



HAWAII WING

2022



A Hawaii Wing aerial photographer captured this image Nov. 28 from the Mauna Loa eruption during a flight over the volcano's summit and Northeast Rift Zone.

Wing Provides Aerial View of Volcano Eruption

The Hawaii Wing has been conducting tsunami warning flights since 1957, flying eight tsunami missions and losing two lives during training since then. In November, the wing was called for a much different mission.

The wing flew U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist, Natalia Deligne, over the Mauna Loa eruption at daybreak Nov. 28 to help assess the danger of the world's largest active volcano eruption since 1984. Like a tsunami, an eruption can claim lives and destroy property in a matter of hours.

First Lt. John Bassett took off from Hilo International Airport in a CAP plane with Deligne and 1st Lt. Susan Bassett, aerial photographer. They flew over Mauna Loa and the Northeast Rift Zone. John Bassett piloted a second flight about 10 hours later with 2nd Lt. Jason Dzurizin as aerial photographer and 1st Lt. Jason Ozbolt as mission observer. Bassett

circled the Northeast and Southwest Rift Zones as Dzurizin took photos and video.

Luke Meyers, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency administrator, flew Dec. 1 with CAP with Bassett as pilot and Capt. Carol Murray as mission observer. "This was a good opportunity to see the hazards and threats from the Mauna Loa eruption," Meyers said. "It really gave me a better perspective of the situation and where the lava flow is going." Officials reviewed CAP imagery taken on the flight to further evaluate the situation, he said.

His agency was thankful for Civil Air Patrol's support, and the flight was "a good opportunity to build on the partnership," Meyers said.

The Bassetts, Dzurizin, Murray, and Ozbolt all belong to the Lyman Field Composite Squadron.

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Volunteer Members

306 adult members
351 cadets
64 aircrew personnel
358 emergency responders

Locations

13

Aircraft

9 single-engine
1 glider

Vehicles

14

Interoperable Communications

7 VHF/FM repeaters
97 VHF/FM stations
21 HF stations

Missions

4 search and rescue missions
1 disaster relief mission
15 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
3 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flight missions
5 other Air Force support missions
12 training missions
2 other state support missions
2 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2022

Sentry Shield; Koa Shield; tsunami warnings; Pacific Missile Range Facility; Mauna Loa eruption photos

Cadet Flying

438 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,023

Financial

\$2,601,443 value of wing's volunteer hours

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