

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.  
AND THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

THIS AGREEMENT is executed and delivered by and between The Soaring Society of America, Inc. (SSA), a nonprofit organization which seeks to foster and promote all phases of gliding and soaring on a national and international basis, and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a charitable non-profit corporation created by an act of Congress, which seeks to support America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space and cyber power.

A. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to define and establish procedures and practices for cooperation between SSA and CAP to promote soaring, aerospace education, and aviation development of America's youth.

B. MUTUAL COOPERATION: SSA and CAP commit to the formation of a joint working group appointed by the SSA Chairman of the Board of Directors and the CAP National Commander. The working group is tasked with the responsibility of program development, operational review, evaluation, and modification, as appropriate to achieve mutual goals. With the activities and privileges listed below SSA agrees to support and promote CAP's cadet soaring activities and programs. In return CAP agrees to make reasonable efforts to implement and promote the programs identified in this MOA.

C. AREAS OF COOPERATION: Working within the policy and guidelines of each organization, SSA and CAP agree to:

1. Appoint individuals and working groups at the national level to accomplish direct coordination and expand opportunities in supporting efforts and programs designated to increase CAP glider operations and SSA efforts to promote soaring by America's youth.
2. Encourage attendance at meetings of the other organization to facilitate mutual education and exchange of information on SSA/CAP related activities, including the club/ unit level.
3. Provide educational support for SSA /CAP selected joint activities while exploring and developing opportunities that offer an ongoing aviation experience along with non-flight-based aviation education to CAP and SSA youth programs.
4. Support efforts to promote SSA and CAP organizational goals for membership growth.
5. Maintain the highest level of commitment to programs that ensure safe, high quality, joint soaring activities.
6. Share resources in such a manner that furthers the purpose of this agreement. NOTE: Resources must be operated in accordance with the existing policies of the CAP and SSA. SSA chapters, clubs, and business members and CAP units are encouraged to work together for joint flying events, but aircraft, vehicles and other equipment must remain under the control and operation of appropriately qualified members of the owning

organization. This does not prohibit members of each organization flying aboard each other's aircraft when properly approved as outlined in CAP and SSA policies or assisting with other ground activities. CAP will include SSA membership in NCSA glider flight academy Cadet Requirements where an SSA membership is required. A current SSA member number will suffice, or the Cadet may apply online for the free SSA Cadet Introductory Membership at <https://cadet.ssa.org>. This must be completed at least ten working days prior to the activity. Thirty days is recommended for Cadets both confirmed and on any standby lists.

7. Provide SSA members the opportunities to act as mentors for emerging CAP glider operations to enhance standardization and safety.
8. Capitalize on program generated opportunities to promote CAP and SSA organizational awareness within the aviation community and the general public.
9. Support and continue to develop and utilize educational products designed to enhance the knowledge and safety of soaring related activities, such as the online Tow Pilot and Wing Runner Courses.
10. The SSA agrees to engage and reinforce eligible CAP Cadet interests in soaring through:
  - a. Presentation of a SSA/CAP Certificate recognizing the Cadet's first glider flight.
  - b. Invitation to CAP Cadets take advantage of the free SSA Cadet Introductory Membership until their 19th birthday by signing up exclusively, with a valid e-mail address, at <https://cadet.ssa.org>. The Cadet Introductory Membership includes:
    - i. A digital subscription to Soaring magazine.
    - ii. Participation in the SSA/FAI Badge Program.
    - iii. Eligibility to apply for SSA Flight Training and Academic Scholarships and attendance and SSA Junior/Cross Country camps.
    - iv. Participation in SSA Digital Media including online archives of Soaring magazine, member use of the SSA web site including personal blog space, SSA electronic newsletters, and SSA social media sites.

#### **D. FUNDING AND LIABILITY:**

1. With regards to program funding, a primary task of the joint working group will be to develop an operations plan that details joint and individual funding responsibility for each organization and individual program participants. All funding and liability issues will require final approval by each organization's governing body.
2. Both SSA and CAP agree that a major goal for the program is to establish the operations as authorized CAP activities IAW current CAP regulations. Liability issues will be identified, addressed, and resolved by the joint working group and each organization's corporate legal counsel prior to the commencement of operations.

E. TERM & CANCELLATION: This MOA becomes effective when signed by all parties or their designated representatives and supersedes all previous agreements between SSA and CAP. This MOA shall be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the parties. Periodic review is required every five years from the effective date. This MOA shall remain in effect until superseded or rescinded by either party to the agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing 90 days written notice to the other party which shall be mailed to the addresses shown below:

Chairman of the Board of Directors  
The Soaring Society of America, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2100  
Hobbs, NM 88241-2100

Chief Operating Officer  
Civil Air Patrol  
105 S. Hansell St., Bldg. 714  
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Nothing in this Agreement shall modify or substitute any applicable organizational regulations and bylaws or operating policy. Effective Date: 31 October 2018



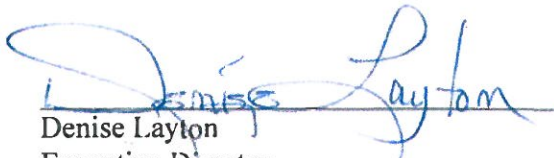
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Ken Sorenson  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
The Soaring Society of America, Inc.



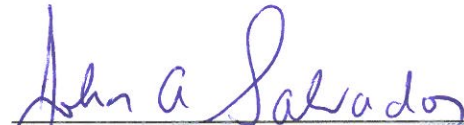
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Maj Gen Mark Smith  
National Commander  
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Executive Director  
The Soaring Society of America, Inc.



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