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## CAP members to visit local civic club

[City, ST] — Members of the [civic organization name] will have a special opportunity [day, date] to learn more about Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary on December 1.

“Members from the [full squadron name] will present the program during our weekly meeting and we are anxious to hear about this unique organization,” said [club president name and title].

The [full squadron name], commanded by [unit commander's Rank and Name], is one of 1,400 squadrons around the country involved in yearlong activities celebrating CAP's founding just before the start of American involvement in World War II.

*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](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.*