

**HISTORY OF  
THE SOCORRO COMPOSITE SQUADRON**

**Civil Air Patrol**

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## **Message from National Headquarters Announcing Chartering**

Subj: RE: New CAP unit  
From: "Griggs, Julie"  
Date: Fri, January 12, 2007 12:31  
To: "Dave Finley"

I contacted the wing and they provided me with a credit card number. The unit has been chartered. The charter number is NM084. The applications that were sent with it should be processed today.

## **Message from Squadron Commander announcing chartering**

Subject: Socorro Composite Squadron  
From: "Dave Finley"  
Date: Fri, Jan 12, 2007 14:18

We are chartered! I received an email message today from Julie Griggs, at Membership Services at CAP National Headquarters, telling me that "The unit has been chartered. The charter number is NM084. The applications that were sent with it should be processed today."

I'm sure it will take a while for the paperwork to reach us, but things are moving.

We did have an additional delay in the processing, because our second submission of the applications and the request for charter was, like the first, returned to Wing HQ in Albuquerque because of an oversight. This time, they had neglected to send me the charter request for my signature. They did so more than a week ago, just before I left town on a business trip, and I signed the papers and returned them to National HQ just before leaving. I got back home last night, and today's email from National HQ was a welcome sight!

## **Press Release Announcing Chartering Ceremony**

### **Civil Air Patrol**

Socorro Composite Squadron

For Immediate Release: 12 February 2007

Contact: Dave Finley  
(505) 835-7302

### **Socorro Civil Air Patrol Unit to Receive Charter**

The newly-formed Socorro squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will receive its charter in a ceremony on Tuesday, February 20, at 3:30 p.m., at Socorro Municipal Airport. The public is invited to the ceremony.

The new squadron's charter will be presented by the top CAP officer in New Mexico, Col. Frank A. Bueth, commander of the New Mexico Wing. The Socorro unit joins 19 other CAP units in New Mexico with a combined membership of more than 750.

The new Socorro unit is a "composite squadron," consisting of both CAP cadets, ages 12-21, and senior members, adults over 21.

"We're all very excited about bringing the outstanding program of the Civil Air Patrol to Socorro. We intend for this squadron to be a valuable resource for the community by providing a proven educational and leadership program for young people in addition to a variety of volunteer assistance such as emergency services," said Dave Finley, squadron commander.

The squadron also actively seeks new members, both cadet and adult, Finley said. "There is a large variety of volunteer job specialties within CAP, and we need people in all these areas," he emphasized. "While we always encourage pilots to join CAP, we also have many other rewarding jobs," Finley added.

The Civil Air Patrol is a nonprofit corporation chartered by Congress as the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. With more than 56,000 members in 1,700 units, CAP has the world's largest fleet of single-engine, piston aircraft,

in addition to the nation's most extensive communications network and a fleet of emergency services vehicles.

The programs of the CAP include education on aerospace topics for youth and adults, cadet programs focused on multi-step leadership training, and operations that include search and rescue, disaster relief, aerial reconnaissance for homeland security, counter-narcotic missions, and transport for time-sensitive medical materials. The CAP performs 95 percent of the inland search and rescue in the U.S.

The CAP was formed on December 1, 1941, just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor thrust the U.S. into World War II. During that war, CAP members flew more than a half-million hours in service to the nation. The CAP coastal patrol flew 24 million miles, found 173 enemy submarines, attacked 57, hit 10 and sank two.

"With the formation of this squadron, Socorro members become part of a long and proud tradition of service to our nation," Finley said.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY  
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SOCORRO NM 87801

20 Mar 07

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ NMCAP/CC

FROM: Socorro Composite Squadron

SUBJECT: Squadron Patch

1. The attached design for a squadron patch for the Socorro Composite Squadron was prepared by Capt. Charles M. Holland, USAF, who has joined our CAP squadron. The explanation and rationale for each element of the patch is provided in the attachment.
2. This design was presented to the members of the squadron and received unanimous endorsement.
3. Request approval of this design as the official patch for the Socorro Composite Squadron (NM-084).

David G. Finley, SM, CAP  
Commander

Attachments:

1. Patch design and explanatory notes.

cc:

HQ NMCAP/DA

**Letter to Wing Commander requesting approval of Squadron Patch design**

Attachment 1.



**Explanation:**

The blue background represents the skies.

The Zia represents the state of New Mexico.

The propeller represents the Civil Air Patrol.

The orbiting guidestars represent dedication to Aerospace Education.

NM 084 is the squadron's charter number.

*Semper Vigilans* is the CAP motto.

## Message Approving Squadron Patch Design

Subject: RE: Squadron Patch Design  
From: "Buethe Frank A Col CAP/CC"  
Date: Wed, March 21, 2007 10:21  
To: "Dave Finley"

Dave: Your request for a squadron patch in the design submitted is approved. Please review CAPM 39-1, CAP Uniform Regulations, Table 6-4, Wearing of Badges, Patches, etc. and the requirement to send a patch to CAPNHQ, Attn: National Curator.

F. A. Buethe

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Finley  
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 3:41 PM  
To: Buethe Frank A Col CAP/CC; Grubert Corliss A LtCol CAP/DA  
Subject: Squadron Patch Design

Attached as PDF file is a request for approval of squadron patch design for the Socorro Composite Squadron.

Dave Finley  
Commander  
Socorro Composite Squadron



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PROMOTION ORDER 07-1

1. Cadet Airmen Basic

Damon B. Hewitt                      421555

Trey A. Thunborg                      421553

Are awarded the General James F. Curry Ribbon for completion of Cadet Basic Training which included a written test in Leadership, and performance tests in Physical Fitness and Marching.

2. In recognition of their ability to perform cadet basic duties, these cadets are promoted to the grade of Cadet Airman.

David G. Finley, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt, CAP  
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PROMOTION ORDER 07-2

1. Cadet Airmen Basic

Dominic Baca	423106
Kenneth P. Bilderback II	425180
Alexander B. Cases-Weaver	421558
Charles A. Chavez	421556
Martin B. Harris	427442
Hayley A. Madigan	425319
Jesse D. Madigan	428346
Waylin Melton	421561
Hanson Oxford	421557
Richard B. Oxford	430544

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