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CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Subject: Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

To: All Unit Commanders

1. To extend the opportunities for service in Civil Air Patrol to young people of the United States, there is hereby authorized within the scope of Administrative Order No. 23 of the Office of Civilian Defense establishing the Civil Air Patrol, a grade of membership to be designated as "Cadet" which will be junior to regular membership in Civil Air Patrol.
2. Membership as Civil Air Patrol Cadets (CAPC) will be limited to students in good scholastic standing in the last or next to the last year of senior high school who are native-born Americans whose parents meet the citizenship requirements for membership in CAP. All cadets must be physically fit.
3. Total membership of CAPC in any area will not exceed the total active regular membership of CAP in that area. Each male member may sponsor for membership in CAPC the young man of his acquaintance he thinks most likely to succeed in aviation and the sponsoring member will be personally responsible for the training of his recruit. Likewise each female member of CAP is authorized to sponsor one young woman. For each Squadron of CAP, there is authorized a counterpart Squadron of CAPC and for each Flight of CAP, a counterpart Flight of CAPC. The composition, training, and operations of CAPC units will be governed by the same directives used by CAP, except that cadets will not be assigned to flying duties, and except as modified by CAPC directives issued by CAP National Headquarters.
4. General direction of each CAPC unit will be by the Commanding Officer of its parent CAP unit but the cadets will manage their own affairs to the fullest extent consistent with good results. On formation of a CAPC unit, provisional command officers will be appointed by the CAP unit commander and training will start at once. When the CAPC unit has progressed sufficiently, it will elect its command and staff officers to be confirmed by the CAP unit commander and will fill subsequent vacancies by election. At the option of the parent CAP unit, drill, classes, and field exercises may be held separately from or combined with those of CAP.
5. Applications for membership will be executed in duplicate on the form attached hereto and will be accompanied by three full-face passport photos of the applicant,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". The parent CAP Squadron, or the Flight in a community organized under a Flight Command, will receive one copy of the application and one photograph; the CAPC unit will retain the other copy and one photograph; and the third photograph will be attached to the cadet's identification card to be issued by the CAP unit commander. On completing basic CAP ground training and on graduating from high school cadets will be eligible for full membership in CAP.
6. The uniform of CAPC will be: plain khaki shirt without shoulder loops; black tie; khaki trousers, or khaki skirt for girls; belt with plain buckle; tan socks; plain tan shoes; and overseas cap prescribed for CAP. Any suitable outer garment may be worn. Insignia similar to those of CAP will be specified. Every Squadron and Flight of CAP is urged to take prompt action in organizing a counterpart unit for the young people of its community.

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