

Air Force Reserve Assistance Program within Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force (CAP-USAF).

Want to Join?

If you are an Air Force Reserve or National Guard member and you are looking for a new assignment, take a few minutes and look at the Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program (CAPRAP).

What is CAPRAP?

CAPRAP members provide oversight, advice, and liaison assistance to Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members, the USAF volunteer auxiliary, in all areas of its mission. To find out more about CAP, check their [National HQ website](#). CAPRAP provides the interface between the CAP and the Air Force. We are the eyes and ears of the Air Force in the day-to-day CAP business.

CAPRAP is managed by CAP-USAF, an active duty organization located at Maxwell AFB AL. While serving your country in this reserve assignment and earning retirement points, you will assist in educating America's civic-minded people about aerospace education, influence young people to pursue aerospace careers, helping develop the skills of Civil Air Patrol members in providing emergency services during disasters, and participating in homeland security. You may know of Civil Air Patrol's civil defense role during emergencies, in search and rescue missions, and during homeland security operations. There are CAP wings in each state, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

Who is eligible?

Most USAFR and Air National Guard members eligible for assignment to a Ready Reserve position are potentially eligible to join CAPRAP. Line officers must be in the grades of lieutenant through lieutenant colonel; enlisted members must be in the grades of senior airman through chief master sergeant. Potential CAPRAP members must be promotable. Officers twice passed over for promotion or who failed to make First Lieutenant on the first try are not eligible.

Non-line officers (JA, chaplain, medical) may join CAPRAP with certain caveats. JA officers and chaplains must be released at the USAF level with coordination through HQ ARPC; medical personnel must be released by HQ ARPC/SG (IMAs) or HQ AFRC/SG (unit Reserve). Many potentially complex and unpleasant side effects may occur from leaving one of these specialties to join CAPRAP (reduction in rank and decreased promotion eligibility to name two), so we typically do not encourage JA, chaplain or medical personnel to transfer into CAPRAP.

Nearly all CAPRAP positions are Category E (non-pay, points-only) reserve assignments. If you are a unit Reservist and would like to take on CAPRAP work as an additional duty (to earn more retirement points, for instance), you may serve as an attached member without prejudice to your unit assignment!

What would I do in CAPRAP?

CAPRAP members assist CAP unit commanders with administration and leadership, teach aerospace subjects to cadets, and serve as staff officers and advisors at cadet summer encampments, flight clinics, and leadership workshops. Temporary tours of active duty in pay status, ranging from one to 29 days, are sometimes available and are in such diverse areas as: helping conduct aerospace education workshops; acting as advisors and evaluator on emergency services exercises; participating in homeland security activities; and assisting the faculty for staff colleges and cadet officer schools at national, regional, and subordinate unit levels. Your duties in CAPRAP will vary depending on your interests and the amount of time you are willing to commit. No UTAs or weekend drills are required. Taking initiative, being safety-minded, and willing to work with people are key elements to success in this program. All fully qualified AF Specialty Skills are accepted since duties primarily are of an instructor or the planning and programs nature.

BENEFITS

The Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program offers many benefits to reservists. As a member of CAPRAP, you are administratively assigned to the 9004th Air Reserve Squadron and are attached for training to one of eight CAP-USAF Liaison Region Offices. CAPRAP reservists are in Category E, which is a program where you work for points-only toward retirement. Possible active duty days and the inactive duty participation at a nearby CAP unit can

usually be worked into the reservist's civilian schedule. The necessary 50 points required for a good year toward retirement can be earned through performing additional active and inactive duty and completion of various correspondence courses. Completion of 12 points qualifies you for an OPR/EPR. You do your duty and earn your points as you go, depending on how active you wish to be.

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Locations

There are eight liaison regions (LRs) and 52 CAP wings. Each region has an active duty commander (LRCC) who is responsible for the overall operation of the CAPRAP in his/her region.

Northeast LR: CT, ME, MA, VT, PA, RI, NH, NJ, and NY

Middle East LR: DE, MD, Nat'l Capital, NC, SC, WV, and VA

Great Lakes LR: IN, IL, KY, MI, OH, and WI

Southeast LR: AL, FL, GA, MS, TN, and PR

North Central LR: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD

Southwest LR: AZ, AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX

Rocky Mountain LR: CO, ID, MT, UT, and WY

Pacific LR: AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, and WA

Membership in CAPRAP can be a satisfying, fulfilling way of performing your Reserve duty while contributing to the mission of the Civil Air Patrol, its cadets and its dedicated volunteers.

If you want a one-of-a-kind reserve assignment where your current military and civilian skills can really have an impact on a great team of your fellow Americans, then the CAPRAP is for you.

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