



The statistics associated with Civil Air Patrol are fueled by our vigilant 55,600 members, but that's only a part of the CAP story. For instance, our members nationwide saved 91 lives in 2008 while performing search and rescue missions. They devoted thousands of hours to hurricane relief efforts in four Gulf Coast states and volunteered their time, energy and expertise in assisting with the response to wildfires in seven states. When flooding endangered lives and property in 14 states, CAP members stepped up to assist victims and emergency service personnel alike. And after tornadoes ripped through no less than 16 states, CAP aircrews took on damage assessment missions, providing aerial imagery of the destruction and giving officials with state and local government, emergency service agencies and the National Weather Service rides for an airborne view of the storms' impact.

Also, nearly 22,000 youth benefited from CAP's Cadet Program last year. They served their communities while learning to be better students, friends and future leaders of America, and their success was driven by the Cadet Program's core values of integrity, community service, excellence and respect.

Behind every statistic from an emergency service mission are these members, and behind each person saved is a thankful family, friends and community. The value of a life saved is truly beyond measure.

In addition, behind every enthusiastic youth involved in the Cadet Program are proud parents, inspired friends and siblings and a community positioned for a brighter, more productive future thanks to each cadet's invaluable contributions. These cadets reach their potential as civic, military and business leaders and affect the world in immeasurable ways through their works and their influence on others.

Readers of the *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer* are very familiar with the exceptional men and women that make up our membership — your neighbors, who strengthen the fabric of their communities through selfless volunteer service. To discover how you can be a part of the story, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or call (877) 227-9142.

*Don Rowland*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Rowland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Don" and "Rowland" being capitalized and prominent.

*Executive Director*