

Tracy California Civil Air Patrol Cadet Awarded Air Force Association Award



Livermore, California Jan 21, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Cadet Technical Sergeant Scott Paterson of the California Wing's [Tri-Valley Composite Squadron 156](#) received the [Air Force Association Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Squadron Cadet Award](#) on Wednesday.

Paterson, a [Civil Air Patrol](#) member since March 2020, carries a 4.0 GPA in school and has earned the

Principal's Honor Roll for the last four years. Sergeant Paterson's activities outside of Civil Air Patrol include Soccer where he plays the Goalie position and has earned the TYSL 1st place medal in 2019 and 2021.

When asked about his award, Sergeant Paterson said, "This was unexpected and I am honored to receive this award, thank you".

Paterson is the Bravo Flight Sergeant of Squadron 156 and has held multiple staff positions for the squadron. Prior to his appointment as Bravo Flight Sergeant, Paterson managed the Cadet Orientation program, called "Great Start", for 5 consecutive cycles. Paterson also completed a term as the squadron's Cadet Emergency Services NCOIC where he assisted in the preparation of cadet members to participate in Civil Air Patrol's emergency services missions.

Sergeant Paterson is a graduate of the 2021 California Wing Encampment and the 2021 Aerospace Education STEM Academy. Paterson is also an avid flyer, having completed 3 orientation flights with Civil Air Patrol as well as C-130 military orientation flights in December 2021.

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 more than 2,100 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) and performs about 90% of all search and rescue operations within the contiguous United States 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 107 lives in fiscal 2020. CAP's 56,000 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 over 23,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs.

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