

Proposal for a CAP Marksmanship Ribbon

The National Rifle Association (NRA) at one time had the Junior National Rifle Association Marksmanship program which awarded a badge for completion. This badge is authorized for wear by cadets on the CAP service uniforms. This program has been replaced by Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, however, CAPM 39-1 has not been updated to reflect this change.

In addition to the name change, the current program has multiple levels of badges and qualifications. The current program is also open to people of all ages, not just youth.

This proposal is to take these changes into account for recognition in Civil Air Patrol. There are two parts to this proposal – medal wear and a ribbon.

First, the medal.

Change CAPM 39-1, table 6-2, Line 11, to read “Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Medals (Cadets only)”

Add to CAPR 39-3, Section F.

“m. Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Medal. Awarded for completing the requirements listed in the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. Cadets may wear the highest medal earned in this program. Successor programs as designated by the NRA may be used.”

Now the ribbon.

Add to CAPR 39-3, Section F.

“n. Marksmanship Ribbon. Awarded to members for completing the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. The basic ribbon is awarded for completing the NRA Basic Course. Each additional level completed will be awarded a star as indicated:

- a. Pro Marksman – Silver star
- b. Marksman – Second silver star
- c. Marksman 1st Class – Third silver star
- d. Sharpshooter – Gold star (remove all silver stars)
- e. Expert – Second gold star
- f. Distinguished Expert – Third gold star
- g. Sharpshooter’s bars are not recognized on the ribbon

Only progression through one discipline is recognized by the Marksmanship Ribbon. Completion of additional disciplines will not result in additional ribbons. This ribbon is authorized for seniors, and may be worn by cadets in place of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Medals. Successor programs as designated by the NRA may be used.”

Images of medals:



ProMarksman



Marksman



Sharpshooter



Expert



Distinguished Expert

Graphic of ribbon:



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