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CIVIL AIR PATROL

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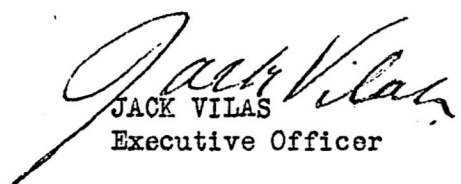
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, MAY 23, 1942

Subject: Enlistment Procedure

To: All Unit Commanders

1. Recruitment of new members must be held insofar as possible to pilots, student pilots, radio operators, radio mechanics, aircraft mechanics, apprentice mechanics, parachute riggers, ground service men, and others of actual aviation skill.
2. As in the past, enlistment forms sent directly to National Headquarters by such applicants will be cleared with FBI. Service records will be returned to Wing Commanders for transmittal to local units so that applicants can be interviewed locally and issued their membership cards if they appear desirable members.
3. Applications from non-flyers other than the above-listed categories will not be approved by National Headquarters unless endorsed on the back by Wing, Group, or Squadron Commander. Such application without endorsement will be returned to the applicant with the advice that he should apply through his nearest CAP unit.
4. It is preferable that applicants for approved-type personnel likewise be endorsed by Wing, Group, or Squadron Commander. Applications for people not needed locally should not be sent to Washington as it is a waste of Government time and facilities to process their papers.
5. Applications bearing endorsement will be returned to the endorsers via CAP channels on Washington clearance.
6. Local CAP units should make sure that all blanks are properly filled in, the required pictures furnished, and fingerprints properly made before sending applications to Washington. Incomplete applications require special correspondence and waste Government time.
7. The above instructions do not prevent local units from accepting non-flyers they really need. But Washington Headquarters must be relieved of the heavy burden of miscellaneous applications from people of no apparent qualification for duty with the Patrol. Their patriotic desire to be of service is appreciated but, as an aviation organization, the Patrol must hold its membership strictly to those who can make some definite contribution to aviation missions.

By direction of National Commander JOHNSON:


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