While all wings within Civil Air Patrol may hold an annual encampment, few conduct an event like the annual Minnesota Leadership Academy. It’s designed to supplement the training received at encampment and introduce new cadets to the program. The academy itself consists of four separate schools.

Designed for youth new to the program, the Airman Training School offers participants a chance to learn about and understand Civil Air Patrol. In 2018, a total of 41 cadets attended this school — a new record.

Cadets who have already completed encampment can attend the Noncommissioned Officer School. This school continues the cadets’ education from encampment and builds upon the foundation established there. Training includes learning small team leadership, public speaking, critical thinking and more.

After cadets have become officers, they can attend the Basic Cadet Officer Course. This training is designed for new and soon-to-be cadet officers to learn the next level of leadership — how to become more of a leader and less of a follower. Moving beyond small groups, participants learn team building and how to conduct a squadron meeting and plan and execute a small activity.

In 2018 the wing added the Advanced Cadet Officer Course, in which cadets learn how to think strategically. They learn how to plan a major activity and participate in classes on such topics as resource management, budgeting and how to liaison with other entities.

When the Minnesota Leadership Academy started, it was just a small training opportunity for cadets. In evolving into much more, it has grown to rival the annual wing encampment for overall attendance. This past year 139 cadets attended the academy.

Cadets learn teamwork, communication and critical thinking as they participate in a team exercise at the Minnesota Leadership Academy.
2018 STATISTICS

Volunteer Members
803 adult members
671 cadets
153 aircrew personnel
922 emergency responders

Squadrons
30 locations statewide

Aircraft
19 single engine
1 glider

Vehicles
23 vehicles

Interoperable Communications
18 VHF/FM repeaters
313 VHF/FM stations
37 HF stations

Missions
11 search and rescue missions
  1 life saved*
  9 finds*
* Includes lives saved and finds credited with national team support
6 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
2 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
1 other Air Force support mission
17 training missions
1 other mission in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2018
Felix Hawks; Felix Keynotes; Super Bowl LII; 148th Fighter Wing Low Level Route Surveys

Cadet Flying
891 CAP, AFROTC & AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown
3,322

Financial
$80,000 in state funding
$5 million value of wing’s volunteer hours

MISSION STATEMENT
Supporting America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development and promotion of air, space and cyber power.

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