



# ANNOUNCING *the* "CURRY BLUES VOUCHER"

Beginning **1 June 2015**, parents and/or squadrons, you provide BDUs to new cadets when they join, and CAP will provide a \$100 voucher towards purchasing the blues uniform when they earn the Curry. The "Curry Blues Voucher" will be more reliable, faster, and more convenient than the "old" program. Here's a comparison:

## New Curry Blues Voucher

Speedy service through Vanguard and Fed-Ex or UPS  
Greater variety of sizes for young teens  
High-quality "commercial grade" uniform garments  
One-stop shopping for all uniform needs; nameplate, flight cap device, chevrons, and shoes available  
Cadet becomes eligible for the Curry Blues Voucher upon achieving the Curry, thereby ensuring the cadet has invested time and energy before receiving the benefit  
Allows for cafeteria-style shopping; a basket of items will be priced at \$100 so cadets can get full use of their vouchers

## Old Cadet Uniform Program

AAFES orders took 10+ weeks  
Stocked only adult sizes  
Lower-quality "government issue" garments  
No one-stop shopping due to unmet insignia needs; confusing and inconvenient  
Cadet became eligible for a uniform immediately upon joining, resulting in inefficiencies as many cadets had left CAP before their blues even arrived  
Provided a single set of blues, regardless of the individual's need



**TRANSITION PLAN** The "old" AAFES program closes on **1 May**, and the "new" Curry Blues Voucher begins **1 June**.

## PROCESS

1. Cadet joins CAP.
2. Squadron tries to outfit the cadet with uniform items, using local supplies, if able. Cadets purchase the remaining BDU articles through Vanguard or their vendor of choice.
3. Cadet works toward Achievement 1, the "Curry."
4. Cadet earns the "Curry," per the normal procedures.
5. Vanguard automatically notifies cadets of their eligibility via email, upon earning their Curry. The email includes a web link and a voucher code.
6. Cadet has 45 days to use the voucher. Vanguard issues an email reminder 10 days prior to expiration.
7. Cadet visits Vanguard website and selects authorized uniform items (blues garments, shoes, belt, and blues insignia).
8. Cadet / parent is responsible for the order's balance after the first \$100.
9. If cadet does not use the voucher within 45 days, or if the cadet uses only a portion of the \$100 available, the remaining balance reverts to CAP.
10. Unit commanders (and designees) can monitor voucher eligibility and voucher usage through the Member Reports section in eServices.
11. Cadets who use the voucher receive 10% off their next Vanguard purchase.
12. If an exchange is necessary, Vanguard will swap items one-for-one, but the cadet is responsible for paying shipping.

Questions?  
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- 1** Cadet joins. Parents and/or squadron provide BDUs.



- 2** Cadet trains and completes the Curry Achievement



- 3** Vanguard emails the cadet voucher information



- 4** Cadet and parent shop for blues at Vanguard



- 5** Cadet receives uniform a few days later.