



# CIVIL AIR PATROL

## CADET PROGRAMS

### NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION 2024 & BEYOND: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Members,

We are excited to share significant updates regarding the National Cadet Competition (NCC) program for the year 2024 and beyond. These changes aim to enhance the overall experience and participation of our cadets across the nation.

#### Strategic Shift:

CAP is realigning its focus by redirecting resources previously allocated for the national-level NCC event to region-level competitions. **Starting in 2024, there will no longer be a centralized, in-person championship event in Dayton during the summer.** Instead, each region will host its own competition, fostering increased engagement and participation.

#### Objective:

The primary goal of this strategic shift is to encourage broader involvement in the NCC program. Historically, fewer than half of the wings participated in NCC at any echelon. By redistributing funds to support every wing's participation at the regional level, we aim to serve more cadets and foster a sense of community and competition.

#### Practical Matters – Finances:

- Funding: Each region will have access to up to \$20,500, comprising \$8,500 in Appropriate funds and \$12,000 in Corporate funds.
- Allowable Expenses: Funds will cover transportation, lodging, meals, trophies, awards, tee shirts, polos, staff travel, event equipment, and participation in an awards banquet.
- Budgets: Regions must submit activity budgets by March 1, with approved funding communicated by March 15.

#### Practical Matters – Operations:

- Eligibility: Each region has the autonomy to determine the number of teams sent by their respective wings.
- Competition Rules: While the current edition of CAPP 60-75, NCC Program Guide, remains available, regions can experiment by adjusting the number of events based on local capabilities and interests.
- Scheduling: Regions may conduct their competitions anytime during FY24, ending on September 30, 2024.

- Media: Regions are encouraged to publicize their events following standard CAP marketing practices.
- Safety: Regions should adhere to standard CAP safety practices in preparing and operating the events.

#### **Champions and reporting:**

- Champions: Each region will inform CAP/CP of its winning team, with NHQ celebrating all 8 champion teams through various marketing channels.
- Championship Trophy: CAP/CP will provide a standard trophy for each region to present to their winning team.
- Reporting: Regions are requested to provide headcounts of participating cadets and units to CAP/CP.

#### **Crosstalk and Support:**

In the fall, CAP/CP will facilitate an end-of-season crosstalk among region CPs, allowing for shared insights, lessons learned, and discussions on program growth with support from NHQ.

#### **Informational Webinar:**

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 8:00 to 9:00 pm Central Time

[Click Here](#) to Register for the webinar

*Region CPs or designees are strongly encouraged to attend.*

#### **Additional Resources:**

[CAPP 60-75, National Cadet Competition Program Guide](#)

We appreciate your continued dedication to the success of the NCC program. These changes reflect our commitment to providing a dynamic and inclusive experience for all CAP cadets. For further details, please join us at the informational webinar on January 25, 2024.