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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJCOM COMMANDERS AND NGB CF

SUBJECT: Air Force Support to Civil Air Patrol Encampments

Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) missions provide emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs designed to address America's acute need for pilots, cyber and STEM professionals, while meeting ongoing needs such as leadership skills, character, and a core values based culture for our Airmen. CAP volunteers are valuable members of the Total Force, serving as the official Air Force Auxiliary when accomplishing Air Force-assigned missions (AFAM). Our Auxiliary volunteers fly nearly 100,000 hours per year performing AFAMs to include disaster relief, counterdrug, search and rescue, fighter intercept training, aerial observation, and cadet orientation flights. The Auxiliary aircraft and pilots also enable the success of our Rated Diversity Initiative and Rated Preparatory Programs. Supporting the Civil Air Patrol cadet program is an opportunity to engage with cadets, especially female and underrepresented youth, to promote awareness and interest in our aviation careers and flying opportunities.

Commanders, our Air Force Auxiliary continues to need our support. With continued efforts to create a new normal with COVID-19, the Civil Air Patrol is looking forward to a full cadet encampment schedule across the United States. The primary focus of these cadet training events is developing leadership, character, aerospace education, and fitness - everything we value in a model Airmen. Cadets attending encampments have higher engagement rates in the CAP and develop the skills to promote earlier than average in CAP. Vital to developing young aerospace leaders is early exposure to Air Force members with first-hand knowledge of flight and space operations. Your support of encampments by providing aircraft, aircrew and other mission orientation opportunities will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on the cadets. SAF/MR in concert with CAP-USAF will increase the impact of this cadet program by actively partnering with Air Force personnel and aircraft with encampments to provide educational training, orientation flights, static displays, and fly-overs.

Your commitment to supporting these encampments are key to energizing and motivating the cadet youth, and potentially inspiring them to serve as adults. Thank you for the continued support of our Total Force partners and the continued development of America's aerospace future.

Our points of contact are Ms. Wendy Hamilton (whamilton@capnhq.gov) and Mr. Michael Tyynismaa (michael.tyynismaa.l@us.af.mil). Additionally, CAP continues to share CAP Wing encampment schedules on SAF/PA's aerial events webpage at <https://www.airshows.pa.hq.af.mil>.

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