

## **Pleasanton, California Civil Air Patrol cadet awarded Air Force Association Outstanding CAP Squadron Cadet Award**



**California, Pleasanton, Feb 3, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com))** - Cadet Master Sergeant Yuhui “Samantha” Wang of the California Wing’s Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156 received the Air Force Association Outstanding CAP Squadron Cadet Award today.

Wang, a Civil Air Patrol member since June 2019, is a junior at Palo Alto High School where she is a member of the school Philosophy Club. She is a varsity member of the Speech and Debate Team, having earned the Novice Debate Best Speaker Award at the SCU Lincoln-Douglas debate competition in 2019. Wang was also a varsity player of the Palo Alto Badminton Team in Spring 2020, competing in mixed doubles.

When asked about her award, Sergeant Wang said “I’m really grateful for this award and I would like to thank my family, friends, and last but definitely not the least, my squadron for motivating me throughout 2020. Without them, I wouldn’t have been able to make it through such a hard year”.

Sergeant Wang is the Alpha Flight Sergeant of Squadron 156 and has held multiple staff positions for the squadron including Element Leader and Aerospace Education NCO. In addition, Cadet Wang is one of the founding members and the current team captain of the Squadron 156 CyberPatriot XIII national competition which is currently ranked as one of the top 100 teams in the country. For their advancement to the national semi-final round last year, Wang and her teammates were awarded a California Wing Group 2 Achievement Award. Cadet Sergeant Wang and her teammates attended an advanced cybersecurity camp in 2020 to prepare them for the current season.

In addition to her school activities and leadership in Civil Air Patrol, Sergeant Wang volunteers for the Prisoners Literature Project where she reviews requests for books from prisoners around the US and then packages and sends books to them.

The Air Force Association provides each Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadron or unit a unique medal, ribbon, and certificate to present to the most outstanding CAP cadet in each squadron each year. AFA is proud to support these accomplished cadets with an award package that includes a silver medal accompanied by a sky-blue ribbon and a certificate. In order to allow commanders the widest possible latitude in this selection, the award may go to any cadet, at any level of achievement in the CAP Cadet Program who has displayed superior performance during the year.

## **About Civil Air Patrol**

Established in 1941, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine Cessna aircraft and 1,944 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) and performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Often using innovative cellphone forensics and radar analysis software, CAP was credited by the AFRCC with saving 130 lives in fiscal 2020. CAP’s 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief, and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. As a nonprofit organization, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education using national academic standards-based STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education. Members also serve as mentors to about 25,000 young people participating in CAP’s Cadet Programs. One of the premier public service

organizations in America, CAP benefits the nation with an estimated economic impact of \$209 million annually. Visit [www.CAP.News](http://www.CAP.News) or [www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com) for more information.

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