

Enchanted Wings

The History of New Mexico Wing Civil Air Patrol

This book is a valuable work, full of interesting facts and reminiscences of the past and present, a credit to the members of the New Mexico wing. Within its pages, the reader will find recorded the achievements of men and women from all walks of life who have banded together and by their enterprise, industry, honesty and hard work have made significant accomplishments in all three areas of CAP—Emergency Services, Cadet Programs (youth leadership), and Aerospace Education.

Gwen D. Sawyer, the book's co-author (with Ted Spitzmiller) grew up in a CAP family in New Mexico. She became a cadet the first day she was eligible and stayed in the program until the last day she could. After rising through the ranks, she had the honor of being the first cadet in New Mexico Wing to earn the Carl A. Spaatz Award. She credits her time in CAP with helping her be successful in her career as an FAA air traffic controller and manager. Now retired from the FAA after many years in Oklahoma City, Gwen and her husband, George Bakula, live in Albuquerque, where they are active in church work, and in New Mexico Wing's School Enrichment Program of cadet squadrons in the schools. They enjoy traveling the country and make frequent visits to Texas to see their daughter and grandchildren.

