

Maj. Matthew Carey of Elyria stepped down March 26, 2019 as commander of the Civil Air Patrol's Lorain County Composite Squadron. Maj. Michael Bridge of Elyria stepped in as the new squadron commander for the unit.

Carey, who has been with CAP for nearly 27 years, has served as squadron commander since 2016. Carey currently serves at the squadron level as assistant communications officer, assistant homeland security officer, assistant logistics officer, assistant transportation officer and assistant web security administrator. Carey additionally serves as deputy commander as well as communications for Group IV of the Ohio Wing.

Bridge first joined CAP in 2011. He most recently served as the deputy commander as well as emergency services officer and health services officer. His previous squadron positions include deputy commander for cadets, logistics officer and assistant deputy commander for senior, assistant disaster preparedness officer and assistant testing officer.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, 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 80 lives annually. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com or www.CAP.news for more information.





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