



# BIOGRAPHY

## John A. Salvador

John A. Salvador is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In this role, Mr. Salvador manages the day-to-day operations of National Headquarters. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense and Federal grants laws/directives, plus centralized procurement of all major equipment, vehicles and aircraft. He also serves as the Executive Secretary of CAP's Board of Governors (BoG) – the organization's top governing body.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a volunteer, nonprofit, benevolent organization with more than 59,000 members nationwide. CAP performs approximately 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 25,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 76 years and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 for its service during World War II.



Mr. Salvador was born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering, later earning a Master's degree in management from Webster University. He served 21 years in the Air Force, devoting much of his career to pilot training and also serving tours at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, the Pentagon and in Turkey during the first Gulf War. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000.

Mr. Salvador is a command pilot with more than 3,600 hours in operational support, trainer and light civilian aircraft with nearly 2,000 instructor pilot/flight examiner hours in T-37, T-38 and light civilian aircraft. He is a distinguished graduate of Squadron Officers School, and a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and Air War College. He has also completed the Grants Management and Nonprofit Board Education Certificate Programs.

His involvement with CAP began in 1995 when he became Director of Operations for Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force (CAP-USAF), the liaison and oversight organization bridging CAP and the Air Force. In this role, he directed flight activity for all of CAP-USAF and provided advice to CAP units nationwide. After Mr. Salvador retired from the Air Force, he became Chief of Aerospace Education at CAP National Headquarters, where he helped CAP and teacher members use aviation and space related activities to inspire cadets and school children to excel in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects. He then served as the Missions Director, where he was responsible for CAP's Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services missions. Mr. Salvador also served as Senior Director and was responsible for the National Headquarters public affairs, personnel, membership, cadet programs, aerospace education, professional development, plans, history, publications and special events staff and programs.

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