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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MTWG PERSONNEL

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Recognition of CSTAR staff

1. Since its founding in April 2014, the College for Specialized Training and Reinforcement (CSTAR) has worked diligently to develop curricula, course directors' guides, and schedules for all three of its academies, researching existing best practices and striving to present a uniform image throughout the wing. Using a top-down standardization model, the college conducted its first Cadet Officer Academy in October 2014, then its first Cadet Non-Commissioned Academy in March 2015, and then its first Cadet Airman Academy in April 2015. The successful organization and execution of all three of these academies in just one year's time speaks to the dedication and motivation of the members of the college staff, namely its commandant and vice commandants.

2. Although the members of the college staff are always going to be graduates of the Cadet Officer Academy (COA) and thus already authorized to wear the black and gold should cord awarded to all graduates of COA, it is fitting that we recognize the additional work associated with serving on the staff of the college. Therefore, at the request of the Director of Cadet Programs, I hereby authorize the wear of a solid black shoulder cord by the commandant and vice commandants of the college. This cord may be worn while serving in one of these positions, and only becomes a permanent decoration once the member has successfully completed a term of office as determined by the Director of Cadet Programs. As black is the official color of the college, the wear of a solid black cord (as opposed to a cord with the academy color and college color intertwined) indicates the responsibilities that these members have for the college as a whole and not just the particular academy from which they graduated.

3. As with any uniform item authorized at the wing level, the wing commander retains the right to unauthorize the wear of this item by anyone who, in the wing commander's judgment, acts in an unbecoming manner.

4. Finally, I hereby direct the wing personnel officer to incorporate the authorization of this cord into the next edition of our wing's supplement to CAPM 39-1. Until such a new edition is published, this memorandum serves as the written authorization for this additional uniform item.

  
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Commander