Comparing Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program & Air Force Junior ROTC

	AFJROTC	CAP
Program Manager	U.S. Air Force	Civil Air Patrol, Inc., a tax-exempt nonprofit
Program Goal	Citizens of character	Responsible citizens & aerospace leaders
Instructor	Retired USAF officer & NCO	Adult volunteers in the community and/or school faculty & staff
Compensation	School provides difference between retirement pay and Active Duty pay for the two instructors	None, though schools may provide stipends at their own expense
Other Fees	None for basic program	Membership fees (\$30-\$60 annual, pp) Uniform expenses (cost-sharing)
Location	School campus	Community host (airport, school, civic group, church, etc.)
Curriculum	Leadership, aerospace, STEM, character	Leadership, aerospace / STEM, fitness, character
Ages	High school, grades 9-12	Middle school and above, grades 6-12 Additional opportunities for college-aged youth and adult volunteers
Uniforms	Cadets wear an Air Force-style uniform	Cadets wear an Air Force-style uniform
Duration	Academic year plus summer / vacation elective content	Academic year plus summer / vacation elective content
Military Obligation	None	None

CAP and AFJROTC programs are complementary; each organization understands the other to be a peer and partner, not a competitor.