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CIVIL AIR PATROL

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
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Subject: Merit Awards

To: All Unit Commanders

1. In order that outstanding services of CAP Members may be duly recognized, Wing Commanders are authorized to send to National Headquarters their recommendations for:

a. Distinguished Service Citations--For highly exceptional performance of specific missions, or acts of heroism, under unusually difficult or hazardous conditions.

b. Merit Citations--For initiative and performance of unusual merit on specific missions.

c. Commendation--For exceptional performance contributory to the carrying out of missions of unusual merit.

2. Such recommendations should state the full name, CAP serial number, and CAP Title if any, of each member recommended for citation, together with a highly condensed account of the circumstances. Supplemental papers may be filed in justification. Following is an outline form:

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Recommendation for Merit Citations

1. John J. Jones (1-1-254) Commander, Squadron 112-1, Blanksville, Me., for prompt mobilization of his Squadron to fly over a forest fire near Smithville; for piloting his plane with a State Fire Warden as observer over the area under difficult weather and visibility conditions with the result that the fire, which was of incendiary origin, was brought under control.

2. George B. Smith (1-1-323) Pilot Officer, Squadron 112-1, Blanksville, Me., for piloting a plane over a forest fire near Smithville and reporting a family trapped by the flames with the result that all were saved.

3. William B. Green (1-1-280) Senior Observer, Squadron 112-1, Blanksville, Me., for flying as observer in a plane piloted by George B. Smith over a forest fire ... etc.

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4. Wing Commanders may receive recommendations from their Group and Squadron Commanders for transmittal to National Headquarters. Please note that citations must be limited to really unusual cases in order that they will have significant

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