

Colonel Roland Butler, CAP



In 1997, four aviation enthusiasts wanted to further the dreams of Civil Air Patrol cadets to fly.

Led by Roland Butler, Bob Hawkins, Mark Bailey and Gene Hartman, the first flight academy began at Fort Pickett, VA.

Since that time, the academy has continued its tradition of giving cadets the opportunity to achieve their aviation dreams and their solo wings. Countless cadets have continued on in the aviation field to become private pilots, commercial pilots, military pilots or taken positions in the aerospace industry.

In late 2016, the academy was renamed in honor of Colonel Roland Butler, who died on 9 December 2002. His enthusiasm for flying was only matched by his devotion to Civil Air Patrol cadets.

Attending the Flight Academy

Apply through National Cadet Special Activities

Cadet Requirements:

- Minimum age of 16 by start of activity
- Must have encampment credit when you apply
- You must have completed several on-line courses. These are:
 - 1) Aircraft Handling (every two years),
 - 2) Basic and Intermediate ORM, and
 - 3) The new CPPT as of 1 March 2015, if 18 years old.
- Have a valid Third Class Medical Certificate, a Student Pilot Certificate, a pilot logbook, and a government issued photo identification card (driver's license or photo identification card issued by your state or federal government - not a school ID card). Your local airport or pilots in your unit should be able to provide names of Aviation Medical Examiners (AME) who can issue appropriate certificates as well as where to get a suitable logbook.



MIDDLE EAST REGION

Colonel Roland E. Butler Powered Flight Academy National Flight Academy - Middle East Region (NFA-MER)



...you will be challenged to the maximum and we are anxious to explore the world of powered flight with you and see your dreams literally take flight.

*Colonel Gene Hartman, CAP
Co-Founder, Butler Flight Academy*



Achieving Dreams

Do you want to take the first step in becoming a pilot? Aspiring pilots receive formal ground instruction and cockpit time with a certified flight instructor. Many cadets participating in a NFA even solo at the academy!

The learning environment is specially designed for cadets, and the low instructor to student ratio provides opportunities for mentoring and individual attention.

Participants in powered flight academies receive 10 hours of “hands on” flight time learning the basics of flying a powered aircraft (Cessna 172), 25 hours of ground instruction, and the opportunity to fly as an observer when other cadets receive instruction.

