

Foundation for Giving

Civil Air Patrol Foundation Creates New Avenues of Support

Civil Air Patrol members often help people and communities in need, whether it's searching for an overdue aircraft, providing aerial images of storm-torn towns or making science and math lessons come alive for youth across the nation through aerospace education. Now, through the Civil Air Patrol Foundation, citizens can show their support for CAP's missions for America through charitable contributions.

The Civil Air Patrol Foundation is an independent nonprofit, private entity created to receive contributions, bequests and gifts to promote and provide direct financial support for CAP's programs and missions. The foundation, which is guided by a six-member board of directors, also provides scholarships for cadets, senior members and teachers actively assisting their communities through their CAP activities.

"The Civil Air Patrol Foundation opens up new funding opportunities for supporting CAP activities by providing a vehicle to seek out and accept large donations, planned giving and estate gifts," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter.

"Until now, CAP has not had a viable process in place for actively pursuing these types of gifts," said Courter. "This new way of partnering with CAP to help ensure our ongoing success is a win-win situation for everyone involved — and it adds an exciting new dimension to our future."

How to Donate

Supporting CAP through a tax-deductible donation to the Civil Air Patrol Foundation is easy. Visit the foundation's Web site at www.civilairpatrolfoundation.com, which includes a secure submission form for general donations via a credit card.

Donors can contribute through a general donation, an endowment or a bequest. General donations are used to support the greatest needs within the foundation.

Endowments are funds that earn interest to support a specific CAP activity. And bequests, or planned giving, can take several forms, such as cash donations, stocks, property or even a stated percentage of a donor's estate.

Those more comfortable with mailing in a donation can send it to the following address:

Civil Air Patrol Foundation
105 S. Hansell St.
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Civil Air Patrol Foundation Board of Directors

The Civil Air Patrol Foundation board of directors is comprised of six voting members, including member-at-large **Col. Mary Feik**, an aviation pioneer from the Maryland Wing who was awarded CAP's Lifetime Membership Award in 2008. Becoming a Lifetime Member is one of the highest awards given to longtime CAP volunteers and Feik is deserving of the honor. At 84 years of age, she still travels across the country giving inspirational and educational talks for CAP about her history-making career as an airplane master mechanic. She was named one of the 100 most influential women in aviation and aerospace over the past century, and is included in a NASA poster celebrating women in aerospace.

Other members currently serving with Feik on the board are:

Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter – CAP's national commander is the foundation's president. Courter became CAP's first female commander in August 2008.

Brig. Gen. Reggie Chitwood – CAP's national vice commander serves as foundation vice president.

Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling – This former CAP national commander and current chairman of the CAP Board of Governors is the foundation's secretary.

Col. Fred Weiss – CAP's national finance officer is the foundation's treasurer.

Col. John Tilton – He is a member of both CAP's Board of Governors and the foundation's board.