

New Cadet Commander for the Carroll Composite Squadron.

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October 2013. Westminster, Md. Cadet 2nd Lt. Christian Hamric, a recent recipient of the Civil Air Patrol William "Billy" Mitchell Award, assumes command of the cadet component of the Carroll Composite squadron of the Maryland Wing. Commander Lt Col. Frank Jarosinski, outgoing cadet commander, Cadet 2nd Lt. Christopher Davis, and squadron members attended the ceremony held on October 8, 2013, as Hamric accepted his new position.

When asked about his new assignment, Hamric replied, "I believe that I come well prepared to this position. Since joining the CAP in 2009, I have had the opportunity to experience first as a cadet trainee, a cadet non commissioned officer and now as a cadet second lieutenant, the Civil Air Patrol leadership principles of promoting quality leadership, respect and honor through a viable cadet program. The guidance and experience I have received from our squadron's finest leaders and fellow cadets lay the foundation for my tenure as a cadet commander. I look forward to promoting achievement through excellence and ensuring that each cadet reaches their fullest potential in the Civil Air Patrol."

Currently, a senior at Winters Mill High School, Hamric has set definitive career goals that include college Army ROTC, service in the military and ultimately becoming part of the U.S. Marshall Service. Hamric acquired his commitment to honor, duty and country through inspiration provided by his father, 1stLt Timothy Hamric, Senior Cadet Commander for the Carroll Composite squadron and former US Army Staff Sergeant. "I am excited about the future for Carroll cadets. 'Team Hamric' is dedicated to excellence through quality leadership and program effectiveness," said cadet 2nd Lt. Hamric.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 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 more than 26,000 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 71 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.qocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

Nearly 1,700 members of CAP serve in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 29 search and rescue missions and were credited with 13 finds saving three lives. Maryland Wing flew over 160 missions for the State of Maryland resulting in 2,222 hours flown. Volunteers contributed services estimated at \$4.2 million. For more information, contact the Maryland Wing at www.mdcap.org.

The Carroll Composite Squadron meets 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Hilltop Assembly of God Church Hall at 30 North Cranberry Road in Westminster, Md. Prospective cadets, ages 12-18, and their parents are always welcome. Adults seeking mentoring opportunities are invited as well. For more information e-mail carrollcomposite@yahoo.com or visit www.carrollcap.org. You can also follow the Squadron on Facebook at www.facebook.com/capcarrollcomposite



Cadet 2ndLt Christian Hamric accepts the Carroll Composite squadron guidon from outgoing commander, Cadet 2ndLt Christopher Davis.