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To: COL H. Kenneth Johnston II, Commander, Wyoming Wing

Subj: 2012 WING HISTORIAN REPORT

Ref: (a) CAPP 5, Handbook for CAP Historians
(b) CAPR 210-1, The Civil Air Patrol Historical Program
(c) CAPR 20-1, Organization of the Civil Air Patrol

Encl: (1) Wyoming Wing Organizational Chart
(2) Submission from Col Betty L. Cash, CAP Patron
(3) Casper Squadron Photos

The following report is submitted for 2012:

1. Wing Staff Organization:

A. See Enclosure (1)

2. 2012 Wing Statistics:

A. Volunteer Members:

1. 177 adult members
2. 83 cadets
3. 177 voting-age members
4. 66 aircrew personnel
5. 184 emergency responders

B. Five single engine aircraft in 8 squadrons.

C. Ten vehicles.

D. Communications:

1. 10 VHF/FM repeaters
2. 94 VHF/FM stations
3. 21 HF stations

- E. Cadet Flying: 148 Cadets Flown
- F. Total Flying Hours: 853
- G. Financial:
 - 1. State Funding = \$106,730
 - 2. Value of Wing Volunteer hours = \$632,155

3. Operations

- A. Missions:
 - 1. 10 search and rescue missions
 - 2. 7 finds
 - 3. 10 lives saved
 - 4. 1 counter-drug mission
 - 5. 5 state support missions
- B. 2012 Cadet Encampment Attendance:
 - 1. Number of Cadets: 74
 - 2. Number of Senior Members: 14

4. March 29, 2013 - Wing Historian Appointed:

- A. **TSGT David A. Gopperton** – Cloud Peak Squadron – Sheridan, Wyoming.
- B. **Wing Historian Duties and Responsibilities.** Each region and wing commander will appoint a historian who will manage the region and wing historical program. Specific duties of region and wing historians are listed in CAPR 20-1, *Organization of Civil Air Patrol*.

5. Purpose and Objective of the CAP Historical Program.

- A. **Purpose:** to systematically collect historical data and prepare accurate, objective, impartial and useful accounts of the organization, development, administration, operations and other features of the Wyoming Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.
- B. **Objectives:** to provide historical information for CAP planning, operational and educational purposes; to preserve and disseminate the history of Civil Air Patrol; and to prepare and publish scholarly books and studies that keep the public informed about Civil Air Patrol and its cadet program, aerospace education and emergency services missions.

6. **Recommendations:** In order to re-establish the Wing History Program, recommend the following actions in accordance with references 1-3:
- A. Establish and conduct a program for the collection and preservation of items of historical significance, either of a documentary or physical property nature;
 - B. Establish a process for collection of periodic reports, manuals, regulations, orders, etc., produced within the organization to be submitted automatically from the office of origin;
 - C. Establish a process to ensure that no documents be destroyed until after appointed Wing staff member has been consulted to determine if the document is no longer of historical importance (as required by CAPR 5-4), particularly electronic records;
 - D. Classify and scan all historical documentation as covered by CAPP 5; archive physical documentation and artifacts.
 - E. Perform historical research as required by the Commander and other CAP elements, other military agencies, and non-military agencies, and individuals as approved by the Commander;
 - F. Establish a requirement for recruiting and selecting qualified historians in each squadron within the command to ensure the mission of the Wing Historical Program is met;
 - G. Ensure squadron level historians meet the CAP Historical Program requirements, which include:
 - 1. Level II technical training
 - 2. Member's current unit position
 - 3. Individual's interest, abilities, capability and achievements
 - H. Establish and conduct an oral history program by seeking out past members to document their stories and experiences in the Wyoming Wing;
 - I. Encourage the preparation of periodic histories at the group and squadron level;
 - J. Conduct a continuing research program in the working files of the organization to obtain the primary documentation (messages, letters, memos, staff studies, briefings, etc.) necessary for accurate historical narratives;

7. **2013 Objectives:**

1. Establish a *Wing Preservation Team* consisting of cadets and senior members from each squadron to collect and submit appropriate historical information.
2. Establish a reporting and collection process and recruit team members to carry out the mission.
3. Historical Project:
 - a. Interview squadron commander of the previous CAP unit in Sheridan. Document his experiences as a Cadet and Senior Member in Sheridan in the 1950's, early 1960's, and 1980's.
 - b. Advertise in local media for former members to contribute their experiences as CAP cadets and senior members.
 - c. Scan original documents, including charter for the previous squadron, photograph uniforms, and other memorabilia.
 - d. Write an oral history.

8. Submitted for approval.

Very Respectfully,

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