

Congressional Squadron | Civil Air Patrol



A Congressional Squadron Cessna 182T during Air Force F-16 interceptor training

Join Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Squadron

The Congressional Squadron is a unique non-partisan, volunteer membership made up of Members of Congress, Congressional staff, and aviation professionals. For 50 years, the squadron has supported emergency operations, youth development, and support for schools and teachers.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a world-class aviation organization that is both a nonprofit corporation chartered by Congress and the official Air Force Auxiliary. This unique dual status allows CAP to provide low-cost aerial platforms with advanced technologies for communities, states, and the Federal government. These cost-effective missions average \$165 an hour, a fraction of the cost of military aircraft and personnel support.

The purpose of the Congressional Squadron is to provide Members of Congress and staff the following opportunities:

1. Show support for the CAP units in their state and district
2. Associate with two designated search and rescue aircraft for missions
3. Participate in CAP programs as schedules permit

Congressional Squadron members participate as much or as little as they like—there is no obligation. Most Members of Congress become members to demonstrate support for CAP members and operations in their state/district and several become active participants in the CAP program.

The squadron membership is comprised of over 400 current and retired Members of Congress and select CAP personnel. Members of Congress receive the honorary grade of Lieutenant Colonel. Additionally, the squadron provides Members of Congress orientation flights so they can better understand CAP operations. Members or staff wishing to fully participate in the CAP program may do so.

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Squadron Details:

- Established 1968 – over 50 years of service to the nation
- Open to all Members of Congress and staff
- Hosted in Hangar 18 on Joint Base Andrews, MD
- Operates two state-of-the-art glass cockpit Cessna 182T aircraft and two Ford Explorers for support and radio communications
- Conducts vital missions including Homeland Security, search and rescue, disaster relief, air defense training, and photo reconnaissance

