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Fellow Civil Air Patrol Members

The aerospace community is one that believes in recognizing the accomplishments of the many people who have given their entire lives in support of aviation and space flight. The Katharine Wright award is named in honor of Orville and Wilbur Wright's sister, Katharine. She used money from teaching to purchase supplies for her brothers' experiments, nursed Orville back to health after he crashed in Fort Myer, Virginia, contributed ideas to their experiments and trials and acted as a public figure to endorse the safety of flying and the Wrights' aircraft. She not only provided financial support to her brothers' endeavors, but also emotional, mental and public support to her brothers as well. The Civil Air Patrol believes in this ethos, as does the National Aeronautics Association (NAA), who sponsors the award and annually presents the Katharine Wright Award at the annual meeting of the Ninety-Nines.

The Katharine Wright award is made annually to a woman who has contributed to the success of others, or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and/or science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time. I believe there may be a number of Civil Air Patrol volunteers that meet the qualifications for this award, and I would like to encourage qualified members to submit a nomination package. Nominations must be received electronically by the NAA no later than March 31, 2011. Full details regarding the nomination process can be found at <http://naa.aero/html/awards/index.cfm?cmsid=180>. I would also like to request that anyone making a nomination please forward a copy of their package to Ms. Susie Parker at National Headquarters (sparker@capnhq.gov) so that we may also recognize your accomplishments in a meaningful way.

We have a very talented pool of women in CAP, and I am sure there are many who have mentored a great many young men and women in our cadet program and in schools across the country, as well as others who have pushed the envelope in aviation and space. My very best wishes go out to all who apply for this award and I hope to hear that a member of the Civil Air Patrol is selected.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy S. Courter".

AMY S. COURTER
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National Commander