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Cadet Programs
105 S. Hansell St.
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Re: Quality Cadet Unit Award (QCUA) changes

Attention Wing Commanders:

Thank you for your service and sacrifice on behalf of cadets of Civil Air Patrol and the senior members who support our cadets.

Cadet Programs' Quality Cadet Unit Award has been a popular tool to reward thriving units for about three years now. In fact, 318 units have achieved this distinction since 2010, and we congratulate them all. We also thank you for making their success possible.

To ensure QCUA continues to serve units in an objective and fair fashion, CAP NHQ is adjusting some of the award parameters. We will now use the school year, rather than the calendar year, to track the numbers. The new time frame will begin with the start date of 1 September (9/1/2011 for the current term) and end on 31 August (8/31/2012 for the current term). This will coincide with the completion of most of the summer encampments and end before the two largest recruiting months of September and October.

The new time frame will provide units less time this year to complete the AEX and DDRx criteria but should increase the encampment participation and the Wright Brothers achievement scores. Our old system would penalize units that recruit cadets in the fall, and while no system is perfect, this change should give a greater opportunity for the units to achieve the QCUA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at strupp@capnhq.gov.

Sincerely,


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