



**TEAM DECC presents:** Jenni Mistich, Dept. of Finance, Controller’s Office  
**Featured Nonprofit:** Civil Air Patrol

My DECC nonprofit is Civil Air Patrol. I have been with this humanitarian organization for a year and half and spend most Monday evenings and weekends volunteering my time to this organization. We have participated in many activities in my tenure which include the CELL event, Governor’s Inauguration, Annual Car Show, Shriners Circus, 9News Health Fair, and the list goes on. My current duties include Director of Finance for Colorado Wing and I am also the Finance and Assistant Recruiting and Retention Officer for my squadron (Dakota Ridge Composite Squadron).



This week’s featured agency: **Civil Air Patrol**



**Mission Statement**

Supporting America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space and cyber power.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a federally chartered, not for profit, humanitarian organization. We were established on Dec 1, 1941 and became the official civilian auxiliary to the US Air Force in 1948.

We are an organization with approximately 60,000 total volunteer members, with more than 22,000 in our youth development program. All members of CAP are volunteers and donate their time and resources. We have a close relationship with the Air Force, wear an AF style uniform and abide by many of the same customs, courtesies and regulations. However, we are still civilians and are not considered members of the military.

For over 72 years, CAP’s mission is to serve our country by performing homeland security, humanitarian and disaster relief, developing America’s youth and educating our citizens on the importance of air and space power.

We have three core missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education Best known for our work in **search and rescue** and **disaster relief** missions, CAP is expanding its role in the 21st century to include an increasing number of **homeland security operations** and exercises. CAP also performs **counterdrug reconnaissance missions** at the request of law enforcement agencies and can do radiological monitoring and damage assessment. CAP members undergo rigorous training to perform these missions safely and cost-effectively.

**Civil Air Patrol Colorado Wing Facts:**

- Fleet of 15 Airplanes and 3 Gliders in CO Wing
- Over 1,000 Cadets and 1,000 Senior Members



- Supports Community Organizations as needed & assists with Local Events including Air Shows, Bandemere Nationals, Rodeos, CPR Training, Parades, Big Chili Cook-off, Triple Bypass, Wreathes Across America at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, etc.
- Search and Rescue - CAP Aircrews and Ground Teams found and saved four lost hikers in Rocky Mountain National Park in one summer!
- Disaster Relief- Assisted Red Cross and Salvation Army after the Windsor Tornado and Waldo Canyon Fire and fly Humanitarian Missions where CAP Aircrews transport and expedite delivery of life saving blood and organs as well as equipment and search dogs.
- MOU's in place to help spot lightning strike fires and perform fire watch patrols after prescribed burns.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Civil Air Patrol.