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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TEAMS COMPETING IN THE 2001 CAWG CADET COLOR
GUARD COMPETITION**

FROM: CP

SUBJECT: Rules for the Competition

1. The California Wing Color Guard Competition will take place in conjunction with the Cadet Programs Conference at March ARB, Riverside 17-18 February 2001.
2. The CAWCG winners will be eligible to represent California Wing at the Pacific Region Color Guard Competition to be held April 20th-22nd, 2001 at Beale Air Force Base in California. The winner will proceed to next scheduled National Cadet Competition scheduled for June 23 - 28, 2001, at the U.S. Air Force Academy "
3. The CAWG Color Guard competition will be conducted in a format similar to that used for National Color Guard (NCG) Competition as outlined in CAPM 50-16, chapter 17.
4. The competition will consist of a written exam, mile run, in-rank inspection, and standard drill. The indoor and outdoor presentation of colors will not be included in the competition. The written test and mile run will be conducted on Saturday, February 17. The inspection and standard drill will be conducted on Sunday, February 18.
5. All events will be scored using a rank order. In case of a tie, the tiebreaker will be the score of the In-Ranks inspection.
6. All cadets must be current CAP members and listed on the Monthly Membership Listing to be eligible for competition.
7. Teams must consist of two Guards (C/Amn-C/SSgt), and two Flag Bearers (C/SSgt-C/CMSgt). A penalty of ten points will be assessed for violation.
8. An alternate for each team is not mandatory, but recommended. Once competition begins, no substitutions are allowed unless granted by the project officer. An alternate's score will only count from the time a substitution is made.
9. The written exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions on the following:
 - a. Leadership requirements of Phase I and II, chapters 1-4 from "Leadership 2000 and Beyond".
 - b. General knowledge of the CAP Corporation, its missions, and history.
 - c. Knowledge of color guard movements, commands and procedures.
10. Cadets will have 45 minutes to complete the written test.
11. The team with the lowest cumulative score will be determined winners of the written exam event.

12. The uniform for the written exam shall be the designated PF uniform for each team. This is necessary since the mile run will follow promptly.
13. PENALTIES regarding the written exam: If a team has fewer than four cadets present during the written examination, then the cadets not present will receive a score of 10 points lower than the lowest individual recorded on the written exam.
14. References for the written exam: CAPR 900-2 Drill & Ceremonies Regulations, CAPM 39-1 Uniform Manual, AFR 50-14, and CAPM 50-16 Manual of Arms.
15. Per a memo published by National HQ, the physical fitness portion of the event will be limited to the mile run only.
 - a. The lowest combined score for a team determines the winning team.
 - b. PENALTIES: If a team has fewer than four cadets present for the mile run event, then each cadet not present will receive a score of 60 points lower than the lowest final score recorded for the event.
 - c. Category II and III cadets may be excused from the mile run but a penalty discussed in number 12 above will be assessed.
 - d. Reference: CAPM 50-18 Cadet Physical Fitness Test.
16. The In-Ranks inspection will include the following scoring criteria:
 - a. Report of Inspection
 - b. Grooming Standards
 - c. Military Bearing
 - d. Proper Wear of Uniform
 - e. Cleanliness and Neatness of Uniforms and Color Guard Equipment
 - f. Correct Color Guard Equipment
 - g. Overall Appearance of the Team
 - h. Proper Execution of Movements
17. For the In-Ranks Inspection the Color Guard, teams will march onto the drill field from the Chief judges right in all Color Guard accessories with the exception of the flags.
18. The Standard Drill portion will include the following scoring criteria:
 - a. Precision and Execution of Movements
 - b. Cadence
 - c. Command Voice of Commander
 - d. Military Bearing
 - e. Reverence of the Colors
19. The size of the drill pad is 80 feet by 120 feet. Each team will have a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes to perform.
20. PENALTIES regarding the Standard Drill portion:
 - a. All teams must complete the standard drill portion between 3 to 5 minutes. A 50 point penalty will be assessed if a team is under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.
 - b. Stepping out of bounds = 50 points each occurrence.
 - c. Performing commands out of sequence = 50 points (assessed once).
 - d. Skipping commands = 50 points (assessed once).
21. Standard cadence used for Color Guards is the Quick Time. Quick Time is defined as, the rate of marching at 100 to 120 steps per minute. Step is defined as 12 or 24 inches in length. High stepping or "Goose-stepping" (stiff leg) is not allowed.

22. Shoulder arms-Proper command is “Right Shoulder Arms” both rifles must be on the right shoulder of the guards. There are no commands for “Shoulder Arms” where the rifles are placed on opposing shoulders or left shoulder.
23. Uniforms: Teams will wear only the standard Service Uniform (with ribbons) as defined in CAPM 39-1.
 - a. Short Sleeve light blue shirt
 - b. Dark blue slacks
 - c. Low quarter shoes
 - d. Flight cap
 - e. Optional Items: Flag carrying harness (white or blue), pistol belts (guards only), white shoulder cords, ascots, and gloves.
24. Rifles are required with every team. The rifles must be inoperable either marching or parade type.
25. The Color Guard will carry a U.S. Flag and an appropriate unit flag. The Eagle adornment on the U.S. Flag is used indoors only. All other flags will use a spear, a sphere, or a spade.
26. For the purposes of this competition, the CAPM 50-16 is given priority over the Army Field Manual 22-5.
27. The command Wheel is not a legal movement; the proper command is Right/Left About.
28. Air Force Reservists will conduct judging under the direction of Lt. Col. Mike Prusak, USAF (ret). A minimum of three judges will be present at the Inspection, and Standard Drill. No judge will have an affiliation with a Color Guard member or be from the Color Guard’s unit. In addition to the three judges, a timekeeper and a recorder will be present.
29. Procedures to contest a judge’s decision shall be done in the following manner. The Cadet Team Commander, in writing must present a dispute to the chief reservist within 2 hours of the dispute.
30. Awards will be presented at the CPC Banquet, Sunday 18, February 2001. Awards will be presented for the following:
 - a. First and Second place team
 - b. First place teams for each event
 - c. Individual Awards for the highest score in both the mile run and written exam.
 - d. Outstanding Cadet based on leadership qualities, appearance, and attitude.
 - e. Spirit Team Award based on exemplary sportsmanship and morale.
31. I hope that this information provided above is a good start for the competing teams. I know that more questions will arise as we approach the competition. I plan to have results posted immediately after each event. I will also have all the referenced material with me in case a question regarding a ruling arises. I look forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please feel free to contact me at (714) 379-8528 Home, (714) 445-5470 Work, email address at gmherian@sausd.k12.ca.us, cpc@cawdgcadets.org, or Charleswiest@Earthlink.net

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