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Civil Air Patrol
[UNIT NAME]
[Date]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
PRESS RELEASE
POC: [NAME]
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Civil Air Patrol Sunday scheduled

[City, ST] — If you attend church services next week, you may notice some members of the congregation in uniform. These individuals are part of the [full squadron name] Squadron of Civil Air Patrol. They are observing the anniversary of Civil Air Patrol, which was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, just before the beginning of American involvement in World War II. Each year, CAP observes its anniversary during the first week of December.

The [full squadron name], commanded by [unit commander's Rank and Name], is one of 1,400 units around the country that perform emergency services missions, including disaster relief, search and rescue, humanitarian and national security activities. CAP also serves the community through aerospace education and youth leadership training. Membership in CAP's cadet program is open to youth aged 12 to 20, while senior membership is open to adults 21 and older.

Civil Air Patrol Sunday is intended to emphasize CAP's moral leadership training and is one of several events planned to commemorate CAP's anniversary. Many clergymen across the nation are members of Civil Air Patrol, serving as chaplains in the organization.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.