

CIVIL AIR PATROL -- Corporate Identity
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The Civil Air Patrol insignia was designed by Colonel Walter P. Burn and Helen Jurkops, formally associated with the Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D.C. This CAP "CD" Emblem was used on all Letterheads, Official Manuals and Documents, from 1941 to 1952.



CAP National Commander Major General Lucas V Beau, USAF (1 Oct 1947 to 31 Dec 1955), in 1952 forwarded a requested to the USAF that a corporate seal be designed for Civil Air Patrol. The seal was developed by the Office of Quartermaster General, design branch later it became known as the Institute of Heraldry (IOH) ¹

Note: Many of CAP ribbons and devices were also designed by the IOH up till 1964.

The original design was sent forward to the Secretary of USAF Harold E. Talbott (February 4, 1953 – August 13, 1955).it contained the roman numerals **MCMXLI** (1941) added to the bottom of the blue shield. As usual with organizations and very prominent and important in the military usually it displays the year of founding. 'The Secretary of the USAF crossed it out because Civil Air Patrol pre-dated i.e. December 1, 1941 the United States Air Force... September 1947

This OFFICIAL CAP Seal as displayed was approved with by much fanfare on Aug 28 1953 By the National Executive Board, the National Commander (Maj. General Lucas V.Beau, USAF) and the Secretary of the USAF ²

¹ Note: *The activities of the Institute of Heraldry encompass research, design, development, standardization, quality control, and other services relating to official symbolic items- seals, decorations, medals, insignia, badges, flags, and other items awarded to or authorized for official wear or display by government personnel and agencies. Limited research and information services concerning official symbolic items are also provided to the general public.*

Use of the seal was covered by “**Civil Air Patrol Regulation 900-1**: Authorized use. The Civil Air Patrol seal and the Civil Air Patrol emblem will not be placed on any items used in a commercial activity but may generally used as follows:

(a) Civil Air Patrol. Seal

- (1). National Publications
- (2). Official Invitations, greetings and programs at national regional and wing level
- (3). Stationery of the National Board, National Executive Committee, National Committee, National Headquarters and the Region Headquarters.
- (4). Identification and membership cards issued by National Headquarters
- (5). Other uses when use of the seal is desired in cases not covered above request will be forwarded to National Headquarters for approval. Request for approval of the use of the seal in advertisements will not be submitted to National headquarters under this provision since such use is unauthorized.”

Minutes, National Executive Committee Meeting, 12 August 1982

Modification of CAP Corporate Seal.

A motion was passed that the Civil Air Patrol Corporate Seal been modified to place “United States Air Force Auxiliary” at the top and “Civil Air Patrol” at the bottom and to delete the Civil Defense triangle from the crest” Note: *The seal without the CD triangle was used very briefly between August and December of 1982*



Minutes National Executive Committee Meeting 3 December 1982

National Uniform Committee Report.

A resolution was passed that the Civil Air Patrol seal be modified to place United States Air Force easily across the top of the seal and the Civil Air Patrol at the bottom and that all of the colors and designs of the CAP seal be retained (*This resolution superseded agenda item 11 of the 12 August 1982 National Executive Committee meeting.*)



² **Heraldic description: Crest:** *The crescent includes the American eagle, which is symbolic of the United States and the air striking power; the cloud formation behind Eagle depicts the creation of a new firmament and the choice of the wreaths beneath the Eagle incorporate the colors of the basic shield design.*

Shield: *The basic CAP emblem is superimposed on the shield*

Encircling stars: *The encircling 13 stars represent the original 13 colonies of the United States and, by their grouping, set off three at the top of the design which portrays the three departments of the Department of Defense. -- The Army and the Navy and the Air Force.*

Encircling band: *On a band encircling the whole design are the inscription, “Civil Air Patrol” and “Auxiliary United States Air Force.”*
Colors: *When the shield is reproduced in color the background will be silver gray; the shield will be dark blue; the triangle with will be white; and a three bladed propeller will be red. The twist of the wreaths will be alternately white and dark blue, and the eagle will be in natural color in front of a white cloud. The 13 stars will be white. The encircling band will be white, edged In gold, and the letters on the band will be ultramarine blue*