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Dear CAP Volunteer,

Congratulations to the members of Civil Air Patrol on the occasion of our 69th anniversary. CAP was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor led to America's involvement in World War II. Members of CAP's Coastal Patrol quickly proved their worth during the war by conducting aerial patrols that discouraged and eventually stopped deadly German U-boat attacks on shipping in American waterways.

We are reminded of the sacrifices of early CAP pioneers with legislation pending in both houses of Congress that, if passed, would award a single Congressional Gold Medal to CAP for their service. These members' extraordinary contributions to America represent CAP's proud legacy of selfless sacrifice and service to country and community, which still thrives today through you and the other 61,000 citizen volunteers of Civil Air Patrol.

Over the past almost seven decades, CAP has evolved into a world-class public service organization of everyday heroes – pilots, technology experts, communicators, chaplains, teachers, youth mentors and others – who provide emergency services, search and rescue to those in need, conduct aerospace education and youth programs at more than 1,500 locations and help more than 100,000 students in thousands of schools nationwide.

Civil Air Patrol members go above and beyond every day, making a profound difference in America's communities. As a vigilant CAP volunteer, you save lives and preserve liberty for all. Thank you for your contributions to CAP's 69 years of service.

Always vigilant!

Sincerely

  
AMY S. COURTER  
Major General, CAP  
Commander