Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program
The Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program (CAPRAP) is managed by Headquarters Civil Air Patrol-USAF (CAP-USAF), an active duty Air Force organization responsible to provide oversight, advice and liaison to Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Auxiliary. CAP has a portfolio of 1,450 units with a portfolio of 550 aircraft, 940 vehicles and 57,600 personnel that annually fly over 95,000 hours including Air Force assigned missions such as: Search and Rescue, Air Transport, Aerial Observation and Imaging of Critical Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery and Relief, Damage Assessment, Special Use Airspace and Range Inspection, Communications Support, Incident Command Augmentation, Chaplain Assistance, Counterdrug, Law Enforcement Support. These activities, in addition to emergency services and disaster relief operations, requires enthusiastic support from CAPRAP reservists. Monthly participation can be scheduled around family and job activities; however, major domestic crises are ‘all hands on deck’ events.

ABOUT CAPRAP
CAPRAP is an important part of the CAP-USAF organization to oversee the Civil Air Patrol. CAPRAP reservists provide technical assistance and advice to CAP units located across America by assisting them with training, evaluating, advising, and motivating CAP personnel in their Air Force mission of participating in daily homeland security operations and providing emergency services during disasters. Other CAPRAP activities include assisting CAP cadets at powered flight and glider academies, leadership schools, drill competitions, civil engineering programs, cyber security contests, moral leadership and more. To learn more about CAP, check out CAPs National HQ website at gocivilairpatrol.com

ELIGIBILITY
CAPRAP is open to commissioned and non-commissioned airmen of all AFSCs. Members typically perform duty in the CAP Liaison Region (LR) nearest their residence. There are eight CAP LRs covering the 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. Each liaison region is led by an active duty Commander (LR/CC) who is responsible for the CAPRAP members in their region.

Northeast LR: CT, ME, MA, VT, PA, RI, NH, NJ, NY
Middle East LR: DE, MD, DC, NC, SC, WV, VA
Great Lakes LR: IN, IL, KY, MI, OH, WI
Southeast LR: AL, FL, GA, MS, TN, PR

North Central LR: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD
Southwest LR: AZ, AR, LA, NM, OK, TX
Rocky Mountain LR: CO, ID, MT, UT, WY
Pacific LR: AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA

CAPRAPs are a mobilization resource, so they maintain readiness standards, which include current dental exam, PHA, ancillary training, immunizations, HIV screening, fit test, and security clearance.

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BENEFITS
1. Income. CAPRAPs are Category E, Participating Individual Ready Reservists, who serve while earning retirement points and paid active duty mandays are available to support certain CAP events.

2. Retirement Points. Members are credited with a year of satisfactory federal service for retirement when they earn a minimum of 50 points in a full retention and retirement (R/R) year. Thirty-five R/R points must be earned through participation and 15 points are awarded for membership. Liaison Region commanders may authorize other point gaining activities.
With 20 good years, you can draw retired military pay at age 60.

*Estimated Retirement Example: An airman born in 1980 who retires with 20 good years in 2018 with 2000 points would receive more than $1000 (E-6) or $2000 (O-4) per month.* (Estimate your pay at [http://militarypay.defense.gov/Calculators.aspx](http://militarypay.defense.gov/Calculators.aspx))

3. **Promotions.** Members are eligible for competitive promotion boards – Promotion Enhancement Program (PEP) for enlisted and Selection Boards for officers.

4. **Job Security.** Category A or B reservists can still be a CAPRAP as an additional duty. Those who get promoted out of their CAT A or B slot, or if their position is eliminated, can revert to CAPRAP as their primary duty. Thousands of reservists lose their positions every year, which makes this benefit so valuable.

5. **Flexibility.** Participation can be scheduled around employment or family activities; however, major domestic crises are ‘all hands on deck’ events.

6. **Recognition.** Awards and medals are conferred for meritorious and excellent achievement.

7. **Tax deductions.** Certain mileage, uniforms, and out of pocket expenses are deductible depending on duty status.

8. **All Ranks Club.** AFI 34-272 affords 50% off Club memberships to CAPRAPS who live more than 50-miles from an Air Force base so annual membership fee is around $72 enlisted/$108 officers. The Club card is honored at all clubs.

9. **DMV savings.** Some states offer discounted driver’s license and license plates.

10. **Exchange shopping.** Unlimited use of tax free military Exchanges, Clothing Sales and Class VI stores.

11. **Commissary.** Members and their authorized family members enjoy unlimited access in the US, Guam and Puerto Rico.

12. **Base services.** Legal assistance, library, family services, education services.

13. **Recreation.** Auto hobby shop, craft shop, campsites, cabins, boating, jet skis, fishing, bowling alley, golf course, gymnasium, swimming pool, discount tickets, theater, child care, aero club, equipment rental, recreation center, picnic grounds, horseback riding, archery and skeet range. And don’t forget special ITT discounts at theme parks, concerts, plays and movie theaters.


15. **On-base lodging.** Space available base lodging is accessible as governed by local base policy.

16. **Insurance.** SGLI provides low-cost term life insurance in $50,000 increments up to $400,000 coverage to eligible Service members. If you qualify for SGLI, you are automatically enrolled and do not need to apply for coverage.

17. **Survivor benefits.** The Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RC-SBP) and Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) provide eligible beneficiaries with a monthly payment for the beneficiary's lifetime. ([http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html))

18. **Retirement benefits.** At age 60, reservists enjoy the same privileges as active duty retirees. This includes a monthly annuity, free or low cost medical and dental care and space-available travel outside the continental United States.

19. **Civilian contacts.** Your reserve affiliation can expand your professional network.

20. **Intangible rewards.** These are the most important benefits. You have the personal satisfaction that your guidance will influence the future of America’s finest young people while providing a vital function for the Air Force and our nation. You are giving something back to this great nation that provided you the opportunity and freedom to become a successful airman. Those interested in making an important contribution to their local community or making a difference during natural disasters and national emergencies should join CAPRAP.