



Civil Air Patrol

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary



OUR IMPACT

4:1

Every dollar allocated to Civil Air Patrol saves the federal government at least \$4.

130

CAP saved 130 lives through Air Force-assigned search and rescue efforts in fiscal 2020, thanks in large part to the assistance of CAP's National Cell Phone Forensics and Radar Analysis teams.

560

CAP operates one of the largest fleets of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with 560 planes available, plus 54 gliders and two hot-air balloons.

19K+

In 2020, our pilots flew 19,184 orientation flights for CAP, Air Force ROTC and Air Force Junior ROTC cadets.

59K+

CAP consists of 1,435 squadrons and 59,268 volunteer youth and adult members nationwide.

70K+

Our aircrews flew 70,919 hours in 2020, conducting Air Force-assigned missions as well as support for states and local communities.

193M+

In the past year, CAP contributed \$193,721,863 in volunteer hours of service.

2021 FACT SHEET

Our Mission

Supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development and promotion of air, space and cyber power.



This imagery taken with a highly specialized external camera pod provides a multi-spectral view of the ground, resulting in 360-degree, 3D images of a neighborhood affected by Hurricane Laura in Louisiana in August 2020.

About CAP

Celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2021, Civil Air Patrol is congressionally chartered and operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. CAP performs services for the federal government as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and for states and local communities. CAP is a strategic member of the Total Force, consisting of the Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Air Force auxiliary. CAP performs three primary missions — Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education and Emergency Services.



CAP has successfully risen to meet the needs of the nation during the pandemic. As a Total Force partner, CAP seamlessly complements our efforts. They provide exceptional capability and capacity to assist the Air Force and our citizens during this national crisis." — Lt. Gen. Kirk S. Pierce, commander, First Air Force, Air Forces Northern

COVID-19 Response

During 2020, CAP mobilized to provide 40 states and Puerto Rico with COVID-19 mission support that ranged from flying test kits, ventilators, vaccines and critical personal protective equipment to remote hospitals to serving millions of packaged meals to those in need. While maintaining strict safety protocols, CAP's mobilization in support of COVID-19 missions was the largest coordinated effort since World War II, totaling over 32,000 volunteer days of service. Those efforts continue in 2021.



Cadet Lt. Col. Isabella “Bella” Mollison hopes to commission in the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant when she graduates from Howard University. The daughter of Air Force parents, her long-term goal is to pilot C-17 cargo aircraft.

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CADET PROGRAMS

- Attracts over 24,000 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.
- Provides opportunities for community involvement through color guard/drill team and emergency service missions.
- Challenges youth to be ambassadors for a drug-free lifestyle.
- Introduces thousands of cadets to cyber defense careers through CyberPatriot, the Air Force Association’s National Youth Cyber Security Competition.
- CAP cadets make up about 10% of the Air Force Academy’s classes.
- Cadets who have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award 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.

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 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.

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 the CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala., at a cost of \$120-\$165 per flying hour.
- Has nearly 7,000 aircrew members and over 33,000 emergency responders trained to FEMA standards.
- Provides over 450 chaplains and 600 character development instructors who minister to youth and adult members and help comfort victims of disasters.
- Performs highly specialized aerial imagery for disaster damage assessment and more to support local, state and national agencies.
- Provides air intercept training, impact assessment, light transport, communications support and low-level route surveys for the Air Force.
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products and body tissues when commercial resources are unavailable.
- Maintains an extensive national network of VHF and HF communications.