

Louisiana Wing recognizes Leake & Andersson, L.L.P. with American Spirit Award

New Orleans, La – Today Major Mark Warriner and First Lieutenant Daniel Stoute of Civil Air Patrol presented the **Louisiana Wing American Spirit Award** to Paul Andersson, Senior Partner, Leake & Andersson, LLP; and Donald McKay, of the Management Committee, Leake & Andersson, LLP.

The **American Spirit Award** recognizes companies that provide outstanding support for their employees who participate in the Civil Air Patrol.

Leake & Andersson, L.L.P. received the award for supporting Mark Warriner, the firm's IT manager, who also serves as a Search & Rescue/Disaster Relief Mission Pilot and Director of Emergency Services for the Civil Air Patrol's Louisiana Wing.

Leake & Andersson allowed Major Warriner time off in August to work the flooding relief mission that affected much of the Baton Rouge area. The Civil Air Patrol flew 200 sorties reporting and documenting the impact of flooding on infrastructure and communities.

The **American Spirit Award** reflects an employer's efforts to support employees who are members of the Louisiana Wing Civil Air Patrol through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after activations, and the granting of leaves of absence if needed.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's 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 continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC 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 additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people

(pictured from left to right) First Lieutenant Daniel Stoute, Paul Andersson, Leake & Andersson, LLP, Major Mark Warriner, Donald McKay, Leake & Andersson, LLP

