

# CADETS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

## EXERCISE

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete a total of three scenarios, one scenario from each grouping (I-Simple Accommodations, II-Moderate Accommodations, III-Complex Accommodations).
2. For each scenario, describe the “wrong mentality” that a unit commander might possess were he or she not properly trained in supporting special needs cadets.
3. Further, describe some potential accommodations that a properly trained unit commander would consider to support the cadet.
4. Be prepared to share your views with the class.

Scenario <small>Indicate your scenario by checking the box</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wrong Mentality	Potential Accommodations
<b>Group I Simple Accommodations</b>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(1) Broken Arm</b></p> <p>A cadet broke her right arm and her cast extends above the elbow. She obviously cannot do push-ups or render a normal salute for the next 8 weeks.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(2) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder</b></p> <p>A cadet's ADHD makes it difficult for her to do well on written tests, especially if there's a time limit involved.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(3) Social Anxiety Disorder</b></p> <p>A newcomer has a significant anxiety disorder, for which he is being treated. He wants to join and become a cadet, but worries about the squadron's practice of calling on cadets to share aerospace current events and do impromptu speaking.</p>		
<b>Group II Moderate Accommodations</b>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(4) Limited Diet</b></p> <p>An active, successful cadet wants to attend encampment, but due to medical issues, she has a limited diet. It's unlikely that the “normal” offerings at the military dining facility will suffice.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(5) Participation on the Sabbath</b></p> <p>Your encampment begins at noon on a Saturday, but a Seventh Day Adventist family requests permission for their cadet to arrive after sunset on Saturday (roughly 6 hours later than normal) due to their observance of the Sabbath.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(6) Group Showers</b></p> <p>A devout family is concerned for their cadet's modesty in a communal shower setting where public nudity is virtually unavoidable.</p>		

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<b>Group III Complex Accommodations</b>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(7) Blindness</b></p> <p>A newcomer is blind and wants to join CAP. He will not be able to drill as a member of the flight, he cannot read from a hard copy textbook, and will likely encounter lots of practical challenges in cadet life, especially during overnight activities.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(8) Paralysis</b></p> <p>A cadet is paralyzed below the neck. She relies upon a wheelchair and requires a high degree of assistance in her daily life. She loves learning about space and read about CAP's model rocketry program.</p>		