

# HQ CIVIL AIR PATROL, USAF



## LINEAGE

Established as Civil Air Patrol, 28 May 1943

Activated, 1 Jun 1943

Redesignated National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, 15 Sep 1944

Redesignated Civil Air Patrol, USAF, 28 Aug 1948

## STATIONS

500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, 1 Jun 1943

Texas & Pacific Building, Fort Worth, TX, 1 May 1945

Bolling AFB, DC, 12 Feb 1946

Ellington AFB, TX, 8 Aug 1959

Maxwell AFB, AL, 15 Jun 1967

## ASSIGNMENTS

HQ, Army Air Forces (AAF), 1 Jun 1943

AAF Training Command, 1 May 1945

HQ AAF, 12 Feb 1946

Air Defense Command, 1 Aug 1947

HQ USAF, 1 Feb 1948

Headquarters Command USAF, 19 Jan 1949

Continental Air Command, 1 Jan 1959

Headquarters Command USAF, 1 Aug 1968

Air University, 1 Jul 1976

## COMMANDERS

Col Joe L. Mason, #1966

BG William W. Wilcox, 1967  
Col Russell D. Hogkins, #2008  
MG Amy S. Courter, #2010

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II, American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987

1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2008

## **EMBLEM**

Approved, 3 Sep 1981

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Hq.: Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Estab.: Dec. 1, 1941

Natl. Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter,  
CAP

Exec. Dir.: Don Rowland

### **MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS**

Provide vital operational capabilities in support of aerial and ground search and rescue (SAR), disaster relief, a nationwide communications network, and counterdrug and homeland security missions Conduct 90 percent of all inland SAR missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center

Build strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships, and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21, in the CAP Cadet

## Program

Promote and support aerospace education, both for its own members and the general public, and conduct a national school enrichment program at the middle- and high-school levels

## STRUCTURE

Civil Air Patrol is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation with a national headquarters that oversees:  
Eight regions  
52 wings (each state, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.)  
1,566 squadrons

## MISCELLANEOUS

Army Airways Communications System, Hq - Asheville, N. C.  
AAF Flight Service, Hq - The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.  
Supply & Services Branch - Nissen Bldg, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
2618th Mediterranean Air Transport Service (Prov), Hq & Hq Sq - Naples, Italy (512 NY)  
AAF Tactical Center, Hq - Orlando Army Air Base, Fla.  
Civil Air Patrol, Hq - 500 5th Ave, New York, N. Y.

## ***CIVIL AIR PATROL – UNITED STATES AIR FORCE***

***(Affiliated with the Holm Center)***

***The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was created by Executive Order in December 1941 under the Office***

***of Civil Defense. Its first mission, coastal patrol, helped counter the WWII submarine threat to***

***shipping in US coastal waters, and later included border patrol, target towing, and airlift of mail,***

***cargo, and personnel. In 1946, CAP became a federally supported, nonprofit, public-benefit Corporation under a charter granted by Congress, and on 26 May 1948, it became the Auxiliary***

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***of the Air Force. Although not a Federal entity, CAP continues to serve as the Air Force Auxiliary today. On 30 Oct 2000, Congress created the CAP Board of Governors, a body of***

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***senior Air Force, CAP, and aviation industry executives.***

***CAP is congressionally chartered to:***

***\_ Encourage and aid citizens of the United States in contributing their efforts, services, and resources in developing aviation and in maintaining air supremacy.***

***\_ Encourage and develop by example the voluntary contribution of private citizens to public welfare.***

***\_ Provide aviation education and training especially to its senior and cadet members.***

***\_ Encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities.***

***\_ Provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national emergencies.***

***\_ Assist the Department of the Air Force in fulfilling its noncombat programs and missions.***

*CAP-USAF is the Air University organization that provides the bridge between the Air Force and the CAP. CAP-USAF became part of the Holm Center in 2009 and has headquarters at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Manned by over 275 active duty, government civilian, and Air Force*

*Reserve personnel nationwide, Headquarters CAP-USAF serves as the Air Force Program Office*

*for the CAP. Through its eight regional commands, CAP-USAF provides training, policy guidance, and assistance to more than 58,000 CAP members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and on several overseas Air Force installations. The CAP national headquarters is*

*collocated with the CAP-USAF headquarters.*

*Source of Data: Holm Center/CCX; CAP-USAF/CC*

National Commander: **Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter**

Headquarters: **Maxwell AFB, Ala.**

Civil Air Patrol

Mission

Support America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground service, youth development and promotion of air and space power.

Vision

The nation's finest citizens serving our communities with integrity, service, excellence and respect.

Responsibilities

Civil Air Patrol provides operational capabilities in support of aerial and ground search and rescue, disaster relief and counterdrug and homeland security missions. It conducts 90 percent of all inland search-and-rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall AFB, Fla. It builds strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21, in the CAP cadet program. It promotes and supports aerospace education, both for its members and the general public, and conducts a national school enrichment program from K-12.

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Sources

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