

CONGRESSIONAL SQUADRON



CAP aircraft like this one routinely fly near the nation's capital, performing training missions with the U.S. Air Force — its Total Force partner. Members of the Congressional Squadron help provide support for such training, and some become active participants in its flight operations.

Join Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Squadron

Civil Air Patrol is a world-class aviation organization that is both a nonprofit corporation chartered by Congress and the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary. This unique dual status allows CAP to provide low-cost aerial platforms with advanced technologies for communities, states, and the federal government. The average operating cost of CAP is \$170 per flight hour, a fraction of the cost of using military aircraft.

The Congressional Squadron is a nonpartisan, volunteer organization made up of members of Congress, congressional staff, and aviation professionals. For over 50 years the squadron has supported emergency operations, youth development, and education.

Membership in the Congressional Squadron provides members of Congress and staff an opportunity to:

- Show their support for CAP units in their state and district;
- Sponsor two aircraft used for operational missions; and
- Participate in CAP programs as schedules permit.

Members of Congress participate as much or as little as desired — there is no obligation. Most are members to show support for CAP volunteers and programs such as youth development, community service, and lifesaving operations in their state/district. Some become active participants in various CAP programs, especially its flight operations.

Orientation flights and briefings are offered to members of Congress and staff to help gain a more in-depth understanding of CAP operations.

Opportunities are also available to become qualified aircrew (pilots, observers, scanners, and photographers) and participate in missions.

The squadron includes more than 400 current and retired members of Congress and staff. Members of Congress join at the grade of lieutenant colonel.

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CIVIL AIR PATROL | 2023 DATA

2023 VALUE OF CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS' SERVICE HOURS
\$253,199,495

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN
101,584

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2023

Air defense intercept training
Green Flag training
Joint Task Force-North border operations
Remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) escort operations
Rated Preparatory Program
Responses to hurricanes Ian, Nicole, and Hillary
Tornado responses
Wildland fire responses

► **Membership**

Volunteer Members

36,199 adult members
29,332 cadets

Squadrons

1,416 locations statewide

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

5,644 aircrew personnel
37,335 emergency responders

Mission Activity

455 search and rescue missions
60 lives saved*
230 finds*
**achieved with national team support*
21 disaster relief missions
7 counterdrug and drug interdiction missions
278 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
349 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flight missions
312 other Air Force support missions
1,172 training missions
62 other state support missions
214 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Cadet Flying

37,356 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flights

► **EQUIPMENT**

Aircraft

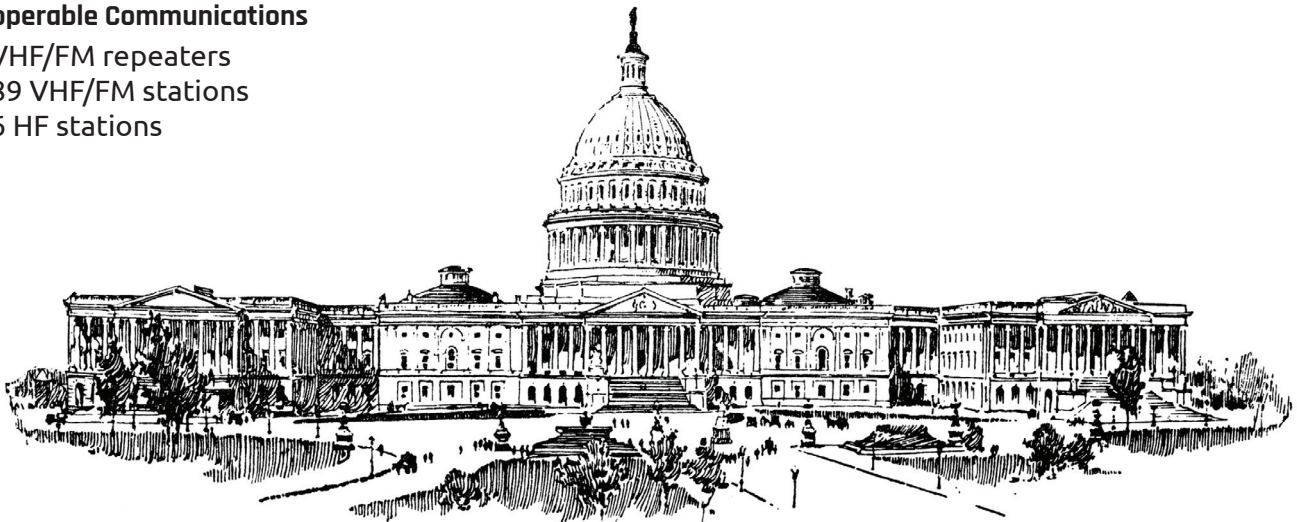
544 single-engine
52 gliders
2 hot-air balloons

Vehicles

1,075 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

768 VHF/FM repeaters
14,189 VHF/FM stations
2,416 HF stations



Volunteers Serving America's Communities, Saving Lives, and Shaping Futures.