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30 November 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ILWG PERSONNEL

FROM: Commander, ILWG

SUBJECT: Clarification of Authorization to Wear ILWG Unit Citation Award

1. **HISTORY:** Pursuant to CAP NHQ Personnel Actions No. 39, dated 11 August 2022, the ILWG was awarded a CAP Unit Citation Award which was approved by the National Commander and presented at the ILWG Conference in Springfield, IL on 29 October 2022. The action period for the award was 31 March 2020 through and including 31 July 2021.

2. **ELIGIBILITY TO WEAR THE AWARD:**

a. Pursuant to paragraph 9.j., CAPR 39-3, Members of the ILWG, and its subordinate units, who were Members during the action period 31 March 2020 through and including 31 July 2021 are awarded the Unit Citation Award Ribbon.

b. Eligible Members who have received a previous Unit Citation Award may affix a bronze or silver clasp, as appropriate, to their existing Unit Citation Award Ribbon.

3. **ENTRY INTO PERSONNEL RECORDS:**

a. The CAP Unit Citation Award should not be entered as an historical award into individual Member eServices Awards and Decorations because it is a unit award and would require additional approval by the National Commander through the eServices award process.

b. Attached to this memorandum is a copy of NHQ Personnel Actions No. 39 containing the ILWG Unit Citation Award Justification and a copy of the award certificate. These documents may be copied and placed into eligible Member personnel files as evidence that they have been awarded the Unit Citation Award.

4. Questions regarding eligibility of ILWG Members to wear the Unit Citation Award should be directed to Colonel Fred R. Rosenberg, Chairman, ILWG Promotion and Awards Board, frosenberg@cap.gov, or Lt Colonel Richard G. Miller, ILWG/DP, rmiller@ilwg.cap.gov.

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Commander, ILWG

Attachments:

NHQ Personnel Actions No. 39
ILWG Unit Citation Award Certificate

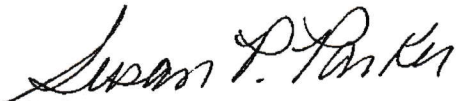
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PERSONNEL ACTIONS)
NUMBER NHQ 39)

11 August 2022

The Civil Air Patrol UNIT CITATION AWARD is awarded to ILLINOIS WING for outstanding achievement, exceptional service, and high degree of performance during the period 31 March 2020 to 31 July 2021, effective 11 August 2022. Authority: CAPR 39-3.

FOR THE NATIONAL COMMANDER



SUSAN P. PARKER
Director, Personnel & Member Actions

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ILWG Unit Citation Award Justification

The Illinois Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), distinguished itself through its organizational and community response to the COVID-19 nationally declared pandemic emergency during the period 30 March 2020 through 31 July 2021 and ongoingly, including, but not limited to the disaster assistance efforts of its Members throughout the State of Illinois and the neighboring States of Indiana and Missouri and formation of the Wing's COVID-19 Remobilization Committee.

Beginning in March of 2020 when the pandemic was declared as a National Emergency, the then Illinois Wing Commander, Colonel Robert M. Dempsey, Jr., established the COVID-19 Remobilization Committee. The composition of the 14-Member Committee included subject matter experts in the fields of CAP Unit and Wing command, medical, public safety, legal, operations, emergency services, cadet programs and public and private sector emergency management.

The Incident Management Team and our Wing Agency Liaison coordinated assistance requests from numerous community service agencies throughout the state. Through close collaboration with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, we ensured the Wing's support efforts would be captured under the state's disaster declaration. Likewise, the Wing's Operation's section engaged with the Great Lakes CAP-USAF Liaison Region and National Operations Center to secure disaster assistance activity coverage under a 1st Air Force mission number.

The dedicated volunteer Members of the Illinois Wing answered distress requests within their home communities and from the Wing's regional neighbors in a sustained and enduring manner throughout the 16-months cited above. A virtual incident management team was formed to manage the volunteer sign-up process for multiple days/shifts and multiple locations across the state; assigning resources; tracking resources; public information; and NHQ situation reporting. Ten different Incident Commanders rotated through leading this prolonged multi-faceted response.

Illinois Wing's community disaster assistance was truly a wing-wide effort, spanning the vast geography from North to South and neighboring states. Citizen volunteers representing 18 of Illinois Wing's 24 units contributed to efforts at several service locations, with many of these volunteers serving several days and at multiple sites. A few of the community support functions include:

- Support of six Food Pantries and Food Distribution Centers in Chicago and surrounding counties (Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will, and DeKalb counties). Functions included food packaging, truck loading/unloading, traffic management, data-entry, and Spanish translation assistance (for families being serviced);
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository
 - Northern Illinois Food Bank (2 facilities)
 - 4 Kids Sake

- Lakeview Food Bank
- DuPage Township Food Pantry
- Support for Personal Protective Equipment (*PPE*) Distribution Centers in Northwest Indiana
- Support for PPE Distribution Centers in Metro-St Louis, Missouri

The following statistics capture the statewide effort of Illinois Wing volunteers in FY20 and FY21:

- (20-1-5069) – Food Pantries and PODs - 75 volunteers; 695 people/days; 564,766 meals packed (for the PODs that reported packing figures); 8,440 families served (for PODs with family pick-up options);
- (20-1-4897) – 20 ILWG volunteers supported Missouri PPE PODs
- (20-1-5000) – 10 ILWG volunteers supported Indiana PPE PODs
- (21-1-3287) – Food Pantries and PODs - 67 Volunteers; 720 people/days; 525,000 meals prepared/packaged.

The dedicated efforts of the Illinois Wing Members, separate and distinct from the normal mission requirements of the unit, were an outstanding contribution to the response required during the COVID-19 pandemic national emergency and reflect great credit upon the Illinois Wing, its Members, and the Civil Air Patrol.

CIVIL AIR PATROL



UNIT CITATION AWARD

is hereby presented to:



ILLINOIS WING



for Exceptionally Meritorious Service.

During period *31 MARCH 2020 TO 31 JULY 2021*

GIVEN AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CIVIL AIR PATROL

THIS *11TH* DAY OF *AUGUST 2022*



NATIONAL COMMANDER