



# **CIVIL AIR PATROL**

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY



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# Overview

- **Who is CAP**
- **CAP History**
- **What CAP does**
- **CAP's 3 Missions**
- **Total Force Component**





# Who We Are

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is **two** organizations in one.

- **CAP – all the time**
  - As a congressionally chartered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, CAP is involved in education, youth development, and humanitarian missions
- **Air Force auxiliary – some of the time**
  - As a Total Force partner of the Air Force, CAP can be assigned missions that meet operational capabilities
    - Total Force: Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Air Force Auxiliary
  - Auxiliary missions for Defense Support of Civil Authorities typically include search and rescue, joint readiness training, preservation of life and property, and humanitarian relief



# Our History

Civil Air Patrol was established December 1, 1941.

As the U.S. entered World War II, CAP was an all-volunteer **part of Civilian Defense** using privately owned aircraft in a variety of roles that included:

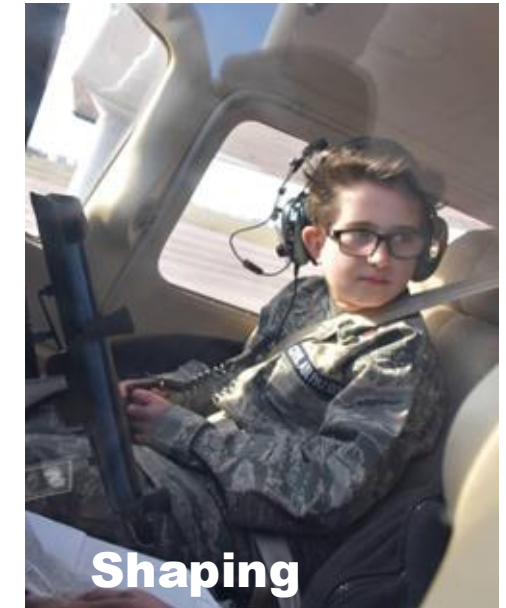
- Patrolling America’s coastline from Maine to Mexico to monitor and harass German U-boats
- Searching for shipwreck survivors from torpedo attacks and weather
- Training pilots for the military





# What We Do

Civil Air Patrol is **the nation's premier volunteer-driven, aviation-based nonprofit** whose purpose and unique value-proposition are best **summed up by our mission statement:**



*Volunteers serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.*



# How We're Unique

## Volunteer-driven

- **69,821 members** (as of 3/7/26)
  - 35,446 adults
  - 34,375 youth (cadets ages 12–18)

## Aviation-based

- **Operating the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft** (540 aircraft)
- Operating more than 2,500 sUAS (drones)
- Offering high-tech aerial imaging capabilities like 3D scanning, LIDAR, FLIR, hi-def video, and imagery for damage assessment





# Our Core Competencies



## Aerospace Education

- K-12 curriculum
- STEM education
- STEM Kits
- Classroom support
- Career exploration

## Cadet Programs

- Leadership training
- Character development
- Aviation initiatives
- Physical fitness
- Career exploration
- Special activities

## Emergency Services

- Search & rescue
- Flight training
- Joint military training
- Aerial imagery
- Drone support
- Transport



# Aerospace Education (AE)



Aligned to national academic standards, **AE offers more than 40 educational products** consisting of hundreds of lesson plans that span pre-K through grade 12.

Subjects include mathematics, weather, robotics, model rocketry, flight, space, science, unmanned aerial systems, and more.

AE also offers **20 STEM kits** for ages 4+, **textbooks**, and **activity books** for the youngest learners.





# Cadet Programs (CP)



At Civil Air Patrol, young people (cadets) interested in community service, developing confidence and competence as leaders, enhancing physical fitness and mental resilience, and exploring a wide range of potential career interests, **have opportunities that are not possible in other organizations.**

Cadet Wings is just one innovative program designed to introduce youth to career opportunities in aerospace, cyberspace, and outer space.

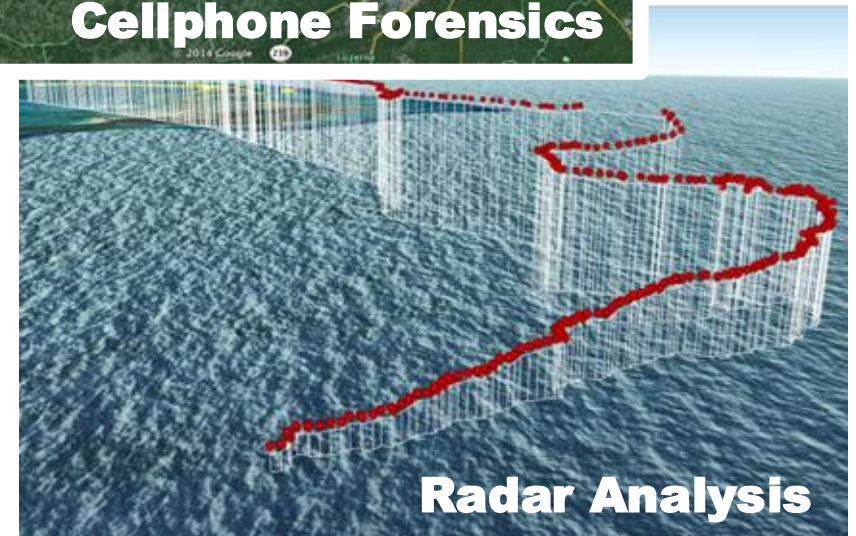




# Emergency Services (ES)

**Civil Air Patrol performs 90% of search and rescue missions in the U.S.** Many searches are conducted using proprietary cell phone forensics and radar analysis.

**Advanced search capabilities make CAP an invaluable resource** to facilitate searches for downed aircraft, missing persons, stranded motorists, injured hikers, adrift boaters, and more.



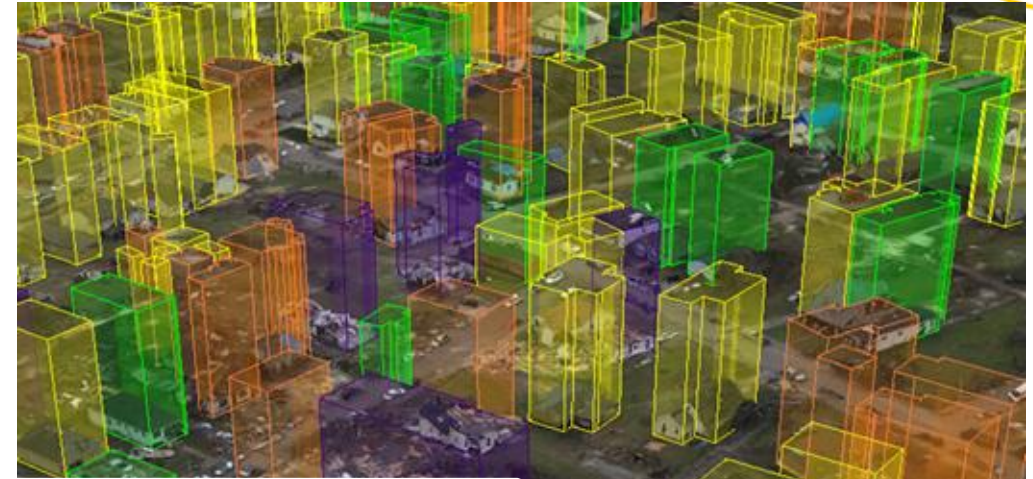


# Emergency Services (ES)



The **ES** team also responds to a variety of requests from local, state, and federal agencies **post disasters** like **flood, wildfire, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, and tsunami.**

Support may include aerial imaging for rapid damage assessment, personnel and supply transport, emergency communications networking, and more.



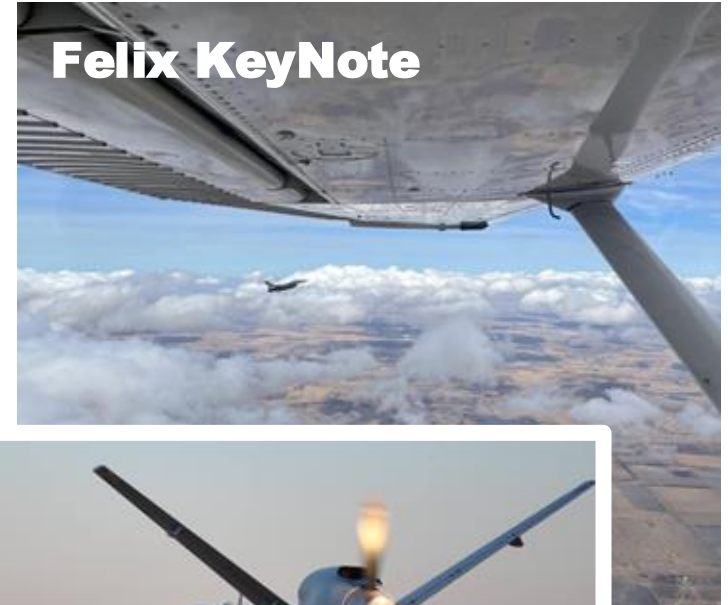


# U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

As a Total Force partner of the Air Force, **the auxiliary plays an integral role in joint readiness training for the military.**

Training missions include:

- Operation Noble Eagle
- Operation Bird Dog
- Green Flag
- SRPA (Surrogate Remotely Pilots Aircraft)
- RPP (Rated Preparatory Program)
- JSTARS (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System)
- And many others





# U.S. Air Force Auxiliary



In 2015, **Civil Air Patrol became part of Air Force doctrine** and was folded into the Air Force, Total Force as the auxiliary.

Each of the four Total Force partners has unique capabilities. As a noncombatant operating the world's largest fleet of light aircraft, the auxiliary **focuses on Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions assigned by the Air Force.**



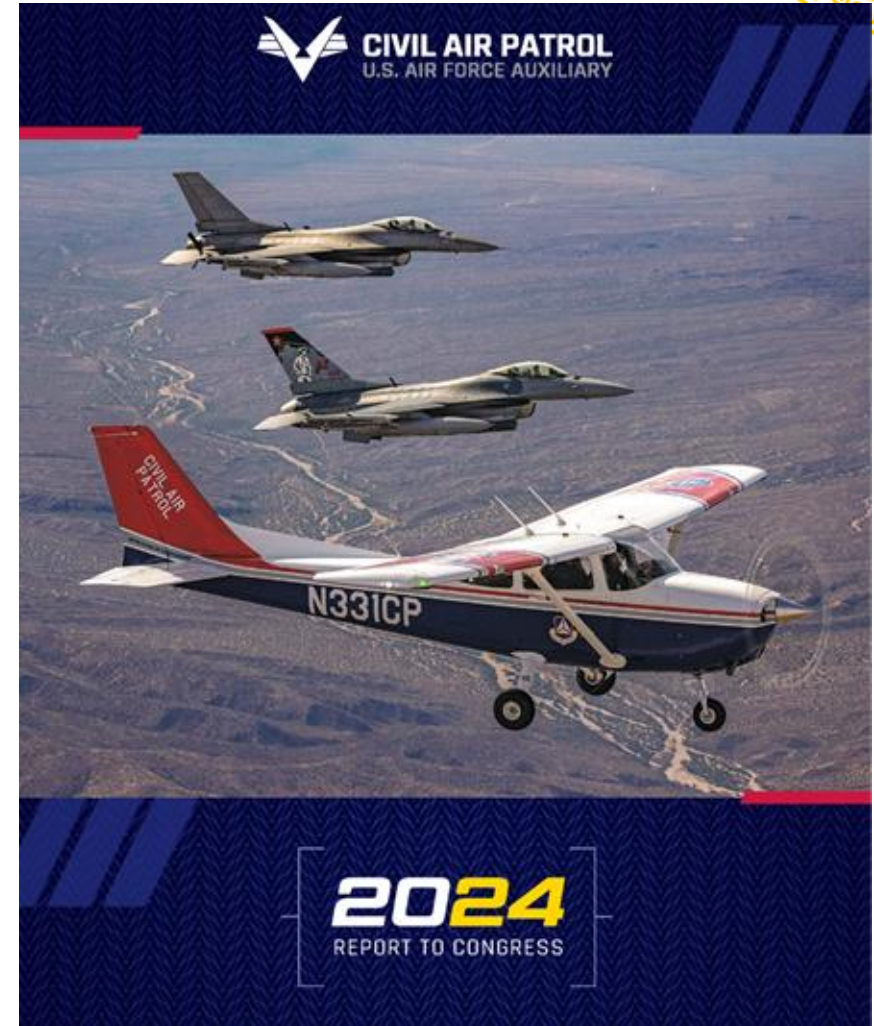


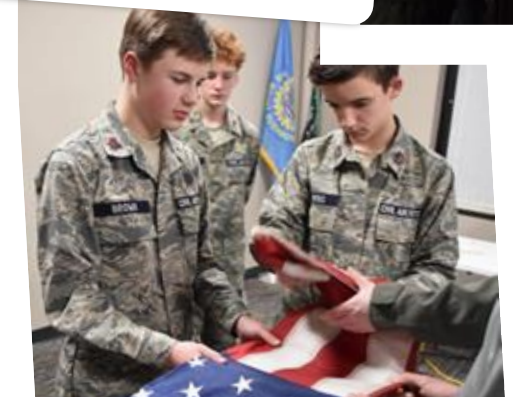
# Impact by the Numbers

Every year varies, but on average:

- **100+ lives are saved**
- 540+ aircraft
- 1,000+ vehicles
- 1,400+ locations
- 100,000+ hours flown
- **500,000+ students impacted**
- \$200,000,000+ value of time volunteered

**\$3:1 ROI for every dollar spent**  
in the service of others.







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**Thank you**