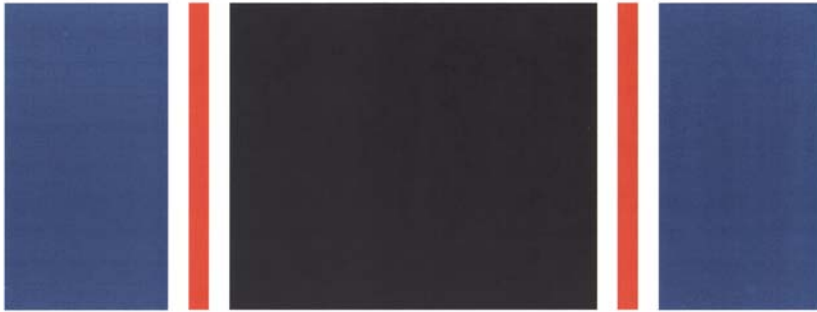


NEIL A. ARMSTRONG



On the dexter and the sinister ends of the ribbon are rectangles of blue which represent the Earth and the atmosphere; bordered to the center are equal strips of white, red and white. The red, white and blue represent the traditional colors of the United States. The final white strip indicates a final barrier to the center of the ribbon which is a large black rectangle and represents the darkness and void of space. In final review, it depicts either from right to left or left to right, an American leaving Earth's boundary, traveling through space and returning to Earth.

I authorize Civil Air Patrol to use my name for the Cadet Program.



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DATE

This document was returned to CAP unsigned, with only a brief explanation provided by Armstrong's secretary:

“Mr. Armstrong has no objection to the use of his name as requested [but] has concluded he will not provide the signed authorization.”

CAP leaders believe Armstrong feared a dishonest person might acquire and then sell the document. Certainly this one-of-a-kind certificate would have great monetary value had Armstrong signed it.