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## **Air Force Association's CyberPatriot and NPower Announce The Community Corps Partnership**

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Air Force Association's CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program today announced a new partnership with NPower and their tech skills volunteer program, The *Community Corps*. The partnership will focus on advancing STEM education and providing technology and professional skills training to underserved youth across a nationwide network of schools, nonprofits and community members.

The Community Corps is a skills-based volunteering program connecting technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and schools via an online portal. NPower tech volunteers work hand-in-hand with schools and nonprofits across the country to help them use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals. NPower's other program, Technology Service Corps, builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training..

Through the new partnership, The Community Corps tech volunteers will participate in CyberPatriot's Mentor program, providing valuable career insight to student Competitors and helping middle and high school teams across the U.S. develop the technical knowhow they need to excel in the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

"CyberPatriot is delighted to reach a larger and more diverse audience through a collaborated effort with NPower. Our goal is to excite youth about cybersecurity and other STEM fields vital to our country's prosperity. By teaching our Competitors critical cybersecurity skills and mentoring them on pursuing careers in information technology and other STEM fields, The Community Corps volunteers will help us do that " said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot National Commissioner.

"The Community Corps is thrilled to partner with CyberPatriot to increase student participation in this event – and provide students an avenue to explore tech careers in a very hands-on and compelling way. Students are very interested in Cyber Security but don't have a way to explore the field –this program solves that challenge," said Mary Ellen Sullivan, Director of The Community Corps.

For more information on the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition and to learn how you can share your IT expertise with the next generation of cyber defenders as a volunteer Mentor, visit [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org). For more information on The Community Corps and other NPower tech and STEM education initiatives visit [www.npower.org](http://www.npower.org).

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