



# NEWS

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## **C. A. P. Cadet Squadrons Provide Opportunities to Lead**

CARMEL, New York – March 18, 2022 – The Civil Air Patrol (C.A.P.) is a non-profit organization that serves as the civilian auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force. The Cadet Program is one of C.A.P.'s three main focuses. The program transforms youth into dynamic citizens focusing on four elements: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character development. The leadership skills, self-confidence and discipline cadets gain prepare them as dynamic Americans and aerospace leaders.

One way to gain leadership experience through C.A.P. is to advance in rank. Each cadet must complete specific tasks within the focus of leadership, aerospace, character and fitness for each rank. The cadets gradually gain leadership experience as they complete each phase of the advancement process. The opportunities to lead are endless within the program.

The cadets learn to take responsibility for their actions, invest fully in teamwork and learn to communicate with other leaders. The leadership component to C.A.P. is a valuable resource for cadets. Respect, integrity, volunteer service, and excellence are the core values of the cadet program which is a solid foundation for leadership development.

For further information about Civil Air Patrol or cadet activities, log on to the squadron website [www.NY033.CAP.gov](http://www.NY033.CAP.gov) or the national website [www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com)

*Established in 1941, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 555 single-engine aircraft and 2,250 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) and performs about 90% of all search and rescue operations within the contiguous United States as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Often using innovative cellphone forensics and radar analysis software, CAP was credited by the AFRCC with saving 108 lives last year. CAP's 56,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. As a nonprofit organization, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education using national academic standards-based STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education resources. Members also serve as mentors to over 23,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs.*

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