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## Civil Air Patrol

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### **Local CAP squadron to join in nationwide observance of CAP's 75th anniversary**

**[City, ST]** — The **[Complete Unit Name or member(s) names]** will join other units of Civil Air Patrol across the nation in observing the organization's anniversary, announced **[unit commander's Rank and Name]**.

"A number of activities have been planned for the occasion to make more people in our community aware of Civil Air Patrol and our contributions to this community," **[he (or she)]** explained.

Among the events tentatively scheduled for Civil Air Patrol Week, the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 3, are a luncheon for the mayor and city council, an open house and a display that will be at **[event location]** throughout the week.

Civil Air Patrol was founded Dec. 1, 1941, by a group of aviation enthusiasts and private pilots who wanted to donate their time and aircraft to protect the nation's coastlines during World War II and to perform other critical civil defense missions.

*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.*