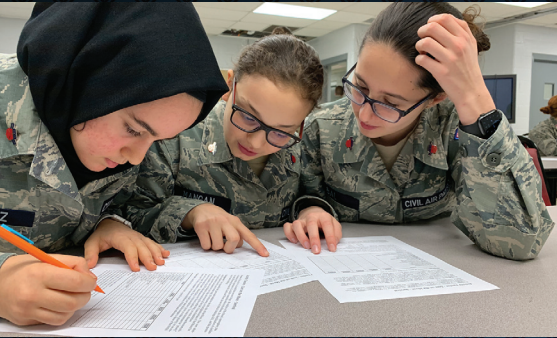


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Civil Air Patrol: A Force for Good

About CAP

Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

Operating in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and serving communities nationwide, CAP's aviation-connected, diverse volunteer professionals and engaged community members from a wide range of backgrounds and professions perform Air Force-assigned missions as a Total Force partner. These missions include search and rescue and other emergency services, as well as disaster response, which CAP conducts for states and local communities as a nonprofit organization.

Civil Air Patrol's missions involve highly skilled personnel, low-cost aircraft and vehicles, specialized communications, advanced imaging capabilities, and other technologies. CAP's core cadet and aerospace education programs are also highly effective, providing a variety of innovative youth development initiatives and award-winning aerospace/STEM education resources.

Returning \$3.70 in value for every \$1 spent, CAP provides unequaled value to our communities, states, and nation as a force for good.

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*Volunteers Serving America's Communities,
Saving Lives, and Shaping Futures.*

Measuring Our Impact

65K+ Volunteers

Consists of a diverse organization of more than 65,000 volunteer youth and adult members in 1,416 squadrons nationwide.

\$253M+ Value of Service

Contributed \$253,199,495 in volunteer service hours in 2023, which represents a 3.7:1 return on investment for the year.

60 Lives Saved

Saved 60 lives through Air Force-assigned search and rescue efforts in 2023, thanks in large part to the assistance of CAP's National Cell Phone Forensics and Radar Analysis teams.

540+ Powered Aircraft

Operates the largest fleet of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with 544 aircraft available.

101K+ Flight Hours

Flew 101,584 hours in 2023, conducting Air Force-assigned missions as well as providing critical support for states and communities.

37K+ Orientation Flights

Provided 37,356 orientation flights to CAP cadets, as well as Air Force ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets.

484K+ STEM Impact

Impacted more than 484,319 youth through CAP's STEM Kit education program.



2024



Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Conducts 85% of inland search and rescue in the U.S. as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies. CAP supported 455 SAR missions last year.
- Coordinates Air Force-assigned missions through CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, at a cost of about \$170 per flying hour.
- Has 5,600 aircrew members and 37,000 emergency responders trained to Federal Emergency Management Agency standards.
- Provides 400 chaplains and 700 character development instructors who minister to youth and adult members and help comfort survivors and victims of disasters.
- Performs aerial reconnaissance for homeland security.
- Provides air intercept training, impact assessment, light transport, communications support, and low-level route surveys for the Air Force.
- Provides disaster-relief photography and support to local, state, and national agencies.
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissues when commercial resources are unavailable.
- Maintains an extensive VHF and HF communications network.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Educates adult and cadet members and the community on the importance of aerospace.
- Develops, publishes, and distributes national academic standards-based science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) aerospace education curricula for kindergarten through college classrooms, affecting more than 600,000 K-12 students nationwide. Nearly 50% of the schools served are Title 1.
- Generates interest in STEM careers through aviation-, space-, and cyber-focused activities and CAP "STEM Kits" associated with astronomy, flight simulations, model and remote-control aircraft, robotics, rocketry, weather, hydraulic engineering, and computer programming.
- Provides educators from diverse backgrounds with more than 40 free educational programs and products as well as services that include teacher orientation flights.
- Offers grant opportunities for adult and teacher members.
- Provides aerospace support for educational conferences and workshops nationwide.

CADET PROGRAMS

- Attracts more than 29,000 diverse youth ages 12-20 with a focus on leadership, character development, aerospace education, and fitness.
- Enriches school curricula through after-school programs.
- Offers orientation flights in powered aircraft and gliders and also offers flight training scholarships.
- Provides activities and competitions for cadets at the local, state, regional, and national levels.
- Makes opportunities for community involvement available through color guard/drill teams and emergency service missions.
- Exposes thousands of cadets to cyber defense careers through CyberPatriot, the Air and Space Forces Association's National Youth Cyber Security Competition.
- Inspires CAP cadets to attend all service academies. CAP cadets constitute approximately 10% percent of each U.S. Air Force Academy class.
- Produces cadets who enlist in the Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard at a higher pay grade if they have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.
- Awards scholarships in flight and academic opportunities to help enhance the nation's future workforce.