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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL, NATIONAL COMMANDER

FROM: HQ USAF/XOS-H
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SUBJECT: Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Identification Card Request

1. The Air Force has reviewed CAP's new identification card proposal and regrets to inform you that the proposal, in its current form, is disapproved. The similarities in appearance of the current Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Card (CAC) and proposed CAP identification card may lead to an increased probability of installation security infractions resulting from perceived commonalities between the "official" DoD CAC and the proposed CAP identification card.
2. With the understanding that the CAP identification card was to be funded at no cost to the government, the Air Force appreciates your patience while we researched the legalities and appropriateness of the look, style and applicability of the proposed identification card. It's the Air Force's intent to assist its Auxiliary in every manner possible to ensure a professional and distinctive form of identification that does not create the opportunity for confusion with the DoD issued CAC. While we regret the disapproval of this card, we look forward to reviewing the appearance, style and applicability of any alternative CAP identification card design.
3. When submitting future identification card proposals, please remember that official means of installation access is at the discretion of local installation commander in accordance with Air Force guidance/policy. Each installation commander will determine the acceptability of non-DoD cards ancillary to government issued photo identification. All Auxiliary members requesting installation access must also be listed on an Entry Access List (EAL) sponsored by the installation commander.
4. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our nation and the United States Air Force. Your team spirit has been instrumental in our combined efforts to protect our nation. We appreciate all you do!


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