

### Civil Air Patrol Quick Reference

#### INFORMATION, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

##### CAP DIRECT DIAL PHONE NUMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES (Personnel)	953-7748
<i>CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS</i>	953-7593
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	953-5463
CAP BOOKSTORE (Uniforms, Accessories)	1-800-633-8768
IMPD (Administration) (Blank forms and publications)	953-2266
CAP PARTS DEPOT (Aircraft Parts)	1-800-858-4370
CAP INSURANCE CS&A Agents National Hqs	1-800-251-3367 264-7152
CAP AIR OPERATIONS	953-7577
CAP NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	953-6019
CAP CORPORATE LEGAL COUNSEL	953-6019



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### General Information

Civil Air Patrol is an aviation-oriented volunteer organization. It is the Federally chartered auxiliary of the United States Air Force with three primary mission elements:

- Emergency Services (search and rescue, disaster relief, civil defense, etc.).
- Aerospace Education to keep the membership and public informed on vital aerospace issues.
- A Cadet Program designed to build character and inspire youth leadership through an interest in aviation.

Civil Air Patrol is organized into a National Headquarters located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama; eight geographical regions; and 52 wings--one in each state, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. There are more than 1,750 units and some 57,000 members throughout the nation. Members must affiliate with one of the units in their local area.

Although closely associated with the Air Force, there is no military obligation as a member of Civil Air Patrol. All services are strictly voluntary. Members are eligible to wear a uniform similar to the Air Force uniform. Those members not meeting military-style grooming or weight standards may wear special Civil Air Patrol distinctive uniforms. And unless conducting the Cadet Program or flying in Civil Air Patrol corporate aircraft, members may wear appropriate civilian clothing in lieu of a uniform.

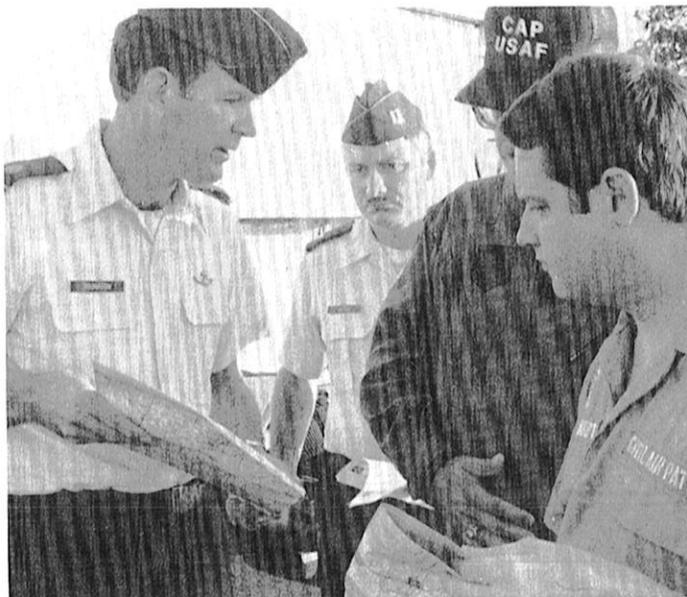
Civil Air Patrol's primary mission activities are briefly described in the following pages, along with several benefits and services associated with membership. It pays to belong!

### Your Membership Credentials

When you join Civil Air Patrol, you will receive a membership card showing your CAP identification number (Social Security Number) and your membership expiration date. Membership is a privilege and not a right and is from year to year. Renewal is subject to approval of the local unit commander and higher headquarters.

Your membership card is important and should be carried with you at all times. A uniform and current membership card is required to fly in CAP aircraft.

Your membership automatically entitles you to receive the *Civil Air Patrol NEWS*, the national monthly newspaper published to keep you informed of CAP activities.



### Activities

#### AVIATION ACTIVITIES

Civil Air Patrol pilots fly approximately 80 percent of all search and rescue hours requested by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center, Scott AFB, Ill., as the auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP has more than 500 corporate aircraft located around the country. Flying is not free, but is usually less expensive than rental aircraft. Members may also fly their own aircraft for CAP activities. Reimbursement for fuel, oil, and maintenance is available on selected Air Force missions, Red Cross missions, Customs missions and some state missions.

All CAP flying, in Civil Air Patrol-owned aircraft or member-owned aircraft, must be in strict compliance with Civil Air Patrol regulations. An initial check ride and annual checkout by CAP check pilots are required. Flying activities include:

- Search and rescue (Air Force missions)
- Surveillance-Drug Interdiction missions for U.S. Customs, U.S. Forest Service and DEA
- Red Cross blood/tissue missions
- Disaster relief missions
- Civil Defense missions
- State and local government missions
- Cadet orientation flights
- Flight clinics and many more

Each year Civil Air Patrol flies approximately 120,000 hours, of which some 40,000 hours are Air Force assigned missions.

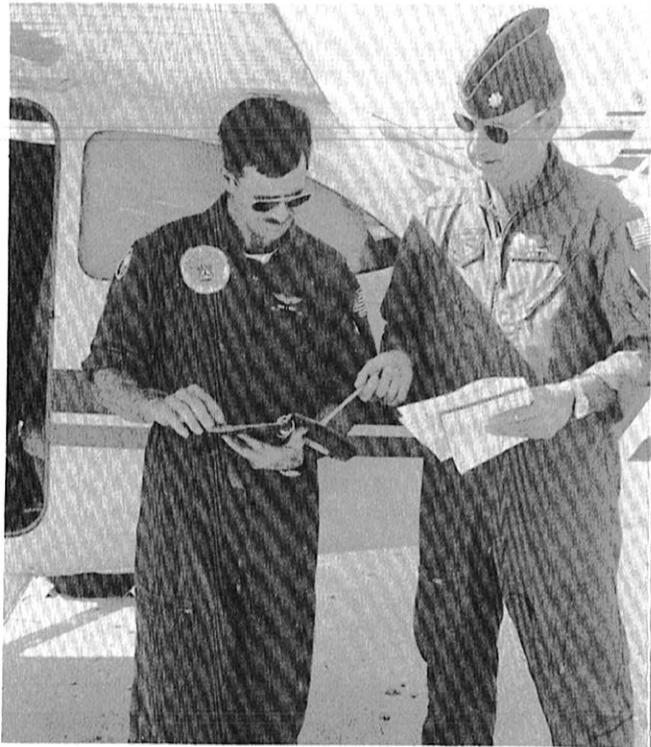
### AEROSPACE EDUCATION

The Aerospace Education program provides members an opportunity to serve their communities in a unique way. Since Civil Air Patrol members must be informed about aviation and space developments, other citizens will look to you as an authority on aerospace issues. Part of your training will provide you with a broad understanding of aerospace. Civil Air Patrol also has Aerospace Education programs and materials for use in our nation's schools. You can be the resource to make this available to the schools in your community.



## CADET PROGRAM

Civil Air Patrol conducts an outstanding youth program designed to build character, teach good citizenship and inspire youth leadership through a common interest in aviation. Senior members provide aviation orientation, guidance and supervision. Interested seniors have an opportunity to work with these youngsters in the many cadet units located throughout the country. Members with a military background are ideal candidates for the Cadet Program, but any individual who enjoys young people can make a valuable contribution.



## Benefits and Services

### INSURANCE/WORKERS COMPENSATION

- Liability Insurance. Civil Air Patrol maintains a comprehensive program of various liability insurance policies to provide members protection while engaged in CAP activities. These include aviation liability, auto liability and general liability. These policies are paid for by National Headquarters at no charge to the member. The Federal government also provides liability protection and



## CAP BOOKSTORE

Civil Air Patrol operates a bookstore at Maxwell AFB



and rescue.

- Civil Air Patrol has a self-insured accident/death benefit program which covers both seniors and cadets which is at no additional charge to members. The limits are \$5,000 and are in excess of member's own insurance.

- Federal Employee's Compensation. All CAP senior members and cadets 18 and older are covered by Federal Employee Compensation Act benefits while engaged in Air Force assigned missions. These benefits include disability and survivor benefits as well as unlimited medical expenses. Again, these benefits are provided at no expense to the member. There is no FECA coverage while flying "Corporate missions."

### TAX BENEFITS

As a Federally chartered non-profit corporation, Civil Air Patrol is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. This entitles members to claim various expenses as charitable contributions for Federal tax purposes. These include:

- Membership dues
- Expenses for uniforms and training materials
- Out of pocket expenses while participating in CAP activities
- Twelve cents a mile for use of personal vehicle
- Travel and living expenses while attending CAP meetings

### TRAINING

Civil Air Patrol offers a wide variety of leadership and technical training opportunities for senior members, including Air Force correspondence courses. Training is also conducted for those who wish to participate in search and rescue as mission pilots, observers or ground teams. Communications training is also available.

### CAP SUPPLY DEPOT

Civil Air Patrol operates a depot in Amarillo, Texas, which carries a large stock of aircraft parts and equipment at discount to members for their own aircraft. Communications equipment of all kinds is also available. The depot has a toll free number (1-800-858-4370) and accepts most credit cards.

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### INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM

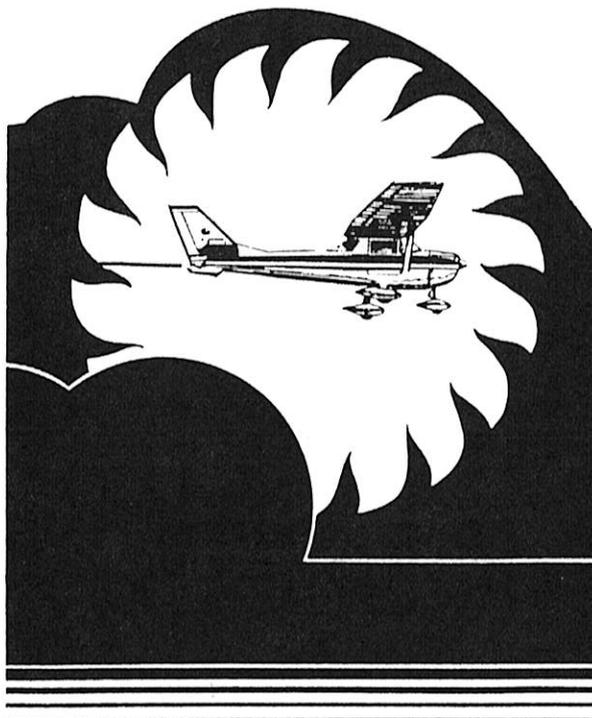
Each year a limited number of cadets and senior member escorts travel to a variety of foreign countries as part of an aviation cadet exchange program to further a program of international goodwill and understanding.

### MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Civil Air Patrol conducts a number of meetings and conventions around the country every year. A national convention is held in a different city each year. Travel to and from may be assisted by Air Force airlift as available.

### RENTAL CAR DISCOUNT

The Hertz Corporation offers CAP members a substantial rental car discount. The discount may be used for business or pleasure. A special Hertz identification card is furnished each member upon request. Rates and discounts may be obtained by calling 1-800-654-3131.



### CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Civil Air Patrol members and their families are eligible to join the Maxwell-Gunter Credit Union. MAX offers a variety of services including:

- VISA and MasterCard with no annual fees and lower interest.
- Interest-paying checking accounts.
- Low interest loans.
- Money Markets, Certificates of Deposits and IRAs.

All MAX accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Association. For more information, call (205) 279-7550.

### How to Join

Becoming a member of CAP is easy. To be eligible you must be a U.S. citizen or an alien admitted for permanent residence. You must not have a felony, sex offense, or child abuse conviction. If a former member of the active duty armed forces, you must have had an honorable discharge. Annual dues will vary depending on your area. All members must apply through a local unit. Contact us, stop by one of our meetings or complete and mail the return reply card you received with this brochure. Use the address or point of contact indicated on the reply card. No obligation. We can provide you with more specific information about Civil Air Patrol activities in your local area. We are looking forward to having you join our team. If there is no unit in your area, you might even be interested in starting one. Thank you again.