

Example: Cadets Who Need Accommodations

Scenario	Wrong Mentality	Potential Accommodations
	Group I Simple Accommodat	ions
(1) Broken Arm A cadet broke her right arm and her cast extends above the elbow. She obviously cannot do push-ups or render a normal salute for the next 8 weeks.	Because she can't do push-ups, she fails the CPFT and won't earn promotions. Because she can't render salutes, she should not be in uniform.	For fitness, assign her to Category II and temporarily waive her from the push-up event, until her doctor clears her for full participation. For saluting, teach her the guidon bearer's hand salute (which uses the left arm), and allow her to keep her right sleeve rolled-up.
(2) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) A cadet's ADHD makes it difficult for her to do well on written tests, especially if there's a time limit involved.	Fairness requires us to apply the standard testing rule equally to all cadets, so this cadet just needs to conquer her ADHD if she wants to pass.	Ask her how does she complete written tests at school. Ask the family if she has an IEP, and what does it say? E.g.: Administer the test in segments. Do one-half of the test, take a break, then proctor the other half.
(3) Social Anxiety Disorder A newcomer has a significant anxiety disorder, for which he is being treated. He wants to join and become a cadet, but worries about the squadron's practice of calling on cadets to share aerospace current events and do impromptu speaking.	Fairness requires us to apply the impromptu speaking rules equally to all cadets. Being a cadet means learning to overcome your fears. This cadet will need to "man up" or stay home.	Because the cadet is under treatment, ask the family to discuss impromptu speaking assignments with the doctor / counselor. Until the doctor / counselor provides guidance, arrange for the cadet to not be called upon, and be discreet about this. Support the cadet's treatment plan, but realize that it may be some time before the cadet participates in impromptu speaking or other high-intensity social environments.

Group II Moderate Accommodations

(4) Limited Diet

An active, successful cadet wants to attend encampment, but due to medical issues, she has a limited diet. It's unlikely that the "normal" offerings at the military dining facility will suffice.

We have no control over the menu or personnel at the military dining facility.

Every cadet has an equal opportunity to eat what is offered; if this cadet refuses, that's her choice, and not the encampment's problem.

At least ask the dining facility manager for the menu in advance, and let the family review it to see how many meals are agreeable and how many would need substitutions.

Together with the parent, ask the dining facility manager if accommodations can be made for the meals in question.

Consider allowing the family to provide the special food for the cadet. E.g.: Store it in a mini-fridge and microwave it as needed.

(5) Participation on the Sabbath

Your encampment begins at noon on a Saturday, but a Seventh Day Adventist family requests permission for their cadet to arrive after sunset on Saturday (roughly 6 hours later than normal) due to their observance of the Sabbath.

The Saturday morning arrival window applies equally to all cadets, so we're not being unfair by denying the request.

The first few hours at encampment are so important; we can't afford to have the cadet miss this important time.

The staff is busy on arrival day. A late arrival would be a real hassle.

With advance notice, we can accommodate a late arrival, and in this case, it is for a reason protected by our non-discrimination policy.

Likewise, with advance notice to the flight commander and training officer, we can get the cadet up to speed on whatever training he missed during those 6 hours.

A cadet's late arrival creates a nice leadership challenge for the flight staff.

(6) Group Showers

A devout family is concerned for their cadet's modesty in a communal shower setting where public nudity is virtually unavoidable. We have no control over the types of shower facilities available to us.

Lots of cadets feel awkward about group showers, but good hygiene is non-negotiable.

We can't let this cadet shower after lights-out, or else he'll fail to get the mandatory minimum number of hours for sleep. With advance notice, we can grant special permission for the cadet to shower privately just after lights-out.

The family should be made to realize that the other cadets will inevitably become aware of the special arrangement, no matter how discreet we are.

Advise the family that the time available for sleep will be slightly curtailed.

Group III Complex Accommodations

(7) Blindness

A newcomer is blind and wants to join CAP. He will not be able to drill as a member of the flight, he cannot read from a hard copy textbook, and will likely encounter lots of practical challenges in cadet life, especially during overnight activities.

We have an obligation to help all cadets equally, and a blind cadet will demand more time and attention than normal, so his participation will be unfair to the other cadets.

If the cadet can't drill in the flight, there's no way he can earn C/Amn, so there's no point in him joining.

For textbook study and written tests, special software may be available, or the cadet could use an amanuensis (reader).

In drill, the cadet can learn to march in place (mark time) and call commands accordingly, if not march within the flight.

Although the cadet might be restricted from some aspects of cadet life, through ongoing dialogue between the family and the local leaders, it may be possible to discover creative ways for the cadet to not only participate in CAP, but to thrive.

Local leaders should contact National Headquarters and ask if they know of other blind youth who have become cadets. Perhaps NHQ can connect the family with peers who can share best practices.

(8) Paralysis

A cadet is paralyzed below the neck. She relies upon a wheelchair and requires a high degree of assistance in her daily life. She loves learning about space and read about CAP's model rocketry program.

We're simply not the right program for someone who has such intensive needs.

Unfortunately, someone who is paralyzed is simply not able to participate in the Cadet Program.

Although an extreme situation, the goal remains maximum participation in the least restrictive environment possible.

While CAP volunteers are not trained in supporting intensive special needs, a parent or caregiver could join CAP as a Cadet Sponsor Member.

From the beginning, the cadet can participate in CAP by wearing the uniform, attending meetings, listening to classes, contributing to group discussions, observing and critiquing drill and ceremonies, cheering cadets during fitness events, and generally contributing to the squadron.

Access to buildings would have to be worked-out as situations arise.

Local leaders should contact National Headquarters and ask if they know of other paralyzed youth who have become cadets. Perhaps NHQ can connect the family with peers who can share best practices.



Example of How a Unit May handle the Specific Scenarios

LEADERSHIP FEEDBACK

Sample CAPF 60-91 for "Kristen"

CADET'S Wu, Kristen	GRADE: C/Am	n	INCLUSIVE I OF REVIEW:	DATES Jar	ı. – Feb.	2021		
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CATEGORY	PERFORMANCE GOA	LS	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	SATISFACTOR	VERY GOOD	FY/FILENT		
1. ATTITUDE	Displays a positive at enthusiastic; team-or					X		
2. CORE VALUES	Aware of the Core Vapractices customs & respectful; wears uni	courtesies; polite and			Χ			Evaluate the using the cri
3. COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Listens actively; atter	ntive; asks good		X				set for their
4. SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY	Follows directions; de ready to learn and se managing own time				X			
CADET'S PERSPE	CTIVES	Ĺ	EADER'S PE	RSPECTI	VES			
The cadet described why they are proud of in the Cadet Program:	of the following successes	The leader describe following successes			e cadet for	the		Be positive a encouraging
		You suppor a good attit attitudes lik	ted the te ude anyth	am duri iing is p	ng the (ossible.	Plus, goo	d	Be specific. generalities.
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PROMOTION SUSTA APPROVED IN GRA		DATE OF NEXT REVIE IF SUSTAINED IN GRA	EW, ADE (WITHIN 6	WEEKS):				more than 2 suggestions
EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE & TITLE Amelia Earhart, C/2nd Lt,	Elight Commander	CADET'S SIGNATURE	E&DATE Kristen V	<i>u</i> 261				improvemer

Asking the cadet to discuss their successes and what they're working on helps them develop a habit of reflection and thinking critically about their development as a leader.

Evaluators can be cadet staff or adult leaders, but ultimately the unit commander must ensure the cadet is evaluated properly.

LEADERSHIP FEEDBACK

Sample CAPF 60-92 for "Dylan"

NAME: Sanchez, Dylan	CAP GRADE: C/MS	Sgt	INCLUSIVE OF REVIEW		20. – Fel	n 2021
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CATEGORY	PERFORMANCE GOA	LS	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	SATISFACTORY	VERY GOOD	EXCELLEN
1. ATTITUDE	Maintains a positive encourages good att does not flaunt rank	itudes in others;			Χ	
2. CORE VALUES	Displays a commitm Values; promotes tea alism, and good spor leader	am spirit, profession-			Χ	
3. COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Proficient in informal in giving directions to cadets)				X	
4. SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY	Enforces standards; vising a small team a fulfillment of a series a plan, is able to carr	nd leading them in of simple tasks; given				X
5. INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS	Guides and coaches nizes when junior ca by example; is not a	dets need help; leads	X			
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The cadet described why they are proud of in the Cadet Program: The cadet described how they plan to improin the following areas:		The leader described following successes in a Superb uniform uniform and the tells us you had a your the flight perfect. 3. You are very eand eager to to the leader described skills in the following	n the Cadet I n. You clea y hard in a ve tremend flight sergorms in dril nthusiastic ake on mor	Program: arly put a lo Il you do. Y dous poten eant job sei I, uniforms, c, committe e responsil	t of effort our work tial. riously and customs ed to the C pility	into you ethic wh d watch & court CAP pro
		You've been to the standards. Are This is an oppuleadership. W. Try using a so Catch people Encourage and on the drill field drill and inspection.	"They've r there othe ortunity to atch C/1st fter approa doing thing I teach mudd. Watch h	mostly igno r ways to ir utilize tran Mitchell. ch in enfor s right duri ch more tha	red your ifluence p sformatio cing stand ng inspec an you rep	eople? n dards. tions. orimand
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The high ratings in "Responsibility" and "Core Values" above are supported in the comments here.

Comments here point back to the rating in "Interpersonal Skills" and the performance goals of that category.

When retaining a cadet in grade, it important to provide comments that have enough detail so the cadet can understand what they can do to improve in that area. These written comments should be expanded upon during the inperson feedback meeting.

This cadet is being retained in grade. The evaluator / mentor should state that fact at the beginning of the feedback meeting. Such an approach allows the cadet to focus on the mentor's comments, vs. wondering if they are getting promoted or not.

This young cadet is still learning how to make the adjustments from a Phase I airman to a Phase II NCO. Perhaps he'll be very upset a being retained in grade now, but later he'll look back at this moment and see it as a good thing. Cadets do not want to merely collect ribbons; they want to become capable leaders.

Assure the cadet that they won't be held back indefinitely, and that we will revisit these points.



Example of How a Unit May handle the Specific Scenarios

Scenario	Questions	Leadership	What is the	Interventions
		Expectations	lesson to be	
		or Core Values	learned?	
		not being met		
C/Capt is seen wearing a Life Saving Ribbon that she hasn't	Why are you wearing this? What did you hope to gain from this?	HonorIntegrity	Integrity	 Conversation with cadet Interview 2 people who earned the Life Saving Ribbon and summary conversation to discuss her
	Determine: Was this deliberate cheating? Was this a mistake? Has she actually earned it but just not gone through the proper channels?			Remove ribbon
C/CC, C/Maj doesn't provide a training schedule, despite reminders. This is the second time.	Why is this not completed? What is holding you up from getting this done? Determine: Was this irresponsibility or extenuating circumstances with poor communication	 Self-starter Completes projects with little supervision Sets goals for the unit 	Responsibility, accountability: Her actions affect others How to get this done in a timely fashion	 Conversation with cadet Conversation with C/DCs & C/CC about how this is affecting the unit Provides supports. Schedule will be worked on jointly with an assigned mentor; mentor on time management, communication or other lacking skills CAPF 60-94 meeting to develop a plan of action for improving performance: Correlate this to a failure in meeting Leadership Expectations Promotions withheld until cadet meets leadership expectations

Scenario	Questions	Leadership	What is the	Interventions
		Core Values not	lesson to be learned?	
		being met		
14-year-old male	Why did you cut your hair in	 Proper uniform 	Professionalism	 Conversation with cadet, possibly via cadet staff
C/A1C arrives one day with a trendy	this fashion?	wear	& proper	Mentoring discussion on uniform/hair; refer to
asymmetrical haircut	Did you know this was not		5	Cat avnoctations and an action plan: Give enough
with some blue	regulation?			time to realistically meet expectations
streaks.				 Ensure he has proper tools knowledge to meet
	Determine:			expectations
	Do tney nave tne means to get it into regulation?			May involve a parent meeting, since they have
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				 Delayed promotion = Must meet uniform Leadership Expectations
C/SrA has been	What's going on?	 Team oriented 	Respecting	 Soft and a lower-level moderate interventions
grabbing other cadets'		 Follows 	others and	have not worked; move into tougher moderate
hands and twisting	Why does he continue to do	directions	being a positive	interventions
them, until the shout	this?	Core Value:	part of the team	 Written warning and exclusion from the
"Mercy" in pain. He		Respect		upcoming bivouac, which the cadet was planning
has been asked to stop	Why do you continue to			to attend
a few times, and given	disrespect your fellow cadets?			 If a cadet can't respect his peers at the
a verbal warning. He				meeting, how can he be trusted in a higher-risk
claims, "It's just a	What has someone done to			environment such as a bivouac
game". The other	cause you to treat them this			 Requires informing the parent verbally
cadets are tired of his	way?			 CAPF 60-91 to review Leadership Expectations
behavior and its				and develop an action plan
causing arguments.	What did you hope to gain from			 Try to deduct the real underlying cause of this
The other cadets are	this?			behavior. Likely it has to do with relationships
beginning to shove and				with the other cadets, not feeling included, etc.
hit him to get him to				 Changes in behavior management and conflict
stop.				resolution don't happen overnight; but cadet must
				be making an effort.

Scenario	Questions	Leadership Expectations or Core Values not	What is the lesson to be learned?	Interventions
A 15-year-old flight commander (2nd Lt) sends a sexual photo of another cadet to a couple cadets in her flight. The photo was of a cadet in her underwear, which she took on the in the changing area at a squadron activity. The cadet posed for the photo as a joke.	What did you hope to gain from this? Separate conversations with the cadets involved Determine: Is this a one-off incident or a larger situation? Purposeful bullying?	• Core Values: Respect, Integrity • Exercises good judgment • Fair, just, and consistent in dealing with subordinates	Responsibility Accountability Appropriate conduct	 Acute incident prohibited by CAPR 60-2, 2.4.3 & 1.4.5.1 Requires a Heavy Intervention This was a first-time, one-off offence, and the photo was mild in sexuality, the cadet will lose her staff position, and be demoted 1 grade CAPF 60-93 meeting to create a plan to regain her grade, and earn trust & respect back from the team; to reestablish integrity Cadet's parent will be called during the meeting, and informed in writing afterwards (CAPR 60-1, 3.5.3) Memo into cadet's file All parents of cadets involved must be notified. Parent of the cadets whose photo was taken, as well as who it was sent to Photos deleted from everyone's phone; talk with squadron about integrity and not passing the photo on.
A 17-year-old C/Maj (C/DC) brought an e- cigarette to the bivouac and allowed cadet staff to try vaping.	Separate conversations with the cadets involved Determine: Exactly what happened: peer pressure, bullying, who's products were used, how were products acquired, etc.	 Core Values: Respect, Integrity Exercises good judgment Fair, just, and consistent in dealing with subordinates Makes sound decisions 	 Responsibility Accountability Appropriate conduct Role modeling 	 Misconduct prohibited by CAPR 60-2 2.3.1 No bullying took place and behavior was self-directed Verbally inform parents. Moderate intervention Confiscated contraband Sustain in grade for 1 promotion cycle, miss the next activity that he was planning to attend