



# The Nellis Times

May 2011

## Instructor Tools

One of the great things about CAP is a bunch of really knowledgeable people with decades of experience put a lot of time and effort into preparing training materials for our use. If you need to teach a CAP related class, the course outline, main points, teaching objectives, and classroom materials are probably already prepared for you. In a lot of cases, you even have flash cards and PowerPoint slides prepared. It doesn't matter if you are teaching an Emergency Services class, a cadet aerospace education class, or a Tango cadet class, there is probably a guide already prepared for your use. It is especially important to follow the guides if you are teaching a cadet class. The tests are based on the information contained in the guides, and CAP expects that material to be covered before testing.

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## Cadet Financial Assistance

Nellis Composite Squadron and Nevada Wing have provided financial assistance to cadets in the past to assist them in attending various cadet activities. Maj Akerson, former Nevada Wing Director of Cadet Programs, recommends any cadet desiring financial assistance complete the following items:

1. A formal request for financial assistance, covering the total cost for the cadet activity, what the cadet and cadet's family are able to contribute, what they plan to contribute, and the cadet's actual needs in order to attend the activity.
2. A resume, to include the cadet's academics and accomplishments, both inside CAP and outside.
3. A letter of intent, covering what the cadet's goals and dreams are as a member of CAP and society.

Maj Ackerson believes this will show the command staff the cadet's interest in this opportunity, as well as give the cadet and cadet's family some ownership in the experience. It also provides a valuable learning tool for communications and research.

Submit your requests to Lt Col Lorrie McCarty. If the squadron is unable to provide sufficient assistance, the request will be forwarded to Wing. All requests will be kept confidential.

## May Birthdays

- 13 Bryan Dinsmore
- 15 Rick Parker
- 21 Christopher Casa
- 24 Edward Watson
- 30 Marjorie Franzen

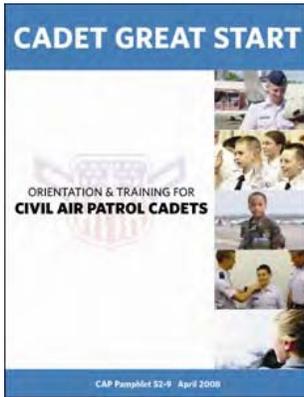


## Safety Currency and Intro to CAP Safety for New Members

Congratulations to everyone for keeping current in safety. We have one of the highest percentages of members in the wing in both monthly safety currency and completion of the Intro to CAP Safety for New Members course. Just about everyone knows that if you are not Safety Current when you show up for a meeting or activity, you will be taking a safety briefing that night. In the future, all make-up safety briefings will be done on-line and will require completion of the on-line test for credit. Do it the easy way and attend the monthly safety briefings!

We have a one-time good deal from National Headquarters. We can give Senior Members the Intro to CAP Safety class during a meeting, test them, and get the results posted on-line. Contact 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ezekiel Martin at any meeting this month, and he will give you the class and the test! You can still take it on-line if you desire. This opportunity expires at the end of May. Anyone not completing the course **will be transferred to the Nevada Wing inactive roster.**





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The Cadet Great Start Program is one example of those guides. CAP expects us to take a new cadet and qualify them for promotion to Cadet Airmen within 60 days.

The Great Start Program lets us do this in as little as 30 days. The guidebook and associated supporting documents and visual aids are located here:

[http://www.capmembers.com/cadet\\_programs/library/cadet\\_great\\_start.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/library/cadet_great_start.cfm) If you are assigned to teach a class to Tango cadets, you need to use the Great Start Guidebook lesson plan. Look up the lesson (i.e. 2.4 The Cadet Uniform) you are assigned to teach in the guidebook and follow the directions for teaching that lesson. Not only is it easier than making up your own lesson plan, it will make you look much more competent and professional when you present the class. What is even more important is you will keep the Tango cadets on track to earning their Curry Achievement.

## Active Participation

Everyone knows that cadets need to actively participate in CAP to maintain their membership and to qualify for promotions. If you are going to be absent from a meeting, you need to notify your cadet leadership in advance. Your cadet leadership needs to pass the reason you are absent up the chain to the Squadron Commander. Depending on the reason, this may result in an excused absence. It is important to know that only the Squadron Commander or Deputy Commander for Cadets can excuse an absence. A cadet cannot excuse an absence. This is important because three consecutive unexcused absences are grounds for termination of a cadet's membership.

Does an excused absence mean you are still actively participating? No. Active participation means you are attending most of the squadron meetings and special CAP activities that occur during your promotion cycle. The Promotion Board is actually fairly generous in considering what is Active Participation, but if you have only been to two or three meetings since your last promotion you are probably not getting promoted.

Cadets in leadership positions need to meet a much higher participation standard to keep their positions. You need to be at the meetings if you are going to lead the cadets assigned under you. Life happens and we understand there will be absences. Let your chain of command know in advance if you will be absent. You also need to notify the person below you in the chain of command that they will be in charge that night instead of you. That way they know what they need to accomplish that night and can come prepared.

## Commander's Corner

Cadet are assigned to positions for six months – plus or minus three months. Element Leaders can be changed monthly. Since all current cadet assignments were made on 1 March 2011, the minimum time in a position ends on 31 May. That means we will be reassigning some cadets to new positions in June to afford everyone the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills in a leadership position.

I am not a very active Facebook member and probably post less than once a month. I really don't care what people have for lunch and rarely view anyone's wall. Most of my "friends" are hidden so I don't even see their postings.

I bring this up only because I am getting a lot of "friend" requests on Facebook from cadets. Nothing personal and I don't want to hurt anyone's feeling, but I don't "friend" anyone under 21 years of age. Just something I started with my nieces and nephews and keep doing.

Aim High.

Rick Parker, Lt Col, CAP  
Commander

## Inputs for Monthly Newsletter

The newsletter will be published the weekend before the first meeting each month. If you have photos, articles, notices, or anything you want to add to this newsletter, please provide them to Lt Col Parker no later than the last meeting before the first of each month. If you would interested in being the editor of the newsletter, please contact Lt Col Parker.

Min	Description	Cadets	Phase Two	Phase One	Tango Cadets	Senior Members
	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>3-May-2011</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>			
15	<b>Emphasis</b>	Aerospace Current Events			2.15 Drill 4	
25	<b>Core</b>	Character Dev			5.1 Intro to Core Values	MS/MO Training
25	<b>Core</b>	Continued			Continued	MS/MO Training
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Wear of Uniforms			2.41 Wear of the Uniform	
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Coast Guard Guest Speaker				
	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>10-May-2011</b>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>			
15	<b>Emphasis</b>	Safety Briefing			2.42 Uniform Tutorial	Safety Briefing
25	<b>Core</b>		L2L Chpt 4 Curriculum	L2L Chpt 3 Curriculum	7.1 Pre-Test/Jeopardy!	Intro to CAP Safety
25	<b>Core</b>		L2L Chpt 4 Activity	L2L Chpt 3 Activity	7.33 Recite Cadet Oath 7.31 Drill Test	Uniform Issue/Exchange
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	ES GES 116		Achievement/Drill Tests	7.3 Curry Exam	ES GES 116
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Continued	Turn in Promotion Forms by 2030		Continued	Continued
	<b>Week 7</b>	<b>17-May-2011</b>	<b>3rd Tuesday</b>			
15	<b>Emphasis</b>	Drill & Ceremonies			7.41 Feedback Meetings	
25	<b>Core</b>	CPFT		AE Mod 2 Curriculum	7.2 CPFT	MP/MO Training
25	<b>Core</b>	CPFT		AE Mod 2 Activity	Continued	
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Encampment Prep			7.4 Cadet Progression	Promotion Boards
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Encampment Prep		Form50	Continued	
	<b>Week 8</b>	<b>24-May-2011</b>	<b>4th Tuesday</b>			
15	<b>Emphasis</b>	Current Events: Aviation, National, & International				Current Events: Aviation, National, & International
25	<b>Core</b>	Drill & Ceremonies				
25	<b>Core</b>	L2L Activity Guide #14				L2L Activity Guide #14
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	AEX - Sectional Charts			AEX - Sectional Charts	AEX - Sectional Charts
25	<b>Spec Trng</b>	Promotion Ceremony			8.4 Promotion Ceremony	Promotion Ceremony
	<b>Week 9</b>	<b>31-May-2011</b>	<b>5th Tuesday</b>			
		TBD			Blue Moon Night	

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	Week 10	7-Jun-11	1st Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Drill & Ceremonies				
25	Core	Character Dev				MS/MO Training
25	Core	Continued				MS/MO Training
25	Spec Trng	Flight Time	FM 50s			
25	Spec Trng	Flight Time				
	Week 11	14-Jun-11	2nd Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Safety Briefing				Safety Briefing
25	Core	FM 50s	L2L Chpt 5 Curriculum	L2L Chpt 2 Curriculum		Senior Meeting
25	Core		L2L Chpt 5 Activity	L2L Chpt 2 Activity		Continued
25	Spec Trng	Achievement/Drill Tests Turn In Promotion Forms				Uniform Issue/Exchange
25	Spec Trng					
	Week 12	21-Jun-11	3rd Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	CPFT At Runners' World				
25	Core	Continued				MS/MO Training
25	Core	Continued				MS/MO Training
10	Break					
25	Spec Trng	Phy Fit Activity (1)		Phy Fit Activity (2)		
25	Spec Trng					
	Week 13	28-Jun-11	4th Tuesday			
15	Emphasis					
25	Core			AE Mod 1 Curriculum		
25	Core			AE Mod 1 Activity		
25	Spec Trng	AE Gathering of Eagles				AE Gathering of Eagles
25	Spec Trng	Awards & Promotions				Awards & Promotions

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Min	Week 1	5-Jul-2011	1st Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Drill & Ceremonies				
25	Core	Character Dev				MS/MO Training
25	Core	Continued				MS/MO Training
25	Spec Trng	Flight Time				
25	Spec Trng	Continued				
	Week 2	12-Jul-2011	2nd Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Safety Briefing				Safety Briefing
25	Core		L2L Chpt 6 Curriculum	L2L Chpt 3 Curriculum		
25	Core		L2L Chpt 6 Activity	L2L Chpt 3 Activity		
25	Spec Trng	Achievement/Drill Tests Turn In Promotion Forms	Uniform Issue/Exchange			
25	Spec Trng	Continued				
	Week 3	19-Jul-2011	3rd Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Drill				Review Cadet's AE Mod 1 Class Prep
25	Core		AE Mod 3 Curriculum			MS/MO Training
25	Core		AE Mod 3 Activity			MS/MO Training
25	Spec Trng	Drill	CPFT (if Required)			
25	Spec Trng	Drill	CPFT (if Required)			
	Week 4	26-Jul-2011	4th Tuesday			
15	Emphasis	Current Events: Aviation, Natl,Intl				
25	Core	Basic Comm User Course				Staff Meeting
25	Core	Continued				
25	Spec Trng	AEX				
25	Spec Trng	Awards & Promotions				Awards & Promotions