Citizen Flyers!

On December 1st, the United States Civil Air Defense Services (CADS) was established. Do you have a plane? If you do, it’s your lucky day to help with the war effort! CADS wants your help to prove civilians are ready to help the military. General aircraft will be recruited to help fight, instead of being grounded. Bring your aircraft and join the effort!

We have many different missions for you to serve with! Among them are our anti-submarine patrol to protect our battleships and carriers and keep our coasts safe from enemy invasions. We’ve already began flying and spotting enemy U-boats, currently over thirty. We estimate that if we have even more people flying around to help, we can hit the hundreds. You can fly hundreds if not thousands of miles with us, with the bonus of helping defend your country.

And if that isn’t enough, CADS will help arm your aircraft with bombs and depth charges for these coastal patrol missions. You’ll get to take down submarines in real time! Not only are there these missions, but us at CADS also serve for border patrol and courier services if you aren’t particularly enchanted with the idea of depth charges and coastal patrols. There is something for everyone with CADS, and we would love to see you fly with us.

Each person and plane is a valuable asset to the United States’ cause, even if you don’t want to serve in the military. If you wouldn’t want to serve in the military, you can come help us and still play an important role!

Nowadays, CADS has been renamed Civil Air Patrol. We are an auxiliary of the Air Force who primarily focus on Emergency Services. I am a Cadet Captain within the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and I have been a member for three years. Currently, I have
gotten Search and Rescue certification with Civil Air Patrol, and I will be acquiring medical certification with CAP as well.

Within the military, the rank I have achieved in CAP allows me to enlist at a higher rank. I did not join for the rank, however. I joined because I love flying. CAP allows cadets to fly in both gliders and powered aircraft. Powered aircraft are Cessnas, the kind you see flying around much lower than passenger aircraft. CAP also has a flight scholarship and many Aerospace learning opportunities.

I came for the flying, and I stayed for the knowledge and ability to learn leadership. While we don’t fight in wars now, we get called on for FEMA photos and aid for hurricanes. One example is when a hurricane hit Puerto Rico, we set up radios both in Puerto Rico and the Southeast United States to get communications up and transport aid.

Our motto is Semper Vigilans, or “Always Vigilant”. We have four core values as well: integrity, volunteer service, respect, and excellence. Each different core value represents a part of life cadets follow to make better people and better leaders. Without leaders, things would struggle.

We wear the same uniform as the Air Force, but we serve a much different purpose. While the Air Force is focused on airpower and keeping higher airpower than other countries, Civil Air Patrol focuses on homeland level activities much like the Coast Guard. We focus on emergency services to aid in disaster relief and other possible emergencies. To do this, we have things like Mission Pilots, radios, Ground Teams, and a Mission Base. To keep our skills sharp, we have Search and Rescue Exercises on Group, Wing and even Region levels.

Each group has a certain number of squadrons. Wings are the state-level, encompassing all squadrons and groups within them. Regions on average have seven wings within them. While there may not have been many members when CAP started as CADS, we have 56,438 members. A whopping 23,273 of that alone is just cadets, people from ages twelve to eighteen. So many people want this opportunity, and it is amazing to me when I go to our national level programs for certifications and meet people from all over the country. It is an amazing program.
“An Honorable Place in American Air Power”

Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol Operations, 1942-1943

Frank A. Blazich Jr.
Eyes of the Home Skies

CIVIL AIR PATROL

OF THE U. S. OFFICE OF CIVILIANS DEFENSE
(Images of our CADS!)
The Ranger Creed

It is my duty as a member of the Rangers of the Civil Air Patrol ground search & rescue service, to save lives, aid the injured, and protect their property.

In order to do this, I will keep myself physically fit at all times.

I will be prepared at all times to perform my duties quickly and efficiently, placing the needs of others before my personal desires and comfort.

THESE THINGS I DO THAT OTHERS MAY
(My pictures from my time in Civil Air Patrol.)
Pearl Harbor Destruction

On December 7th, our beloved Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese. Many men died, and several of our best battleships have been sunk. Many have lost their families due to this tragedy. This counts as an act of war by the Japanese. Accordingly, our government has declared war against Japan. However, to help with this effort and allow us to keep going, we need you.

None of us agree with what happened at Pearl Harbor. Japan says it was a preventative measure, but it is a horrifying act. Pearl Harbor was a lovely naval base in Honolulu, a lagoon harbor. Our naval fleet would frequently visit. Now, much of that harbor has been destroyed by the Japanese. Over two thousand of our people have died from this attack.

There is no justification to this attack, as the United States has been neutral thus far in the war. Along with us, the United Kingdom has declared war on Japan as well. Unfortunately, Italy and Germany have declared war against us since we declared war against Japan. The world is at war once again.

To assure our victory, we want YOU to join us in our cause! Join the military and help defend your country against our enemies to swiftly end this war. We can win with YOUR help. Go to your local enlistment office today and come fight for your country.
I WANT YOU

for the U.S. ARMY
ENLIST NOW

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EDITORIAL

I am Sarah Brigham.
I am a member of Civil Air Patrol in Georgia Wing and have been for almost three years. I believe CAP is a very beneficial program. When it was still known as CADS, it did a lot of work during World War II on the coastal homeland side.

Pearl Harbor was a devastating incident. While it has been re-established as a Naval base since then, it was a tragedy at the time. There was no short number of deaths there, including the entire crew of the USS Arizona at the time.

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