of all Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) missions
- CY 2019 Alaska RCC SAR missions
  - 60 Missions
  - 84.7 Ground Hours
  - 44 Air Sorties
  - 94.9 Air Hours
  - 28 Finds
  - 1 Save



## AKWG's Disaster Response In The Air & On The Ground





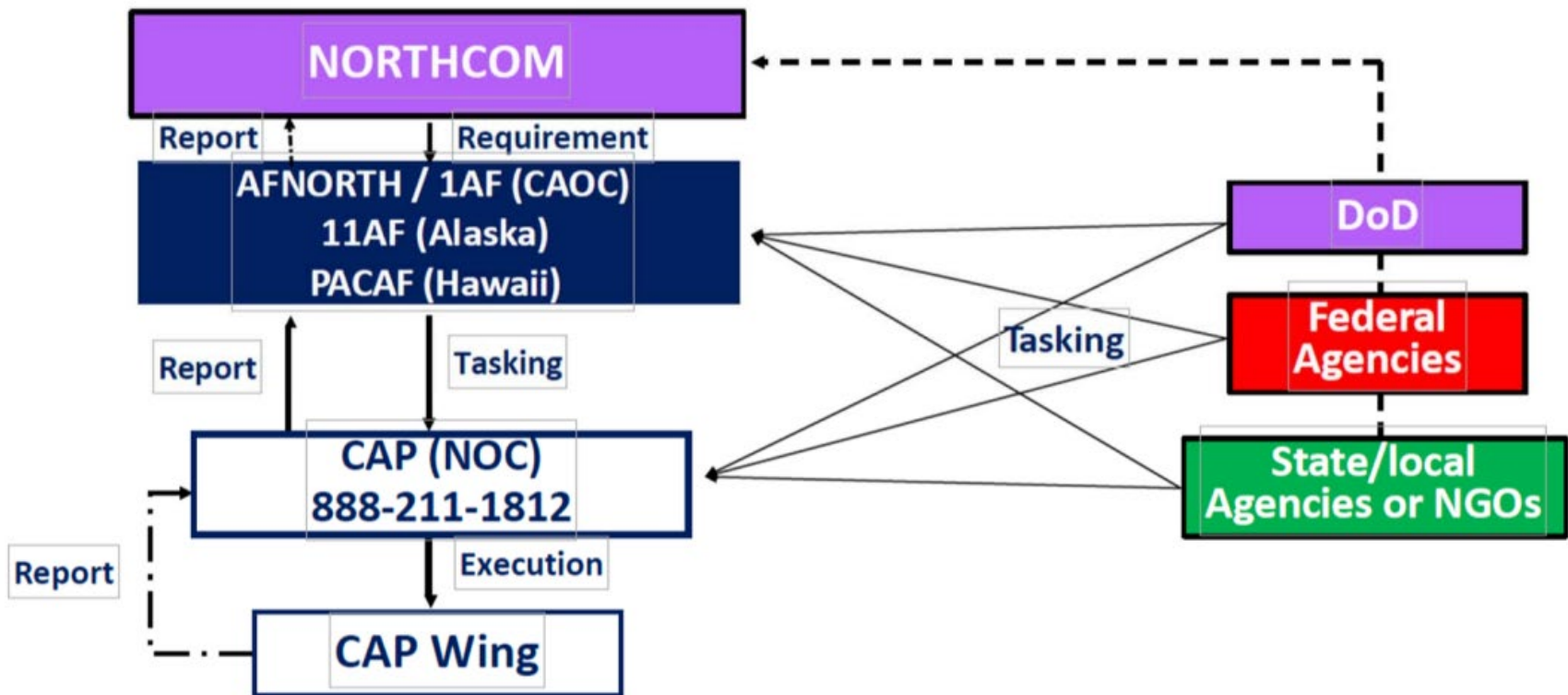
# Intelligence Collection

- CAP is not an intelligence organization
- Conducts civil support missions for Non-Intelligence purposes
- Legal review required
- Does not collect, disseminate, or retain information about US citizens





# Request for CAP Forces



AF AUX remains under AF OPCON (**AF AUX is not CHOP'ed to a joint commander**)



## How to Request AKWG CAP Support

- SAR / Life-Saving Missions contact **AK RCC (24/7/365)**
  - AK RCC: (907) 551-7230
- All Other Mission Requests: Includes immediate response missions to prevent human suffering or to mitigate great property damage.
  - CAP-NOC (24/7/365)-TOLL FREE: (888)-211-1812, Ext 300
  - CAP-USAF PLR/ROD - (907) 552-3571, Cell 907-343-9435





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