Is Read to Lead for Commanders Only?
No. All senior members and senior cadets are encouraged to take part in the program so they can develop their own personal leadership skills.

How Can I Get These Books?
CAP publications are available at http://www.cap.gov. All other publications are available through most commercial bookstores and public libraries.
Civil Air Patrol Read to Lead

Leadership of any group, be it volunteer or employee-based, requires a commitment to continued self-improvement and leadership skills development. For CAP members this means:

• Understanding leadership principles from both military and civilian sectors.
• Appreciating the expectations senior leadership has of subordinate leaders.
• Understanding the expectations subordinate members have of their leaders.
• Understanding the history and development of the United States Air Force (USAF) and Civil Air Patrol (CAP).
• Appreciating the level of commitment and responsibilities required of a CAP commander.

Philosophy

READ TO LEAD helps members to develop their skills by exposing them to publications dealing with effective leadership. Combining USAF history, aerospace doctrine, and leadership concepts from some of America’s top experts, READ TO LEAD is a tool kit for members at all CAP echelons.

History

In 1996, the USAF established the Chief of Staff (CSAF) Professional Reading Program. This program assists enlisted, officer, and civilian members of the Air Force to gain an understanding of leadership and aerospace topics pertinent to their unique roles within the Air Force organization.

Civil Air Patrol realizes the positive impact the CSAF Professional Reading Program has had on Air Force members, and wants to extend those benefits to CAP members.

How Read to Lead is Organized

READ TO LEAD is organized into five categories based on CAP’s four enduring competencies: Aerospace Advocacy, Leadership, Citizenship, and Character Development. Additionally, Mission XTRAS provides context by covering special topics. The books chosen in each category were selected to provide:

• A historical perspective to aerospace power.
• A comprehensive understanding of leadership styles.
• An introduction to some of America’s most influential airmen and leaders.

Your Reading List

Aerospace Advocacy

10 Propositions Regarding Airpower/USAF
*Beyond the Wild Blue/Walter Boyne
Boeing: The First Century/Eugene Bower
Flying Carpet: The Soul of an Airplane/Greg Brown
Apollo 13/Lovell/Kluger
Rocket Boys/Homer Hickham
To Hanoi and Back/Thompson/Hallion
Crusade: The Untold Story of the Persian Gulf War/Rick Atkinson
*Every Man a Tiger/Clancy and Horner

Leadership

Lincoln on Leadership/Donald Phillips
Leadership Skills: Developing Volunteers for Organizational Success/Emily Morrison
Leadership/Rudolph Giuliani
Rules and Tools for Leaders/Perry Smith
The Power Principle/Blane Lee
*Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime/ Eliot Cohen
The Stuff of Heroes/Marc Cohen
Primal Leadership/Daniel Goleman
Transforming Leadership: The Pursuit of Happiness/James McGregor Burns
My American Journey/Colin Powell
* From CSAF Professional Reading Program