



December 2, 2016

75th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol

On Dec. 1, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civil Air Patrol to facilitate civil defense during World War II. In Aug of 2015, Air Force Doctrine, Volume 2, "The Total Force" was updated to include the

CAP, the official Air Force Auxiliary, as a partner in the Total Force and included the Air Force Auxiliary in its definition of the term "Airman." The all-volunteer CAP force has more than 58,000 members who support communities nationwide with emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.



CAP Direct Support to the Air Force

- CAP Airmen fly nearly 100,000 hours per year performing the following missions:
 - **Disaster relief** – Additionally, CAP provides ground transportation and an extensive communications network to support disaster relief.
 - **Counterdrug efforts**
 - CAP flies more than 85% of all federal inland **search-and-rescue** missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
 - **Fighter intercept training**
 - Acting as "surrogate RPAs," the CAP helps train new RPA pilots
 - **Aerial observation** to assist with base perimeter security
 - **Light transport** of cargo
 - CAP ensures the safety of **low-altitude military-owned training routes**
- CAP provides an estimated \$158M in volunteer labor each year to benefit the Air Force and the Nation. CAP crews are all volunteers - they are not paid a salary or wage.
- CAP prides itself on being community based, and having resources close by can respond quickly to any scale emergency.



Can an active or reserve Airman also be a CAP Airman? **YES!**



Active and reserve component Airmen and their families may join CAP as a volunteer just as they would in any other volunteer organization.

- There are more than 1,500 CAP units across the country
- CAP Cadets and Aerospace Education produces disciplined young leaders and frequently leads to AF and civilian aerospace careers
- CAP cadet officers (top 15% of all cadets) are eligible for E-3 upon enlistment in the Air Force
- Approximately 10% of Air Force Academy cates get their start in CAP

For more information on the Civil Air Patrol, click [here](#)

► RESOURCES

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Dec. 1, 2003 – Col. Linda K. McTeague assumed command of the 113th Wing (D.C. Air National Guard). She became the first woman to command an Air National Guard wing.

Dec. 2, 1993 - Through December 13th, Air Force Col. Richard O. Covey piloted the Space Shuttle Endeavour during a mission to repair the \$2 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

Dec. 3, 1988 – After a one-year trial program, the Air Force decided to continue its policy of assigning mixed male/female crews to 24-hour missile duty.

Dec. 4, 1942 – Ninth Air Force sent 24 B-24s to attack ships at the Naples docks in the first U.S. Army Air Forces air strike against mainland Italy in World War II.

Dec. 5, 1974 – Sikorsky Aircraft delivered the last HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopter to the Air Force.

Dec. 6, 2002 – The Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, had both the X-45A unmanned combat air vehicle and a Global Hawk airborne on test missions at the same time. This marked the first time that two unmanned aircraft from two different programs were airborne simultaneously.

Dec. 7, 1941 – The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and brought America into World War II. Two waves of Japanese fighters sank four U.S. battleships and damaged nine others. Overall, the surprise attack killed 2,390 personnel, including 193 Airmen at Hickam, Wheeler, and Bellows Fields, Hawaii. They also destroyed 64 Hawaiian Air Force planes. Six Army Air Force pilots shot down 10 enemy planes with 2nd Lt. George S. Welch garnering four kills.

► LATEST NEWS

[Band kicks off holiday season with 4th annual flash mob](#) The U.S. Air Force Band and Honor Guard's Christmas surprise for visitors to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum kicks off the holiday season.

[Final phase of C-17 drag reduction testing underway](#) The C-17 Globemaster III is the largest consumer fuel consumer in the Air Force and the 48th Flight Test Squadron has been working on the Air Force Research Laboratory's C-17 Drag Reduction Program.

[Nominees sought for 2017 Joan Orr AF Spouse of the Year Award](#) The award honors significant contributions made by non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve member.

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