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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: **CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR AFA'S CYBERPATRIOT PROGRAM**

1. As time nears for the 8 October close of registration for the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot program, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage CAP's 1,151 cadet and composite squadrons toward the formation of a 3-5 member CyberPatriot team **at no cost** to the units. This cyber defense program involves cutting-edge technology provided to our cadets, as well as excellent career exploration opportunities. With last year's national All Services Division CyberPatriot champion being CAP's FL WG team, it shows the potential for any of CAP's cadets to become nationally recognized and richly awarded with scholarships and mentorship experience to prepare them for the future cyber security workforce.

2. To date, CAP has 128 teams registered. CAP fielded 150 teams for last year's competition and is extremely proud to have been the All Services Division champion. We are now looking forward to the 2012 CyberPatriot competition, but, we need your help to continue our strong presence in this competition. Moreover, we need your help to inculcate in our youth the mindset of helping defend America against any threat- land, air, space, or cyberspace.

3. In remembrance of CAP's great legacy of service to the nation, and especially acknowledging our support to the Air Force, we pondered several years ago about possible ways that we could assist in defending our nation against the cyber threat. We found that the Air Force Association (AFA), a strategic partner of the USAF and CAP, provided the answer in 2009 when it launched "CyberPatriot," which would become the nation's largest high school cyber defense competition. Through participation in this computer-based program to reduce cyber vulnerabilities of a computer network, CAP cadets, JROTC cadets from the military services, and students from our nation's high schools form small teams to neutralize the threat.

4. AFA's President, Mike Dunn, has stated: "Although we are proud to be the organization behind this innovative program, CyberPatriot is not about just the Air Force Association. It is about addressing a matter of critical importance to our nation: Stimulating our bright young people to become part of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce the USA desperately needs. With your help we will reach many thousands of youth this year with exactly that message." As CAP's National Commander, I wholeheartedly endorse those comments from the AFA's President.

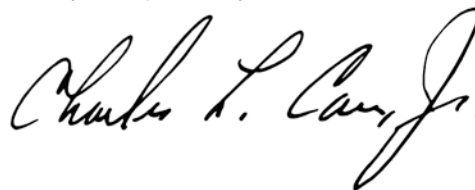
5. To fully understand the history and purpose of CyberPatriot, please visit [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org) where all recruiting materials, registration information, and FAQs are there to assist YOUR squadron in fielding a "no cost" team. (More informational links follow.)

6. As I begin my tenure as your National Commander, I am honored by the achievements of this organization in returning to its very roots of national security. We must never lose sight of our great contributions to this cause. We must also never lose sight of our responsibility to develop the next generation to carry the torch that CAP has proudly held high for almost 70 years. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to support this important endeavor initiated by the AFA in support of the United States Air Force, Civil Air Patrol, and the future of our country.

7. I would appreciate it if each unit would consider registering a team during September. Although registration ends 8 October, practice sessions began on 29 August. Thus, it is imperative that to be competitive, the teams need to start soon to be prepared for this competition.

8. As phrased in many advertisements for jobs, there is “no experience required” for adult leaders of CAP cadet teams. For this initiative, there need be just a desire to move our country forward to conquer the greatest threat we have ever faced. I hope that I can count on you to help our young people explore another challenging “STEM-related” educational program. Please volunteer to assist in this worthwhile project to enhance aerospace education for the youth of our organization. THANK YOU!

Very Respectfully,



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Commander, Civil Air Patrol

cc:  
CAP Board of Governors  
CAP National Staff  
CAP NHQ Directors and Deputies



Further information to assist you:

- Two excellent AFA recruiting videos describing this exciting competition are found at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1fXjlqXIEU>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROsy43Vjddc&feature=related>
- CAP's CyberPatriot info pages:  
[http://www.capmembers.com/cadet\\_programs/activities/cyber\\_patriot/index.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/activities/cyber_patriot/index.cfm)  
[http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace\\_education/general/afa\\_cyberpatriot.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/general/afa_cyberpatriot.cfm)
- Complete state-by-state list of current registrations, by division:  
[http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/CP4/CP%20IV%20Documents/CP%20IV-Coach\\_reg.pdf](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/CP4/CP%20IV%20Documents/CP%20IV-Coach_reg.pdf)
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