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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Civil Air Patrol Corporate Uniform

1. The National Board recently approved an optional Corporate Uniform. Many of you are already wearing this uniform and find it presents an attractive, professional image. The National Executive Committee (NEC) has approved several updates to this combination.

a. This uniform is now authorized for cadets over the age of 18 as well as current senior members. Cadets will wear the grade insignia and blue three-line nametag as currently authorized on the AF-style uniform. Note: Retired members are not authorized to wear this uniform.

b. Members electing to wear this uniform must now meet the same grooming standards required to wear the AF-style uniforms. Members are not required to meet the weight standards.

c. Headgear is now required with this uniform combination. The flight cap will be worn with the regular size grade insignia on the **right** side and the CAP device on the left (see atch 1). The center of each device should be placed 2 3/8 inches from the center fold of the cap and 1 7/8 inches from the bottom edge of cap. The male service cap with gray braid on the visor was also approved for wear with its currently authorized service cap device. This service cap is in production and will be available from Vanguard soon. Females may wear their currently authorized service cap.

d. A black, windbreaker has been approved as an outer garment with the white shirt and blue pants/skirt combination (see atch 2). This jacket is 55/45% poly/wool with a stand-up knit collar, knit cuffs and bottom as well as two inverted slant pockets and shoulder epaulets. The regular size grade insignia will be worn 5/8 inches from the bottom of the epaulet. These jackets will be available from Vanguard shortly.

e. I am most pleased to report that a Corporate Service Coat was also approved (see atch 3). This double-breasted coat will be worn by senior member officers with metal grade insignia, the silver nametag and CAP ribbons, badges and devices as currently authorized on the Air Force Service Coat. General officers wear one inch stars centered on the epaulet. All other CAP officers wear their grade insignia 5/8 inch from the end of the epaulet. This coat will have mirror-finished “Civil Air Patrol” buttons and be worn with the standard “US” lapel insignia. The “US” device is worn resting, on but not over the seam, 1/4 inch above the bottom edge of the collar. Cadets over 18 wearing this coat will wear the “CAP” lapel device, blue nametag and grade insignia as

currently authorized on the Air Force Service Coat. Vanguard is now accepting orders for these coats with distribution to be made when they become available. This coat may also be worn with a black bow tie on formal occasions when the mess dress would be worn.

2. Two other uniform updates were made. First, the leather name tag worn with the new CAP black leather jacket was changed from the standard black flight suit name tag to a black leather name tag with a brown inset. This will allow the name tag to be more visible on the black jacket (see atch 4). Secondly, senior members wearing the blue field uniform may now wear embroidered or metal grade insignia on the blue BDU cap.

3. The information in this letter concerning updates to the new Corporate Uniform and the black leather jacket name tag supersedes the information contained in my 15 March 2006 letter. These changes will be reflected in the next change to CAPM 39-1, *CAP Uniform Manual*. For questions or additional assistance you may contact Ms Susan Parker, Deputy Director, Membership Services, at 1-877-227-9142, extension 212, or by email at sparker@cap.gov.

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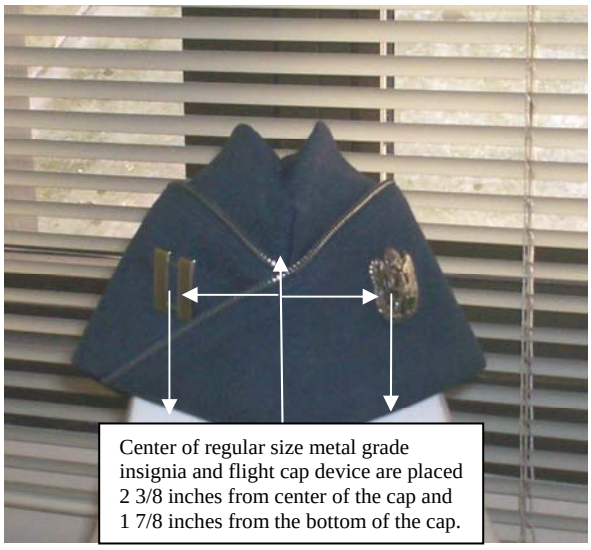
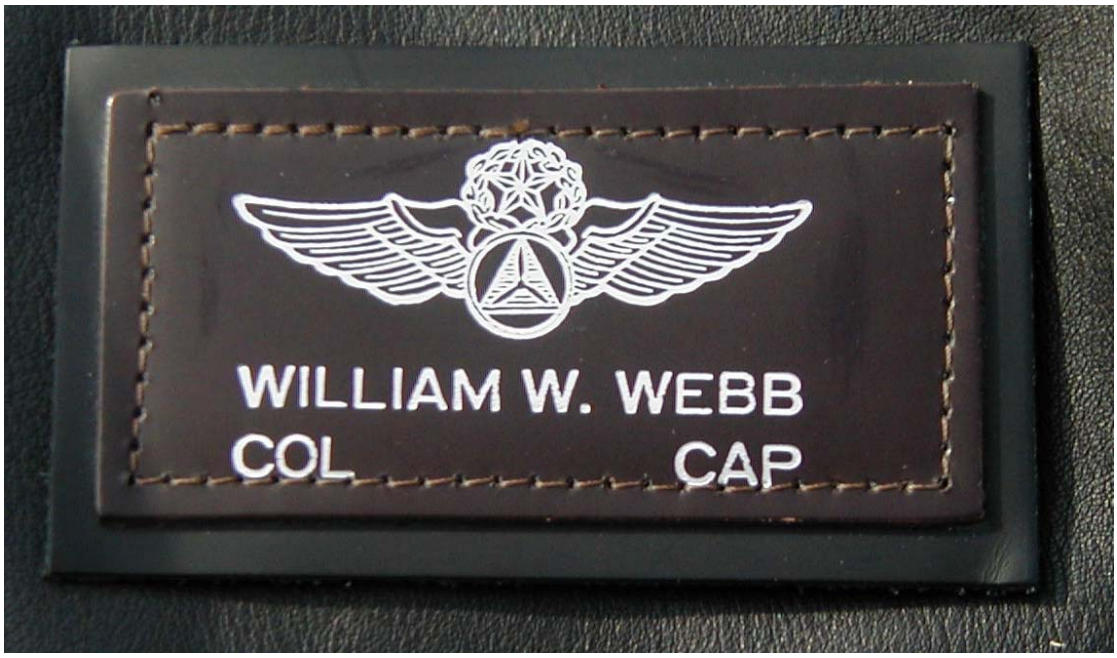
4 Attachments:
1. Headgear for Corporate Uniform
2. Black Windbreaker
3. Corporate Service Coat
4. Nametag for Black Leather Jacket

Flight cap for wear with CAP Corporate Uniform



Service cap for wear with Corporate Uniform

Leather Nametag for CAP Black Leather Jacket