

Disband CAP At Las Vegas

Many Members In War Service

Disbanding of the Las Vegas units of the Civil Air Patrol has been ordered, it was announced here today by the Nevada wing headquarters of the CAP.

Reason for disbanding the units, which included the Las Vegas squadron and the Las Vegas provisional mounted troop of the civil air patrol, was because so many members have been called to the armed forces or into war industry, it was announced.

However, Maj. Eugene Howell, commander of the Nevada wing, said today that the need for full strength, efficient units in southern Nevada was imperative and that steps will be taken soon to recruit and organize new CAP units in the southern Nevada city, and also at Basic townsite and Boulder City.

Maj. Howell said that southern Nevada is the scene of heavy air traffic and many war activities which "demand the support of an active, efficient Civil Air Patrol organization" and added that "it is vital that we plan now to recruit and organize at least an air squadron, a mounted squadron and a motorized unit in that area."

The support of patriotic and civic groups in southern Nevada will be enlisted in the drive to form new units, he said.

Lt. Edwin Powles, wing personnel officer, said in Reno today that the present Civil Air Patrol members in Clark county who have been active and have been "fighting a losing battle" to recruit Las Vegas units up to minimum strength, will be placed on "inactive status" until the new units are organized and they are assigned to duty. As inactive members they will keep their membership cards, but will not wear CAP uniforms or insignia until they are ordered to become active.