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Dear Colonel Kyle,

Please pass along my personal congratulations to Capt. Bakker, of your South Coast Composite Squadron, on receiving a best practice award for the use of your aerial speaker system in Oregon Wing's last Operational Evaluation. The utilization of this cutting edge technology to better accomplish the mission of saving lives was a major factor in the overall "Excellent" rating your wing received. The aerial speaker system utilized on his unit's CAP corporate airplane impressed everyone with its clarity and range.

Capt. Bakker's cutting edge work in this area should be highlighted and presented as a benchmark for other units. Researching the speaker system and mounting it on the airplane with FAA approval was no small task. This resource will no doubt save many lives should there ever be a tsunami evacuation. His unit also proved just how useful clear air-to-ground communications can be when conducting an aerial search.

Once again, please pass on my congratulations and keep up the good work.

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