



FACT SHEET

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



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 more than 1,400 communities nationwide, CAP's aviation-connected volunteer professionals and engaged community members from a wide range of backgrounds and professions perform Air Force-assigned missions as a Total Force partner, as well as other federal, state and local agencies. These missions include search and rescue and other emergency services as well as disaster response, which CAP conducts for states/local communities as a nonprofit organization.

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

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Our Impact

\$219M Value of Service

Civil Air Patrol contributed \$219,265,664 in volunteer hours in 2022, serving the disaster relief and emergency service needs of every American state and territory.

\$170 Per Flight Hour

Operating the world's largest fleet of single-engine piston aircraft, Civil Air Patrol operates its aircraft for only \$170 per flight hour, which makes CAP an unrivaled low-cost provider to help the Air Force achieve its pilot training objectives.

\$3:1 Return on Investment

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95K Flight Hours

Civil Air Patrol flew 95,182 hours last year, conducting Air Force-assigned missions as well as support for states and communities. CAP pilots additionally provided 30,920 orientation flights to CAP cadets, as well as Air Force ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets.

60K+ Members

Civil Air Patrol consists of 1,414 squadrons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico with more than 25,000 volunteer youth and 35,000 adult members.

151 Lives Saved

Using proprietary cellphone forensics and radar analysis technology (used in 95% of 525 searches in 2022), Civil Air Patrol was credited with 391 finds and saving 151 lives, making it one of the most successful years ever for the Air Force auxiliary's search and rescue efforts.



Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Conducts 90% of inland search and rescue in the U.S. as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies.
- Coordinates Air Force-assigned missions through CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala., at a cost of about \$170 per flying hour.
- Has 5,400 aircrew members and 34,000 emergency professionals trained to Federal Emergency Management Agency standards.
- Provides more than 450 chaplains and 600 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 post-disaster photography and support to local, state and national agencies.
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissues when commercial resources are unavailable.
- Assists federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the war on drugs.
- 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 500,000 K-12 students nationwide.
- Generates interest in STEM careers through aviation-, space-, and technology 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 with 40+ free educational programs and products as well as services that include teacher orientation flights.
- Offers grant and college credit opportunities for adult and teacher members.
- Provides aerospace support for educational conferences and workshops nationwide.

CADET PROGRAMS

- Attracts more than 25,000 members ages 12 through 20 for participation in its cadet programs.
- Educates youth in four main program areas — leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character development.
- Enriches school curricula through after-school programs.
- Offers orientation flights in powered and glider aircraft, as well as 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 team and emergency service missions.
- Challenges youth to be ambassadors for a drug-free lifestyle.
- Exposes thousands of cadets to cyber defense careers through CyberPatriot, the Air & Space Forces Association National Youth Cyber Security Competition.
- Accounts for about 10% of the cadets who make up each of the U.S. Air Force Academy's classes.
- Enables cadets who have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to enlist in the Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard at a higher pay grade.
- Participates in the International Air Cadet Exchange program.
- Awards college scholarships in several disciplines.