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New Cadet Programs overview available

Dear Unit Commander,

A new publication providing an overview of the Cadet Program is now available. In this mailing, you'll find 5 copies of "Investing in America's Youth," which summarizes how CAP transforms youth into leaders through the Cadet Program. The pamphlet is subtitled "A Strategic Overview of CAP Cadet Programs" because it considers what long-term outcomes the Cadet Program achieves for America and the cadets themselves.

Intended Audience. This brochure is aimed at community leaders, educators, military officers, and other friends of the CAP Cadet Program. For example, you might share the brochure with:

- School principals as you request permission to recruit cadets on campus
- Elected leaders as you seek their support in finding a new squadron headquarters
- Business executives as you educate them about CAP's value to the community
- Civic groups as you develop new partnerships in your hometown
- Air Force installation commanders as you request support for cadet encampments

Please note that "Investing" is not intended as a recruiting tool – due to budget limitations, we're unable to provide you with mass quantities to pass out during air shows and open houses.

Distribution. Enclosed are 5 copies for your use this year. Wings may order a reasonable number of additional copies, while supplies last, by contacting me at clafond@cap.gov.

Feedback Welcome. "Investing" was developed in conjunction with the new "Training Leaders of Cadets" course (it's used during the "Strategic Perspectives" seminar). Although the guide was well-received during field tests, there's always room for improvement. Please feel free to email your suggestions to me at clafond@cap.gov.

If you've ever struggled to find the right words to explain what makes the Cadet Program worthwhile, we hope you find "Investing" helpful. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curt Lafond".

CURT LAFOND
Educational Program Manager