

Your Spaatz Association

“FAQ’s”

Frequently Asked Questions



“The Spaatz Association is still in a state of “becoming”!

*We want champions with ideas and energy to **join us** in our journey to the future!*

We’re on the web at: <http://www.spaatz.org>



The Spaatz Association has awarded nearly \$100,000 in flying scholarships to outstanding CAP Cadets like Hamilton Evrard, above

What is The Spaatz Association?

The Spaatz Association is a non-profit organization of past and present Civil Air Patrol cadets who've earned the CAP Cadet Program's highest award, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award. The Association was founded to focus the talents and experience of Spaatz Award recipients, now scattered across a variety of civilian and military positions of responsibility.

We believe that our Civil Air Patrol experiences prepared us for our successes. We want to give something back to the organization, and more importantly, we desire to help the cadets like those who helped us.

TSA: The “Gathering of Diamonds” Legacy

The Association grew out of what was the first "Gathering of Diamonds" in 1994; a reunion of Spaatz Award recipients past and present. Organized by CAP National Historian Col. Len Blascovich, the Gathering of Diamonds was held at the CAP National Board Meeting in New Orleans to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the modern cadet program.

In the spirit of the Gathering of Diamonds, the Association continues to meet each summer in conjunction with CAP's National Board Meeting as well as our Mid-Winter Dinner and Awards Event each year.

Membership and Levels of Membership Available

If you've earned the Spaatz Award, you are a member. All Spaatz recipients are non-voting members of the Association. However, dues-paying members may vote or hold an elected office.

Membership dues are \$20.00 annually and are used for expenses such as newsletter publishing/ mailing costs, our internet web site, and costs related to administering Association programs, events and scholarships. ***Dues are waived for the first year for new Spaatz recipients; this is the initial 12-month period from date of their Spaatz award.***

We also have a "Lifetime Membership" option for \$400.00.

Supporting your Association just got easier! We've partnered with PayPal to bring you the convenience of online payments for annual membership dues via our website at: <http://www.spaatz.org>



*From the dreams of a
CAP Cadet to the
General Carl A.
Spatz Award
to Astronaut.
Col. Eric Boe, USAF is
an example of success.
Spatzen now serve at
every level of career
trajectory!*



***Annual Dinner
Event
Join us!
An evening of
friendship and
networking. It's an
annual tradition
watch for details!***

Leadership Structure of the TSA

Association affairs are overseen by our Board of Directors, consisting of 10 elective positions. One-half of these seats are filled each year in our annual elections cycle.

The day-to-day management of the Association is conducted by its elected Officers; the National President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. One-half of this leadership team is also filled by election each year.

For specifics regarding the elections process and position descriptions see TSA's By-Laws, posted on our website; <http://www.spatz.org>

Purpose and Mission of TSA

The goal of The Spatz Association is to be a premier fraternal and benevolent Association. To this end our organizational mission is five-fold:

- Provide a fraternal organization for recipients of the Civil Air Patrol General Carl A. Spatz Award.
- Promote and maintain the prestige of the General Carl A. Spatz Award.
- Support and preserve the high standards of achievement required to attain the General Carl A. Spatz Award.
- Provide an entity to harness the collective energy, enthusiasm, experience, and talent of the General Carl A. Spatz Award recipients to assist in making the CAP Cadet Program the finest youth development program in America.
- Promote the development of positive personal characteristics, to include leadership, professionalism, integrity, and perseverance in America's youth.

Where is The Spatz Association "headquartered"; where do we meet and when, etc

We are a "virtual organization" in that our business is conducted continuously via email, tele-conferences and at our Gathering of Diamonds functions and other meetings. Any member can email any Officer or Director via our website: <http://www.spatz.org>

We are incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Alabama and, more particularly, in accordance with IRS Code 501c3. Dues, donations and certain other expenses may be tax deductible; consult your tax advisor.

If you have any additional questions, or to update current contact info visit us on the web at: <http://www.spatz.org>