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Northfield Resident Receives Civil Air Patrol Commander's Commendation Award

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STANTON, MN -- Northfield resident and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Captain Randall S. Knox was awarded the Commander's Commendation Award by Minnesota Wing Commander James A. Garlough on August 6, 2018. Captain Knox received the award for his role as the project officer in charge of a CAP hosted tour of the Minnesota Wing Headquarters and South St. Paul Airport, Fleming Field for a group of approximately 75 Minneapolis Public Schools middle school students.

Colonel Kevin F. Sliwinski, Minnesota CAP Government Relations Advisor, stated in his recommendation for the award: "Captain Knox did an outstanding job, planning, coordinating, and managing the tour ... his actions brought great credit upon himself, the Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force."

Captain Knox said "I was surprised and honored to receive this award. When I was invited to attend the Wing Commander's staff meeting, I thought it was for the purpose of handing out Certificates of Appreciation to several staff members who assisted me in the school group visit to headquarters; little did I realize I would be receiving this decoration."

He added: "I was pleased to see the level of engagement the students showed in the CAP Cessna aircraft. Our pilots and cadets did a great job of explaining how the aircraft operate and fly. I think for many, it will increase their interest in STEM topics and perhaps spark some excitement in the possibility of an aviation or aerospace career."

Captain Knox is assigned as the Deputy Commander for Cadets of Stanton Composite Squadron. The Squadron holds weekly meetings Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Stanton Airfield Operations building. Members of the community are always welcome.

About the Civil Air Patrol

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 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. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a

leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com or www.CAP.news for more information.