



# FACT SHEET 2017

## OUR MISSION

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



## ABOUT CAP

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/local communities as a nonprofit organization. CAP is made up of eight geographic regions consisting of 52 wings (the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia). It is a strategic partner of the Air Force, serving as a member of its Total Force. CAP has three primary missions — Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.

Marking its 75th anniversary this year, Cadet Programs can track its beginnings to Oct. 1, 1942 — 10 months after the formation of CAP itself. More than one million cadets have benefited from the Cadet Programs' leadership, character development, fitness and aerospace/STEM education curriculum.



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## MEASURING OUR IMPACT

**80**

Saves an average of 80 lives per year

**560**

Operates one of the largest fleets of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with 560 planes currently in the fleet

**56,000**

Consists of 1,437 squadrons and approximately 56,000 volunteer youth and adult members nationwide

**104,500**

Flew over 104,500 hours in 2016

**167 million**

Contributed nearly \$167 million in man-hours in past year, serving the disaster relief and emergency service needs of communities, states and the nation



## CADET PROGRAMS

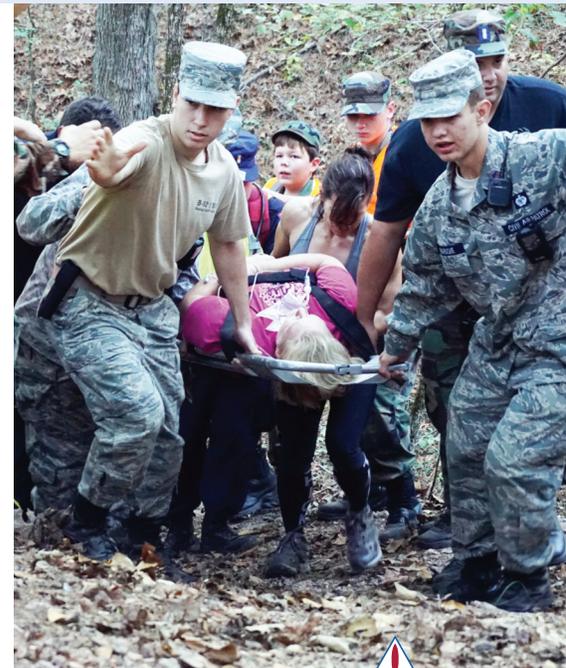
- ▲ Attracts nearly 24,000 members ages 12-20.
- ▲ Educates youth in four main program areas — leadership, aerospace, fitness and character development.
- ▲ Enriches school curricula through after-school programs.
- ▲ Offers orientation flights in powered and glider aircraft, as well as flight training scholarships.
- ▲ Provides activities and competitions for cadets at the local, state, regional and national levels.
- ▲ Presents opportunities for community

- involvement through emergency service missions and color guard/drill teams.
- ▲ Challenges youth to be ambassadors for a drug-free lifestyle.
- ▲ Encourages cadets to “Aim High”; about 10 percent of each U.S. Air Force Academy class is comprised of CAP cadets.
- ▲ Allows cadets who have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award the opportunity to enlist in the Air Force at a higher pay grade.
- ▲ Participates in the International Air Cadet Exchange program.
- ▲ Awards college scholarships in several disciplines.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

- ▲ Conducts 90 percent 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 \$120-\$165 per flying hour.
- ▲ Trains more than 6,900 aircrew members and over 30,700 emergency responders to FEMA standards.
- ▲ Provides 450 chaplains and 500 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 disaster-relief 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 nationwide 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 about 200,000 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 free educational programs, products and services, including airplane orientation flights.
- ▲ Offers grant and college credit opportunities for adult and teacher members.
- ▲ Provides aerospace support for educational conferences and workshops nationwide.

