

Cadet of the Year

Cadet Colonel Jackson B. Baker

David Lee Hill Composite Squadron

Texas Wing

Cadet Jackson Baker joined Civil Air Patrol in 2014. He quickly progressed through the Cadet Program earning the prestigious Carl A. Spaatz Award in April 2019. Throughout his membership, he has earned 13 emergency service qualifications, received an Air Force Association flight scholarship, attended four National Cadet Special Activities, served on the National Cadet Advisory Council, made a presentation to the Board of Governors, and attended three National Legislative Days as a Texas Wing representative to Congress.



He served as Cadet Commander and Senior Project Officer for the Cadet Drill Instruction Academy in San Antonio. As Senior Project Officer, he was responsible for billeting, the dining facility, bus transportation, coordinating for building reservations, scheduling tours, and planning with military personnel to provide Cadets with instruction from active-duty personnel.

Cadet Baker helped build relationships with multiple groups at Joint Base San Antonio, which exposed Cadets to the Airman Leadership School, military training instructors, emergency service working dogs, the Randolph physiology lab, the POW museum, and the firing range on Camp Bullis. His efforts also helped make the 2019 summer encampment a success.

In addition to working with military personnel at Joint Base San Antonio, Cadet Baker was the Commandant of the Cadet Training Education Program. He was able to assist CAP Cadets and Senior Members with training materials during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also has totaled more than 80 volunteer hours with FEMA as well as working as a storm spotter for the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

He graduated from high school with a 4.0 grade point average and will graduate from Thomas Edison State University in 2022 with a degree in Computer Science.