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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Phelka".

EDWARD D. PHELKA
Major General, CAP
Commander

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