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NYS Senator Fred Akshar (52nd District) joins New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol's Legislative Squadron

Binghamton, NY- Senator Akshar will receive his official membership certificate and ID card at the Broome-Tioga Composite Squadron's quarterly awards ceremony on January 5th 2017 @ 6:30pm. South Central NY Group Commander Lt Col Douglas Jensen will present the certificate on behalf of New York Wing's Interim Wing Commander Lt Col Tom Carello.

As a Legislative Squadron member, Akshar holds the honorary grade of major and is authorized to ride in Civil Air Patrol aircraft and participate in CAP activities.

Akshar was sworn into office as a New York State Senator for the 52nd District on November 3 2015

Fred has dedicated his career to serving and protecting the citizens of the Southern Tier. He 's spent 15 years with local law enforcement, 2 years with the Chenango County Sheriff's Office and 13 with the Broome County Sheriff's Office. Fred's law enforcement experience touched on every level of the Sheriff's Office operations, and provided him with an intimate knowledge of the concerns of the people and communities across the entire region.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent 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 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.