



Mid Eastern Group – NY Wing  
Albany, NY

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### **Civil Air Patrol and Royal Canadian Air Cadets Participate In Joint Training Exercise**

Camp Buckner, West Point, NY— Members of the Mid Eastern NY Group of the Civil Air Patrol and members of the 62 Grimsby” Phantom” Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets participated in a joint training exercise from 22-26 September 2010.

The group of cadets, senior members, and parent chaperones were commanded jointly by Lt. Col. Robert T. Hoar, CAP and Capt. David Leonard, CF(R). The group encamped at the summer quarters used by USMA cadets and staff for training and was able to live in the barracks occupied by USMA cadets, giving them a taste of academy life.

Some of the activities included review of use of DF equipment used to locate downed aircraft, use of the base obstacle and leadership reaction courses, and a tour of the West Point Academy. The joint exercise has a longstanding tradition of approximately twenty years that involves having the two organizations visit each other’s country every other year.

**About the Civil Air Patrol** - Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization established on December 1, 1941 with 57,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 90 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 67 years. For more information, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com).

**About The Royal Canadian Air Cadets** - The Air Cadet Organization originated in the early days of World War II when the war effort required young men to meet Canada’s military obligations. In 1940, Air Minister Power directed that a nation-wide voluntary organization be formed to sponsor and develop a select group of young men who would be trained to meet the increasing need for operational pilots in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) during World War II. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets (RCAirC) is a Canadian national youth program for persons aged 12 to 18. It has 25,000+ members and is administered by the Canadian Forces (CF) and funded through the Department of National Defence (DND) with additional support from the civilian Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL). Together with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets and Royal Canadian Army Cadets, it forms the "largest federally-funded youth program in Canada". The first squadrons were established in 1941 to train young men for duties during World War II. The purpose has since changed to focus on citizenship, leadership, physical fitness, general aviation and stimulating an interest in the activities of the Canadian Forces.

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CAP and RCA Cadets compete against one another at the West Point Obstacle course.



CAP senior members instruct the RCA Cadets and officers on the use of a DF unit.