

# Water Survival Equipment Recertification

## Background

- CAP Wings report having 137 rafts and 380 vests
- Have never been able to validate what the real requirement for this equipment is
- In August 2003 CAP sent out an RFP to over 20 companies that recertify equipment
  - Only one company bid on the contract
  - Cost to recertify all equipment is extremely expensive
    - 10 Large Rafts-\$7930 (\$793 each)
    - 127 Regular Rafts-\$90,805 (\$715 each)
    - 380 Vests with ELT-\$31,920 (\$84 each)
    - Total estimated cost is \$130,655
    - These costs include the ELT but do not include shipping (which is also very expensive)
  - CAP cannot currently afford this expense

## Short Term Proposal

- NHQ pay for water survival gear recertification required to support AF reimbursed missions
  - Cost share basis to encourage proper care of equipment
    - NHQ pay 75% Wing/Region pay 25%
- Wings/Regions should charge all other customers additional fee on top of aircraft reimbursement rate for those missions requiring water survival gear
- Reject the current contractor bid because we cannot afford it

## Long Term Proposal

- CAP Region Commanders obtain “no kidding” requirements from each wing
- Requirements should include the approx # of annual hours flown on Federal missions that require water survival equipment
- NHQ POM for obtaining and maintaining water survival equipment for Federal missions.
- Wings/Regions continue to charge an additional fee to all state/local customers

Need NEC approval to move forward

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Each wing may submit a nomination to the region by **15 February** each year. The region will then select one nomination to forward to National Headquarters/XP by **15 March**. The nominations submitted by the region commanders will be reviewed by the Legislative Liaison Committee Chairmen and recommendations forwarded to the National Commander. The National Commander will make final selection.

If the selected winner attends the National Board meeting, the presentation will be made at that time.



## Communications Strategic Plan Proposal

- ◆ Current Communications Plan dated 1998
  - ◆ Technological changes present opportunity
- ◆ Six Phase Approach
  - ◆ **Phase 1 – Mission Analysis**
    - ◆ CAP/CC appoints panel of comm and mission experts
    - ◆ Objective: Determine what comm support customers need
  - ◆ **Phase 2 – Technical Analysis**
    - ◆ Done by contractor (approx \$30K)
    - ◆ Objective: Determine most efficient comm methods
  - ◆ **Phase 3 – External Program Review**
    - ◆ CAP/CC hosts a Blue Ribbon Panel of govt/industry experts
    - ◆ Objective: Independent review of requirements and methods

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## Communications Strategic Plan Proposal (cont)

- ◆ **Phase 4 – Vector check with CAP Leadership**
  - ◆ Panels brief the results of Phases 1-3 and solicit input
  - ◆ Objective: Secure buy-in from CAP leadership
- ◆ **Phase 5 – Plan Development**
  - ◆ Done by CAP comm managers
  - ◆ Objective: Develop a new strategic plan
- ◆ **Phase 6 – Plan Approval**
  - ◆ Final plan presented to CAP leadership
  - ◆ Objective: Secure final approval of the new plan

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## VHF Infrastructure Narrowband (Nb) Transition

- ◆ \$5.8 million in AF funds for infrastructure has arrived
  - ◆ 271 base stations, 375 fixed repeaters and 7 portable repeaters
  - ◆ Two years ahead of schedule -- expected in FY06 & FY07
- ◆ Nb transition is complete when repeaters move to new frequencies
  - ◆ Repeaters require extensive setup/programming
    - ◆ Cannot be easily (or cheaply) changed from broadband to Nb
- ◆ Transition Plan
  - ◆ Continue buying/distributing radios as funds become available
  - ◆ Finalize repeater contract
  - ◆ Delay repeater delivery as long as possible
    - ◆ "Three year" money expires at the end of FY06
  - ◆ Deliver repeaters to wings during winter of 2006 – 2007
    - ◆ In time for transition to narrowband during summer of 2007
    - ◆ Federal deadline is 1 January 2008
- ◆ Wing repeater requirements will be determined using TA waiver process

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## Communications Table of Allowances (TA) Waiver Process

- ◆ AF-approved TA = validated reqmts and \$
- ◆ TA establishes baseline requirements
  - ◆ But, one size does NOT fit all
  - ◆ Waiver process provided for in the TA
- ◆ AF makes final decision on waivers
  - ◆ AF is waiver approval authority based on CAP recommendations on each request
  - ◆ Will form ad hoc working group

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD AND LIAISON REGION COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ CAP-USAF/CC and CAP/CC  
105 S. Hansell St  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

SUBJECT: Air Force and Corporate Mission Status Changes

References: CAP/CC Letter 6 Mar 04

1. The goal of our ongoing review of CAP mission status is to ensure every CAP member knows that Federal Employee Compensation Act/Federal Tort Claims Act (FECA/FTCA) applies when they are executing properly approved AF-assigned missions. Recent events and the resulting review of the federal laws, policy directives, and instructions revealed changes that had not been incorporated into Air Force/CAP policy and guidance. To that end, CAP-USAF, AF/XOHA, AF/JA, SAF/GC, and CAP NHQ staffs worked together to provide interim guidance to achieve our stated goal.
2. The results of this joint effort have been documented in the attached memorandum issued by the CAP-USAF/XO and HQ CAP/DO. Please regard this memorandum as directive to CAP-USAF personnel and the CAP membership. This memorandum provides additional clarification and procedures to the CAP/CC's 6 Mar 04 Letter. These interim procedures are designed to meet the fundamental requirements of the existing statutes and federal regulations. They change or supplement existing USAF and CAP instructions, ensuring all operations will meet those requirements, thus making CAP members fully eligible for FECA/FTCA benefits should a catastrophic accident occur.
3. Additional changes will be inevitable as CAP's mission evolves in the post-911 environment. We are working hard to make sure CAP is prepared to respond in its traditionally safe, professional, and timely manner and to ensure our members are protected if the unexpected happens. Please be patient and help us continue to make CAP the best volunteer organization in the America.

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RICHARD L. BOWLING  
Major General, Commander, CAP

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HQ AF/XOH/XOHA

BoG Chairman and Vice Chairman

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1. This is additional clarification for the CAP/CC's 6 March 2004 Memorandum and AF/XOH's 16 Mar 2004 letter on this same subject. This memorandum is directive for both CAP members and CAP-USAF personnel.
2. This interim guidance supersedes those portions of all existing MOUs, MOAs or other agreements that purport to provide automatic Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA)/Federal Employee Compensation Act (FECA) coverage. Any CAP mission eligible for FTCA/FECA must be individually approved by AFRCC, AFNSEP, HQ CAP-USAF through the NOC or a CAP-USAF State Director (SD) and issued an Air Force mission number prior to execution.
3. Missions supporting non-federal agencies (including but not limited to B-14 missions) will normally not be eligible for FTCA/FECA coverage. Any request for FTCA/FECA coverage for a non-federal mission will be forwarded by CAP-USAF to AF/XOH for consideration.
4. Mission approval process for assignment of Air Force Assigned Mission (AFAM) status:
  - a. Wings will provide the SD on a biweekly basis (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month) a list of AFROTC orientation flight pilots, SAR/DR/CD mission pilots, instructor pilots and standardization/evaluation pilots who are current and qualified to act as pilot in command (PIC) of operational or training missions. It is the CAP wing and the individual's responsibilities to ensure pilots on the list are current and qualified. Misrepresentation of currency or qualification will adversely affect FTCA/FECA eligibility.
  - b. Missions approved by the AFRCC, AFNSEP, and CAP-USAF through the NOC - unchanged. Continue to follow the established procedures.
  - c. Missions previously executed via authorization of an MOU/MOA – individually submit requests to the NOC for CAP-USAF approval. If CAP-USAF determines that AFAM status is not appropriate, the NOC will refer non-federal mission requests to the Wing CC, or his/her designee, for consideration as a corporate mission. The approval

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authority must thoroughly evaluate the mission objectives and the associated risks involved prior to approving as a corporate mission.

d. Missions for non-federal agencies – submit individual requests to the NOC for CAP-USAFA consideration. Appropriate requests will be forwarded to HQ AF/XOH for approval. As a general rule, consideration will only be given to events that are closely related to, or associated with training for, contingency responses that support an operation being directed by a lead federal agency.

e. Missions approved by the Liaison Region via a CAPF 10 – continue to follow the current procedures with the following addition. The mission base will flight release all aircraft flown under the assigned mission number. This includes pre-positioning, employment and de-positioning aircraft.

f. Other AF mission flying (AFROTC A6; Mission Pilot Proficiency B12; other unfunded training events/missions B17) – The SD’s will issue a biweekly mission number in conjunction with the wing’s biweekly list mentioned above. PICs posted on the list will use the associated biweekly mission number as authorization to fly approved training profiles.

1). These sorties are not required to be individually approved by the SD but will be released by a CAP flight release officer (FRO) IAW CAP regulations. The FRO will note the mission number and training profile number on the CAPF 99. SDs with existing procedures that meet or exceed these requirements may continue using those procedures with the concurrence of the CAP-USAFA LR/CC and CAP Region/CC.

2). B12 and B17 training flights must be conducted in accordance with a CAP-USAFA approved mission profile with the majority of training devoted to skills and processes required to perform AFAM’s. Approved mission profiles are attached.

3). The training sorties will be conducted with other qualified aircrew members. Qualified PICs may conduct training for mission pilot, scanner and observer trainees (with appropriate and current CAPF 101T). Non-crewmembers (people who have no mission duties or training to accomplish) will not be permitted on these flights. PICs will fly as much of the approved mission profile as safely possible understanding that requirements for trainees, weather or other factors may prevent the completion of all listed events.

4). These training missions will not be used to support non-CAP organizations or agencies nor for participation in exercises involving non-CAP organizations unless approved by CAP-USAFA/XO through the NOC.

5. A CAP flight release is still required for all flights. The determination of the appropriate mission status for a CAP mission request, AFAM or corporate, should not be confused with receiving a flight release. These are two separate processes. FROs will annotate the mission number and training profile number if appropriate.

6. CAP cadet orientation flights in powered aircraft will continue to be funded with appropriated dollars. CAP cadet glider orientation flights will be temporarily funded with corporate dollars.

Both powered and glider cadet orientation flights will be corporate missions (C15) and all participants will be covered by CAP corporate liability insurance. The cadet orientation flights must be conducted in accordance with the syllabus in CAPP 52-7.

7. The attachments have been provided to help clarify this guidance to the membership. Please note that Attachment 3 and 5 will require an emergency change to CAPR 60-1.

8. We will have growing pains as we work through this process. These steps have been taken to clarify when, and by whom, AFAM status may be assigned so that CAP members will know when FECA/FTCA coverage is available to them. If you have any questions, please contact the NOC at (888) 211-1812.

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5 Attachments:

1. 6 Mar 04 CAP/CC Ltr
2. 16 Mar 04 AF/XOH Ltr
3. Pre-approved Mission Training Profiles
4. CAP Mission Matrix
5. Updated Mission Symbol Attachment 10 to CAPR 60-1