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From: louwalpus@sbcglobal.net [mailto:louwalpus@sbcglobal.net]
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Subject: Re: For the Commander - Pride in our Personal Appearance

Please disseminate the following message to your commanders and members;

This is our simple but powerful mission statement; “ Civil Air Patrol, America’s Air Force Auxiliary, building the Nation’s finest force of citizen volunteers...Performing missions for America!”

Our Civil Air Patrol is a wonderful organization of unpaid professional citizen volunteers! As volunteers we have chosen to liberally give our time in support of our (CAP’s) mission and the United States Air Force. As volunteers, we join and choose to continue to serve within an organization when that organization’s goals meets our personal goals and needs and we feel a sense of pride in our accomplishments and affiliation. We are a diverse group, in skills and age. The challenge of leadership and membership (cadets and seniors) is to channel our collective experiences, skills and energy into successful mission accomplishment. We should take pride (honor, dignity, self-respect) in the accomplishment of our missions. We should also take pride in our professional appearance.

We recognize and appreciate the sizable investment that many of us have in uniform items – both CAP distinctive uniform items and the AF-style uniform. However, please remember all uniforms must be worn properly and according to published written standards. These standards are not suggestions – if you are in doubt or unsure of the regulatory requirements for a particular uniform combination, don’t wear it until you find out the right answer – please don’t hesitate to ask your unit commander for guidance. If you do not wish to or cannot meet the standards required for wear of a certain uniform combination (i.e., hair, beard, weight for the Air Force Style combinations), please consider wearing another appropriate combination. When a uniform combination is not worn properly it reflects negatively on the individual, the unit, CAP and on our parent organization, the United States Air Force. If you are unable to acquire a complete basic CAP uniform (i.e., gray slacks and blue CAP polo shirt) consider wearing appropriate civilian attire. Please remember, a “uniform” is required only when flying or when you are working with cadets.

We value you as a volunteer not what you wear! CAP needs - and we greatly appreciate - your service. However, we are not all alike in physical attributes and abilities and - for uniforms - one size does not fit all! Please be assured, if your desire is to be a citizen volunteer in CAP, it is our desire to facilitate that service through proper training and adequate equipment not to overly burden you with cumbersome and confusing uniform requirements.

Remember you represent CAP daily. When you are on a military installation, or dealing with the public in a crisis or emergency services situation, the goal is not for you to be remembered because of your attire but rather the incredible professional work you perform. Remember our core values; Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence and Respect! You demonstrate your pride in CAP daily by your selfless dedication to our missions. As our most valuable asset and representative, please take pride in your appearance and insure that your attire meets standards and reflects favorably on you and Civil Air Patrol.

Always be safe and thank you for your service!

For the Commander

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