

CIVIL AIR PATROL



DEPARTMENT OF HERALDRY

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BACKGROUND:

The use of specific badges to represent a military specialty has evolved over the years, stemming from the British and carried forth in the US Army and Navy since Revolutionary time... Some to represent the mantle of power, some others for support roles, in the areas of administration, pay food, transportation, supply, justice and construction.

In viewing the proposed specialty design and how it relates to heraldry and military leaves many doors open.

For this very important design concept I have asked *LTC Axel I. Ostling*, along with *LTC Allan F. Pogorzelski* both original charter members of CAP Historical Committee. All are highly experienced in the areas of CAP, Military History and heraldry to assist in designing and/or fitting the badges to the task at hand

BASIC OUTLINE:

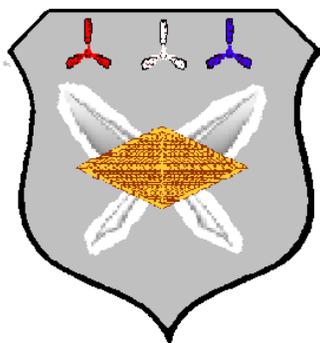
Most of the "new" badges should contain the three bladed propeller's our CAP symbol in red, white and blue representing the three missions of CAP i.e. Red -emergency services, White - Aerospace Education, and Blue - Cadet program. Moreover representing our national colors. As one looks at the specialty areas all relate to most if not all support CAP's mission. The Background color is the silver Grey of CAP's epaulets

Civil Air Patrol by our congressional charter is recognized for a domestic humanitarian service organization, for that reason we should always stayed away from utilizing the Globe as with the USAF which indicates worldwide.

Moreover we must also refrain from using the American Eagle in a defense posture; inclusion of arrows, swords, and guns should also never be used in CAP badges, for in the military that is the description of defense and war.

And placement is paramount as to Dexter (Right hand) and Sinister (Left hand) of animals heads arrows, bombs, and the use of laurel leaves. Dexter facing represents strength and Sinister facing is peace.

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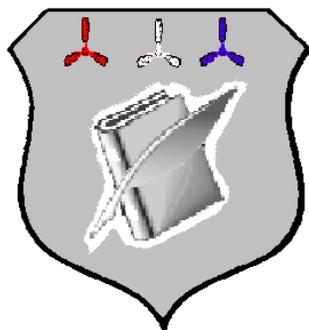


FINANCE

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Going back to our Army roots, what a fitting symbol for finance is none other the highly recognized **Gold diamond** with its short axis vertical. This is the emblem for the Army Pay department and was in accepted in gold in 1896; its heritage goes back to the 16 of June 1775.

The addition of the **crossed White quill pens** indicates the posting of and the maintenance of finance records at all levels the two pens represent the checks and balances.

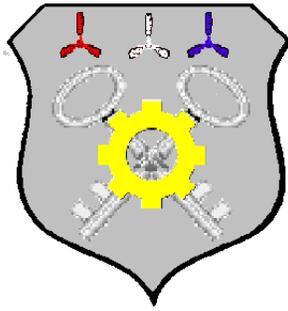


PERSONNEL

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Centered is a closed **Blue covered Book** representing CAP regulations and directives.

The addition of the **White quill pen** indicates the posting of and maintenance of personnel records.

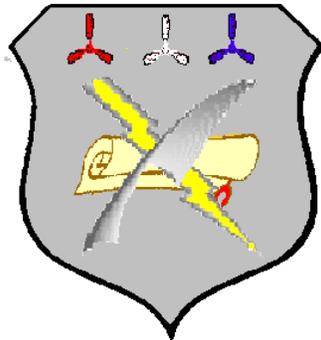


LOGISTICS

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Centered is a **Yellow toothed gear** a symbol (USAF Air Material Command) and other military services of material and supply.

The addition of the two **crossed White keys** alluding to storekeeping functions symbolizes control of "Military supplies" by the Logistics office at the Headquarters level and below.



ADMINISTRATION

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Centered horizontally is an **antique Yellow parchment scroll** with **red seal** representing CAP administration of documents as its keeper, guardian and issuance of orders.

The addition of the left to right **White quill pen** indicates the posting of and maintenance of administration records. The left to right **Yellow lightning bolt** indicates the electronic posting of messages and maintenance of administration records.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Centered horizontally is a **Gold or Bronze Lamp of knowledge**, a symbol of education and knowledge worldwide and with in the military.

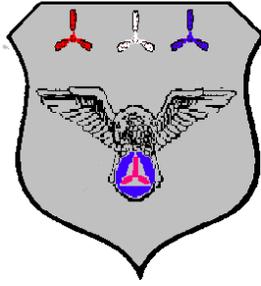


HISTORIANS

The Background color is the **Silver Grey** of CAP's epaulets.

Centered horizontally slightly down is the Original CAP **Red** Propeller, **White** Isosceles Triangle and **Blue** disk representing CAP foundlings and its history.

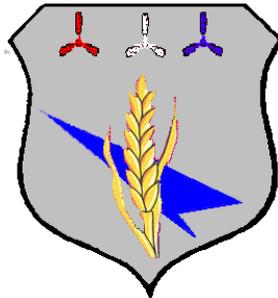
Centered above the CAP Emblem is a **white Quill pen** representing recording and documentation, then an ancient **gold trumpet**, crossed behind the quill, which represents putting forth the history of CAP, with announcement, fanfare for attention.



OPERATIONS

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Going back to our CAP, CD, Army and military roots, what a fitting symbol for operations is none other the original CAP wartime **Silver Pilots badge** with **CAP colored** emblem which represent the mission from its humble beginning's. First with Coastal, Forest, Border Patrol's, our tow target, searchlight, Search & Rescue, and Courier Service. And today's added missions numerous manmade and natural disasters and one of counter drug. All inclusive of our operations representing our illustrious past, the present and the future



RECRUITER

The three three-bladed propellers represent CAP's three missions -- **Red** -Emergency Services, **White** - Aerospace Education, and **Blue** - Cadet program. The Background color is the **Silver Grey** of CAP's epaulets and the background color of CAP's coat of arms.

“To recruit” is derived from the Latin *re-* (again) plus *crescere* (to grow, increase). The wheat stalk is a traditional symbol for growth. The wheat stalk overlies a blue flight symbol, representing the flowering of aerospace in support of Civil Air Patrol's missions.