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MEMORANDUM FOR CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER

FROM: CAP-USAF/CC
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SUBJECT: Unauthorized Training on Air Force Assigned Missions

1. Two recent mishaps involving Civil Air Patrol aircraft have revealed that members were conducting non-mission related training on operational missions that were not authorized for training. In both cases, it was reported that the crew members were performing multiple takeoffs and landings when only one takeoff and landing should have been accomplished. In one case, the crew members flew to a satellite airfield, not the mission termination airfield, to conduct training and perhaps amass additional flight time. The actions of these members jeopardized the status of the mission and any potential federal protection as allowed by 10 U.S.C. §9442. Ultimately, the Civil Air Patrol could be held accountable for paying out of its corporate funds for any damage or injury caused. Furthermore, these members unwisely and inconsiderately increased the cost to the customer while quite possibly enabling a situation that could have led to mission failure.

2. Effective immediately, no additional flying maneuvers are to be conducted on Air Force assigned missions that are not required to accomplish the mission. For the purpose of this memo, additional flying maneuvers include, but are not limited to, pilot training/instruction on missions with a primary purpose other than training, flying proficiency enhancement, currency accomplishment, "time building" or maneuvers that are not required to complete the mission but increase overall flight time. There are two exceptions. First, the pilot in command may credit one takeoff, instrument approach, landing and any other currency item accomplished coincidental with normal mission execution. Second, it is understood that other crew positions may satisfy "on the job training" when the conduct of this training is coincidental to and does not detract from the mission.

3. The customer, whether it is the Air Force or another agency, is paying for the mission. Therefore, it is incumbent on Civil Air Patrol's professional volunteers to be good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars. The accomplishment of unauthorized training on Air Force assigned missions is unacceptable and this practice will stop immediately.

4. I request your full support in ensuring all Civil Air Patrol crew members understand their responsibilities and my mandate.


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