



Press Release

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Two Civil Air Patrol Cadets Join US Air Force Academy Honor Roll

Scarsdale, New York-- At an awards ceremony on Friday, 21 April 2017, two members of Westchester Cadet Squadron 1 of the Civil Air Patrol (NY048) were placed on the squadron's United States Air Force Academy Honor Roll in recognition of their appointment to the Service Academy. The Honor Roll goes back to the founding of the squadron in 1966, and the first cadet to join the Honor Roll was Christopher Reamy in 1973.

In 2015, Brenna Chen joined the Honor Roll when she was appointed to the Academy, which she currently attends. This year, for the first time, two cadet's names have been added to the Honor Roll. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Alexander J. Presley and Cadet Staff Sergeant Liam Serota were both added to the Honor Roll in recognition of their appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. They will leave to join their new class in June.

C/Lt Col Presley joined CAP five years ago and has progressed through the cadet program by studying aerospace education, learning leadership, becoming physically fit, developing character, and participating in squadron activities. He is at the threshold of earning the highest award in the cadet program, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award, which will include a promotion to the grade of Cadet Colonel. An excellent scholar and active in extracurricular activities, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Presley has also been active in the Cadet Advisory Council and has served in staff positions at the annual Leadership Encampments.

C/SSgt Serota joined CAP two years ago while also attending the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. Obsessed with aviation from an early age, C/SSgt Serota began volunteering at The Cradle of Aviation Museum in Long Island and has taken private flying lessons for the past two years. He too aspires to become a fighter pilot and in the aircraft design industry. He is also an active member in the Soldier's Angels Adopt - A - Soldier program, a volunteer organization that supports troops overseas.

Westchester Cadet Squadron has been honored over the last 50 years to have four of its finest cadets appointed to attend the US Air Force Academy. The Squadron meets on Friday nights for training and activities at the Legion Hall at 40 Bell Road in Scarsdale, NY. Young people from 12-18 are welcome to join as cadets, and adults 18 and older may join and train to become officers in the CAP program. Check out www.westcadets.org for more information.

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.



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Photo by 2dLt Jennifer Moon-Koslowski



Two Westchester Cadet Squadron 1 cadets were appointed to the United States Air Force Academy this year. Their names have been added to the Squadron's Honor Roll and plaque.

From left to right: C/LtCol Alexander J. Presley and C/SSgt Liam Serota