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Dear Civil Air Patrol Members:

As your Acting National Commander, I want to express how honored I am to serve this great Civil Air Patrol organization, the United States Air Force, and the United States of America.

I look forward to working closely with the Air Force, the National Board, the Board of Governors, the Wing Commanders, and our volunteers across the nation to continue the pursuit of excellence in our missions for America. My greatest respect goes out to those members in towns and cities everywhere who so tirelessly plan and carry out with enthusiasm the important daily work of Civil Air Patrol.

As Vice Commander, I have worked closely with the National Headquarters' personnel and have found them to be a group of dedicated professionals committed to quality and customer service in the fulfillment of their staff positions. In the months ahead, I look forward to working with the Acting Executive Director, Donnie Rowland, and the CAP-USAF Commander, Colonel George Vogt, to provide seamless continuity with the National Headquarters' staff and to support and enhance our team efforts for the betterment of Civil Air Patrol.

My great appreciation goes to Major General Dwight Wheless for his leadership and friendship. I want to thank him on behalf of Civil Air Patrol members for his many years of devoted service and particularly for his leadership in the last four years as National Vice Commander and National Commander. I know that all of Civil Air Patrol will join me in wishing him the best of everything in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Antonio J. Pineda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

ANTONIO J. PINEDA  
Brigadier General, CAP  
Acting National Commander