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### Civil Air Patrol Brings Rocketry to Carmel

CARMEL, New York – June 2, 2018 – Civil Air Patrol's Putnam County Composite Squadron hosted a thrilling model rocket build and launch event at the Paladin Center in Carmel, New York.

Cadets from the 399th Composite Squadron in Danbury, Connecticut, joined the Putnam County Composite Squadron in Carmel for a fun filled day building and launching model rockets. Family and friends attended the joint squadron event led by Aerospace Education Officers Major Ralph Langham (NY033) and First Lieutenant Mike Nolan (CT042).

Attendees spent the morning exploring the aerodynamics of flight, building model rockets, installing engines and recovery parachutes in preparation to the upcoming launch. After a well-deserved break and barbeque lunch, cadets headed with anticipation to the launch area. Rockets of various-sizes rose off launch pads, some reaching 1,100 feet before drifting back to earth on chutes. By days end cadets agreed they'd experienced an exciting day of learning and clearly enjoyed the camaraderie between the two squadrons.

Civil Air Patrol's aerospace education lessons help cadets apply math and science principles to real-world phenomena, as well as encouraging students to explore career possibilities in the field. It's one element of the CAP Cadet Program which also includes leadership training to help youth develop management aptitude, character education lessons to build moral fortitude, and physical fitness to develop a healthy physical and mental lifestyle. All-volunteer officers of the nonprofit organization mentor and inspire cadets to reach their potential.

Members of the Putnam County Composite Squadron meet on Friday's from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Paladin Center, 39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY. For additional information about cadet or senior member programs visit [www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron](http://www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron) or contact Capt. Elena MacDermant at (845) 216-5433 or email [elenamac@aol.com](mailto:elenamac@aol.com).

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