



DARIN NINNESS

Colonel, CAP

Colonel Ninness is the Cadet Programs Staff Coordinator on the National Cadet Team. Col Ninness provides team management to the 40+ volunteer national staff members who work alongside the headquarters employees to accomplish the Cadet Program mission. Col Ninness is himself a proud cadet alum who completed the Cadet Program in 1986.

A longtime Cadet Programs Officer, Col Ninness served as the New Hampshire Wing Commander from 2020 to 2023. Prior to that he was the National Recruiting and Retention Manager from 2015 to 2020. He has also served as Wing Director of Cadet Programs and a group cadet programs officer. He has been a squadron commander six times in two wings, running highly successful cadet and composite squadrons, including two region Squadrons of Distinction.

Outside of CAP, Col Ninness is a 30-year Information Technology manager. In his copious spare time, he is a United States Parachute Association skydiving instructor and Master Parachutist with over 1,300 parachute jumps. He is also a former Army Aviation helicopter maintainer and crewmember with an overseas tour in the Republic of Korea. He has two adult children, neither of which ever joined CAP, and resides with his wife Emily Graves in the bustling metropolis of Manchester, New Hampshire. Occasionally, he has been spotted jogging on Swamp Road in Lempster, New Hampshire.