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# Civil Air Patrol Seeks to 'Air-Condition' America



GETTING PRACTICE . . . Cadet 2nd Lt. Roberta Hoxworth receives communication supervision from Capt. Elmer Aspetta, CAP squadron executive officer in the radio tower

of squadron headquarters at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Cadets receive training in all types of communication work—phones, radios, public address systems, and others.

## Local Unit Has 105 Volunteers

"Air-conditioning America" is the aim of more than 80,000 members of the Civil Air Patrol, including some 105 members of the Torrance unit, who drill weekly at Torrance Municipal Airport.

The local unit, commanded by Capt. Maurice Allman, is composed of 70 senior members and 55 cadets who receive training in flight, radio operation, observing, first aid, instruction, and other aspects of the national defense program.

Although they are an official civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, CAP volunteers receive no salary, allowance, or flight pay, in fact, have to pay for their own membership assessments, uniforms, and gas for their own planes. They are reimbursed only for fuel and lubricants used on missions ordered by the Air Force.

### Subject to Call

CAP members also work under a semi-military code of discipline and are subject to call at any time they are needed.

An important part of the CAP program is instruction in search and rescue techniques, serving as the "right arm" of the Air Force Rescue Service. CAP members annually perform some 62 per cent of the total search hours flown by participating agencies.

In time of emergency, they would be subject to call for work as patrol scouts, courier craft, and cargo carriers. Created on Dec. 1, 1941, the group performed such duties during World War II. They would be called upon to help evacuate noncombatants and injured persons, to transport blood and supplies, and in surveying devastated areas.

Both men and women participate in the CAP program, although men are in a majority. There are several family acts in the local units, including Sgt. Robert Hoxworth, his wife, W/O Grace Hoxworth, and their two children, Cadet 2nd Lt. Roberta and Cadet Sgt. Martin Hoxworth.

Also included are several air-minded husband-wife teams, including 1st Lt. Carl and 2nd Lt. Evelyn Shirley, 1st Lt. Robert and 2nd Lt. Mary Pinkney, Lt. Rex, and Sgt. Margaret Hume, and Capt. Maurice and W/O Elaine Allman.

The local unit, together with the other five units in the Long Beach CAP Squadron participated in a training mission at Torrance Municipal Airport last week end in preparation for an annual mission to be held next month.

In next month's mission, all CAP units in southern California will be checked and graded by regular Air Force officers on all aspects of their training and operation program.

The senior unit, composed of graduates of the cadet program and of other interested persons over 21 years old, meets on alternating Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.



THE HEADQUARTERS . . . The Civil Air Patrol program is the topic of discussion as Capt. Maurice Allman, commander of squadron 43, group 7, the local unit, and Ed Dietrich, manager of Torrance Municipal Airport, stand in front of the local CAP headquarters. Housed here are CAP instructional facilities and a radio tower.

## CAP Member, 'Sister' Reunited

A local Civil Air Patrol member, Lt. Kenny Lottmann, had a happy reunion recently with his "sister," Micheline Brajon, whom he had not seen since he "adopted" her and her family in France, in 1945.

While a corporal in the Air Force, in 1945, Lottmann was stationed near Paris. A group of men decided to "adopt" French families living nearby, and he "adopted" Micheline and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brajon. They in turn, adopted him, and named their dog "Yankee" in honor of their new friends.

The Brajons wanted to come

to the United States. Since he was not in a financial condition to sponsor them in 1946, Lottmann, a former boxer, persuaded his former flight manager, Jack Beatty, to put up the necessary guarantees.

The Brajons moved to Peoria, Ill., in 1948, and although they corresponded, none of them saw Lottmann until Micheline came out to visit Lottmann,

and his mother, Mrs. C. W. McJunkin, this year. Now 22, she was 13 when she last saw him. Lottmann and Mrs. McJunkin will drive back to Illinois with Miss Brajon to see her parents soon.

She got her first ride in a single-engine plane at the Civil Air Patrol open house recently, and was reported thrilled at the experience.

All Photos By

2nd Lt. Kenny Lottmann

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## CAP CADETS RECEIVE TRAINING IN MANY PHASES OF CIVIL DEFENSE

The Civil Air Patrol has a definite accent on youth in its program of training for various phases of air work—with some 60 per cent of its membership enrolled in the cadet program for youngsters between 15 and 18.

Of the 105 members of the local CAP program, 50 are enrolled in the cadet program. Although the CAP does not teach its cadets to fly, it does give instruction in flight fundamentals and offers flight scholarships for outstanding cadets.

### Trips Made

The youngsters get the thrill of actual flight through a series of orientation trips, awarded by merit system, which enable them to log observer time. Senior pilots who fly cadets use both privately owned ships and Air Force on-loan aircraft.

One of the events to be attended by local cadets soon includes a week-long encampment at George Air Force Base at Victorville, starting Saturday. They will live there under actual military conditions, receiving training in survival, firing, and other phases of the program.

They will be accompanied by 2nd Lt. Mary Pinkney and W/O Grace Hoxworth.

### Radio Training

Since the Civil Air Patrol has more than 8000 fixed, mobile and airborne stations on Air Force frequencies throughout the 48 states and territories, cadets receive instruction in radio operational procedure. They also study the use of field phones, switchboards, portable public address systems, and installation and communication equipment.

Senior field training missions to teach search and rescue techniques are included in the program. Cadets learn how to feed and care for great numbers of persons under emergency conditions.

Other phases of the CAP program include the "Big Three"—an International Cadet Exchange program for men, and the International Cadet Exchange program for women, the annual summer encampment at an Air Force base, and the National Drill competition.

Instructors in all phases of the program are senior mem-

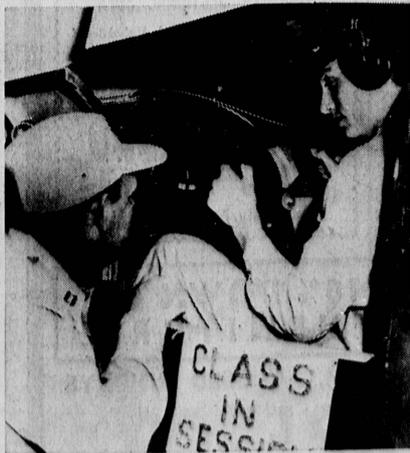
bers of the CAP, Air Force Reserve personnel, and local citizens interested in aviation.

Either young men or women between 15 and 18 may join the CAP cadet program. Upon reaching 18, they may join the senior CAP program if they wish. They buy their own uniforms and are subject to semi-military discipline.

The local CAP cadet unit meets every Monday evening at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Further information can be obtained at DA 62592 or FR 52785.



AIRBORNE REUNION . . . Looking over a plane at the Civil Air Patrol open house recently is Micheline Brajon, "adopted sister" of its pilot, Lt. Kenny Lottmann. Lt. Robert Pinkney looks on at right. Lt. Lottmann and Miss Brajon were reunited for the first time since 1946, when he was stationed near Paris, where she lived.



LINK TRAINER INSTRUCTION . . . CAP Squadron Commander Capt. Maurice C. Allman tells Cadet Sgt. Martin Hoxworth what all the panels in the link trainer signify. The trainer and regular aircraft are the laboratories for a considerable part of the Civil Air Patrol cadet program.



READY FOR FLIGHT . . . Getting last-minute pre-flight instructions from M-Sgt. Bryan W. Thompson before an orientation ride is Cadet Barbara Howell. This plane is an Air Force on-loan L-16, but private planes also are used. The orientation rides are used to train cadets as observers.