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Civil Air Patrol unit plans aircraft display & information booth at air show

Decatur, IL — The Decatur Flight, a local unit of Civil Air Patrol, will host an information booth at the Decatur Air Show Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th at the Decatur Airport, 910 S. Airport Road. According to Master Sgt. Shane Guernsey, the Flight Non-commissioned Officer (NCO), the entire community is welcome to visit the booth and learn more about CAP. A Civil Air Patrol aircraft will also be on display alongside the information booth.

Members of the flight and neighboring units will be present to greet air show spectators and explain CAP's missions for America. Members will also host aerospace-themed activities and exhibits for young spectators at the information booth. CAP was founded on Dec. 1st, 1941. The information booth and aircraft display are part of CAP's 80th anniversary celebration designed to create a greater awareness of CAP's presence and contribution in the community.

The Decatur Flight is small but would like to grow to better serve Decatur, especially youth (12 years of age and up). The flight has several volunteer positions available including leadership roles and mentors to youth. Other opportunities including learning, teaching, & preparing for emergency services such as search and rescue, disaster relief, and aerial photography.

Established in 1941, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine Cessna aircraft and more than 2,000 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) and performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Often using innovative cellphone forensics and radar analysis software, CAP was credited by the AFRCC with saving 130 lives in fiscal 2020. CAP's 54,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. As a nonprofit organization, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education using national academic standards-based STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. Members also serve as mentors to over 20,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. One of the premier public service organizations in America, CAP benefits the nation with an estimated economic impact of $209 million annually. Visit www.CAP.News or www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more information.