# Lineage and Honors

**Unit Designation:** Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138 (PCR-CA-292)

**Established:** February 1967

**Location:** Armed Forces Reserve Center, 5631 Rickenbacker Road, Bell, CA 90201

**Higher Headquarters:** Los Angeles County Group 1 (PCR-CA-070), California Wing – Civil Air Patrol (PCR-CA-001)

**Commander:** Lt Col Charles Wiest, CAP (28 April 2018 to present)

**Logo:**




**Description:** Azure, on an argent wing-horse rampant, before a lightning bolt dexter, an argent star in canton

**Explanation:** At the center is Pegasus, the winged horse of Greek mythology, who is believed to have flown up to heaven and taken his place among the stars. The winged horse is also a synthesis of a white mustang, representing Salesian High School in Boyle Height, California, the original home of Salesian Cadet Squadron 138, with the wings of an eagle, symbolic of Eagle Senior Squadron 24, thus visually representing the merger of these two units in January 1980. The lightning bolt connotes power and swiftness. The star in the upper left symbolizes our high goals and aspirations. The whole visually reflects and restates the squadron's motto: To Strive for the Stars.

The colors are also symbolically important. Blue, the color of the sky, represents resolution and determination. The color white represents faith and purity. Yellow denotes honor and loyalty. And the color red stands for courage.

The squadron emblem was designed by then C/TSgt Oscar Garcia and selected by members of the squadron in March 1980. It was approved for use by the California Wing Commander on 28 November 1980.

**Motto:** A*d Astra Per Aspera – To Strive for the Stars*

The motto was suggested by 1st Lt Karen Lyon, and selected for use by members of the squadron in March 1980.

**Awards:**

2017 Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award
2016 Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award
2013 Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit Award
2009 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year 1994
2008 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
2007 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
2005 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
2004 California Wing Cadet Squadron of the Year
2004 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
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2000 California Wing Cadet Squadron of the Year
2000 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1999 Group 1 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1998 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1997 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1996 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1995 Civil Air Patrol Unit Citation
1995 Group 15 Color Guard
1995 American Legion Outstanding Squadron Award for California Wing
1995 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1994 Pacific Region Color Guard
1994 California Wing Color Guard
1994 California Wing Cadet Squadron of the Year
1994 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1994 Group 15 Color Guard
1993 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1992 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1991 California Wing Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1990 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1987 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1983 Group 15 Cadet Squadron of the Year
1982 Civil Air Patrol Unit Citation
1982 California Wing Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1982 Group 15 Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1981 Group 15 Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1980 Group 15 Outstanding Training Squadron
1979 California Wing Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1978 Pacific Region Drill Team
1978 California Wing Drill Team
1978 California Outstanding Cadet Squadron
1977 California Wing Drill Team