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The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 ushered CAP into a new era of homeland defense. CAP provided officials with the first high-resolution images of the World Trade Center site, airlifted blood and medical supplies, and provided communication and transportation support. Increased federal funding and creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security helped CAP acquire new technologies, including hyperspectral imaging, forward-looking infrared systems, and GPS-equipped glass cockpit avionics.

Today, CAP trains alongside government officials and military personnel in air defense intercepts, communication exercises, cyber security, and numerous other missions.

On August 28, 2015, USAF Chief of Staff General Mark A. Welsh, III announced CAP as an official member of the Total Force, joining the regular, guard, and reserve forces. Responses to Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and other emergencies demonstrate the value of dedicated volunteers embodying the CAP motto: Semper Vigilans . . .

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