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I send my warmest greetings to all those celebrating the 82nd anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol.

Since its founding, the Civil Air Patrol has been a critical part of America's ability to keep our country safe and ready. By defending our Merchant Marines against the forces of fascism during the Second World War, flying humanitarian missions with the American Red Cross following natural disasters, and providing critical transportation support in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11th, Civil Air Patrol volunteers and cadets have distinguished themselves time and time again through their steadfast service. To this day, they continue to embody the very best of our Nation—carrying on a decades-long legacy of integrity, duty, and excellence.

We are at an inflection point in history—a point where the decisions we make now will determine the course of our future for decades to come. As members of the Civil Air Patrol, you are not only meeting this moment; you are setting our country on a stronger, safer, and more secure path. Thank you for your commitment and vigilance. And may God bless the Civil Air Patrol and all those who serve.