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Community invited to National Youth Cyber Education Program open house

CARMEL, New York – October 1, 2017 – Civil Air Patrol’s Putnam County Composite Squadron plays a leading role in educating the next generation of virtual defenders of America’s cyberspace and its underlying infrastructure through the *CyberPatriot* Program.

CyberPatriot, the premier national youth cyber education program, was created by the Air Force Association to inspire high school and middle school students towards careers in cybersecurity and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines critical to our nation’s future.

The program is geared to teach students, grades 6-12, the skills necessary to secure computers from cyberattacks, promote safe practices among cyber users across the nation and raise interest in cyber security as a career field. “Students who join the *CyberPatriot* program do not need to know anything about computers or about cyber threats,” said 2d Lt. Bruce Geller, Putnam County Composite Squadron Information Technology Officer. Through lecture and exciting computer work, “they will learn about computer security, computer operating systems, computer networks, computer vulnerabilities and how to fix them, cyber threats and how to prevent cyberattacks,” noted Geller.

Students interested in learning virtual state-of-the-art skills are invited to join the Putnam County Composite Squadron for an informative introduction to the *CyberPatriot* program on Sunday, October 8, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY. Parents are encouraged to attend.

For additional information contact Captain Elena MacDermant, Civil Air Patrol, Putnam County Composite Squadron Commander at (845) 216-5433, email elenamac@aol.com or visit www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force’s Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, 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 80 lives annually. CAP’s 57,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young people participating in CAP’s Cadet Programs. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com for more information.

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