



HEADQUARTERS
Lt. Col Arthur King Composite Squadron 50
CALIFORNIA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Dear Prospective Cadet,

Welcome to Civil Air Patrol's Lt Col Arthur King Composite Squadron! Civil Air Patrol Cadets learn to fly, lead, camp, help the community, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits. Cadets serve their community and our country through their volunteer service carrying out Civil Air Patrol's missions assigned to us by the Air Force and Congress.

To become a Cadet, you must be at least 12 and under 19 years of age. Cadets commit to meeting every Thursday from 6:30 to 9pm here at the Modesto Airport. Interested recruits will be expected to complete a five week training course called Great Start for Cadets. New classes are formed when there are enough new cadets to warrant one. Generally they are held 2-3 times per year. Once you become a Cadet Airman, we understand if you have other obligations such as sports or school activities – but those five weeks will be critical.

Becoming a Cadet is a privilege and also an exciting opportunity to participate in all of the activities CAP has to offer. You will do things including:

- fly in Civil Air Patrol aircraft,
- participate in our physical fitness program,
- attend special training and activities on the weekends throughout the year including air shows, base tours, and,
- have the option to participate in Civil Air Patrol's emergency services missions and training, including search and rescue and disaster relief.

Civil Air Patrol also offers special summer opportunities to our cadets, which include our leadership academies, flight academy, glider academy, mountain ranger school, pararescue orientation, ground search and rescue school, and *dozens* of other special training activities. As you advance in the program, more opportunities become available to you. Being a CAP cadet will help you succeed for college, the military, becoming a pilot or pursuing almost any career.

I encourage you to ask questions tonight, look over the materials about our program and decide if you'd like to become a Cadet. To join, fill out the enclosed membership application and bring the requested items to your third meeting, Membership Night. Your training will begin shortly.

See you next week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon C. Domke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JON C. DOMKE, Capt, CAP
Deputy Commander for Cadets



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Cadet Expectations

Being a Cadet in the Civil Air Patrol means making a few commitments. It does not mean that you have to give up being in other organizations, activities and sports. We understand that many students are active in several different activities and lead busy lives. However, we do expect certain minimum standards from our Cadets.

A full guide to our unit's guidelines and policies will be given to you on Membership Night. This is a simple breakdown of our expectations for Cadets:

- **Meeting Attendance:** We expect Cadets to attend Thursday CAP meetings. However, school work always comes first. In addition, we also know that sometimes sports events and other extracurricular activities can overlap with CAP. Cadets may also occasionally be sick or go on vacation. We only ask that you notify your superior cadet in advance when you cannot make it.
- **Promotions & Progression:** Cadets study their leadership and aerospace textbooks on their own time, and take tests to promote when they are ready – not on a prescribed schedule. Each cadet will progress at his or her own pace within the program. However, cadets are expected to complete at least 2 achievements per year.
- **Uniform Care:** Civil Air Patrol and our unit will issue you uniform clothing and items to use during your membership in CAP, including a service dress blues uniform and BDU's. You should not expect the squadron or CAP to provide everything you need as some items may be out of stock at the time you join. You agree to take good care of your uniforms and wear them properly. With the exception of items you pay for, if you choose to leave CAP, you will need to return your uniforms.
- **Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol:** Civil Air Patrol has zero tolerance for cadets who use or possess tobacco, illegal drugs and/or alcohol. You should choose not to participate in CAP if you use any of these substances. They are not permitted at any Cadet activity.
- **Professional Conduct:** Remember, that we, as CAP members, wear a uniform which is nearly identical to the uniform worn by Air Force personnel. Cadets represent not only Civil Air Patrol, but the U.S. Air Force. All members must act in a professional and respectful manner.
- **Completing your Initial Training:** The Cadet Great Start Training is a critical time of learning, and all members of the training flight need to be at nearly the same level of training. Therefore, it is very important that you attend all of the meetings during this time. Cadets who miss multiple meetings during the Cadet Great Start Training period may be delayed in completing the first achievement and promotion to Cadet Airman.



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We are pleased you are interested in joining Civil Air Patrol! To start the process of becoming a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, please complete this membership packet. You will need to bring these items with you on Membership Night.

Membership Night: New Cadets will have their applications processed; dues accepted and begin their Cadet orientation. Please bring everything listed below with you:

FORMS

CAPF 15 – Application for Cadet Membership in Civil Air Patrol

Fill out all the applicable fields and sign. A parent or guardian needs to sign the application. Don't forget to note which member was most influential in your decision to join CAP. Your Social Security Number (top right corner) is mandatory. A physical exam/physician's signature is only necessary if your child cannot participate in physical activities. If your child has ailments such as asthma, you only need a medical exam if this limits him/her from any activities. Blood Type is not mandatory. Proof of residency/citizenship will be required at the time you turn in your application.

CAPF 60 – Emergency Contact Form

Please provide an emergency contact person and any important medical information that we should be aware of.

Cadet Agreements

Please review and sign the Cadet Oath and the Uniform Return Agreement. A parent or guardian also needs to sign the Uniform Return Agreement.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & COSTS

\$40 Cadet Membership Dues – Check/Money Order payable to “Civil Air Patrol”

Your membership dues help cover the costs of your welcome kit from National Headquarters, your set of textbooks, your liability coverage by CAP, your membership card and administrative costs. Cadet membership is renewed only once a year for \$40

\$50 One-time Non-Refundable Uniform Accessory Fee – Check to “Civil Air Patrol”

The Air Force and the local unit issue a free dress and field uniform. Cadets need certain insignia (such as patches, nameplates and rank chevrons) and accessories (belt, cap, etc.) to complete their uniforms. This is paid only once.

\$12.00 Squadron T-Shirt – Check to “Civil Air Patrol”

The squadron has a t-shirt for wear under BDU's, for PT and at squadron activities.

CADET AGREEMENTS

CADET OATH

“I PLEDGE THAT I WILL SERVE FAITHFULLY IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET PROGRAM, AND THAT I WILL ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY, PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN UNIT ACTIVITIES, OBEY MY OFFICERS, WEAR MY UNIFORM PROPERLY, AND ADVANCE MY EDUCATION AND TRAINING RAPIDLY TO PREPARE MYSELF TO BE OF SERVICE TO MY COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION.”

Initial _____

“I have read and/or had explained to me, and will keep a copy of, the unit policies which I am to abide by. I fully understand and hereby, freely and without reservation, agree to comply with each of them. Furthermore, I understand the Cadet Oath as described above and I agree to live by these terms.”

Prospective Cadet's Name (printed)

Prospective Cadet's Signature

Date Signed

Uniform Return Agreement

Civil Air Patrol is often able to obtain some uniform components for use by active Cadets. As these become available, the Squadron will provide them to Cadets on an as-needed and as-available basis. Often, these uniform components include the trousers and shirt for the blues and/or BDU (utility) uniforms. Sometimes, other items are available as well such as shoes, boots, overcoats, field jackets, etc.

All uniform items provided to Cadets free of charge by Civil Air Patrol must be returned if the Cadet decides to become inactive in the cadet program.

Cadets and their parents must agree to return uniform items to Civil Air Patrol when those items are no longer being used by the Cadet for Civil Air Patrol purposes.

I am applying for membership in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. I acknowledge that Civil Air Patrol may provide me with uniform items to use during my participation in the Civil Air Patrol program. I agree to return these items to Civil Air Patrol upon request, and, in any case, upon deciding to end my participation in the Civil Air Patrol program.

Prospective Cadet's Name (printed)

Prospective Cadet's Signature

Date Signed

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named Civil Air Patrol Cadet applicant. I acknowledge that Civil Air Patrol may provide my son/daughter with uniform items to use during his/her participation in the Civil Air Patrol program. I agree to return these items to Civil Air Patrol upon request, and, in any case, upon my son/daughter deciding to end his/her participation in the Civil Air Patrol program.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed