

About CAP Music

CAP Bands supports the mission of Civil Air Patrol by providing entertainment in support of CAP activities. It is composed of three units:

Concert/Ceremonial Band

Perform at events such as airshows; activities honoring veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces; parades; and dinners. We also provide buglers for taps at military ceremonies.

Korean War Celebration on the National Mall; National Observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War; Arlington Cemetery

Swing Band

Provides music from the golden age of swing for dining events, receptions, weddings and the general public.

Annual CAP conference at Smithsonian and Air and Space Museum; Flag Day Celebration at Fort McHenry; Glen Echo Park

Field Music (Fife, Drums and Bugles)

We provide some instruction on fife, drum and bugle. We offer field music support for ceremonial functions especially for America's veterans, seeking to promote the understanding of America's heritage of martial music. The Corps performs in Civil Air Patrol or period-related uniforms.

Annual Trips to the Ancient Fife and Drum Muster in Deep River Conn.; National Military Music Academy [summer music camp for cadets and seniors]; Door and Hardware Convention Baltimore, MD; Mt. Airy Firemans Parade



Benefits of CAP



CAP Music conducts the National Military Music Academy -- an annual two-week encampment for CAP cadets. Activities include joint rehearsal with the United States Air Force Band, concerts at Mt. Vernon and other

areas in the Washington, D.C./VA/MD area, and music for ceremonies honoring Korean War Veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and the National Memorial Mall.

Did you know?

CAP owns and maintains the largest fleet of private airplanes in the world. Fuel and other expenses are covered for practice missions and emergencies and for search and rescue missions.

The Aerospace Education Programs teach cadets as young as 13 years old.

Interested musicians are invited to join our rehearsal. Come play with us and consider the benefits of joining the Civil Air Patrol Band:

The opportunity to wear your country's uniform and serve your community in your spare time.

Access to musical instruments and equipment provided to Civil Air Patrol through the Armed Forces acquisition system.

An opportunity to enjoy and help preserve America's treasury of music from field music of the early colonial era to the Big Band sound of the Swing era.

Pictures: top cadet speaking with Admiral Kathy Martin after a joint performance with the National Naval Medical Center Band. top left, cadets play on a marimba after a rehearsal with the United States Air Force Band.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to know how to play an instrument?

Yes. We do not provide beginning classes. But if you read music, and need a place to get better, please feel free to join us at rehearsals to enhance your musical ability.

What is the Civil Air Patrol?

A volunteer organization that educates people about aerospace education, emergency services and cadet programs. It is the auxiliary unit of the United States Air Force which allows us to wear the Air Force Uniform, excel through ranking and learn about aerospace events.

If I join the Civil Air Patrol, will I be deployed?

NO. CAP is a completely volunteer organization, you can un-volunteer at anytime.

Do I have to go to basic Training?

There is no basic training, and no hazing of any kind or description is permitted.

Why do I have to have to get fingerprinted for membership?

Fingerprinting tests are sent to the FBI to ensure that felons are barred from membership.

What are the requirements for membership?

Everyone attends a lecture and watches a video tape on the history and founding of CAP and the Cadet Protection Program.

Do I have to pay dues?

There is an annual membership fee of \$50. Other expenses include buying a uniform, which ranges from \$20 - \$100. No other dues are collected.

What are the benefits of CAP music program?

Getting the opportunity to perform at various venues and activities with a vast repertoire from our musical heritage.

What are the age and physical requirements?

There are none.

Do you have to be a U.S. Citizen?

No.

What is CAP?

The CAP is comprised of civilian volunteers who contribute their spare time to its three-part mission: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs. CAP Music provides music and entertainment in support of Civil Air Patrol activities.

The Music Duty:

The goal of our music program is to provide an outlet for people to enjoy performing the vast repertoire of our musical heritage, through music, specifically concert/ceremonial band, big swing band, and field music.

Although the CAP is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and is a volunteer organization, no one can be deployed. As a volunteer organization, members may leave CAP at anytime.

As members of CAP, we are privileged to wear the Air Force uniform in certain occasions. There is a grade structure of officer or NCO rank. The entry level for adults is as a Senior Member status, promotable to 2nd Lieutenant after 6 months. For those who do not wish to wear a military uniform a myriad of other clothing combinations can be worn by CAP members.



Brigadier General,
CAP James C. Bobick

"I am convinced that a viable national music program is a very beneficial addition to our CAP missions, especially within the cadet program. Our challenge for the 21st century is to reach as many youth and adults as feasible and offer them an enjoyable and productive venue to serve our nation and what better way than through music."

Rehearsals: Continuous Monthly*

1st & 3rd Saturdays Concert Band
2nd & 4th Saturdays Swing Band
10:00 am -- 12:30 pm

Location:

National Naval Medical Center
3rd Floor Memorial Auditorium
1701 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD

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*Rehearsals are subject to change depending on performances. If you are planning to come out please call to verify the rehearsal schedule.

For more information about The Civil Air Patrol, please visit us online at www.caphq.gov

Your Invitation To Play Good Music with the Civil Air Patrol

The Civilian Auxiliary of the United States Air Forces



Do you like to play music?

Are you interested in helping
preserve our nation's martial music?

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