



**HEADQUARTERS - NEW YORK WING
CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
WESTCHESTER COUNTY AIRPORT
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WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10604-1218**



12 OCTOBER 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR NYWG PERSONNEL

FROM: NYWG/CC

SUBJECT: 2022-23 NEW YORK WING COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

1. It is my pleasure to announce the 2022-2023 Commander's Challenge to all Cadet and Composite Squadrons of NYWG. The challenge is stringent, but not impossible and will recognize achievement above and beyond the QCUA.
2. By completing the challenge requirements, Squadrons will significantly increase their capacity to provide a vibrant Cadet program. Squadron commanders must confirm completion of the requirements for respective members on or before 30 Sep 2023.
3. The Commander's Challenge recognizes those units that "go the extra mile" by *exceeding* the National QCUA criteria. Units with a minimum of 10 Cadets that meet at least 6 of the 10 Commander's Challenge criteria earn the award. The attached chart shows both the QCUA and the Commander's Challenge criteria for 2022-2023.
4. Requirements must be completed from 1 Sep 2022 through 31 Aug 2023. Squadron Commanders are encouraged to provide updates on unit progress in the regular monthly reports to their Group Commanders.
5. Each Group HQ will consolidate and report the performance of their units to the Wing DCP NLT 30 Sep 2023.
6. A **Certificate of Recognition** will be presented at the Wing Conference to the Squadrons that were successful at meeting the requirements of the Commander's Challenge.
7. This memorandum will be posted to the NYWG website for reference purposes. Any changes or clarifications to this memorandum will be posted to the same webpage.
8. Please direct any questions to the undersigned at: jjones@cap.gov

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Jones".

JOHN A. JONES, Col, CAP
Commander, New York Wing

ATTACHMENT 1- chart w QCUA v CC Challenge comparison

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Comparison of NHQ's *Quality Cadet Unit Award* criteria with the
NEW NYWG *Commander's Challenge* criteria

2022-2023 Metrics	2023 QCUA Criteria	<i>New!</i> NYWG Commanders Challenge
Enrollment: Minimum number of Cadets	25	27
Onboarding: Percentage of new cadets who earn Achievement 1 (Curry) within 8-weeks of joining	70%	75%
Cadet Achievement: Percentage earning Wright Brothers Award	45%	50%
O-Flights: Percentage of Cadets with first flight credit	70%	80%
Encampment: Percentage of graduating Cadets	50%	55%
Emergency Services: Percentage of Cadets with GES-116 certification	60%	70%
Outside Activities *: Complete a Red Ribbon Academy, AE ACE+ Adopt Program, or one of the listed STEM competitions	1	2
Aerospace: Number completed AEX <i>or</i> submitted an AAR after ordering a STEM kit (during current cycle)	1	2
TLC: Minimum number of <i>current</i> TLC graduates	3	4
Specialty Track: Minimum number of SM with a CP Rating	2	3
Squadron AE Achievement Award	N/A	1

*** Outside activities include:**

www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cpofficer/quality-cadet-unit-award

- Red Ribbon Leadership Academy
- AE ACE+ Adopt Program- (registration deadline: 31 Mar 2023)
- CyberPatriot- (results recorded in March/April)
- StellarXplorers- (results recorded in March/April)
- The American Rocketry Challenge- (TARC; application deadline: 1 Dec 2022)
- UAS4STEM- (fundraising required for registration cost)
- High Altitude Balloon Challenge- (registration deadline: 30 Apr 2023)