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## CAP Officer Award Winner

### Charter Member Is Honored Here

Charter member of the Civil Air Patrol here, Lt. Col. Kirk Loney of the Nevada CAP, has been awarded the meritorious service award for outstanding service in the organization from Feb. 1, 1942 to Nov. 1, 1953.

The award was presented by Acting Wing Commander Art Sowle during a recent luncheon at the El Cortez hotel.

The Meritorious Service award is presented to members of the Civil Air Patrol who have distinguished themselves by heroism involving voluntary risk of life or by outstanding service or achievement.

Colonel Loney also holds the blue service ribbon with two oak leaf clusters and the wartime active duty service ribbon. Besides being a charter member he served as commander of the Reno air squadron when it was considered the most active CAP unit in the United States.

Now advisor to the command officer of the Nevada Wing, Col. Loney has also served as training operations officer and executive officer for the wing. Active with other flying groups, he is a past president of the Washoe county Aero Squadron, director of the Western States Sheriff association and president of Nevada Flyers, Inc.

In civilian life Colonel Loney is employed in Reno by the Bell Telephone Co.



**SERVICE AWARD** — Lt. Col. Kirk Loney of Reno has been presented with a meritorious service award for outstanding work with the Civil Air Patrol.

Heather is used in Scotland to fashion thatched roofs.



**EXECUTIVE** officer of the Nevada wing of the Civil Air Patrol is Lt. Col. Kirk B. Loney of Reno. Lt. Col. Loney has lived in Reno for the last 20 years and attended local schools. Since 1936, he has been employed by the Bell Telephone co. of Nevada. In 1940, he became interested in flying and was instrumental in organizing Nevada Flyers inc., an organization he currently heads. He is also a past president of the Washoe county aero squadron and a charter member of the Nevada CAP. From 1942 to 1945, he commanded the Reno air squadron and flew 35 missions for the air force, FBI and civil aircraft. Lt. Col. Loney served as training and operations officer for the Nevada wing and recently received a promotion to his present rank.