



Chris Guarniere

Interim Director of Cadet Programs

Chris Guarniere leads CAP's National Cadet Team, serving as the focal point for cadet curriculum, program management, and policy development.

Chris joined the Civil Air Patrol as the Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, bringing over 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience. He has worked directly in Connecticut, Ohio, upstate New York, New York City, and New Jersey, while also supporting national youth initiatives on topics of membership growth & retention, safety and overnight activities as part of organizational taskforces. With a strong background in youth development programs, youth safety, risk management, and the lifecycle of camps and activities, Chris supports CAP's Cadet Programs by ensuring alignment with best practices.

Prior to joining the Civil Air Patrol, Chris served as Deputy Scout Executive and Director of Safety and Experiences for the Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America, the largest urban Scout council in the United States of America. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing the delivery of Scouting programs to thousands of youth across New York City. His leadership helped to strengthen membership growth and retention, program development, and community engagement, solidifying the council's position as a leader in urban youth development.

Chris's commitment to youth development is reflected in his approach to creating environments where cadets and volunteers can thrive. His deep understanding of program management, youth safety, fiscal management, and camp and activity standards contributes to the ongoing evolution and success of CAP's cadet initiatives.

Residing in Redding, Connecticut, with his wife Amanda and their three daughters, Chris enjoys traveling, cooking, and reading. His passion for lifelong learning and exploration mirrors his professional dedication to empowering young people and supporting their growth within the Civil Air Patrol.

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