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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP REGION AND WING COMMANDERS

- PLEASE SHARE WITH EVERY SQUADRON COMMANDER TO BE SHARED WITH SQUADRON AE OFFICER, DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR CADETS, AND/OR ALL SQUADRON MEMBERS

SUBJECT: **CALL TO ACTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN AFA'S CYBERPATRIOT PROGRAM FOR CAP'S CADETS**

Dear Region/Wing Commanders:

As Gen Carr noted in his **9 August 2013 "Call for Volunteers" letter**, our nation needs to be preparing the next generation for cyber security careers and CAP is an important conduit in that initiative. But, we need YOUR help to encourage squadron commanders, AE Officers, Deputy Commanders for Cadets, and/or any other interested person in each CAP squadron to accept the challenge to **register a CAP CyberPatriot team not later than 10 October.** The benefits to our nation, our organization, and the cadets are obvious.

Please note new information below that may be helpful in encouraging reluctant squadrons to select a coach and register a team before the 10 October deadline:

1- For those squadrons with limited computer support, the AFA CyberPatriot office is trying to help support those teams with computer loans. **Contact the CyberPatriot office** with this request.

2- For those squadrons with limited internet connectivity, the AFA CyberPatriot office is offering the loan of three AT&T air cards per team by requesting these ASAP **HERE** so they can be shipped out by 10 October.

3- For those squadrons with limited access to adults with cyber expertise, the AFA CyberPatriot office will help assign a mentor to assist the squadron's team coach and cadets. **Contact the CyberPatriot office** with this request.

4- With this FREE STEM program for all CAP squadrons across the nation, squadron commanders and AE/CP leaders are strongly encouraged to at least register a small team of 2-5 cadets and one adult coach to facilitate the program by the 10 October deadline. Whether the team moves to the national level or not, just the experience to provide the cadets with important cyber security career preparation experience is priceless.

5- As of 30 September, CAP has 212 teams registered with a minimum goal of 300 CAP teams this year. If each Region registered at least 11 additional teams, this would help CAP reach its goal for the 2014 competition. Click **HERE** to see each Wing's currently registered teams.

6- CAP is working to create a recognition program for the 2014 teams that participate, move to the state or regional finalists, move to the national competition, and win the national competition. Info to be announced.

7- Coach registration closes 10 October with practice rounds to begin 10-24 October. ***So, at least the squadron team coach can register now.*** Final team competitors (team members) can be determined and registered by 14 November with the first competition round 15-17 November. All **important competition dates** will help in planning for the program.

8- ALL information, to include registration link, informational videos, training materials, and guidance can be found at **www.uscyberpatriot.org**. Any other information needed can be requested by contacting the CyberPatriot office at **info@uscyberpatriot.org** or with specific contact numbers found **HERE**.

9- **Please** disseminate this information **as soon as possible** so that CAP can take advantage of the FREE special activity for any cadet across the nation.

Respectfully,

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(Note: During government shutdown, please contact the CyberPatriot office for all assistance as CAP NHQ is not fully staffed to reply to inquiries.)

CAP's 2013 Press Release

Excellent Recruiting Video Featuring CAP Teams!

Check out the newest video found at www.uscyberpatriot.org!

Further information to assist you:

- Two other excellent AFA recruiting videos describing this exciting competition are found at:

  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1fXjlqXIEU

  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROsy43Vjddc&feature=related
- CAP's CyberPatriot info page:

  http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/general/afa_cyberpatriot.cfm
- Informational flyer to download and share with CAP cadet and composite squadrons :

  http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/CyberPatriot_Ad_2013_9F10D0D6D9E22.pdf