MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP MEMBERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Interim Change Letter 3 to CAPR 39-3, Award of CAP Medals, Ribbons and Certificates

1. This interim change to CAPR 39-3, Award of CAP Medals, Ribbons and Certificates, dated 28 December 2012, is effective immediately. This change establishes the CAP Crisis Service Ribbon, provides the order of precedence for wear, and announces the initial award period.

2. The CAP Crisis Service Ribbon is established to recognize the CAP membership during periods when the entire organization was under significant stress responding to a lengthy, nation-wide emergency. The National Commander will determine when to grant this award and the period of service involved. This award ranks immediately before the Red Service Ribbon in the order of precedence. Only one award is earned per service period; awards during additional periods are recognized by the wear of the bronze triangle clasp. Any active member (cadet/senior/50-year or life) who has served at least 1 day in an active status during the period is eligible to wear the ribbon. When the National Commander issues the award, individual member records will be automatically updated to reflect the award.

3. Beginning in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in CAP’s most noteworthy national service since World War II. Regular operations continued while new missions were explored, millions of meals delivered to the needy, thousands of blood donations were made, and distribution of masks and vaccines were completed across the country. At a time when simply holding regular squadron meetings was challenging due to isolation restrictions, CAP members served the Nation and ensured CAP’s continued operation. In recognition of this effort, I have approved the award of the CAP Crisis Service Ribbon to all active members who served at least one day after 1 March 2020 to a future point to be determined by CAP. New members who join after the issuance of this ICL will be awarded the CAP Crisis Service Ribbon on a monthly basis until the crisis has ended.

4. The membership records of all CAP members who meet the eligibility criteria to wear the CAP Crisis Service Ribbon have been updated. If you have any questions, contact Ms Susan Parker, CAP/DP at (334) 953-4255 or email sparker@capnhq.gov.

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ATTACHMENT 2 – CAP RIBBONS

CADET RIBBONS

Decorations
- Silver Medal of Valor
- Bronze Medal of Valor
- Distinguished Service Award
- Exceptional Service Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Commander’s Commendation Award
- CAP Achievement Award
- Lifesaving Award
- National Commander’s Unit Citation Award
- Unit Citation Award

Cadet Program Awards/Achievements
- Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award
- Ira C. Eaker Award
- Amelia Earhart Award
- Gen Billy Mitchell Award
- Neil Armstrong Achievement
- Dr. Robert H. Goddard Achievement
- Gen Jimmy F. Doolittle Achievement
- Charles A. Lindbergh Achievement
- Capt Eddie Rickenbacker Achievement
- Wright Brothers Award
- Mary Feik Achievement
- Gen Hap Arnold Achievement
- Gen J.F. Curry Achievement

Service
- AFA Award to Unit Cadet of the Year
- AFSA Award to Unit Cadet NCO of the Year
- VFW Outstanding Cadet Officer of the Year Award
- VFW Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year Award
- **CAP Crisis Service Ribbon**
- Red Service Ribbon

Activity
- Search “Find” Ribbon
- Air Search and Rescue Ribbon
- Disaster Relief Ribbon
- Homeland Security Ribbon
- Community Service Ribbon
- IACE Ribbon
- National Cadet Competition Ribbon
- National Color Guard Competition Ribbon
- Cadet Advisory Council Ribbon
- Cadet Special Activity Ribbon
- Encampment Ribbon
- Cadet Recruiter Ribbon

ROTC Ribbons
(NOTE: ROTC ribbons will be worn only while participating in the ROTC program. They will no longer be worn when the member ceases to participate in the active program.)
SENIOR RIBBONS

US Military Decorations and Ribbons (Worn in order of precedence)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
(issued to CAP 2 March 2018)

Decorations
- Silver Medal of Valor
- Bronze Medal of Valor
- Distinguished Service Award
- Exceptional Service Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Commander’s Commendation Award
- CAP Achievement Award
- Lifesaving Award
- National Commander’s Unit Citation Award
- Unit Citation Award

Professional Development Awards
- National Commander’s Citation (Note 2)
- OR
- Gill Robb Wilson Award
- Paul E. Garber Award
- Grover Loening Aerospace Award
- Leadership Award
- Membership Award

Aerospace Education Awards
- A. Scott Crossfield Award
- Brig Gen Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Award

Cadet Awards
- Frank Borman Falcon Award, Cadet Certificate of Proficiency or highest cadet award earned

Service
- Command Service Ribbon
- **CAP Crisis Service Ribbon**
- Red Service Ribbon

Activity
- Search “Find” Ribbon
- Air Search and Rescue Ribbon
- Counterdrug Ribbon
- Disaster Relief Ribbon
- Homeland Security Ribbon
- Cadet Orientation Pilot Ribbon
- Community Service Ribbon
- IACE Ribbon
- National Cadet Competition Ribbon
- National Color Guard Competition Ribbon
- Cadet Advisory Council Ribbon (earned as cadet)
- Cadet Special Activity Ribbon
- Encampment Ribbon
- Senior Recruiter Ribbon

Wartime Service Ribbons (Note 3)
- World War II Service Ribbon
- Antisubmarine Coastal Patrol
- Southern Liaison Patrol
- Tow-Target and Tracking
- Courier
- Forest Patrol
- Missing Aircraft

ROTC Ribbons (see ROTC Ribbons Note for cadets)

Foreign Decorations

NOTE 2: Must have been earned prior to 1 July 1977.

NOTE 3: Must have been earned between February 1942 and July 1945