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CAP UNIT ATTENDS WORLD PREMIER OF “LEGENDS OF FLIGHT” FILM IN WASHINGTON D.C.

June 9, 2010- Washington, D.C. – Members from the Winchester Composite Squadron were invited to attend the World Premier of the new IMAX film, Legends of Flight at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. The film educates and demonstrates how modern science and material advances permit aeronautical engineers to dream and build aircraft that emulate natural flight, as never before.

“Our mission was not to make another airplane movie – but to share with the viewing public the significance of achievement in design and manufacture,” said film director Stephen Low. “Our goal is to connect the dots between prior advances and by doing so make the viewer more aware of just how far flight has come.”

Following the film, Cadet Lieutenant Chris Colvin was interviewed by Boeing whose new aircraft, the 787, was featured in the film. “It’s amazing how we can observe animals in nature and come close to replicating what comes to them naturally when designing aircraft,” said Colvin. “For example, the albatross can glide for extreme distances without landing and this allows us to look at new opportunities in our aeronautic technologies.”

The Civil Air Patrol provides disaster relief during hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, tornados and countless other emergencies. In addition, members perform homeland security and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education and mentors more than 23,000 young Americans through its cadet program. By partnering with 900 educators nationwide, members nurture the talents of generations of the nation’s sons and daughters with cadet programs that stress leadership and moral responsibility and teach aviation and emergency response skills.

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