



**LORAIN COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON
GLR-OH-003**

**CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
P.O. Box 616
Amherst, OH. 44001**

Dear Prospective Member,

Welcome to the Lorain County Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. We have three primary missions given to us by Congress: Emergency Services (ES), Aerospace Education (AE), and the Cadet Programs. CAP also assists with Homeland Security and Drug Demand Reduction (DDR).

As a composite squadron we have an active adult officer program as well as a cadet program. Many of our officers are pilots or ground team members. Others provide direction for our cadet program which is for youth ages 12-21 (cadets over 18 must join prior to their 18th birthday to be a cadet). We have a monthly training schedule where cadets learn about leadership, moral leadership, Air Force drill, military customs and courtesies, aerospace, and emergency services.

CAP is an all volunteer organization but acceptance into membership is not automatic. New members must attend three meetings before they can request an interview by the Membership Committee. During this time you are encouraged to learn what CAP is like and to decide if you really want to commit to the program. When you submit your application please enclose a check payable to National Headquarters, CAP for \$68 and two FBI fingerprint cards. As an officer you will be expected to attend the weekly meeting on a regular basis and to be available to take cadets to Group and Wing activities. Information on how to obtain a CAP driver's permit is enclosed.

All new officers must complete Level 1 training which includes the CAP Foundations Course, Cadet Protection Program Training and Online Operations Security Awareness Training. These courses may be completed online at your convenience within 60 days of joining CAP, after which you will be awarded the Membership Ribbon. The course may be accessed at http://capmembers.com/cap_university/level-i-foundations/. Once you have completed Level One, bring your quizzes and pre-test to the squadron for validation and credit. After six months you will be promoted to 2d Lt. Regular advancement as an officer requires attending a variety of schools and progression through a specialty track. Enclosed in this folder is a description of the various specialty tracks available. As a new member you will choose one that helps meet your goals and also will be of service to the squadron.

Members of Civil Air Patrol wear the Air Force uniform and represent not only themselves but CAP and the U.S. Air Force. Adult officers who meet the height and weight standards may purchase the Air Force dress uniform and the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and boots. Individuals who do not meet these standards have alternative CAP distinctive uniforms. Until uniforms are acquired you should wear dark blue or black dress pants with a white dress or polo shirt with dress black shoes.

Thank you for your interest in CAP. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to e-mail (matthew.carey@ohwg.cap.gov) or to call me – (440) 522-1324.

Sincerely,

Matthew Carey, Capt, CAP
Squadron Commander,
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