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Civil Air Patrol wing plans open house

Illinois Wing of Civil Air Patrol will host a virtual state-wide open house on Saturday, October 3rd from 1PM to 3PM at <https://ilwg.cap.gov/IL-Wing-Open-House-2020>. Due to COVID-19, this will be a virtual event in lieu of an open house at each of their twenty six locations. Illinois Wing Commander Col. Robert Dempsey welcomes everyone to attend and learn more. CAP volunteers will be present on-line to explain CAP's missions for America and answer questions.

What is Civil Air Patrol? CAP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of volunteers performing in the following program areas:

Aerospace – Includes everything from rocketry, quadcopters, astronomy to flying Cessna planes.

Emergency Services – Train for disaster missions, search and rescue and humanitarian missions. Get radio communications, first aid, and ground team experience while helping your community. Have fun with mock exercises and participate in real missions.

The Cadet Program, for ages 12-18, focuses on Leadership, Aerospace, Character Development, Emergency Services, Drill and Ceremony, and Physical Training. The program centers around its core values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. Young adults get to experience flying, missions with emergency services, develop leadership skills, explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects, and so much more. Discover more information at GoCivilAirPatrol.com.

Civil Air Patrol has something to offer citizens of all ages. Develop skills, work with like-minded team members, and be a part of an organization that impacts your community, state, and nation. For more information, visit Illinois Wing's virtual open house at <https://ilwg.cap.gov/IL-Wing-Open-House-2020>.

About Civil Air Patrol Civil Air Patrol is the longtime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a valued member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine aircraft and 1,550 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). It performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 82 lives annually. CAP's 66,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Operating as a nonprofit organization, CAP also plays a leading role in STEM/aerospace education, and its members serve as mentors to 28,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.CAP.News or www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more information.