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Carroll Squadron Directly Involved in National Election.

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WESTMINSTER, MD. Carroll Squadron Directly Involved in National Election. October 26 through November 6, 2012, 2ndLT Alice Raatjes, PAO Carroll Composite Squadron www.carrollcap.org Civil Air Patrol Cadets and senior members of the Carroll Composite Squadron assist the Carroll County Election Board and Maryland citizens during the 2012 Presidential and General Election. The Carroll Composite Squadron accepted the privilege of being involved in this national effort to elect a President, Congressional leaders and local level representatives.

At various polling places throughout Maryland, voters use a touchscreen voting system. This system of machines must be set up prior to and dismantled after the election. Carroll Squadron members help prepare polling places by setting up these machines to be used by the voting public in the Westminster area. This service helps not only the local election board by providing direct volunteer labor; it encourages eligible voters to cast their ballot in the national election by providing support to local polling places. The Squadron is assigned to assist at eight (8) polling sites and set-up 137 machines.

Subsequent to the election, Carroll Squadron members will assist in the 'clean-up' process by returning to the polling places to "tear-down" the machines for storage until the next election. The Squadron remains committed to the community it serves and to its members. As such, they are proud of their contribution to this national event.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.