Cybersecurity Awareness Month
October 2024

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October marks the start of a new fiscal year for Civil Air Patrol ... and Cybersecurity Awareness Month (CSAM), a dedicated month for the public and private sectors to work together to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity.

October 2024 marks the 21st Cybersecurity Awareness Month, held since 2004. Over the years it has grown into a collaborative effort between government and industry to enhance cybersecurity awareness, encourage actions by the public to reduce online risk and generate discussion on cyber threats on a national and global scale. Civil Air Patrol is a 2024 champion organization, partnering with the National Cybersecurity Alliance.

All units in CAP are encouraged to conduct regular cybersecurity training, which would make a great monthly safety briefing. #BeCyberSmart to keep your devices and home network secure. CSAM resources, including a safety briefing, can be found here and staysafeonline.org.

One great opportunity to jump start or continue your learning is to complete the Introduction to Cybersecurity course as part of CAP’s partnership with Cisco Networking Academy (NetAcad).

Civil Air Patrol’s national commander/CEO, Maj. Gen. Regena M. Aye, says “Cybersecurity Awareness Month serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of digital safety in our increasingly connected world. It's an opportunity to educate ourselves and others about the ever-evolving cyber threats we face. By participating in courses such as those offered by our partners like Cisco, we can create a culture of vigilance that protects not only individuals but also organizations and national infrastructure. Let's use this month to renew our commitment to cybersecurity and help build a safer digital future.”

CAP continues to advance training and education for all members, including the cyber badge program for cadets, the national cyber academy for cadets and adult members, and encourages units to participate in the annual CyberPatriot Competition.

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