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Civil Air Patrol Holding *CyberPatriot* Open House in Carmel

CARMEL, New York – April 1, 2019 – Students interested in learning virtual state-of-the-art skills are invited to join the Putnam County Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, for an informative introduction to the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program, on Saturday, April 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services located at 112 Old Route 6 in Carmel.

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 Second Lieutenant Bruce Geller, Putnam County Composite Squadron Information Technology Officer. "They will learn about computer security, operating systems, networks, vulnerabilities, cyber threats and how to prevent cyberattacks," noted Geller.

For additional information contact Major 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 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com or www.CAP.news for more information.

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