

General Knowledge Sheet

Dallas Composite Squadron

CAP Motto:

Semper Vigilans (Always Vigilant)

CAP Core Values:

Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, Respect

CAP Missions:

Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, Emergency Services

CAP Oath:

"I pledge to serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly and advance my education and training rapidly to prepare myself to be of service to my community, state and nation."

Chain of Command:

President of the United States: _____
National Commander (CAP/CC): _____
National Vice Commander (CAP/CV): _____
Southwest Region Commander (SWR/CC): _____
Texas Wing Commander (TXWG/CC): _____
Group III Commander: _____
Dallas Composite Squadron Commander: _____
Deputy Commander for Cadets: _____
Cadet Commander: _____
Flight Commander: _____
Flight Sergeant: _____
1st Element Leader: _____
2nd Element Leader: _____

Other Staff:

Leadership Officer: _____
Character Development Officer: _____

CAP Organizational Knowledge:

- CAP's National Headquarters is at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama
- There are 8 Regions in CAP. They are:
 - o Northeast
 - o Middle East
 - o North Central
 - o Southeast
 - o Southwest
 - o Great Lakes
 - o Rocky Mountain
 - o Pacific
- There are 52 Wings in CAP: the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

- There are four Phases to the Cadet Program. They are:
 - o The Learning Phase (C/Amn – C/SSgt)
 - o The Leadership Phase (C/TSgt – C/2d Lt.)
 - o The Command Phase (C/2d Lt. – C/Capt.)
 - o The Executive Phase (C/Capt. – C/Lt. Col.)
- There are five Milestone achievements in the cadet program. They are:
 - o The Wright Brothers Award (C/SSgt)
 - o The Billy Mitchell Award (C/2d Lt.)
 - o The Amelia Earhart Award (C/Capt.)
 - o The Ira Eaker Award (C/Lt. Col.)
 - o The Carl A. Spaatz Award (C/Col.)

CAP History:

- CAP was founded 1 Dec 1941 by Gill Rob Wilson
- CAP's first National Commander was Major General John F Curry, USAAC
- CAP members flew more than 24,000,000 miles on coastal patrol
- CAP summoned help for 91 ships in distress and 363 survivors of U-boat attacks
- CAP spotted 173 U-boats, dropping bombs or depth charges on 57 and was given credit for sinking two
- CAP was transferred from The Office of Civil Defense to the War Department on 29 April 1943, making it the auxiliary of the US Army Air Forces
- CAP became a non-profit, benevolent organization on 1 July 1946 with the signing of Public Law 476
- CAP became the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force on 26 May 1948 with the signing of Public Law 557

Historic moments in military and aviation history:

- First flight by Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on 17 December 1903
- The world's first jet-powered aircraft was the Heinkel He 178, first flying on 27 August 1939
- World War II starts 1 September 1939 with the German invasion of Poland
- Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan on 7 December 1941
- United States enters WWII on 8 December 1941
- World War II ended in Europe 8 May 1945
- World War II ended in Asia on 15 August 1945
- The United States Army Air Forces became the United States Air Force on 18 September 1947 with the signing of the National Security Act of 1947
- The first aircraft to fly faster than the speed of sound was the Bell X-1, flown by then-Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager on 14 October 1947

CAP Mission Statement

"To serve America by performing Homeland Security and humanitarian missions for communities, states, and nation; developing our country's youth; and educating our citizens on the importance of air and space power."

Definitions of Leadership

1. The ability to guide or direct the actions of others so as to gain their willing cooperation in a job, sometimes a job they neither want nor know how to do
2. The process of influencing others to achieve a common objective or goal or mission