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## Civil Air Patrol

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### **Mayor, civic officials to attend luncheon/banquet in honor of CAP 75th anniversary**

**[City, ST]** — Mayor **[Name of Mayor]** and members of the **[City's name]** City Council will be the guests of **[Full Name of the Squadron]**, one of approximately 1,400 Civil Air Patrol squadrons located throughout the U.S.

The luncheon is in observance of Civil Air Patrol's 75th anniversary. CAP was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the beginning of American involvement in World War II. CAP won recognition during that time for its coastal patrols and other civil defense activities.

Among those expected to attend the luncheon are **[list council members and government representatives and their titles for those expected to be present]**. The luncheon is part of CAP's yearlong 75th anniversary observance.

*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](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.*