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To: All Pacific Coast Region Members
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Commander

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Thank you all for your service to Civil Air Patrol, Pacific Coast Region and your country. I have been your Commander since May 1, 2009, and have been at many events throughout the Region. During that time I have observed many things and listened to many of you. One of the main reasons I stay in CAP, besides service to my country is the quality and professionalism of the members of Pacific Coast Region.

That said, we must remember we live in an ever changing CAP. We all must be accountable for our personal behavior, appearance and attitude. ***CAP is a professional organization staffed by volunteers***; you are one of those volunteers. It then follows that each and every one of you/us are professionals. If you are too busy or think you cannot do “whatever it is”, it is OK not to volunteer. When we do volunteer to do a task, take on a leadership role, a command position or any position or duty for that matter, I expect you to do it to the best of your ability. Do it safely, follow all the rules and comply with all the requirements that go with it.

- It is never an option not to be mindful of safety all the time, attend face-to-face safety meetings or not submit safety reports on time.
- We must wear all of our uniform combinations properly and proudly no matter what.
- We must follow the reporting requirements and deadlines for aircraft, vehicles and equipment.
- We must keep track of all of our Logistics stuff.
- We must comply with the finance requirements.

To put it another way, it is not an option to be non-compliant in any aspect of OUR program no matter what. I have heard from some long time members that “CAP is getting harder to belong to because we have many more rules, requirements, inspections etc”. Yes that is the case. We are not a flying club or a “well, we did it that way before” club. Those days are long gone, never to return.

Civil Air Patrol has about \$100,000,000.00 in assets. This is one of the reasons we need to be safety conscious and totally compliant. But, the biggest reason is that we are all professionals in Civil Air Patrol and this alone is reason enough for me.

PCR’s door is always open. Please feel free to contact any of us on the PCR staff with any questions. Our contact information is on our web site at <http://www.pcr.cap.gov/>.

Once again, thank you for your service, together we have taken our program forward and together we will take our CAP program to the next level.