

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
CIVIL AIR PATROLNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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Subject: Training Program
To: All Wing Commanders

1. This memorandum is prompted by inquiries which have been received by this office as to whether the Civil Air Patrol Training Program includes flying instruction for student pilots and specialized instruction for student mechanics.

2. The work of teaching student pilots to fly and of making airplane and engine mechanics out of student mechanics is outside the province of this organization. Our job is to enroll personnel with basic aviation skills and abilities, classify and organize them, and give them such basic defense training as may be necessary to make the individual members and the units of the Civil Air Patrol of maximum value for auxiliary service to the armed and civilian defense forces of the United States.

3. We are enrolling pilots, observers, mechanics, radio operators, control tower operators, drivers of motor vehicles, clerical workers, and other skilled personnel, together with interested able-bodied men who will act as airport servicemen by helping to do such work as move, clean, service, and stake down airplanes, fill and place sand bags, remove debris, fill bomb craters, etc. While we cannot undertake to train student pilots and student mechanics, it is extremely important that every effort be made, consistent with the Civil Air Regulations, to improve the skill and ability of pilots, mechanics and all other members of the Civil Air Patrol.

4. It is hereby requested that Wing Commanders forward copies of this memorandum to all units under their command for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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