Government Relations

Duration: 1 Hour

Teaching Method: Discussion (live or webinar)

Reading: Student Guide

Teaching Aids/Handouts: CAPR 35-2, Chapter 5 - Civil Air Patrol *Membership,* Legislative Members

Lesson Objective: Provide an understanding of how CAP's relationship with federal and state legislative and executive branches impacts our operations

Desired Learning Outcomes (DLO):

1. Learn the various types of funding CAP receives from federal and state governments
2. Understand the other types of legislation that can benefit CAP and its members
3. Learn the value of legislative squadrons
4. Learn the roles of the executive branch, President and Governor, and their departments which can benefit CAP
5. Logistic Support – what the state can provide for meeting space and training facilities
6. Learn the various state missions CAP performs
7. Understand that how we market ourselves impacts how we are perceived. Learn the value of federal and state Legislative Days

Lesson Strategy: This lesson is designed to give the students a fundamental knowledge of CAP's legislative program and how it may be used to promote and benefit CAP.

Instructor Note: Most CAP members do not deal with their legislators or have knowledge of the CAP legislative program. This section is meant to give members an appreciation for the legislative program and ways it can benefit CAP.

Review: Ask students if they have any questions about the reading. If they have questions, answer them. If not, proceed with a short review. Ask students to share the most important points from the reading.

Bridge: Ask students to share anything their units do in support of their legislative program.

Suggested Discussion Questions:

Closure: Having a good Government Relations program can lead to benefits for the CAP and its members. A Government Relations Advisor who has the time to meet with members of the legislature and cultivate a relationship so they have a good understanding of CAP and what we offer.