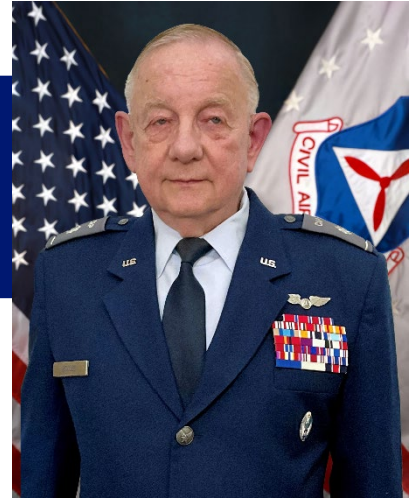


LT COL Donald R. Bolles



Lieutenant Colonel Bolles joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet a few years back. He rose through the cadet program garnering accolades including the Eaker Award. Notably, during his tenure as a cadet, he received the Civil Air Patrol Bronze Medal for Valor for saving the life of an injured fellow cadet.

Dedicated to service, Don assumed the role of cadet commander across multiple squadrons and led with distinction at the Washington-Oregon Wing encampment.

Lt Col Bolles transitioned to senior member while serving in the Army in Arizona. Following his honorable service in the Army, he assumed the role of squadron commander for four years before transitioning to Washington Wing Headquarters as the Director of Emergency Services and later as Wing Inspector General.

Eventually, Lt Col Bolles moved on to Colorado. Don attended Region and National Staff Colleges, earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award. He holds Master ratings in Cadet Programs, Professional Development and Personnel. He is currently working toward his Senior rating in Inspector General.

Throughout his tenure, Don has held various key positions such as Squadron Commander, Director for Cadet Programs, Encampment Commander, and Group Commander. Additionally, he played a pivotal role in directing numerous Regional Cadet Leadership Schools (RCLS) for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Outside of his service to CAP, Lt Col Bolles had a distinguished 30-year career with Qwest Communications and AT&T. Within the realm of telecommunications, he served as a project manager in IT, overseeing the construction of critical infrastructure and network services, thereby further demonstrating his aptitude for leadership and management.