



U.S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

FACT SHEET

CITIZENS SERVING COMMUNITIES

HISTORY

In December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Civil Air Patrol was founded by more than 150,000 citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline.

Under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, CAP pilots flew more than 500,000 hours performing a wide variety of duties, including coastal patrol for submarine activity as well as ships and personnel in distress, target towing for the Armed Forces and courier flights for essential personnel and war materials.

On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman established CAP as a federally chartered nonprofit corporation, and Congress passed a law on May 26, 1948, designating CAP as the Air Force auxiliary and giving CAP three primary missions — emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education.

MISSION

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

INDIANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

Is congressionally chartered and operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

- ▶ Performs services for the federal government as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and for states/local communities as a nonprofit organization.
- ▶ Indiana Wing Civil Air Patrol consists of five groups, with three special units. One special unit being Anderson Preparatory Academy.
- ▶ Consists of 29 squadrons and approximately 1,200 volunteer youth and adult members throughout Indiana.
- ▶ In July of 2015, volunteer pilots provided more than two hundred cadet orientation flights at Indiana Wing cadet encampment.
- ▶ Offers opportunities for members to serve communities, participate in leadership development training and acquire new skills that benefit personal and professional growth.
- ▶ Out of the 550 aircraft owned by the Civil Air Patrol nationwide, the Indiana Wing has custody of 11. All but two are Cessna, high-wing aircraft.
- ▶ Nearly five hundred cadets are able to participate in cadet orientation flights, some can receive instruction in gliders, balloons, and powered aircraft.
- ▶ Flies approximately 1,800 hours annually.
- ▶ Consists of a wide range of experts in fields such as finance, information technology, communications, safety, and aviation.
- ▶ Both cadet and adult members participate in local community service projects: projects range from sand bag assistance to flight line marshalling at air shows.

The U.S. Congress awarded CAP a Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 for its WWII service.

