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CIVIL AIR PATROL TRAINS AT WOODBINE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Civil Air Patrol will again be holding training at Woodbine Municipal Airport.

Thirteen Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from New Jersey have been chosen to study in the CAP Eagle Flight Glider Encampment at Woodbine Municipal Airport, starting July 11. They will study on the ground and in the air under the watchful eyes of pilot instructors through July 19.

The cadets, who are from all over New Jersey, were chosen by a review board of adult officers in an application process. They are age 12 through 18, with most being in high school. All the cadets will also take part in two days of glider classroom instruction at the CAP NJ Wing Headquarters at McGuire AFB, June 27-28.

The summer flight academy is one of two run every summer by NJ Wing. Along with the glider encampment at Woodbine, the wing runs a powered flight academy from Lakehurst NAES each summer utilizing CAP Cessna aircraft.

Encampment commander Col Mike Flynn, CAP, stresses that the watchword for the week, like at every Civil Air Patrol activity, will be safety. "Our first priority," he said, will be making sure the cadets and staff are safe on the ground and in the air. Part of the learning will be about being safe around aircraft."

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 55,000 members nationwide. CAP was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into World War II. Today, CAP performs 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 103 lives in 2007. Its volunteers also perform homeland security and disaster relief missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 22,000 young people currently participating in the CAP Cadet Program. For more information, go to www.njwgcap.org.

“We welcome these young men and women once again to our airport,” commented Mayor Pikolycky. “The Civil Air Patrol has always played a major part in our area, in particular when it comes to search and rescue missions. I encourage the public to visit and observe the instructions the cadets will be going through for the week and to meet these fine individuals.”

Both cadets and instructors will be available for interviews during the flight week. CAP expects to make unedited high definition- quality (1080-MP4) video available from the two-person glider cockpits available for download. Crews will also be invited to shoot their own video or digital photography at the airport, safety permitting.

Interested media are invited to contact the public affairs officer, Lt Mark Swanson, at (609) 636-9724 prior to arrival. All flights depend on safe conditions and weather, so media representatives are advised to check in with Lt Swanson before arrival.