



# BIOGRAPHY



*CIVIL AIR PATROL - United States Air Force Auxiliary*

## COLONEL JASON R. HESS

Colonel Jason R. Hess serves as the Commander of the Utah Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Utah Wing is comprised of 12 Squadrons and more than 650 volunteer airmen state wide accomplishing the missions of CAP in Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

Col Hess joined CAP in 1990 as a cadet in the Ohio Wing where he ultimately earned the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. During his time with the Ohio Wing, Col Hess participated in the annual encampment, International Air Cadet Exchange to Sweden, Hawk Mountain Ranger School, and the Wing Solo Encampment, where he successfully soloed a Cessna 152. He also served on Cadet Drill Competition teams, placing first and second place at the Wing & Region levels. Col Hess transferred to the Utah Wing in 1994 upon his acceptance to the University of Utah.

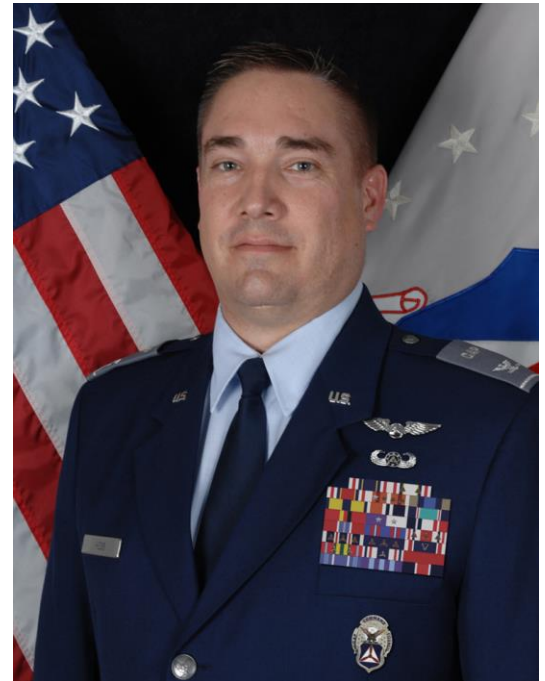
After a break in service to pursue his education, career, and start a family, Col Hess returned to CAP service in 2008. He has served in various Wing positions to include Director of IT, Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff, Government Relations Officer, and Wing Vice Commander. Col Hess is also a rated CAP Pilot, Incident Commander, and Master Ground Team member. Col Hess currently holds Specialty Track Master ratings in Operations and Information Technology, a Senior rating in Command, and Technician ratings in Inspector General and Cadet Programs.

Col Hess is employed as a Vice President of Business Intelligence and Analytics for CardWorks Servicing LLC. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from the University of Utah David Eccles School of Business. He has worked in the Financial Services industry and in various levels of executive leadership for over 24 years. Col Hess is an aviation and aerospace enthusiast who has owned his own private aircraft, and is currently building his own Experimental Aircraft. He also participates in High Powered Rocketry and sUAS aircraft operations.

Col Hess is married and has three children.

## EDUCATION

- 2007 Bachelor's Degree, David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah
- 2007 Private Pilot Certificate, Salt Lake City
- 2010 Archer Operators Course, Maxwell, AFB, Alabama
- 2013 Region Staff College, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2015 National Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2015 Commercial Pilot Certificate, Salt Lake City
- 2017 Inland Search and Rescue Planning Course, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2017 Unit Commanders Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama



## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1990-1995 Cadet, Ohio and Utah Wings  
2008-2017 Director of IT, Utah Wing  
2010-2017 Director of Operations, Utah Wing  
2017-2021 Government Relations Officer, Utah Wing  
2017-2021 Vice Commander, Utah Wing  
2021-Present Commander, Utah Wing

## **MAJOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS**

Distinguished Service Award  
Exceptional Service Award with two Bronze Clasps  
Meritorious Service Award  
Commanders Commendation with Silver and Bronze Stars and 4 Bronze Clasps  
Achievement Award  
National Commanders Unit Citation  
Gill Rob Wilson Award  
Ira C. Eaker Award  
Red Service Award with three Bronze Clasps  
Find Ribbon with Prop Device and two Bronze Clasps  
Air Search and Rescue Ribbon with Prop Device and two Bronze Clasps  
Disaster Relief Ribbon with V Device  
Home Land Security Ribbon with two Silver Clasps  
Community Service Ribbon with Silver Clasp  
IACE Ribbon  
National Cadet Competition Ribbon  
National Cadet Special Activity Ribbon  
Encampment Ribbon

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Ratings: CAP Pilot, CAP Observer  
Flight Hours: More than 875  
Aircraft Flown: Cessna 206, 182, 172, 152 and 6 other single and multi-engine piston types

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS**

First Lieutenant	11 AUG 2008
Captain	01 FEB 2010
Major	01 FEB 2013
Lieutenant Colonel	09 FEB 2017
Colonel	31 MAR 2021

Current as of May 2021