



Civil Air Patrol
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary



ALASKA WING

Wing Assists Coast Guard During Pandemic

The Alaska Wing provided aerial support and transport platforms to the U.S. Coast Guard during the COVID-19 pandemic, enhancing the Coast Guard's ability to survey damage sites and assess vessels in distress with high-resolution images and visual assessments of simulated damage and other threats.

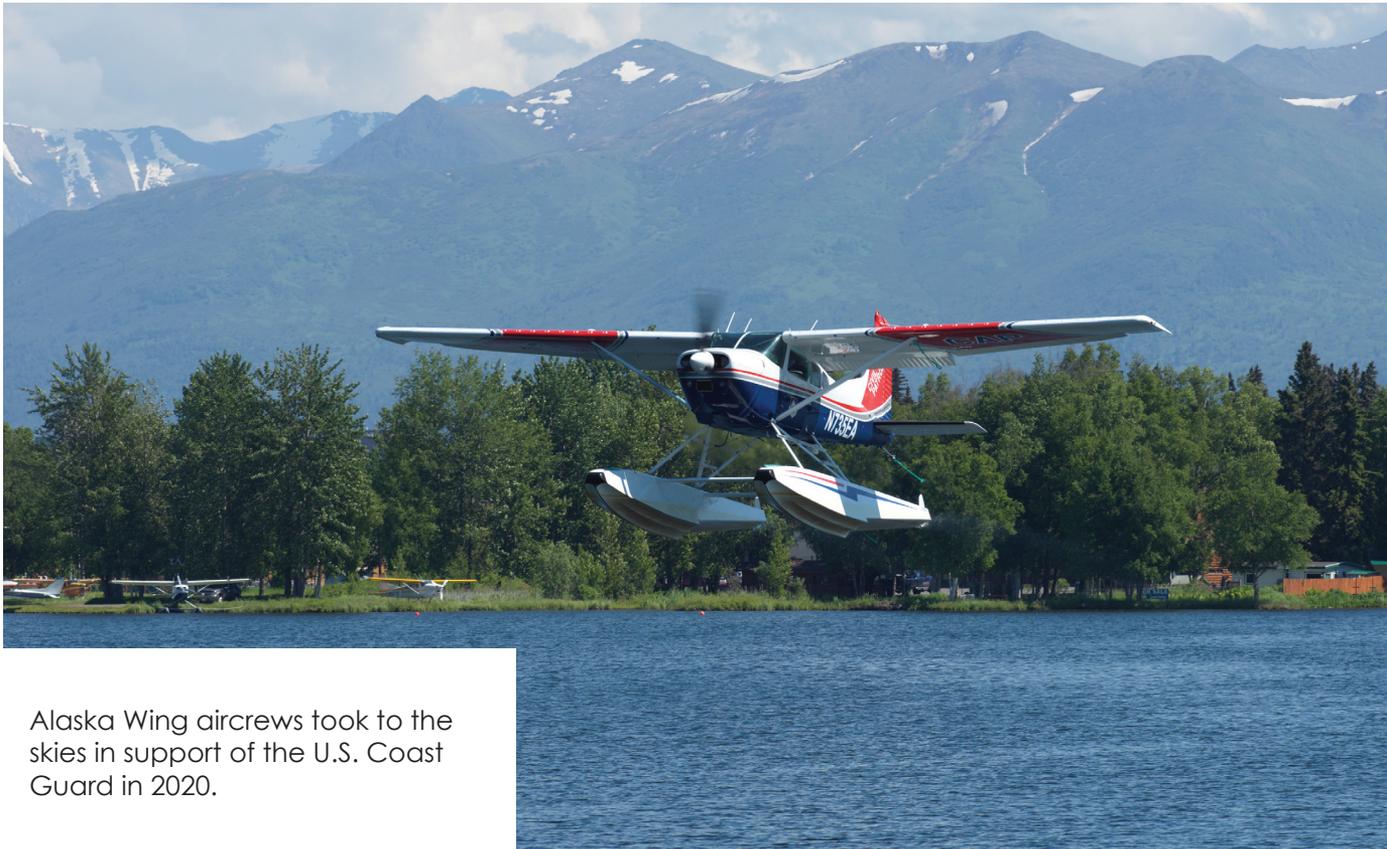
The wing's 165 sorties totaled 295.4 flight hours and more than 2,000 volunteer hours. With 37 volunteers representing nine squadrons, including two cadets, the wing provided ongoing mission support to the communities of Valdez, King Salmon, Dillingham, Bethel, Aniak, Galena, Nome, Kotzebue and Fairbanks.

Wing aircrews provided airlift for the Sector Anchorage Marine Safety Task Force to these communities to conduct site surveys and inspections of bulk fuel-holding facilities as well as inter-theater light airlift for these teams.

Aircrews flew 16 sorties in one day, assisting with the force deployments of the Marine Safety & Security Team from San Francisco to Bristol Bay in support of commercial fishing enforcement. The wing also supported the rapid deployment of an investigation team for a commercial vessel casualty in western Alaska.

The wing worked with the Sector Anchorage task force to develop a testing protocol in line with state infectious disease practices during the pandemic that would ensure the safety of the aircrews, the inspection teams and the community while allowing essential inspections of critical infrastructure.

The result led to the successful inspections of 172 bulk fuel-holding facilities and 405 commercial fishing vessel examinations, all with zero COVID-19 spread associated with the increased presence.



Alaska Wing aircrews took to the skies in support of the U.S. Coast Guard in 2020.

Alaska Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

508 adult members
218 cadets
133 aircrew personnel
447 emergency responders

Squadrons

18 locations statewide

Aircraft

18 single engine
3 gliders

Vehicles

22 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

4 VHF/FM repeaters
87 VHF/FM stations
51 HF stations

Missions

38 search and rescue missions
4 lives saved*
24 finds*
* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
1 disaster relief mission
1 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
8 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
8 other Air Force support missions
19 training missions
3 other state support mission
1 other mission in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Glacier dammed lake assessments; Polar Eagle; Arctic Shield; radar interference testing

COVID-19 Mission Support

Augmenting EOCs; transporting personnel

Cadet Flying

315 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,709

Financial

\$2,540,020 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Alaska Wing completed a powered flight activity and a glider academy in 2020.
- ✓ The wing demonstrated its command and control communications effectiveness during COVID-19 restrictions by making regular and successful connections to most other wings via high-frequency radio from members' homes.
- ✓ The wing significantly increased its aerospace education program's reach and effectiveness by including many remote and Alaska Native villages.

