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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Changes to CAPM 39-1, CAP Uniform Manual

1. The National Board met on 3-4 March 2006 in Washington D.C. and considered a number of changes to the Civil Air Patrol uniforms. Listed below are the items that were approved and are effective immediately. This letter will constitute authority to implement these changes.

a. New CAP Distinctive Uniform (atch 1). The Board approved a new optional CAP distinctive uniform for senior members. The uniform consists of the following:

- White aviator shirt – short or long sleeve (AF blue tie or CAP blue floppy bow mandatory with long sleeve shirt)
- Blue AF-style pants/slack or skirt
- Dark blue 1 ¼ inch cotton web or elastic belt with silver buckle
- Blue AF-style epaulets
- Blue two-line nameplate
- CAP badges and devices as currently authorized on the aviator shirt with gray slacks combination are authorized
- No military badges or devices
- Currently, No headgear authorized (wear of headgear to be reviewed for possible May NEC action)

b. Removal of Wing/Region/National Patch. The Wing/Region/National patch is no longer worn on the AF-style light blue shirt/blouse or any AF-style blue outer garment (light weight jacket, pullover sweater, all weather coat, etc.) Wing/Region/National patches are now optional on BDUs, flight suits, CAP field and utility uniforms. These patches must be removed from blue AF-style garments by 1 August 2006.

c. Black Leather Jacket (atch 2.) A black leather jacket with side entry and patch pockets similar in style to the A-2 jacket was approved for wear by CAP senior members with the aviator shirt combinations, utility uniform, CAP flight suit or CAP polo shirt with gray slacks. The CAP command patch will be worn on the right breast with the black leather name patch on the left breast. This jacket may not be worn with any AF-style uniforms.

d. CAP Distinctive Flight suit. A dark blue NOMEX flight suit was approved for wear by CAP members. This item will be worn with the same badges and devices as

the currently authorized CAP distinctive ultramarine blue flight suit. The ultramarine blue flight suit will be phased out 1 March 2009.

e. Embroidered grade insignia on flight suits. Embroidered grade insignia, as well as the currently authorized plastic encased insignia, is now authorized on the CAP distinctive flight suits. Ultramarine blue grade insignia will be worn on the ultramarine blue NOMEX flight suit. Dark blue embroidered grade insignia will be worn on the dark blue utility uniform and new NOMEX flight suit. The dark blue grade insignia will be available shortly from Vanguard.

f. Black t-shirts with CAP Field and Utility Uniforms. A black t-shirt is now authorized for wear with these CAP distinctive uniforms, in addition to the currently authorized white t-shirt.

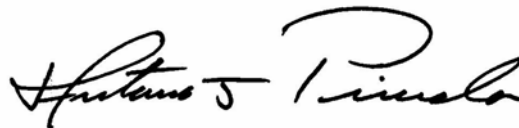
g. Optional patches previously worn on the right shoulder of the BDUs, field and utility uniforms. Those patches that were removed to allow wear of the reverse American flag on the right shoulder are now authorized to be worn centered on the lower portion of the left pocket or corresponding position on the utility uniform. The mandatory wear date of the reverse American flag was extended to 1 April 2007.

h. Patches (atch 3). A new patch for members completing the ARCHER training was approved as an optional left pocket patch on BDUs, field and utility uniforms and on the right shoulder of flight suits. A CISM patch was also approved for those members completing CISM training and assigned to a CISM team. This patch is worn in the same position as the new ARCHER patch. Both patches will be available shortly from Vanguard.

2. Two additional uniform items were approved by the National Board but will require Air Force approval prior to implementation. We are currently requesting Air Force approval to wear the Gortex parka with a CAP distinctive ultramarine blue tab and embroidered grade insignia for the AF-style flight suit.

3. Watch for additional information concerning the criteria for a new Homeland Security Ribbon and a new Safety Milestone Award that were also approved.

4. If you need additional information on any of these items or have questions please contact Membership Services at 1-877-227-9142 or email sparker@cap.gov.



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3 Atch:

1. CAP Distinctive Uniform
2. Black leather jacket
3. New patches

ATCH 1A - Long Sleeve



New CAP Distinctive Uniform

ATCH 1B - Short Sleeve



New CAP Distinctive Uniform

ATCH 2



CAP Black Leather Jacket

ATCH 3



New Optional Patches