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Catskill Mountain Group SLS graduates twelve from CMG, SEG 22 Oct 2017

Twelve students completed Civil Air Patrol Squadron Leadership School at Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, NY this weekend. The twelve represent five units from Catskill Mountain and South Eastern Groups, in the eastern and western counties of New York's Hudson Valley. The course was run by Catskill Mountain Group in facilities provided by Signature Flight Support at Stewart Airport in Newburgh. NYW Commander Col Thomas Carello joined CMG/CC and SLS Course Director Major William Martin, NY072/CC Maj Joan Lee, CMG/CD Capt William Carroll, and NY030/CD 2d Lt Thomas Flynn to lead students through the course. Students found the two-day course very worthwhile, with comments including *"great class"*, *"all of the instructors have done an excellent job"*, *"very useful for my CAP and non-CAP involvements"*, and *"100% worth the weekend!"*

SLS focuses on fundamentals of leadership, and the elements necessary to be an effective leader. The course is a requirement for completion of CAP Professional Development Level II, and eligibility for promotion to 1st Lt. More importantly, the course encourages students, through individual participation and group tasks, to learn effective methods of communication, differences in leadership style, and how officers are held in positions of special trust. Other topics cover squadrons, the importance of staff officers and their areas of specialization, creative thinking and problem solving, and CAP Professional Development.

The OCT 2017 SLS inaugurates the CMG Professional Development program for Fiscal Year 2018, which in coming months will feature a TLC and UCC, and conclude with a CLC in spring. CMG also conducts extensive training programs in CAP Airborne Photography for members throughout NER, and has provided mission support to CAP nationally in this area. CMG is ideally positioned at the crossroads of the northeast, and is easily accessible by air at SWF, and ground via I-84 and NYS Thruway & Route 17. The classrooms, aircraft ramp, and vehicle parking space available at our Stewart Airport location make CMG ideal for any training activity.

Catskill Mountain Group is named for the Catskill Mountains, a prominent feature throughout the group's five counties. CMG has more than 150 members in five units, and covers Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, and Delaware counties in New York State.

For more information, visit: nyw.cap.gov/cmng

Catskill Mountain Group encompasses all Civil Air Patrol units in Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, and Delaware Counties of New York State. Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief, and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. Its members also play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received