

DO YOU HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE?

The "typical" Civil Air Patrol member is civic-minded, and that professionalism, dedication and national patriotism are characteristics they have in common. A phrase often heard is *"I wanted to give something back to my country.."*

After you join the squadron, you will be assigned to a squadron staff position, with duties and responsibilities based on your personal expertise, squadron staff needs, and your desire to serve.

Emergency Services, besides being one of our main missions, is an exciting part of your CAP experience... **and you don't have to be a pilot to help out!** While ES training is an optional part of your overall duties, it is encouraged to help with our unit's effectiveness. With few exceptions, all CAP senior members are qualified at the basic emergency service level.

Emergency services has numerous duty positions, much like our specialty tracks. You can learn the fine arts needed to locate downed aircraft, learn how to operate specialized equipment such as communication and direction finding gear, and many others.

We are the Auxiliary of the US Air Force. However, our members are civilians and are not required to purchase a uniform. But to participate in Air Force sponsored activities you will be required to follow US Air Force grooming standards and wear our version of the Air Force uniform (or wear an authorized CAP corporate uniform, which is as simple as a CAP polo shirt, grey pants and black shoes). It's that easy.

TRAINING

Civil Air Patrol offers a wide variety of leadership and technical training opportunities for all CAP members, including Air Force correspondence courses. Special training is also conducted for those participating in search and rescue as mission pilots, observers or ground team members. Communications training is highly specialized and presents unique opportunities to network with other communicators from around the country. These new skills, and the confidence that goes with them, make you even more valuable in the workplace and in other community activities.

UNIFORMS

Civil Air Patrol members are easily recognized in the community since they wear a variety of distinctive uniforms. Since CAP is the official US Air Force auxiliary, members are also authorized to wear the Air Force uniform with distinguishing CAP badges and insignia. Wearing Air Force blue is a tremendous way to publicly demonstrate support and affiliation with this branch of our Armed Forces.



TAX BENEFITS

The Civil Air Patrol is tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code. This entitles members to claim expenses as charitable contributions, including uniforms, mileage, dues and other expenses.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Possess the desire, willingness, & capability to promote Civil Air Patrol objectives & purposes.

Must be at least 18 years old or active duty members of the Armed Forces.

United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

No felony conviction by any court of record whether federal, state or military.

No pattern of arrests and/or convictions including but not limited to sex offenses, child abuse, DUI, dishonesty and violence.

Submit your fingerprints for a background check.

Previous active duty military must have been discharged under honorable conditions.

Pay national & squadron dues; \$69 per year to join, \$59 per year thereafter (subject to change).

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Dahlonge Squadron Public Affairs Officer Ross Statham: ross.statham@ga447.org, phone (770) 329-5400, or visit www.ga447.org for more information.

If you have a desire to give back to your country and your community, we invite you to learn more about us.

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