

CAP History Guideline Lt Col James L. Shaw Jr., CAP
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This is a list of some of the things that can be talked or spoke about to enhance any historical presentation

1 – The individuals associated with the earlier days of CAP before it was formed. Some historical background information on how and why it was conceived.

Dates Associated

Individuals Associated

The catalyst that caused the movement to group.

2 – Basic information about the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Dates Associated

Ships Associated

Casualties Associated

Pictures (Ones you can find)

3 – The actual forming of the Civil Air Patrol

Dates Associated

Events Associated (Public Law, Incorporation, President)

Early Bases (21 In all)

Early Missions from 1941 to about 1945 (Sub Chasers, Tow Targets, Liaison Patrol, Forest Patrol Specifically During WWII)

Activities after WWII from 1945 to 1950

Activities during the 1950's to 60's

Activities during the 60's to 70's

Activities during the 70's to 80's

Activities during the 80's to 90's

Activities during the 90's to 2000

Activities during the 00's to Present

CAP's influence in the Air Cadet Training Corps.

CAP clubs in schools and clubs.

4 – Individual Highlights

Prominent Regions stats (operations, save level)

Your States stats (operations, save level)

Group stats

Squadron stats

5 – Down through the ages...

Uniform Changes

Insignia Changes

Structural Changes

6 – Now list some of the unusual things that have occurred in our great history.

Coyote Wrangling

Crop Cover Warming
Glade Buggy Rescue
Mounted Patrol
Para-Rescue
Our tow target was made from a toilet plunger and some AA batteries
We sponsored CAP music hours on radio.
We have a member who has been in since January 1942 continuously for 67 Years.
High school clubs,

7 – Mention historical publications:.

Websites: CAPHistory.org
Books: Flying Minute Men Robert E. Neprud (Audio Book Available)
From Maine to Mexico Louis E. Keefer
This is your Civil Air Patrol by C.B. Colby
Collectors Catalogs Louisa B. Morse
Music Sources
Supporting the Historical Committees efforts to preserve our history.
Library of Congress Archives

8 – Historical Markers

Individual base dedication markers.
Museum with CAP displays.
CAP Memorial for those who have died in the line of duty.
CAP items in historical areas.

9 – Miscellaneous Items

Past National Commanders from the area
Past Regional Commanders from the state
Any large activities in the area, air shows, encampments and such...
Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor Recipients from the area
Major activities done in the area. Encampments, Hawk Mountain, Glider
Academy, Search and Rescue, NCASE just to name a few.
Honoring those who are no longer with us!
Everyone is part of history.
Civilian support of the war effort and CAP effort.
Vintage posters, signs, banners
Spaatz Recipients
Wilson Recipients
Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor Recipients
IACE Participation
Members who join Active Military
50 Members
Retirements
Squadron of Merit
Squadron of Distinction
Wing of the Year
Region of the Year

10– Historical Conservation

- Record Keeping
- Record / Photo Storage
- Old Uniforms and Such
- Ask before you throw away.
- Oral Interview

11 – CAP Members in the news.

- Outside work or other volunteer work.
- CAP Activities they participate in.
- Family members who are members of CAP.

12 – Historian Recruitment

- Are you a historian?
- Are you interested in history?
- Who is rated in the historian track?
- Who would make a good Historian?
- How can you get started as a historian?

13 – Historical Property Rights

- What belongs to CAP and what belongs to the individual?

14 – Historical Staff from National down to local

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- Regional Historians (Regional Staff)
- State Historians (Wing Staff)
- Group Historians (Group Staff)
- Squadron Historians (Squadron Staff)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at my information above. If it is a lengthy need, please make sure to give me specifics about time constraints. I will help as much as possible but will have limited time.