

WASHINGTON WING

Wing Supports Communities During Pandemic

The Washington Wing's squadrons proved a vital link to communities in the Evergreen State during the COVID-19 pandemic, relieving many in need. Missions included public distribution of protective masks and test kits, as well as transportation of those kits to the Washington State Department of Health Laboratories. Throughout hot summer days, wing members distributed more than 400,000 masks in one mission alone. Continuous lines of vehicles reflected how well that support was received within communities.

The wing also supported missions providing aid to numerous local food banks. Cadets and senior members stocked warehouses with incoming freight, assembled boxes for distribution and loaded vehicles. Food bank records

show average distribution of each location of dry groceries, produce and dairy products supplied the needs of about 200 families per day. Members' assistance helped free food bank volunteers to fill other valuable positions during trying times.

Wing members also took responsibility at locations statewide for existing home delivery programs, helping people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or without means of

transportation to food bank sites to obtain food for themselves and their families safely. Other missions included support of the Emergency Food Network and the Salvation Army food bank, shoring up strained support systems in the state.

"The Washington Wing is proud to support the public and our families during this unprecedented time of hardship," said Col. Shelly Norman, wing commander.



McChord Composite Squadron members provided volunteer service at a critical time, manning Emergency Food Network warehouse relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and helping keep food on local families' tables.

Washington Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

701 adult members
641 cadets
104 aircrew personnel
817 emergency responders

Squadrons

32 locations statewide

Aircraft

13 single engine
2 gliders

Vehicles

23 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

15 VHF/FM repeaters
244 VHF/FM stations
46 HF stations

Missions

2 search and rescue missions
 17 lives saved*
 22 finds*
* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
4 disaster relief missions
5 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
4 other Air Force support missions
10 training missions
1 other state support mission
4 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

62nd Airlift Wing low-level route survey

COVID-19 Mission Support

Augmenting EOCs; distributing food and critical supplies; transporting completed test kits

Cadet Flying

38 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,143

Financial

\$5,371,091 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Washington Wing played a large part community relief efforts surrounding the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, keeping food and support assistance moving as well as providing ground teams to search for the trapped and disabled.
- ✓ The wing provided vital mission support to the State Department of Transportation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the 2014 Oso landslide as the only aerial group authorized in the area, locating survivors and providing community support and relief.
- ✓ The wing sports two of the longest-serving members of CAP, "The Twins;" Lt. Cols. Eleanor Baker and her younger sister — by seven minutes — Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss. The two women, who celebrated their 90th birthday in September, have volunteered in CAP for nearly seven decades.

