

CALIFORNIA WING

Wing Supports State, Nation During Unprecedented Times

California Wing members rose to meet one of America's greatest challenges in 2020, providing support for their communities during an unprecedented period of emergency.

Ever ready to respond, over 570 cadets (ages 12 -21) and senior members participated in a total of 389 ground sorties to accomplish three food bank support missions, with more than 2.5 million meals delivered to Californians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The wing's continuing commitment to regular training opportunities enabled members to respond quickly when the American Red Cross reached out for support.

In addition to the pandemic, the Golden State again faced a record-setting fire season. At the request of the California Office of Emergency Services, aircraft flew 43 sorties and produced about 150,000 images providing a clearer understanding of the extent of the damage and contributing to critical response strategies.

In 2020 the wing adapted quickly to pandemic-related limitations and used

remote networking technology to conduct multiple successful search and rescue exercises while also continuing to execute U.S. Air Force-assigned missions. Through these exercises and missions, members played integral roles as mission base staff, aircrews and ground and urban direction-finding teams, all while operating under strict protocols to ensure the safety of all involved.



California Wing cadets from Los Angeles County support a food-bank mission in Oxnard.

California Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

1,850 adult members
1,456 cadets
481 aircrew personnel
2,078 emergency responders

Squadrons

78 locations statewide

Aircraft

27 single engine
3 gliders

Vehicles

50 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

45 VHF/FM repeaters
432 VHF/FM stations
53 HF stations

Missions

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

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

Felix Keynotes; Falcon Hawks; wildfire support

COVID-19 Mission Support

Distributing food and critical supplies

Cadet Flying

887 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

3,862

Financial

\$54,175 in state funding
\$12,689,223 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The California Wing operated over 120 mission days supporting wildfire management efforts and food-bank missions.
- ✓ During the global pandemic, California cadets stayed in contact with their Air Cadet counterparts in the U.K. using the wing's remote networking software.
- ✓ The wing hosted a virtual Wing Conference that attracted over 540 participants from all over the country.

