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CAP National Cadet Team

Monthly DCP Webinar - August 2025

Every 2nd Friday

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CIVIL AIR PATROL
CADET PROGRAMS

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Agenda

Quick News

- General –
- Aerospace Education - ACE, ACE Plus, Aurora Watch, and STEM Kit Program officially opened 1 Aug
- Activities – August Activities Update, Uniform Expectations, Winter NFA Application Requirements
- Aviation – Cadet Wings Application Update, Office hours, New YAI Panel Members, Welcome David Benning!
- Adult Education – QPR Champions, YDC Updates
- Cadet Curriculum - Great Start Updates
- Cadet Protection – CPP Updates - Corrected Copies & CPPT
- Encampment/RCLS – ENC Wrap Up Reminders, RCLS Updates, ENC AAR Meetings, Winter Programs 2025
- Services – New Spaatzen, QCUA 24-25 Outside Activity Credit Added

Calendar

Open Forum

Lead presenter



Chris Guarniere

Interim Director
Cadet Programs

Publication Updates

Regulations:

- CAPR 39-2 ICL 2025 - **PREVIEW NOW- August 18**
- CAPR 60-1 - **PREVIEW NOW- August 18**
- CAPR 60-2 - **PREVIEW NOW- August 18 (Corrected copy now available)**
- CAPR 60-3 - **Cadets at School Program** (Administrative Updates Pending)
- CAPR 160-1 ICL 2025 - **PREVIEW NOW- August 18 (Corrected copy now available)**

Pamphlet:

- CAPP 60-13 - **Cadets at School Program Overview for Educators - August 18**
- CAPP 60-14 - **First Talk Guide - PUBLISHED**
- CAPP 60-43 - **Cadet Wings Guide - PUBLISHED**
- CAPP 60-35 - **Cadet Advisory Council Guide - August 18**
- CAPP 79-10 - **Cadet Medication Management Best Practices - PUBLISHED**

Forms:

- CAPF 60-50 - **Cadet Physical Fitness Category Assignment - August 18**
- CAPF 60-85 - **Cadet Independent Study - August 18**
- CAPF 60-88 - **CAP Cadets at School Program - MOU - PUBLISHED**

Lead presenter



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STEM Kit sUAS - Standdown

Action: Please review DAFMAN 11-501 and 11-502

What do I need to know concerning the AE STEM Kit Stand Down?

- A COTS UAS is a Commercial Off-The-Shelf Unmanned Aerial System. These are ready-made and commercially available, and most can connect directly to the internet through Wi-Fi signal posing a cyber security risk for the Department of Defense (DoD). Air Force Manual AFMAN11-501 released in January 2025, regarding CAP COTS (Commercial Off-The-Shelf) sUAS operations prohibits COTS from flying indoors on an installation.

How does the AE STEM Kit Stand Down and AFMAN 11-501 affect me?

- CAP Commercial sUAS non-blue and non-red sUAS cannot be flown, powered on, and/or charged indoors or outdoors on a military installation.

How do I know if I have a COTS UAS?

- AE STEM kits are a COTS UAS.
- Any corporate UAS that is not on the “blue” or “red” list unless an Exception to Policy (ETP) has been approved by the Secretary of Defense is a COTS UAS.

What are Blue and Red assets?

- CAP “Blue” and “Red” UAS are “air-gapped”, do not connect to the internet, do not present a cyber security risk for the DoD, and are excluded from this requirement. CAP “Blue” and “Red” UAS have been preapproved for use within approved missions on installations. Blue assets are listed on an ETP (Exception to Policy) and are: Skydio X10D, Skydio X2D, Wingtra. Red assets are listed on an ETP (Exception to Policy) are: Rizer Mitigated DJI.

Can I fly Blue and Red assets on an installation?

- Yes and No. Blue and Red assets can only be flown during approved missions on installations as listed on the Exception to Policy for each respectively. ★

Can I store an AE STEM kit or other non-Blue or non-Red sUAS kit on an installation?

- Yes. However, the kit and/or batteries cannot be charged, powered on, or tested. ★

Does this include state installations for National Guard?

- Yes. This is a federal installation. ★

I am not an AEO, but am a qualified CAP sUAS Pilot, how does the Stand Down affect me?

- No action is required to report on STEM Kits. However, any non Blue or non Red sUAS kit must not be charged, powered on, or tested on an installation.

I have previously flown a STEM Kit or non-Blue or non-Red sUAS kit on an installation indoors. Am I still able to fly indoors?

- No. You may not fly these on an installation.

Lead presenter



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Interim Director
Cadet Programs

Aerospace Education

New and Upcoming

- ACE, ACE Plus and the STEM Kit programs officially kicked off!
- Aurora Watch Kicked off!
- HABC liftoff!



Lead presenter



Marianne Weiss

AE Deputy Director
Aerospace Education

Activities

Regulations Apply at National Cadet Special Activities

3.2.5. Body Piercing/Ornamentation. With the exception of earrings for women (see paragraph 6.3.1.1.1), all members are prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, eye brows, lips, or any exposed body part visible while in uniform.

August Activities:

Air Force Civil Engineering Academy
Space Force Operations Academy-Florida
WAWG Green Darner Cyber Academy
Aviation & Aerospace Business Academy

Reinforce with unit leaders:

Uniform and grooming expectations must be met and observed at the unit level.

Multiple issues this year have included:

- Hair cut that doesn't meet regulation
- Body piercings that do not meet regulation

Cadets are arriving at the NCSA and stating that this was the first time anyone had told them there was a problem.

Lead presenter



Mary Albright

Program Manager
Career Exploration

Activities

NCSA Winter 2026 Preparation

Sept 15

Applications Open
Winter NCSAs
Winter Lift/Top

Winter National Flight Academy Application Requirement

Cadet applicants will be required to have the FAA Third Class Medical at the time of application in order to apply.



Got an activity in your Wing/Region you think should elevate to the National level?
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/activities/national-cadet-special-activities/become-a-cadet-special-activity-csa>

Approved Winter 2026 activities announcement goal date: Sept 1

Lead presenter



Mary Albright
Program Manager
Career Exploration



Kathrine Schmidt
Sr. Program Manager
Cadet Aviation

NFA's are 100% Complete

- Shirley Martin, TX- COMPLETE
- GLR NFA- COMPLETE
- SWR NFA- COMPLETE
- NCR NFA- COMPLETE
- Robert Aryes- COMPLETE
- Falcon Flight NFA- COMPLETE
- Roland Butler NFA- COMPLETE
- Tullahoma, TN NFA- COMPLETE
- Desert Eagle NFA- COMPLETE
- NYWG NFA- COMPLETE

Overall, I had fun at this activity.



Likelihood of recommending this activity:



Aviation Updates- NFA

December 2024

FAQS AND RESOURCES



Q: How old do I have to be?
A: Per FAA rules, you must be 16 at the time of the activity.

Q: Do I need my Mitchell to apply?
A: No, it is not a requirement but Milestones are considered in selection.

Q: Do I need to have graduated from encampment to apply?
A: Yes, it is a requirement to have graduated from encampment.

Q: Will I solo?
A: Maybe. Not all cadets solo at their NFA. Weather must cooperate and cadets need to meet FAA & CAP training requirements prior to soloing.

Q: How much does an NFA cost?
A: \$1,200 plus any travel costs.

Q: What if my family cannot afford the activity fee or travel costs?
A: Apply for the Cadet Take-Off Program, TOP! This needs-based financial assistance helps with the activity fee and travel costs to and from the activity. Apply in CadetInvest by 15 January 2025 at 12 noon Central Time.

Q: How can I prepare myself to be successful at an NFA?
A: Take as many orientation flights as you can! After your first one, be sure to take advantage of your **FREE** EAA Young Eagles benefits, like the Sporty's Learn to Fly course. Complete Aircraft Ground Handling, apply for a Student Pilot Certificate, 3rd Class Medical, and immerse yourself in aviation!





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How do I get a Medical Certificate and what to expect during the AME examination

1. Complete an application in MedXPress:
 - The first step toward getting a medical certificate is to create an account in MedXPress.
 - Once you have created an account, you will answer a series of medical questions and submit your application through [MedXPress](#).
 - After submission, print or save a copy of your application for your Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) who will need the confirmation number from the application. We recommend you also retain a copy for future reference.
 - You need to complete the AME exam within 60 days of submitting the application, so contact a local AME for an appointment as soon as possible.

Lead presenter



Kathrine Schmidt
Sr. Program Manager
Cadet Aviation

Aviation Updates- Cadet Wings

Lead presenter



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Cadet Aviation



Cadet Wings, FY26 Applicant Data

Thursday, August 07, 2025

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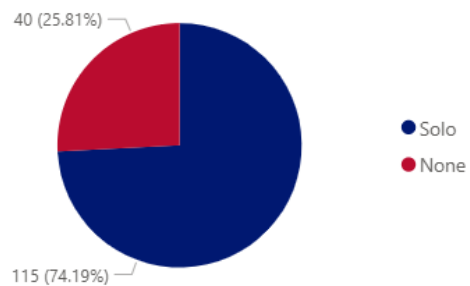
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Submitted Applications

Unit Approval	Count
APPROVE	138
DISAPPROVE	1
PENDING	16

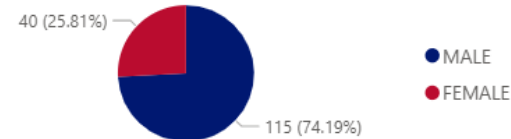
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Total Applications

Wing Approvals	Count
APPROVE	134
DISAPPROVE	1
PENDING	20

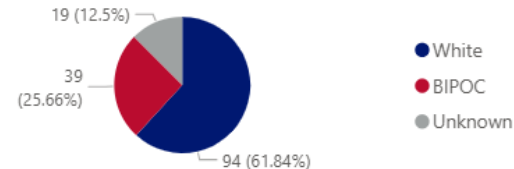
Solo Flight Completed



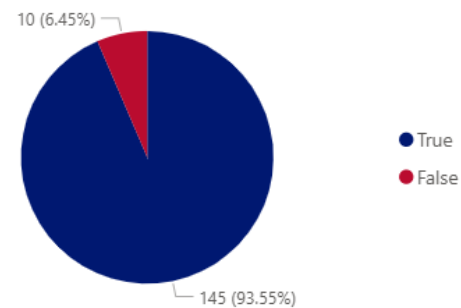
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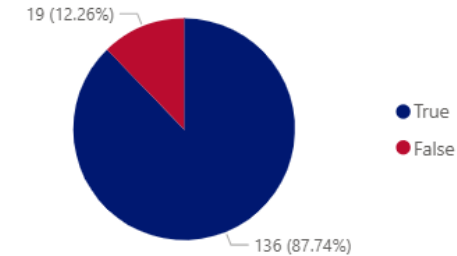
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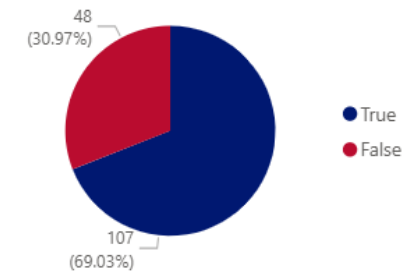
FAA Medical



Student Pilot Certificate



FAA Written



Aviation Updates- Cadet Wings

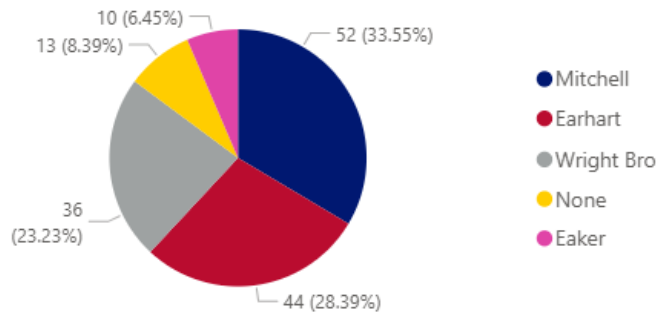


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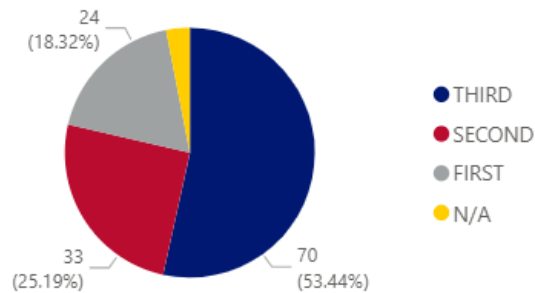
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Milestone Awards



Financial Priority

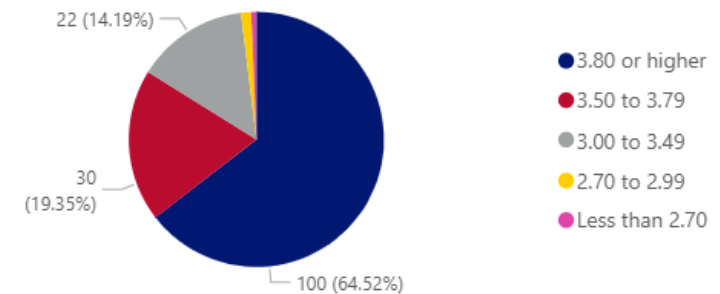


Wing	Count	Wing	Count
FL	12	DE	1
TX	12	GA	1
NC	9	KS	1
AK	8	KY	1
CA	8	MA	1
MD	8	ME	1
NJ	7	MN	1
OH	7	NE	1
AZ	6	NH	1
VA	6	OK	1
CO	5	SD	1
MI	5	WV	1
SC	5	Total	12
IL	4		
IN	4		
WA	4		
MO	3		
MS	3		
NY	3		
PR	3		
UT	3		
AL	2		
ID	2		
LA	2		
NM	2		
NV	2		
OR	2		
PA	2		
TN	2		
WI	2		
Total	143		

Region Count

Region	Count
GLR	23
MAR	30
NCR	7
NER	15
PCR	24
RMR	8
SER	25
SWR	23
Total	155

GPA





CIVIL AIR PATROL
CADET WINGS



Our door is open!
Sunday, August 17th
7pm Central Time

Scan to join!



New YAI Panel Members



Lt Col Morgan Bennett



Capt Josh Pattberg



Welcome David Benning Program Assistant, Cadet Aviation

David Benning is a Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor with a degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He serves as a Check Pilot, assistant Wing Stan/Eval Officer, and assistant Wing Public Affairs Officer with the Civil Air Patrol Kentucky Wing. David comes to Civil Air Patrol from Starbucks, where he rose from Barista to Store Manager and Coffee Master. As an Eastern Kentucky native, he is well versed in mountain traditions and folklore. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling, working with horses, practicing archery, and exploring photography.

Aviation Updates- Cadet Wings

new!



\$250k

Serving
35
Cadets

\$7k
each

The Accelerate to Aviator Solo Award is a three-month structured training track focused on helping cadets transition from orientation flying and introductory flight training to earn a Solo Endorsement with a \$7,000 headstart.

Criteria:

- Have not yet soloed
- At least 16 years old
- Hold a 3rd Class medical certificate (or higher)
- Hold a Student Pilot Certificate, or is eligible to obtain one
- Are motivated and committed to progressing in their flight training and have the ability to start training as soon as possible.
- Have applied to the Cadet Wings program and have been approved by the Unit and Wing

Adult Education

QPR Wing Champions

Region	State	CDC Statistics: Suicide rate	CDC Statistics: # of Deaths by Suicide	Cadets	Potential Cadets Affected, Statistically	Adult Leaders of Cadets*	Goal - Leaders Trained
NCR	North Dakota	23%	169	120	27	36	9
NER	Pennsylvania	14%	1955	824	117	253	63
SER	Florida	14%	3446	2057	290	394	99
SWR	Texas	14%	4368	2499	360	453	113
RMR	Montana	29%	329	455	131	42	11
RMR	Colorado	21%	1293	1244	262	218	55
GLR	Ohio	15%	1798	750	113	135	34
PCR	Alaska	28%	200	362	100	93	23
PCR	California	10%	4312	2267	236	382	96
MAR	North Carolina	14%	1614	1265	182	244	61

Is your wing interested? Email: ehornbach@capnhq.gov



QUESTION. PERSUADE. REFER

Ask a Question. Save a Life.

- Increase suicide prevention training among adult leaders
- 10 wings with high suicide risk
- Toolkit to help promote QPR – available to anyone
- QPR available to LV1+ & Sponsor Members in Absorb – Search QPR

Lead presenter



Elizabeth Hornbach

Sr. Program Manager
Curriculum & Learning

Adult Education

Youth Development CONFERENCE

CIVIL AIR PATROL'S PREMIER FORUM FOR CADET PROGRAMS OFFICERS

- YDC cancelled for 2026
- National Conference theme will be Youth Development & Cadet Programs focused
- August 28-29, 2026 – Kansas City, MO

Lead presenter



Elizabeth Hornbach

Sr. Program Manager
Curriculum & Learning



Cadet
GREAT START

Additions include:

- Editable power point presentations for cadets, parents, and squadron leadership
- Additional lesson plans/resources
- Great Start certificate of completion
- Alternative schedules
- Planning checklists
- After action plan

Lead presenter



Chelsea Mulcahy

Program Manager, Cadet
Core Curriculum

Cadet Protection

Important Dates

- 18 August – Regulations in effect
- 24 August – Regulation Changes Q&A in Absorb
- 31 August – CPPT transitions to annual renewal



Notice of New Publications

Good afternoon!

Updates were posted to the [Regulations for Preview page](#).

Two drafts on that page have been corrected. Please review changes in preparation for 18 August 2025 effective dates.

Thanks for all you do!

Respectfully,

Alexandria Andersen, MPA
 Directives & Regulations Coordinator
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Updates to Cadet Protection Basic Renewal


Experience the newly updated course featuring enhanced navigation, engaging content, and a modernized design — delivering the same critical mission with an improved user experience.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Begin your renewal today and stay mission-ready.

RIES


Featured Courses



RENEWAL
Cadet PROTECTION Basic

Cadet Protection Basic RENEWAL
Online Course


Re-enroll +



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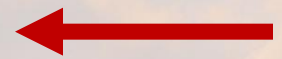
Resume







Cadet Protection Change Q&A

CPPT Q&A Webinar
Online Course

Enroll +



What CPPT course do I need to renew my training?

Senior Members	Cadet Sponsor Members	Cadets	Senior Members in Advanced Duty Positions
<i>For SMs who have already completed Level 1, and need to renew their CPPT</i>	<i>For cadet sponsor members who have already completed CPPT Basic once</i>	<i>For cadets who have already completed CPPT for Cadets & their summary conversation. This course only shows up for those cadets who need to renew – not searchable in the catalog.</i>	<i>For SMs in duty positions that require advanced (see below). You must renew CPPT Advanced every year you are in the duty position.</i>
 <p>RENEWAL Cadet PROTECTION Basic</p> <p>Cadet Protection Basic RENEWAL Online Course</p> <p>Resume</p>	 <p>RENEWAL Cadet PROTECTION Basic</p> <p>Cadet Protection Basic RENEWAL Online Course</p> <p>Resume</p>	 <p>RENEWAL Cadet PROTECTION Basic for Cadets</p> <p>Cadet Protection Basic for Cadets RENEWAL Online Course</p> <p>Start</p>	 <p>Cadet PROTECTION Advanced</p> <p>Cadet Protection Advanced Course Online Course</p> <p>Enroll +</p>

Encampment/RCLS Updates

ENC Wrap Up Reminders

- Complete your **encampment participation report** as soon as possible after graduation
- Compare the **updated CEAP worksheet** I send to your graduation list and respond back ASAP with any edits so we can close out your CEAP
- **ENC Surveys** are being sent to individual encampments (student, advanced program, cadre, senior staff, and Commander survey). Reports will be sent to each ENC CC, Wing DCP, and Wing CC in early September.

RCLS Updates

- Draft of new curriculum in early October
- RCLS Director's Community
- Enhancement of the RLCS website including updated resources
- Imperative we get dates and Director info ASAP from the Regions

Winter Programs 2025

- Now posting ENC or RCLS information for Fall/Winter 2025
- Fall programs due 90 days out
- Winter programs due October 1st

Upcoming Office Hours/Training

- ENC AAR Meetings (Invites Soon)
 - Tues 9/23, 7-8pm CT, Invite Only (Region/Wing CCs, DCS-CPs, DCPs, ENC CCs)
 - Thurs 9/25, 8-9pm CT, All ENC Staff
 - Sun 9/28, 7-8pm CT, Any CAP Members
- ENC CC Community restarts in October

Lead presenter



Heather Weaver

Program Manager
Cadet Leadership Camps

Services Updates

24-25 QCUA Outside Activities

- All Outside Activity credit added on 5 Aug
- Units should submit appeal if credit is missing
 - **Due September 15th at 11:59pm Central**

New Spaatz Awards: CA, NY

- 2 since June!

QCUA ADJUSTMENT

QCUA Data is pulled directly from eServices. If you believe that there's an error in the reporting or a special circumstance that should be taken into consideration, please let us know so it can be corrected. We want to ensure that all units get credit for their accomplishments during the year.

*Indicates a required field

Unit ID:	*	<input type="text" value="SER-AL-100"/>
Criteria:	*	<input type="text" value=""/>
Describe Issue:	*	<input type="text" value="Capt John Curry (CAPID 123456) completed TLC basic last month. Certificate attached below."/>

Lead presenter



Jacob McIntosh

Program Manager
Cadet Support Services

Calendar

Event	Schedule
 Cadet Wings Applications Open	1 July – 1 September @ Noon Central
CAPR 60-1 Cadet Program Management, Effective date	18 August
 CAPR 60-2 Cadet Protection Program, Effective date	18 August
 CPPT 12-month currency renewal suspense	31 August 11:59pm Central
Quality Cadet Unit Award 24-25 Period Ends	31 August
 QCUA 24-25 Appeals Due	15 September 11:59pm Central
Winter NCSA Applications Open	15 September
Lift/Top Applications for Winter NCSAs Open	15 September
CyberPatriot Team Registrations Close	1 October
StellarXplorers Team Registrations Close	15 October

Next Time

Friday, 12 September
1200-1245 Central

Agenda publishes via email Thursday prior
Suggest discussion topics: cadets@capnhq.gov

THANK YOU
for supporting the cadets with your leadership!