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MEMORANDUM FOR CAP MEMBERS

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Glider Program

1. I recently received a letter from USAF/XOH advising that current Air Force policy does not address adequately Air Force oversight, supervision, and liability for CAP glider operations. As a result, until the Air Force's role is defined, glider operations must be funded, insured, and conducted as corporate missions (also known as "C" missions.)

2. The practical effects of this determination are twofold:

a. CAP and CAP members will not have the benefits of the Federal Employment Compensation Act or the Federal Tort Claims Act when engaging in glider activities. Liability claims by third parties against CAP or its members will be directed to our commercial aviation insurance carrier; and claims for members' injury or death will be paid under the CAP self-insurance program. Details of that program can be found in CAPR 900-5.

b. CAP cannot use appropriated money to fund glider acquisition, glider maintenance, or glider tow charges.

3. I view this as a temporary situation while the Air Force works towards resolving this issue through the Air Force Auxiliary Board process. XOH, our advocate on the AFAB, fully supports and appreciates what the glider program offers CAP cadets. Until the Air Force approves the glider program as an Air Force assigned mission, we will continue to operate the program using only corporate funds. National Headquarters will continue to reimburse tow expenses for cadet orientation glider flights in accordance with current directives and policy. Please contact John Sharp, CAP/DOT, at 334.953.2453 or e-mail jsharp@cap.gov if you have questions. There are no other changes to the glider program at this time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard L. Bowling".

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