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Greetings,

It is with great sadness I note the passing of a colleague in volunteer service, Oregon Wing's Lt. Col. James Veach, who passed away April 12, 2008, just one day shy of his 56th birthday.

Colonel Veach epitomized the spirit of Civil Air Patrol. He made his membership in CAP a lifelong commitment to service and excellence, joining as a cadet and becoming a senior member after high school.

A longtime wing alert officer, he was a crucial part of Oregon Wing's mission readiness. He stayed at the ready near a phone, radio and computer day and night, tasked with warning wing members without delay for missions in which time is often of the essence. For his diligence and exceptional service he received a Meritorious Service Award.

Colonel Veach was the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center's primary contact on many missions, serving as incident commander for ELT-location taskings. He loved communications, and was active in both Ham radio and CAP communications. He also served as the wing's safety officer for many years.

Along with wife Wendy, daughter Jessica, father Colin, brother David Veach, and sister, Janice Humwaldt, Colonel Veach is mourned by his comrades in CAP who sorely miss the man so admired as a friend and a devoted colleague.

My heartfelt prayers are with the family during this time of great loss and sorrow. I salute them for their support of Colonel Veach's Civil Air Patrol volunteerism whose service before self touched the lives of thousands of American citizens.

Best Wishes,

Amy S. Courter
Brigadier General, CAP
Commander