



HEADQUARTERS ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION MEMBERS

FROM: RMR/CV

SUBJECT: 2022 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of the 2022 Region “of the year” Awards. These recipients represent the finest members in each category from our five-wing region for their volunteer service during the previous year.

These members were selected from submissions presented from each wing/region and were already honored by their home wings for the work that they do.

Please join me in congratulating the following award winners:

Squadron of Distinction

- **Valkyrie Cadet Squadron** of Colorado Wing

Cadet of the Year

- **Cadet Ryan A. Miscio** of Colorado Wing

Senior Member of the Year

- **Lt Col Rodney A. Burnett** of Wyoming Wing

AFSA Cadet NCO of the Year

- **Cadet Shawn A. Alexander** of Colorado Wing

Cadet Programs Officer of the Year (Sorensen Award)

- **Capt George C. Peck** of Colorado Wing

Character Development Instructor (CDI) of the Year

- **Lt Col Marc A. Peterson** of Colorado Wing

Col (Bud) Payton PAO of the Year Award

- **Capt Shannon Babb** of Utah Wing

Col David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year

- **Lt Col Robert L. Ditch** of Wyoming Wing

Col DeCamp Ground Team Member of the Year

- **Capt Daniel A. Cochran** of Colorado Wing

Communicator of the Year

- **Cadet Daniel A. Moser** of Idaho Wing

Director of Finance of the Year Award

- **Col Merle Starr** of Idaho Wing

Ed Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year

- **Capt Randel R McLain** of Idaho Wing

Frank Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Cadet Category

- **Cadet Brylon Q. Broughton** of Colorado Wing

George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year

- **Col C. Warren Vest** of Idaho Wing

Historian (HO) of the Year

- **2Lt John T. Huggard** of Colorado Wing

Inspector General of the Year

- **Lt Col John C. Burkett** of Wyoming Wing

Lt Col T. Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year

- **Capt Steven M. Balsom** of Colorado Wing

Major General Dwight H. Wheless Legal Officer of the Year

- **Lt Col Thomas N. Scheffel** of Colorado Wing

Major General Jeanne M. Holm Aerospace Education Officer of the Year

- **Capt Lori M. Fussell** of Colorado Wing

Order of the Daedalians Flight Instructor of the Year

- **Capt Christopher J. Clarke** of Idaho Wing Wing

Paul W. Turner Safety Award

- **Col Spencer R. Gilchrist** of Montana Wing

Safety Officer of the Year

- **TSgt Damen P. Therkildsen** of Idaho Wing

Senior Chaplain of the Year

- **Capt John B. Moser IV** of Idaho Wing

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alisha M. Cope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alisha M. Cope, Colonel, CAP  
Rocky Mountain Region  
Vice Commander