

# Cadet Handbook



HURON CADET SQUADRON

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**WELCOME!** You have chosen to become a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, and an After-school Program with a difference. This pamphlet is designed to inform you as to what we expect from all of our cadets and what you can expect from the Civil Air Patrol.

The Huron Cadet Squadron, the first School Enrichment Program unit in the California Wing, meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Huron Middle School. Each cadet is required to wear their uniform once it has been issued. At every meeting you will learn something new about Aerospace Education, Leadership, or Emergency Services, therefore, each cadet should bring paper and a pen to keep notes if they wish.

Drill is an important aspect of the Cadet Program. Drill, or marching, teaches cadets teamwork and discipline. Every meeting will include some form of drill work.

Every month you will have the opportunity to take part in a squadron activity. Last year the unit went to rocket launches, flew in airplanes, and provided security at an airport. This year the unit plans to compete in a color guard competition, attend Search and Rescue training, and tour the *USS HORNET* museum in San Francisco.

All the squadron activities culminate in the California Wing Encampment, which is held in August for ten days.



The squadron maintains a webpage. You can find it at <http://sq801.cawg.cap.gov>. The Commander's email address is [Sq801Commander@Yahoo.com](mailto:Sq801Commander@Yahoo.com). You may email the Commander with any question you might have.

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### ORIENTATION



During your first few weeks in the unit, you will be completing the Orientation Phase, concluding with Cadet Leadership School. You will learn about the Civil Air Patrol, how to wear the uniform, and customs & courtesies. Your instructors will be cadets that joined last year and have completed the California Wing Encampment. This is your time to ask any questions you wish.

In the beginning you will be known as Cadet Basic. At the end of your orientation, you will be promoted to Cadet Airman, the first achievement in the Cadet Program. You will also complete all the General Emergency Services requirements, making you eligible to participate in Search and Rescue training missions.



#### **Squadron Rules:**

During all squadron activities, the rules and responsibilities as outlined by the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District will apply. In addition to:

- Uniforms will be worn correctly.
- You will salute all Cadet and Senior Member Officers.
- You will speak English as much as you can.
- There will no fraternization among the Cadets and Senior Members that would produce a hostile environment.
- Report cards will be shown to the Cadet Programs Officer every quarter/trimester. Each Cadet must maintain a minimum gpa of 2.0 to participate in squadron activities.
- Cadets will report on time for activities.

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**SQUADRON ORGANIZATION**

The squadron has a staff made up of senior members and cadets. The Squadron Commander is on overall command of the unit and is responsible to the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District and to the Group Commander for the proper functioning of the unit.

The commander's staff is made up of the following positions:

Deputy Commander  
Cadet Programs Officer  
Safety Officer  
Health Services Officer  
Communications Officer  
Testing Officer  
Aerospace Education Officer  
Moral Leadership Officer  
Emergency Services Officer  
Professional Development Officer  
Administrative Officer  
Personnel Officer  
Public Affairs Officer

As a cadet you will work with the Cadet Programs Officer, as this officer is responsible for running the Cadet Program at our squadron. The Cadet Programs Officer has a staff made up of cadets.

Cadet Commander  
First Sergeant (Senior NCO)  
Flight Sergeant  
Cadet Safety NCO  
Cadet Aerospace Education NCO  
Cadet Operations NCO  
Cadet Public Affairs NCO

You will be assigned to a Flight upon joining. Your Flight Sergeant will be the person you will have most contact with. This person is an experienced Cadet that has completed the California Wing Encampment and has been promoted through a few of the achievements.

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### CADET PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is made up 15 achievements. Each achievement is more challenging than the last. To complete your first achievement, and be promoted to Cadet Airman, you must complete the following:

- Pass the Leadership 2000 & Beyond Chapter One Test.
- Participate in a Moral Leadership discussion.
- Perform a series of marching maneuvers.
- Pass the Cadet Physical Fitness Test.
- Wear the uniform correctly.

Upon successful completion of the above, the squadron commander will promote you to Cadet Airman!

All other achievements incorporate an Aerospace Education test.

### AEROSPACE EDUCATION

As a member of the unit, you will participate in aerospace education projects and discussions. These activities may include building model rockets, learning about how airplanes fly, and weather patterns.

Trips may include aircraft carrier tours, Air Force museum tours, or the Challenger Learning Center.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

You will be given training in Emergency Services. This training will consist of how to search for a crashed aircraft, how to talk on radios, and first aid. The Civil Air Patrol conducts search and rescue of downed aircraft continuously. They also participate in missing person searches and help out during natural disasters.

This unit will not participate in actual missions. But all training opportunities will be given to the Cadets. Civil Air Patrol members, over the age of 18, are covered by Federal insurance during Air Force Search and Rescue missions. Therefore, only senior members of our unit will be permitted to take part in missions.

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### **INSURANCE**

While you are participating in a Civil Air Patrol activity, you are covered by liability insurance. There is no medical insurance coverage provided to you. You are required to make all arrangements for medical care as a private citizen, as the need arises. If during an activity, the Commander or Safety Officer determines you need medical care, you will be taken to the nearest medical facility and your family will be informed as soon as possible. The decision to provide medical care does not imply payment of the care will be made by Civil Air Patrol or any of its members.

### **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

As a student of Huron Middle School or Coalinga High School you are permitted to take part in the school's after-school activities, to include sports. If you choose to participate on a sports team, please inform the Cadet Programs Officer. It will not impact your status in the unit.

### **SCHOOL RECORDS**

School records deals with your report cards and progress reports. In order to participate in squadron activities, you must maintain a 2.0 gpa. Cadets holding staff positions are expected to maintain a minimum gpa of 2.5.

If a Cadet's gpa drops below 2.5 they will be removed from their staff position. This is not a punishment. This is a way to reduce your workload as a Cadet and gives you more time to concentrate on raising your scores. The squadron can also provide tutoring if it is requested. Our goal is for every student that wishes to be a Cadet, earn the grades they are capable of.

### **CADET SPONSOR MEMBERS**

Parents are crucial to this program. They may join as a Cadet Sponsor Member. This membership gives them the opportunity to participate in all of our squadron activities. If your parent would like to do this, have them get in touch with the Cadet Programs Officer.