MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Interim Change Letter – CAPR 66-1, Civil Air Patrol Aircraft Maintenance Management

1. This interim change letter changes CAPR 66-1 immediately and will remain in effect until CAPR 66-1 is revised. Compliance with this letter is mandatory.

2. CAPR 66-1 is changed as follows:

   2.1 New Paragraph 6. Aircraft Maintenance Approval Authority is added that reads:

   **6. Aircraft Maintenance Approval Authority.** Duly appointed CAP wing aircraft maintenance officers (AMO) and assistants may approve required aircraft inspections, maintenance and repairs on CAP corporate aircraft or gliders up to $500 including parts and labor. CAP/LGM is the approval authority for all aircraft inspections, maintenance and repairs that exceed this amount. To obtain approval for maintenance exceeding $500, forward a thorough description of the needed inspection, maintenance or repairs along with a detailed estimate that includes all parts and labor to CAP/LGM for approval prior to proceeding. If prior approval is not received from CAP/LGM as required by this paragraph, the wing authorizing these repairs may be held responsible for all expenses incurred for this unauthorized transaction.

   2.2 Renumber subsequent paragraphs and subparagraphs to reflect the addition of new paragraph 6.

   2.3 Paragraph 8.1. Engines is changed to read:

   **9.1. Engines.** Engines shall be replaced with new, rebuilt or overhauled engines on condition or at the manufacturer’s recommended time (calendar or hourly) between overhaul (TBO). Flying beyond the manufacturer’s recommended TBO is not authorized. Engine shock mounts will be replaced on condition or at engine overhaul/replacement, whichever occurs first. Fluid carrying hoses, from the firewall forward, shall be replaced on condition or at engine change, whichever occurs first.

   2.4 New Paragraph 11.5 Unites States Air Force Auxiliary Graphic is added that reads:

   **11.5 United States Air Force Auxiliary Graphics.** A United States Air Force Auxiliary graphic has been created to highlight CAP’s role as a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. These graphics shall be installed on both sides of the vertical tail of all powered aircraft in accordance with Attachment 2. For aircraft not painted in the approved CAP paint scheme, for example with no silver stripe, install the graphic on the lower portion of the tail oriented in a manner illustrated in the example for the CAP paint scheme in Attachment 2.
2.5 The new United States Air Force Auxiliary graphic is added to the decal placement section of Attachment 2.

3. The intent of this change is to streamline CAP’s aircraft maintenance approval process and reduce the amount of time spent obtaining approvals from CAP/LGM for minor repairs and maintenance. Additional text is added to the Engines paragraph to draw attention to manufacturer’s calendar requirements for engine TBO that apply in addition to hourly requirements. Guidance is also provided regarding installation of the United States Air Force Auxiliary graphics. For comments or questions regarding this interim change letter, contact Rodger Kirkpatrick, CAP/LGM, at (334) 953-9096, or email rkirpatrick@capnhq.gov.

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