



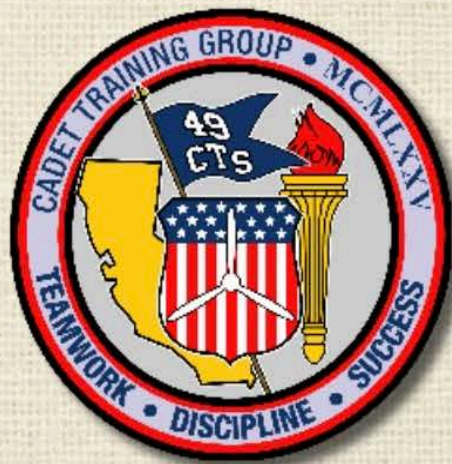
CALIFORNIA WING ENCAMPMENT

6 JULY - 13 JULY 2019

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA



WELCOME TO THE CADET TRAINING GROUP



The Cadet Training Group was founded in the summer of 1975 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. In the 44 years since, the CTG has welcomed and graduated more than 11,000 cadets into its ranks. As CTG graduates have excelled in their CAP careers, they have become even more successful in other aspects of their life. CTG Alumni have gone on to become successful leaders both in the civil sector as well as in the armed forces of the United States. Former Cadets are now serving overseas in a broad spectrum of theaters throughout the world. Graduating a California Wing Encampment sets cadets apart as a member of the distinguished ranks of the Cadet Training Group. Serving the Cadet Training Group as a staff member is as much of an opportunity as it is a privilege.

This weekbook is dedicated to the thousands of California Wing Encampment graduates who welcome you into their ranks. Membership in the Civil Air Patrol program and the CTG can have a profound impact on your life, and is something for which you should be proud.

CADET TRAINING GROUP COMMANDERS

1975 - 2019

1975 C/Lt Col Scott E. Bartel
1976 C/Col Andrew K. Weaver
1977 C/Col David M. Timm
1978 C/Lt Col Daniel J. Martinez
1979 C/Col Gary E. Liswood
1980 C/Lt Col Robert R. Nadeau
1981 C/Lt Col George K. Ishikata
1982 C/Col Mark W. Corson
1983 C/Lt Col Wayne C. Brown
1984 C/Col Wayne C. Brown
1985 C/Lt Col Kevin J. Sampson
1986 C/Col William E. Geesy
1987 C/Lt Col Deanna K. Paul
1988 C/Lt Col Richard J. Bingle
1989 C/Lt Col Daniel H. Niessen
1990 C/Lt Col Robert C. Bitting
1991 C/Lt Col Richard C. Parker
1992 C/Lt Col J. Michael Ibarra
1993 C/Lt Col Mario A. Calvo
1994 C/Lt Col Erin M. Green
1995 C/Lt Col Allen S. Khosrowbadi
1996 C/Lt Col Christa L. Pravecek

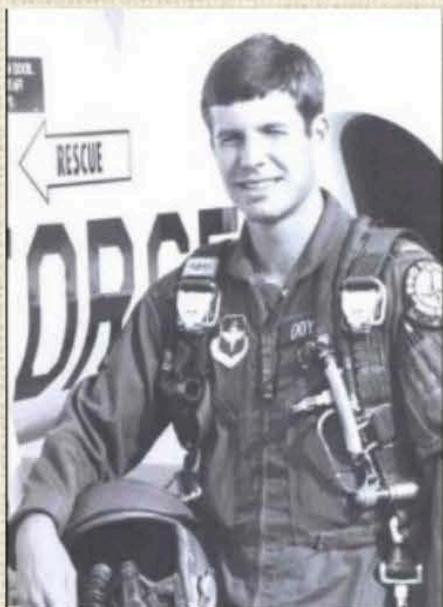
1997 C/Lt Col Amanda L. Kull
1998 C/Lt Col Robert W. Renshaw
1999 C/Lt Col Laura N. Parsons
2000 C/Lt Col Brian D. Donnelly
2001 C/Maj April Simmons
2002 C/Lt Col Joshua E. Assayag
2003 C/Lt Col Gavin H.P. Woodman
2004 C/Lt Col Brian T. Jensen
2005 C/Lt Col Anthony S. Wong
2006 C/Lt Col Jeffrey D. Buentgen
2007 C/Lt Col Cash A.M. Upton
2008 C/Maj Ann Marie Theisen
2009 C/Maj Joseph E. Connolly
2010 C/Lt Col Jonathan J. Khattar
2011 C/Maj Kevin M. Barber
2012 C/Maj Melanie E. Tunison
2013 C/Lt Col Rachel T. Khattar
2014 C/Maj Everett M. Montano Jr
2015 C/Lt Col Rhett L. Spongberg
2016 C/Lt Col Lydia R. Philp
2017 C/Maj J. Mitchell Brown
2018 C/Maj Peter I. Hockel

2019 Cadet Training Group Commander - C/Lt Col Tyler J. Beal

49TH CADET TRAINING SQUADRON COMMANDER

Cadet Captain

Tom Doyle



The 49th Cadet Training Squadron of the Cadet Training Group is unique in Cadet Training Group history. No cadets were ever assigned to the 49th CTS; the number was set aside to honor a former member of the Cadet Training Group. Cadet Captain Tom Doyle was a Northern California youth who was a leader in his school and community, a licensed pilot at age 17 and an outstanding member of the Civil Air Patrol. Cadet Doyle was selected to command the 18th CTS at Fort Ord in the summer of 1980.

However, a change in personnel requirements resulted in the activation of only one CTS instead of the three that were planned. Shortly after the Fort Ord Encampment, Cadet Doyle commanded Delta Flight, 17th CTS at McClellan AFB. At 17 he earned his FAA private pilot certificate and won an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he graduated in the top 5% of his class.

After completing training as a F-16 fighter pilot, he was stationed in Germany (NATO) at Hahn Air Base with the 10 TFS "Fighting Tenth" (USAFE). On one grim cloudy day in the spring of 1988, 1st Lieutenant Tom E. "Popeye" Doyle's F-16 experienced catastrophic engine failure while flying over the center of the city of Forst. Although he could have bailed out, Lt. Doyle elected to stay with his crippled fighter to guide it away from the shops, schools and congestion below. He succeeded, but was killed when his F-16 impacted the ground. His heroic actions helped save countless lives that day.

In 1989, the Cadet Training Group recognized Lt. Doyle by naming posthumously, as the commander of the 49th Cadet Training Squadron. The guidon of the 49th Cadet Training Squadron appears on the Cadet Training Group shield as a reminder of our CTG hero.



EXECUTIVE STAFF



Lt Col Douglas Crawford
Encampment Commander



Maj Christa Cabrera
Commandant of Cadets



Lt Col Brett Dolnick
Chief Training Officer



Maj Timothy Albert
Curriculum and Plans
Officer



Maj Glenn Wiggins
Chief of Staff



Maj Robert Harris
Chaplain



Maj Robert Ferguson
Chaplain



Lt Col Ken Parris
Safety Officer



Lt Col Jim Welliver
Asst. Safety Officer

EXECUTIVE CADRE



C/Lt Col Tyler Beal
Commander
The Cadet Training Group



C/Lt Col Colin Rodriguez
Deputy Commander
for Operations



C/Lt Col Kendal Grossgold
Deputy Commander
for Support



C/Capt Rebecca Cherry
Group Superintendent



C/Col David Burke
Curriculum and
Planning Officer



C/Capt Alexandra Santalov
Safety Officer



SENIOR MEMBER SUPPORT STAFF

Administration & Finance



Capt Paula Urbom-Shope
Administration & Finance
OIC



Capt Jonathan Grossgold
Administration Assistant



Lt Col Tammy Sturgill
Finance Officer

Health Services



Maj Stephanie Meurer
Health Services OIC



Lt Col Michael Lynch
Health Services Officer



1st Lt Joseph Ore
Health Services Officer

Logistics & Transportation



Lt Col Philip Hall
Logistics OIC



1st Lt Robert Bow
Transportation OIC

SENIOR MEMBER SUPPORT STAFF

Mess



Capt Jennifer Bevers
Food Services OIC



Capt Douglas Miller
Food Services Officer



2d Lt Emily Keidel
Food Services Officer



2d Lt Alex Davenport
Food Services Officer

Public Affairs



1st Lt Jillian Restivo
Public Affairs OIC



Capt Brent Restivo
Public Affairs Officer



2d Lt Rafael Delgado
Public Affairs Officer



Lincoln Restivo
Assistant Adjutant

CADET SUPPORT SQUADRON



C/Capt John Dunham
Cadet Support Squadron Chief
of Staff



C/Maj Zoe Hines
Director of Administration



C/2d Lt Varsha Penumatsa
Director of Logistics



C/2d Lt Clifford Owen
Director of Mess



C/2d Lt Michaela Kovalsky
Director of Public Affairs



Administration



C/2d Lt Violet Moissant



C/SMSgt Mikayla Garcia

Curriculum & Planning



C/1st Lt Leon Zhao



C/2d Lt Ashley Lee

Logistics



C/Capt James Nguyen



C/2d Lt Grace Petrov



C/2d Lt Rafael Delgado



C/CMSgt Demetri Zoutis



C/SMSgt Logan Williams



C/MSgt Justin Grissum

Mess



C/Capt Jonathan Luci



C/1st Lt Christian Zoutis



C/1st Lt Tyler Barbisan



C/1st Lt DeSomma



C/1st Lt Abigail Lee



C/2d Lt Sofia Guzman



C/CMSgt Rachael Lee



C/CMSgt Joshua Schroeder



C/SMSgt Evan Agbayani



C/SMSgt James Horton



C/SMSgt Maxwell Gross



C/SMSgt Erick Gonzalez



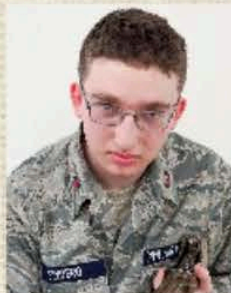
C/MSgt Jakob Ramirez



C/SMSgt Brett Kihlthau



C/MSgt Samuel Raeder



C/TSgt Thunder Finberg



C/SSgt Pei-Xin Halverson



C/SSgt Cole Murray



C/SrA Nicole Rivas



C/SrA Steven Rivas

Public Affairs



C/1st Lt Joren Nelson



C/CMSgt Daniel Chase



C/CMSgt Maximus
Davenport



C/MSgt Jacob Grissum



C/TSgt Brianna Lee



C/SSgt Amelia Rychlik

144TH CADET TRAINING SQUADRON



C/Capt Eric Beal
Cadet Training Squadron
Commander



C/CMSgt Nicole Steinmetz
First Sergeant



Maj Lisa Cherry
Senior Training Officer



Highlanders
"Còmhrag Gu Bràth." Fight Forever



ALPHA FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Neil Rock
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Logan Williams
Flight Sergeant

Aquilifers
"E pluribus unim"
Out of many. One.



2d Lt Mark Day
Training Officer



2d Lt Gregory Angus
Assistant Training Officer





Sunghyeok Choi



Jaden Collier



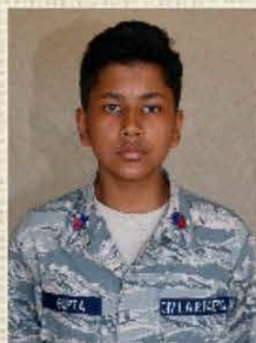
Micah Cook



Lucas Davies



Justin Garcia



Varin Gupta



Edward Lewis



Tucker Limon



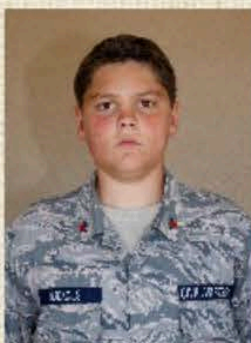
Matthew Macarah



Kye McKeown



Ricardo Moctezuma



Axel Nuckols



Justin Phan



Justin Phan



Jose Romo



Ethan Taft



Mitchell Waldron

BRAVO FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Daniel Burke
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Carter Wong
Flight Sergeant

Bad Boys

"Per unitatum vis."

With unity, strength



Capt Dennis Patzer
Training Officer



Maj Rene McCoy
Assistant Training Officer



Capt Lydia Philp
Assistant Training Officer



2d Lt Tyler Epley
Assistant Training Officer





Jacob Crowson



Daniel Cuthbertson, Jr.



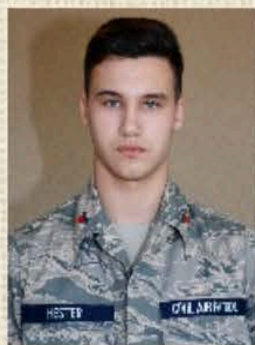
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Jonathan Gerzanics



Isiah Gonzalez



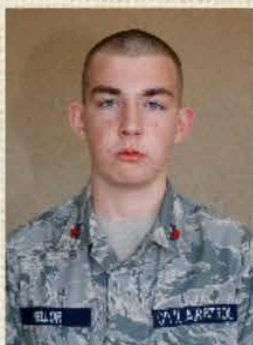
David Hester



Abir Hingorani



Jaxson Lockwood



Nathaniel Mellor



Caleb Nguyen



Christian Osborne



Daniel Park



Christian Payne



Braxton Ruch



William Solylo



James Suazo



Brian Tra



Luke Yan

CHARLIE FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Stephanie Storms
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Cooper Maltbie
Flight Sergeant

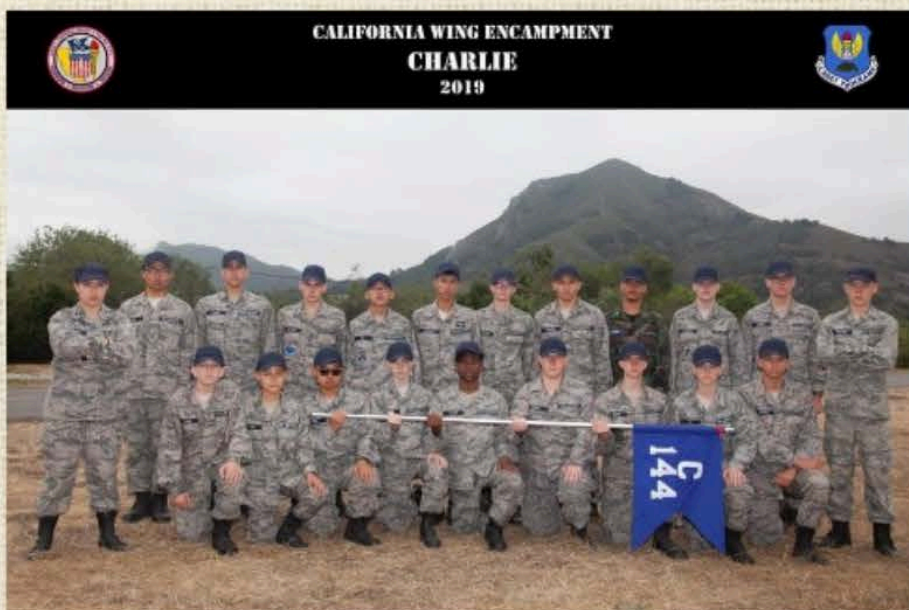


1st Lt Edward Nickless
Training Officer



Capt DeWayne McMullin
Assistant Training Officer

Comets
"Like Halley's
comet, our success
will always come
around."





Grant Aisturp



Brandon Bellows



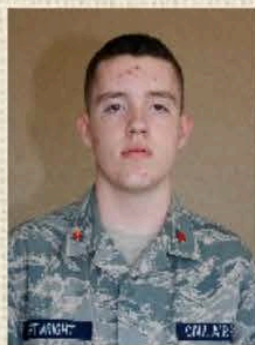
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Micah Billingsley



Caleb Burns



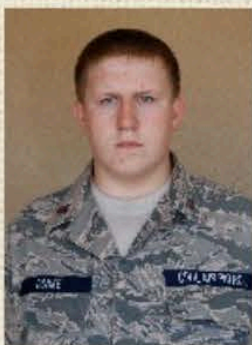
Liam Cartwright



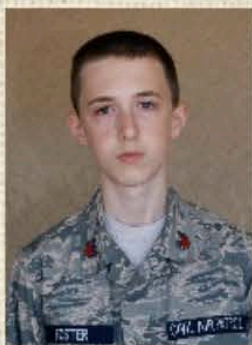
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Matthew Cox



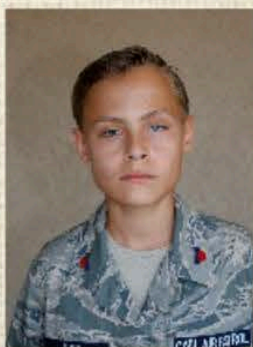
Nikolaus Domke



Jeremiah Foster



Paul Kang



James Kirk



Aidan Lowe



Matthew Mendoza



Dominic Richards



Jack Roper



Christopher Samaha



Evan Taw



Tyler Yu

DELTA FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Giovanni Fanucchi
Flight Commander



C/SMSgt Dylan Green
Flight Sergeant

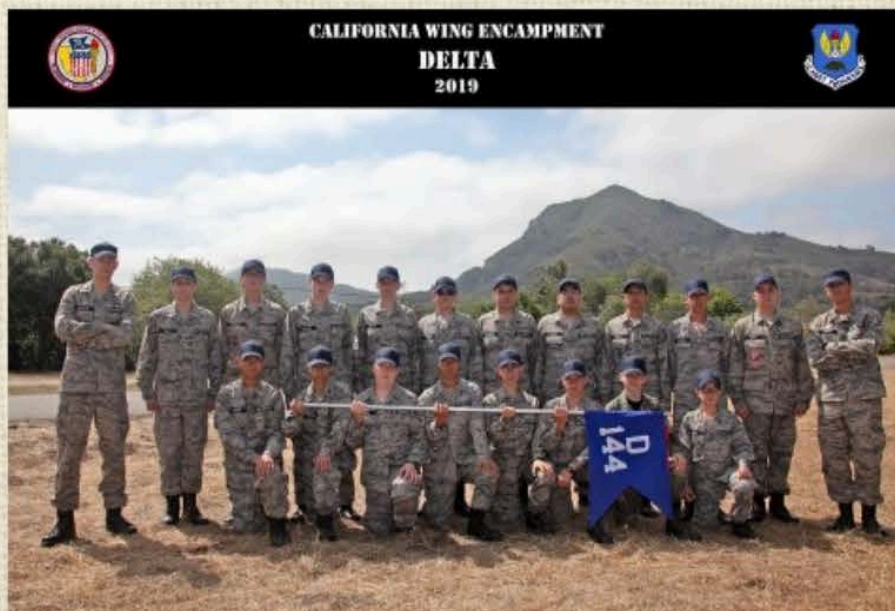
Diamondbacks
**"Always forward. Never
back."**



1st Lt Mitch Brown
Training Officer



2d Lt Boris Sarmiento
Assistant Training Officer





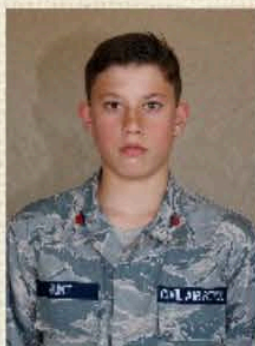
Kyle Cooper



Bruce Haywood



Joseph Horton



Garrett Hunt



Joshua Johnson



Kayden Maly



Riley Martinez



Yuta Miyahira



Joseph Pellerin



Ryaan Raissi



Daniel Ramirez



Samuel Rosenblum



Matthew Tran



Jarrett Vawter



Isai Villanueva



Aidan Williams



Ryan Witt



Matthew Yezpe

145TH CADET TRAINING SQUADRON



C/1st Lt Alexander Lieske
Cadet Training Squadron
Commander



C/MSgt Apolinar Acevedo
First Sergeant



Capt Steve Angus
Senior Training Officer



Hoplites



ECHO FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Aidan Peck
Flight Commander



C/TSgt Nicholas Norris
Flight Sergeant



Capt Rick Green
Training Officer



SM Betty Nguyen
Assistant Training Officer

Eclipse

" We block the sun."





Silas Aquino



Erik Choi



William Collins



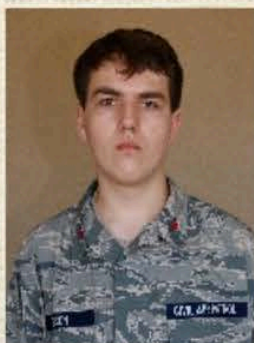
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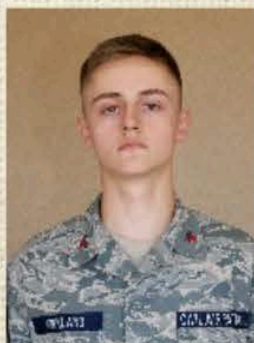
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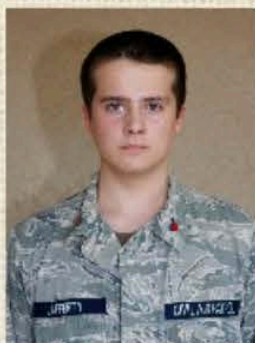
Johnny Ferguson



Alexander Gibson



Samuel Kirkland



Joseph Lafferty



Immanuel Lee



Dylan McDuff



Alexander Moshir



Armando Na



Jace Philip



Jacob Ross



Angel Santoyo



Peyton Saunders



Jack Sidenfaden

FOXTROT FLIGHT

Fates

"Finish the Flight."



C/2d Lt Alex Lee
Flight Commander



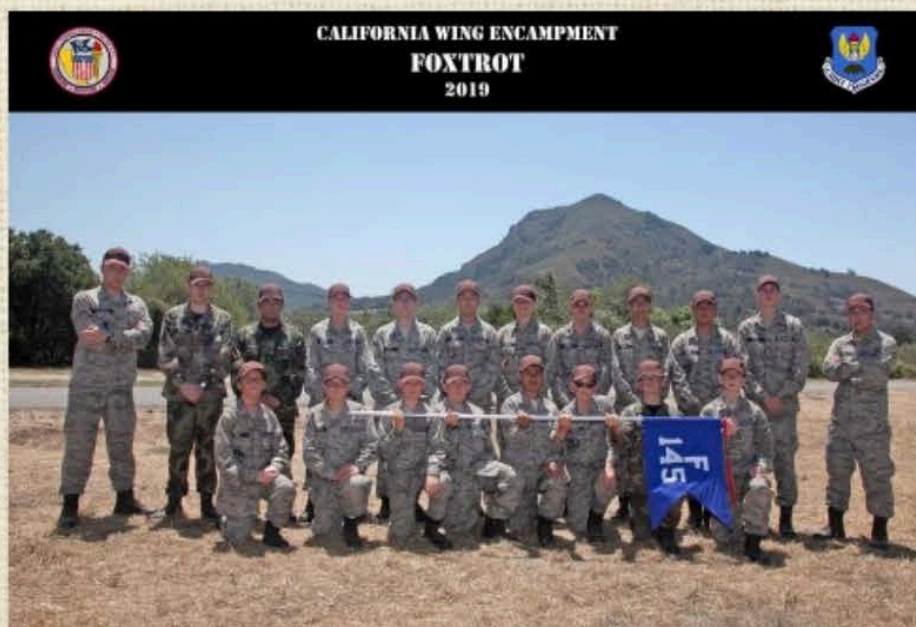
C/CMSgt Christian Colabella
Flight Sergeant



Lt Col Harold Buchanan
Training Officer



C/Maj P. Ignatius Hockel
Assistant Training Officer





David Baek



Caleb Barb



Amaya Schofield Caden



Damin Choi



Aidan Conway



Lance Dargusch



Arundell Dickson



Ethan Haley



Jovanny Hernandez



Zakrey Joseph



Matthew Kamm



David Lee



Matthew Levine



Marshall Manning



Marlon Medina



Caleb Mellor



Jonathan Reed



Christian Souza

GOLF FLIGHT



C/1st Lt Madison McConnell
Flight Commander



C/TSgt Cameron Maltbie
Flight Sergeant

Griffins

**"Better! Faster! Stronger!
Together!"**

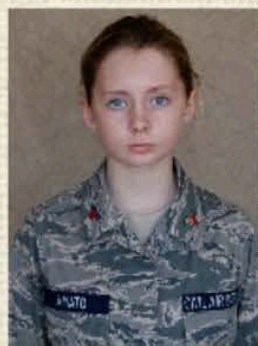


1st Lt Melanie Lacey
Training Officer



SM Fritz Rollins
Assistant Training Officer





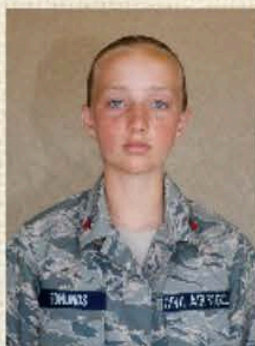
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Lauren Beach



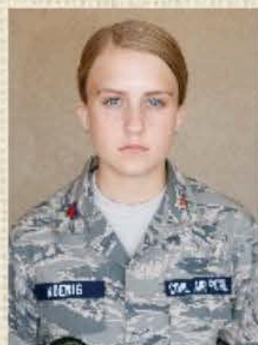
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Ella Edmunds



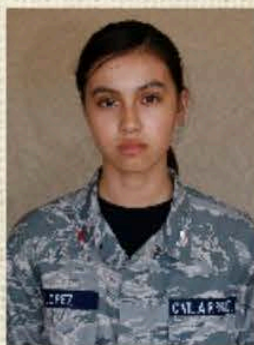
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Audrey Koenig



Madison Lee



Amirrah Lopez



Amelia Mitchell



Mercedes Moreno



Abigail Nickel



Sasha Patibandla



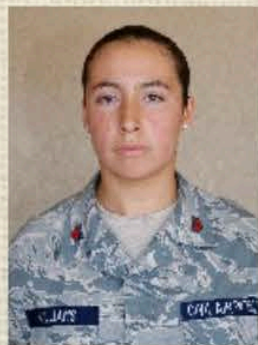
Hailey Payne



Nina Rock



Kaylin Vallee



Emily Williams



Kaila Wright



Priscilla Zuniga

HOTEL FLIGHT



C/2nd Lt Ainsely Cahill
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Nicolas Tumaneng
Flight Sergeant



Lt Col Robert Bitting
Training Officer



1st Lt Sarah Wiggins
Assistant Training Officer

Hydras
**"Hotel Hydras, we work
as a team, Hotel Hydras
we share the same
dream."**





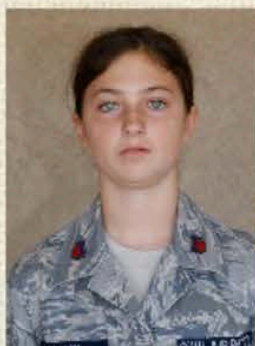
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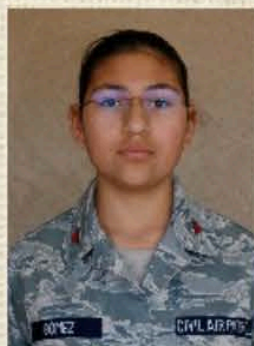
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Anastasia Cardona



May Conlin



Isabella Gomez



Brooklyn Guan



Amaya Hill



Mae Hong



Jean Ikenaga



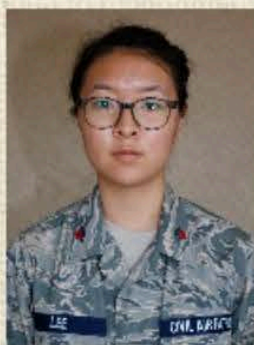
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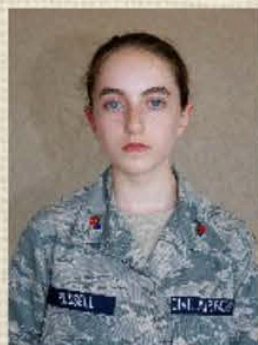
Allison Lee



Zamara Lopez



Kiara Olivares



Orianna Russell



Fernanda Sambrano

146TH CADET TRAINING SQUADRON



C/Capt Cordaellia Farrell
Cadet Training Squadron
Commander



C/CMSgt Robert Smith
First Sergeant

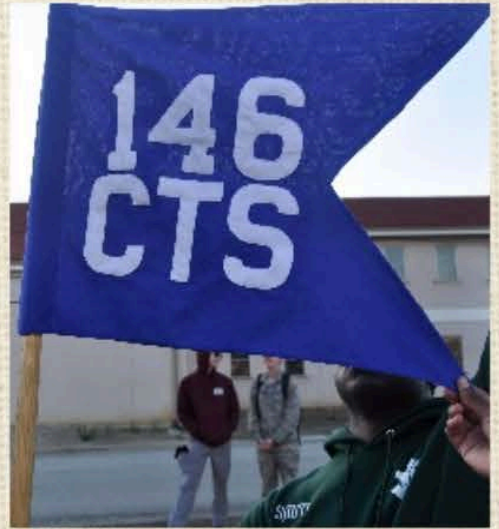


Lt Col Douglas Giles
Senior Training Officer



Vikings

"Through the fight we stand together"



INDIA FLIGHT

Raptors

"India finds the way."



C/2d Lt Luke Both
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Kegan Moore
Flight Sergeant



2nd Lt Erica Hill-Raeder
Training Officer

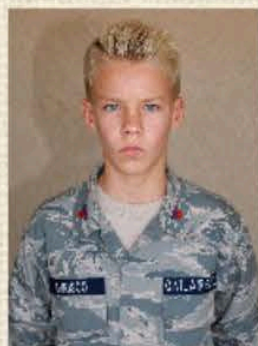


1st Lt Cody Visser-Johnston
Assistant Training Officer



2d Lt Lillian Cook
Assistant Training Officer





Isaiah Chrisco



Alex Cleveland



Judah Corkwell



Ryan Farell



Terrance Fung



Zackary Goldberg



Andrew Hill



Mark Houchin



Hunter Johansen



Spencer Lyon



Tiernan Mondt



Abraham Moushilou



Christian Navarrette



Braeden Nelson



Michael Scappaticci



Devan Sloup



Connor Stucky



Andy Tran



Andy Tran

JULIET FLIGHT



C/2d Josiah Bailey
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Jesse James
Flight Sergeant

Jaegers

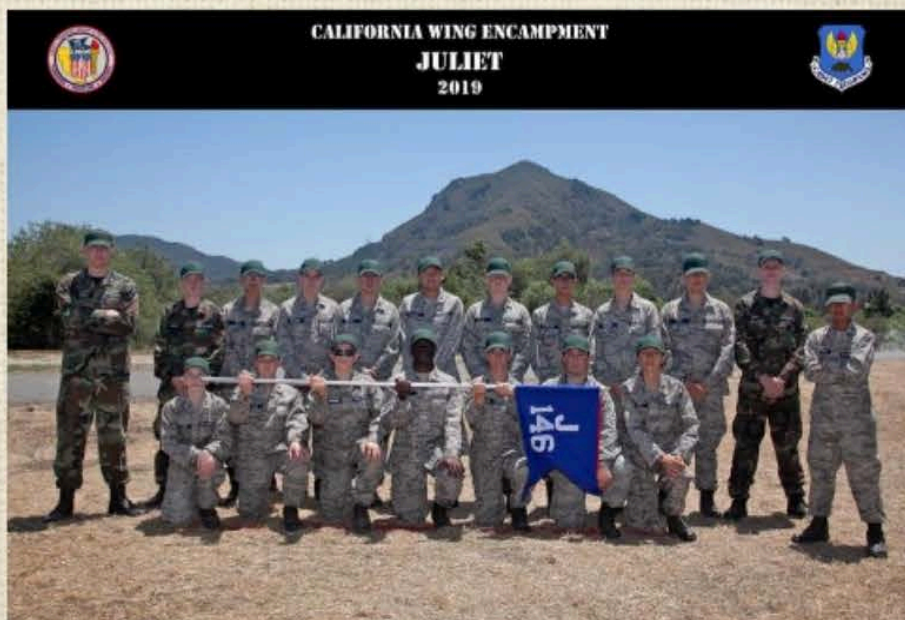
"Our hunt never stops."



Capt Nicholas Benson
Training Officer



FO Andrew Ceronky
Assistant Training Officer





Malachi Bishop



Logan Byun



Ryder Cross



Seth Frederiksen



Joshua Gillebaard



Portlen Hall



Luis Morales



Patrick Mulligan



Isaac Nunes



James Patzer



Carlos Ramos



Jake Rychlik



Yakov Shalunov



Raleigh Smith



Rockwell Stein



Brenton Wheeler



David Yatsina

KILO FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Chase Comier
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Llayana Crespo
Flight Sergeant



Lt Col Dennis Ammann
Training Officer

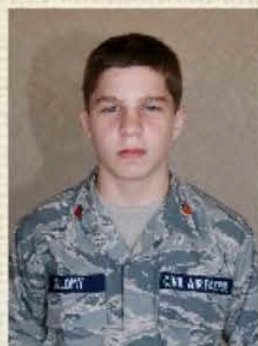


1st Lt Isaac Wilson
Assistant Training Officer

Kings

"Every man a king."





Samuel Bellomy



Andrew Blanc



Sebastian Calderon



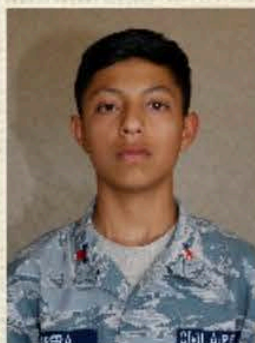
Jeremy Go



Cesar Gonzalez



Jonah Gray



Louie Herrera



Andrew Hong



Joseph Jung



Jayson Kim



Dominic Krier



Legend Legato



Jack Maguin



Steven Mendoza



Kamran Siddiq



David Stout



Bijan Zarrinkhameh

LIMA FLIGHT



C/Capt Joshua Luci
Flight Commander



C/MSgt Travis Pace
Flight Sergeant



Capt Mary Pickering
Training Officer



Maj Timothy Ewing
Assistant Training Officer

Lightings
**"Bravery is half the
victory."**





Jacob Allen



Julius Chung



Simeon Denning



Benjamin Gofman



Thomas Gomez



Thomas Judd



Quentin Lipscomb



Wyatt Lohman



Brooks Montoya



James Moten



Dustin Phan



Justin Prather



Stephen Smith



Jahsere Stoute



Marcus Turner



Josiah Vigil



Keith Warner

147TH CADET TRAINING SQUADRON



C/1st Lt Copper Rudnick
Cadet Training Squadron
Commander



C/CMSgt Thomas Durling
First Sergeant



Lt Col Stephen Oppenheim
Senior Training Officer



Maori
"Tika Tonu, Ue!"





C/2d Lt Carley Chapman
Flight Commander



C/SSgt Shaye Khanna
Flight Sergeant

MIKE FLIGHT

MAMBAS

"Njalo Ubuke Phambili"



Capt Alexandra Wiggins
Training Officer

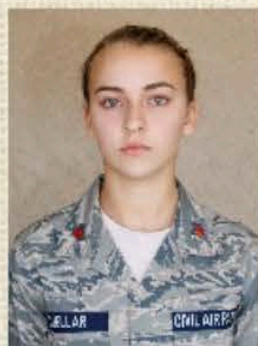


2d Lt Jacob Marshall
Assistant Training Officer



2d Lt Rashid Tauqir
Assistant Training Officer





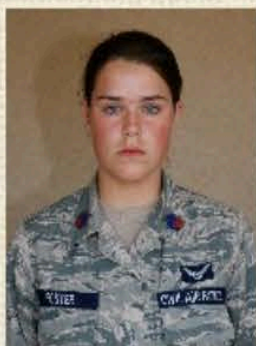
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Elise Delgado



Gabriella Favia



Emily Foster



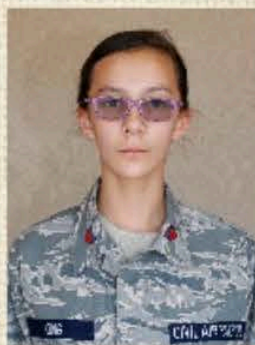
Ericka Hall



Amanda Hartsell



Sohee Kim



Tigerlily King



Selina Lee



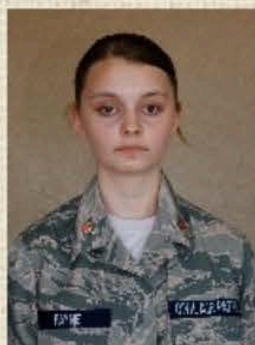
Isabella Niven



Daniela Ortiz



Muriel Alyssa Panganiban



Faith Payne



Crystal Rodriguez



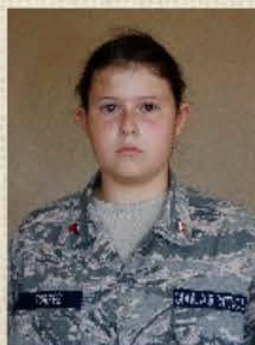
Siena Rollins



Kayla Soleymani



Maia Stahl



Andrea Torres



Ainsley Wong



Ashley Yang

NOVEMBER FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Coby Fan
Flight Commander



C/CMSgt Peter McLaughlin
Flight Sergeant

Nemos

"Nemo me caecum."

Nobody has blinded me



Capt Anita Berro
Training Officer



Capt Jagger Osseck
Assistant Training Officer



1st Lt Nancy McCoy
Assistant Training Officer





Jacob Averitt



Ryan Bae



Josiah Basnight



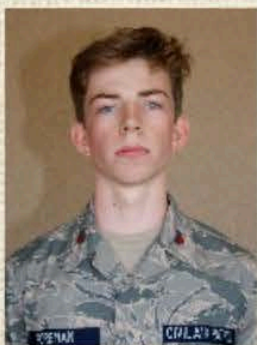
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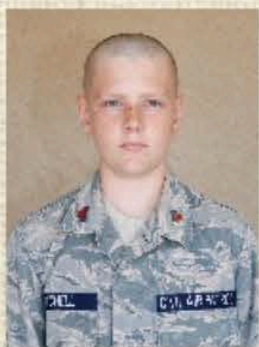
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Benjamin Lee



Liam McKinnon



Nicholas Mitchell



Eric Mueller



Arman Omidvar



Jayden Pietroforte



Shawn Ricker

OSCAR FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Spencer Wong
Flight Sergeant



C/TSgt Aidan Dennis
Flight Sergeant

Omegas

**"The first shall be the
last and the last shall
be the first."**



Lt Col Mark Davalos
Training Officer

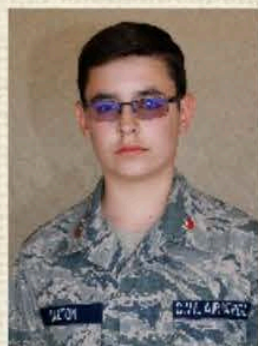


Capt Dylan Hert
Assistant Training Officer



Capt Sean Quigley
Assistant Training Officer





Kieran Caeton



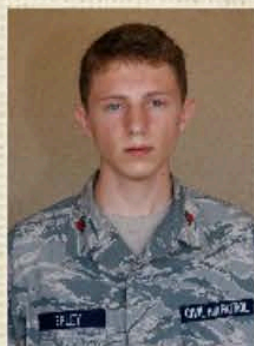
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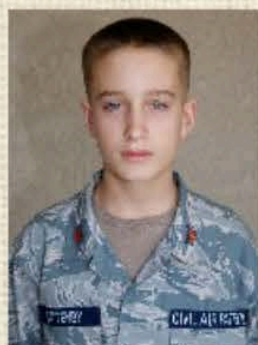
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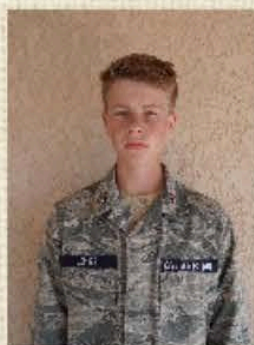
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Nathan Mancebo



Connor McMullin



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Emmanuel Nascimento



Jack Peterson



Mason Pistone



Andrew Trang

THE 5TH ADVANCED TRAINING SQUADRON



Immortals
"We live
forever."



C/Capt Andrew Hockel
Advanced Training Squadron
Commander



C/1st Lt Nikolas Koehn
ATS Deputy Commander for
Operations



C/2d Lt Matthew Hockel
ATS Deputy Commander for
Support



Maj Donald Hammond
ATS Training Officer



Capt Seth Martin
Training Officer



Capt Jennifer Davenport
Training Officer



Lt Col Clifford Chabot
Emergency Services
Instructor



Lt Col Gregory Chase
Emergency Services
Instructor



Lt Col Ross Veta
Emergency Services
Instructor





C/1st Lt Holtman Dunham
Flight Commander

YANKEE FLIGHT

Yellow Jackets

**"Sharpen the sting,
strengthen the
swarm."**





Cameran Barnett



Jayden Cardona



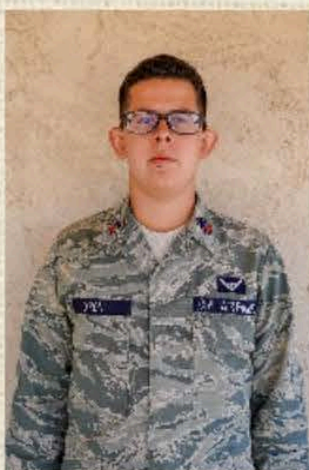
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Daniel Fealy



Zack Giron



Ryan Kim



Gabriel Leon



Christopher Mills



Tatum Mitchell



Hannah Nilsen

ZULU FLIGHT



C/2d Lt Mark Hockel
Flight Commander

Princes

**"Ex principibus ad
regibus."**

From Princes to Kings





Nathaniel Foy



Arsh Muhib



Suraj Prakash



Christopher Ramirez



Christian Roche



Riley Schubert



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Nathan Sindlinger



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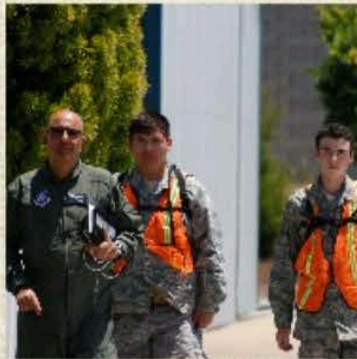
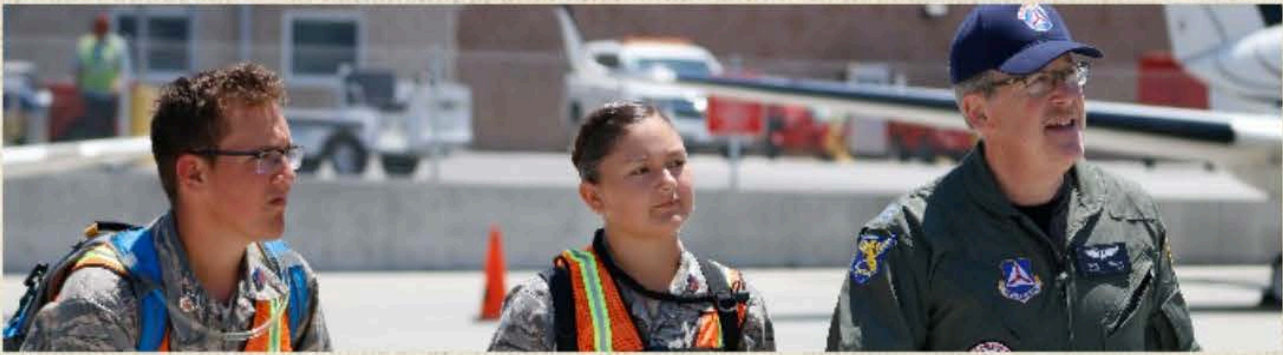


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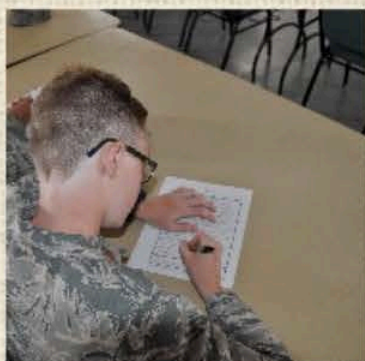


Nathan Young





IN PROCESSING



PHYSICAL TRAINING



DRILL & CEREMONIES



INSPECTIONS



AGILITY COURSE



GROUP RUN



GRADUATION



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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



Col Jon L. Stokes
Pacific Region Commander



Col Alan W. Ferguson
CA Wing Commander



Lt. Col. Gregory P. Chase
CA Wing Vice Commander



Lt. Col. Ross E. Veta
CA Wing Vice Commander
(Incoming CA Wing Commander)



Lt Col George K. Ishikata
CA Director of Cadet Programs



ENCAMPMENT AWARDS



Group Volleyball Competition Champions

Echo Flight

Group Drill Competition Champions

November Flight

Group Academic Excellence

Mike Flight

Group Barracks Excellence

Juliet Flight

Group Safety Excellence

Lima Flight

Cadet Training Group Honor Flight

Charlie Flight

Wing Commander's Award for Academic Excellence

C/SSgt Tigerlily King

Mike Flight

Lt Col Terry Edinboro Commandant's Award for Leadership

C/2d Lt Chase Cormier

Kilo Flight

Encampment Commander's Award for
Outstanding Achievement and
the 2019 Cadet Training Group Honor Cadet

C/SrA Bijan Zarrinkhameh

Kilo Flight

Cadet Training Group Commander's Award for
Support Staff Excellence

C/Maj John Dunham

Cadet Support Squadron Chief of Staff

Kenneth W. Sturgill Award for Training Staff Excellence

C/Lt Col Colin Rodriguez

Cadet Training Group Deputy

Commander for Operations

Chaplain Loren Brown Award for
Outstanding Leadership

Lt Col Mark Davalos

147th Cadet Training Squadron

Lt Col Jim Jenkins Award for Senior Staff Excellence

Maj Paula Urbomb-Shope

Director of Administration

ATS Honor Cadet

C/SMSgt Hannah Nilsen

Yankee Honor Cadet

C/SSgt Cooper Collier

Zulu Honor Cadet

C/TSgt Nathan Sindlinger

IN MEMORIAM:

CAPT KENNETH W. "K3" STURGILL



On July 7, 2016, The California Wing lost one of its most dynamic young members, Capt. Kenneth W. Sturgill (A1C, USAF) passed away on the final day of the Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Instructor Selection Course at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in Texas. Kenneth, known affectionately as "K3", had recently received top honors as an honor graduate and tied for top graduate of a class of 715 trainees from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base before beginning SERE training

Kenneth joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 2007 at the age of 12. During his time as a cadet, Kenneth attended numerous wing and national activities, which included eight encampments. Eventually reaching the grade of C/Lt. Col., Kenneth was the 2013 Cadet of the Year for the California Air Force Association, and was a qualified Mission Observer, Ground Team Leader, and was recognized with the Lifesaving Award that he received along with his father for a ground team mission they participated in together. Before reaching the required age of 21 years, K3 became a Senior Member so that he could serve as a training officer at the wing encampment and assist as an escort for the International Air Cadet Exchange program.

K3's dream was to join the Air Force and serve his country. With an eye towards becoming a PJ (Pararescueman), K3 began training and becoming physically prepared for the rigorous testing. After being accepted into the training program, K3 was injured and was forced to postpone his enlistment. Never to be discouraged, K3 embraced his rehabilitation and was soon returning to Lackland Air Force Base for Basic Military Training, this time with a slot in the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Instructor Selection Course. Following his graduation from BMT, K3 attended SERE training, where he selflessly gave of his time to help and encourage his fellow airmen trainees and CAP members back home. On his last day of SERE training, K3 was found in the field unresponsive and could not be resuscitated.

To know Kenneth was to love him and everything he embodied. His life goals were based on the USAF Pararescue motto – "These Things We Do, That Others May Live." He exemplified the core value of "Service Before Self" in everything that he did and could be counted on to lend a hand whenever needed. Kenneth left this world doing what he loved most and living his dream, in the service of his nation. He was a leader beyond his years. Kenneth was our brother, our fellow airman, our commander, our teacher, our mentor, our son, and most of all, our friend. Although he may no longer be with us physically, the gifts that he gave us all will live forever in our wing and everyone he touched.