Prospective Member,

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a nationally recognized organization. We have been serving the United States for over 60 years. The Civil Air Patrol has been flying longer than the United States Air Force (USAF). Because of our dedication and commitment to our mission, we have been included as an Auxiliary unit of the USAF.

Do not mistake this as a military organization. CAP may mirror the USAF, but we are strictly a volunteer group with no commitments to any branch of service. We serve as a portal to spark interest in aviation for young people from 12 to 21 years old. Three very important CAP missions accomplish this:

The 1st is Aerospace Education: We provide training and hands-on skills related to aerospace engineering, class activities to related aviation subjects, and orientation flights in a Cessna 182, 206, or a glider.

The 2nd is the Cadet Program. We use the USAF guidelines and work similarly to high school JROTC programs, including drill, leadership, and organizational structure, to help develop a well-rounded young individual to succeed in today's industry.

The 3rd mission of CAP is Emergency Service: The primary focus is search and rescue of downed or lost civilian aircraft. This is accomplished through coordinated efforts between local municipalities and ground crews deployed to the search area. Emergency Services Missions can include adult participation. Adults are also welcome to mentor in their fields of experience related to the CAP mission and programs, which are also taught.

Please text or email me with any questions. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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