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Director of Cadet Programs

Curt LaFond leads Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet Team, serving as the focal point for policy, curriculum, and management of the Air Force-affiliated Cadet Program that serves 27,000 teens in 1,000 locations nationwide. Today's cadets become tomorrow's aerospace leaders. Curt is himself a proud alum and Spaatz Award recipient from New Hampshire.

Learn to Lead, his 4-volume, standards-based textbook, has provided an academic foundation for leadership development to over 100,000 cadets, with fun yet scholarly help from Yoda, Aristotle, Rosa Parks, Batman, and other exemplars of moral change.

Curt's education in the Great Books and his completion of a non-profit executive leadership program at Harvard Business School informs his youth development practice. Currently, he is pursuing a doctorate at Pitt, in the world's first program for educational leadership in out-of-school settings.

"Cadets want to become the leaders America needs," he likes to say, "and every day it is my privilege to help with their important work."