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AMA members encouraged to assist the Civil Air Patrol with its campaign for WW II Congressional Gold Medal

M U N C I E – The Academy of Model Aeronautics' 140,000 nationwide members are being encouraged to assist its aviation partner, the Civil Air Patrol, in its June 29-30 National Call-In to Congress, urging senators and representatives to support two recently introduced bills, HR 719 and S418.

"We signed a memorandum of understanding with the Civil Air Patrol in January," said Mark Smith, AMA Interim President. "Our Education Department and the CAP's Cadet program are now partners in bringing the thrill of aeromodeling and aviation to America's youth. It's only fitting that we support CAP now in its quest to honor its World War II veterans."

The CAP is seeking to have its WW II volunteers recognized as a group with a Congressional Gold Medal for hazardous combat and humanitarian missions they flew as civilians during the war. They have never been recognized with the honors they deserve, according to Maj. Gen. Amy Courter, CAP Commander. "During this two-day period I'm asking CAP members and friends to contact their Congressional Representative and two Senators to ask that they become co-sponsors," she said. "This is the one chance we have to honor our World War II members before all are no longer with us."

The CAP would receive a single CGM to honor its WWII members, and each identified living veteran or the family of those deceased would receive a replica of the medal.

For more information, go to www.gocivilairpatrol.com to learn more about the organization. For details about the Congressional campaign, contact CAP's Washington representative, Col. John Swain at dcoffice.cap@verizon.net or Lt. Col. Jack Faas at jfaas@aol.com

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