

## **Historian of the Year**

### **Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Notarfrancesco**

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Lt Col Andrew Notarfrancesco, who has earned a Senior rating in the Historian specialty track, spent numerous hours tracking down and researching information about his Squadron. He identified a World War II Civil Air Patrol veteran, Henry Hermanns, living near the squadron and worked to purchase a CAP Congressional Gold Medal and presented it to Hermanns shortly before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Lt Col Notarfrancesco spent dozens of hours in major Philadelphia area newspapers' historical archives to research his Squadron's history. He discovered numerous articles about the Squadron's creation and various activities. He has catalogued artifacts that span almost 50 years of Squadron history, such as activity patches, uniforms, award certificates, plaques and more. He has also scanned hundreds of photographs highlighting activities from the 1950s to 2008, and he is working to identify the dates and people represented in the photos.

