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New York Wing Civil Air Patrol Receives \$300,000 from NYS Budget

Money will fund new flight simulator, base renovations

New York- New funding in the 2017-18 New York State Budget will support the operations of the Civil Air Patrol's New York Wing (CAP). CAP announced Thursday that the budget, passed by the State Legislature in April, includes \$300,000 for a variety of renovations, new equipment, and enhanced programs for the 2,300 members and cadets of New York Wing's 69 units.

In 2016 New York Wing members provided 7.7 million dollars of volunteer "man-hours" in service to New York State.

Colonel Tom Carello, New York Wing's Commander said In a recent interview, "CAP must continue to grow its pilot population to assure a highly trained professional corps of airmen will always be available to fly search and rescue missions. To that end, the wing is purchasing a \$ 100,000 REDBIRD Flight Simulator with 172 and 182 G1000 platforms. Students from around the state will be able to learn the importance of STEM careers in a fun educational manner with this simulator. This will provide our pilots the opportunity to improve existing flight skills as well as permit CAP Cadets to enhance flight training through our CAP Cadet Program. This device will be located at our NY Wing Cadet Educational Center at the 174th NYANG Base, Hancock Field, Syracuse."

Funding from the state budget will cover \$125,000 in renovations to CAP's Schenectady Mission base as well as \$100,000 for a new flight simulator that will help expand STEM education for its cadet programs and into schools across the state. The remaining funds will support other training programs, equipment, and operations at CAP headquarters. The budget funding was a priority for NYS Sen. Thomas Croci and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, a Major in CAP's Legislative Squadron and Co-Chair of the Legislative Aviation Caucus.

"Whenever I have the opportunity to acknowledge and support the work of the Civil Air Patrol, I consider it an honor to do what I can. By doing so, we recognize CAP and its citizen volunteers, who selflessly dedicate their services to protecting our country and improving the health and wellbeing of communities throughout New York State and our nation. Through a 75-year commitment of helping in our time of need, the Civil Air Patrol has set itself apart through its emergency mission work, such as assisting rescuers and state agencies following the September 11th terrorist attacks, supporting hurricane relief efforts, and aiding communities during natural disasters. I am proud to be in a position to help secure



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funding for this outstanding institution to help keep their bases in top form and to purchase a flight simulator, an important piece of equipment to assist in the training of CAP's Cadets and Pilots. This funding is the least we can do for the years of service and sacrifice CAP has made for the safety of all the people of this great State and our great Country." said NYS Senator Tom Croci.

"New York State is lucky to have Civil Air Patrol units actively involved in their communities," said Assemblywoman Lupardo. "Along with the education and training it provides cadets and members, CAP is regularly involved with emergency and disaster response missions. I'm very happy that funding was included in this year's budget to help CAP continue doing this valuable work."

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.cap.news for more information.



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