FLORIDA WING OPERATING INSTRUCTION 15-02



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Cadet Programs

FLORIDA WING CADET HONOR SOCIETY

This instruction establishes and prescribes the procedures for initial appointment and member of distinction to the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society (CHS); standards for membership, benefits of membership, *and* membership application routing instructions.

- 1. Overview. The purpose of the Cadet Honor Society (CHS) is to recognize academic excellence within the Cadet Program by allowing those cadets who have consistently demonstrated superior academic performance the opportunity to be recognized among their peers. This recognition helps provide additional motivation to achieve success and excellence in achievement testing. In addition to this recognition, cadets have the privilege of noting they are members of the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society. This accomplishment will help cadets further their educational progression outside of Civil Air Patrol by identifying them as top performers from within the Cadet Program. CHS is an optional program but squadrons are highly encouraged to participate and support their cadets in earning this distinction.
- **2. Authority.** Cadet Honor Society is a Florida Wing Commander directed initiative. The program is administered by the Director of Cadet Programs (FLWG/A5CP) and if appointed, by a Cadet Honor Society Administrator (FLWG/A5CPH).
- **3. Membership Criteria.** There are two levels of CHS membership: initial inductee (or incoming member) and member of distinction. The eligibility requirements for each membership category are listed below. Cadets having earned Member of Distinction are not eligible for any further CHS recognition or award.

a. Initial Induction.

- (1) Member in good standing.
- (2) Maintain an average core of 92% or better per achievement or milestone test for four consecutive achievements with no time frame.
 - (3) The score will be calculated based on the first attempt of the test.
 - (4) Achievement 1 and milestone tests will stand by themselves.
- (5) Achievements 2 through 7: Achieve a minimum score of 92% in the leadership and aerospace tests.
 - (6) Only leadership tests will be used for achievements 8 through 16.
- (7) There is no timeline to qualify for this recognition; however, tests must be passed at 92% or greater for consecutive achievements.

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b. Member of Distinction.

- (1) Member has already been inducted into the CHS.
- (2) Member in good standing.
- (3) Score an average of 94% or above per achievement or milestone test for four consecutive achievements with no time frame.
- (4) Average of both Aerospace and Leadership tests for Achievements 4 through 7. Test scores used for initial induction will not be used.
- (5) Milestone tests will stand by themselves and only the leadership tests will be used for Achievements 8 through 16.
- (6) Aerospace Education tests for Achievements 8 through 16 are open book and will not be counted.

4. Application Procedures.

- **a.** Download and complete the FLWG Form 501, *Cadet Honor Society Inductee Application*. This form should be completed electronically to the maximum extent possible. Digital signatures are accepted where noted in the form. If the form cannot be completed entirely electronically, please ensure all hand written fields are in black ink, block letters, and legible after scanning to PDF.
- **b.** After unit commander (or deputy commander for cadets) approval is received, submit the form via e-mail to CHS@flwg.us Completed applications may be submitted by the cadet or the squadron; however, please ensure the information in the submission is for the cadet inductee not the person submitting the form. Note: commanders/deputy commanders must ensure the cadet meets the requirements outlined in Paragraph 3 of this instruction before signing the cadet's application form.
- **c.** The nominating authority must indicate in the nomination form whether or not they can print the certificate locally so they are provided with an electronic certificate (pdf format) that will allow the unit to expedite the presentation.
- **d.** Applicants should allow 60 days for processing. Questions regarding application status should be sent to chs@flwg.us.
- **5. Recognition.** Initial inductees will earn a blue and gold shoulder cord, FLWG Certificate 210, *Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society Induction Certificate*, and the cadet's name will be listed as an inductee on the Florida Wing Cadet Programs website. Members of Distinction will earn a hanging gold cord with nickel tip that will be attached to the blue and gold shoulder cord, FLWG Form 211, *Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society Member of Distinction Certificate*, and the cadet's name will display an asterisk on the Florida Wing Cadet Programs website noting the Member of Distinction achievement.
- **6. Wing Processing.** Once the provided data is validated, the cadet will be added to the FLCadet.com CHS members list, the certificate generated. Certificates will be mailed or emailed as required to the squadron for presentation.

7. Shoulder Cord, Aiguillette and Devices. Shoulder cords, aiguillettes and devices can be obtained directly from Vanguard's website at http://www.vanguardmil.com (CAP0650H) Shoulder Cord Royal Blue/Gold w/pin & (CAP0650J) **9"** Single Gold Strand w/ Silver tip or from Glandale Parade Store's website at http://www.paradestore.com. (485C2RYGO) Shldr Crd Pin Royal/Gold; (056NGO) Hang Cord Only, Gold/Nk.

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