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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMMANDERS, DIRECTORS OF CADET PROGRAMS, & DDR COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: Future of the Drug Demand Reduction Program

1. Background

Thanks to funding provided by the Air Force Surgeon General's office, CAP operated a Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program for many years, inspiring thousands of our cadets to be drug-free leaders in their communities. Requirements for the program changed a few years ago and this caused CAP to completely rethink how best to conduct DDR. This letter will outline how DDR will be incorporated into the cadet program.

2. The Future of Cadet Character Development & Drug-Free Messaging

With the termination of specially-designated DDR funding, we no longer need to isolate "DDR" as a stand-alone program, nor maintain a separate regulation for DDR activities. Of course, the effort to motivate cadets to adopt a drug-free lifestyle endures. We now have an opportunity to integrate our drug-free message into all facets of cadet life. Our best DDR officers have achieved success because they integrated drug-free content into nearly everything cadets do, rather than separating those learning opportunities from the ordinary cadet experience. Therefore, we will continue to develop in cadets skills for making smart, responsible choices, and to challenge them to serve as ambassadors of our Core Values and a drug-free ethic in their schools and communities.

3. A New, Integrated Goal Statement

Accordingly, the cadet program management regulation now highlights drug-free programming as an important component of cadet character education, instead of treating that content area as a separate program called DDR governed by its own regulation. The new goal statement for cadet character education reads: *"To develop in cadets an ability to think critically about moral and ethical issues and to develop a commitment to live CAP's Core Values . . . Three topics receive special emphasis in the character element [including that] CAP challenges cadets to become ambassadors of a drug-free ethic . . ."* CAPR 60-1, *Cadet Program Management* (1 February 2018), section 1.9.4.

4. Practical Matters

a. Regulations. CAPR 52-22, *Drug Demand Reduction Program*, is rescinded. We have eliminated all minimum program standards and reporting requirements previously mandated in that publication.

b. Personnel. DDR officers remain authorized duty positions at every echelon. The next edition of CAPR 20-1, *Organization of Civil Air Patrol*, will update the position description and likely change the job title.

c. Encampment. The encampment curriculum will sustain drug-free content (lessons C4 and C8). We encourage encampment commanders to collaborate with DDR-rated seniors to provide that content.

d. Curriculum Resources. CAP will continue to offer a diverse mix of drug-free curriculum resources. Some resources are available in hard copy, while others are web-only for printing on demand. Please see capmembers.com/library for details. Those resources include:

<i>DDR-X</i>	<i>National Character Day</i>
<i>Fit to Fly</i>	<i>Famous Fliers</i>
<i>Let's Go Fly</i>	<i>Fatal Vision</i>
<i>Red Ribbon Leadership Academy</i>	and other resources

e. Annual Awards. We will retire two annual awards in August 2018, the Outstanding DDR Wing of the Year Award and the DDR Member of the Year Award. Because we are in the middle of the award year, we'll recognize the 2017-2018 top performers at National Conference in Anaheim. A third award deserves mention: DDR officers are eligible for the Jack Sorensen Cadet Programs Officer of the Year Award (see CAPR 60-1, 6.4).

f. Specialty Badge. The DDR specialty badge remains authorized for wear on the uniform for members who have earned it. Enrollment in the DDR specialty track ceased in 2015, and now the specialty track is closed. The Cadet Programs specialty track is the natural vehicle for technical training in drug-free cadet programming and recognition. Members assigned as DDR officers may use that service to satisfy job performance requirements in the Cadet Programs specialty track.

g. Reporting. There is no longer a requirement to report DDR-related activities through eServices, but we encourage units to report their activities so staff at higher echelons may identify top-performing units and share best practices.

h. Point of Contact. [Lt Col Jett Mayhew](#) remains a member of the national staff and point of contact for DCPs and other leaders having questions about how to implement drug-free programming using existing resources.

5. Conclusion

We are changing *how* we accomplish our character development goals in the Cadet Program. The goals themselves – including strong drug-free messaging – remain.



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