



# The Advisor

## THE GROUP VI CADET ADVISORY COUNCIL

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- Emergency Services Position Paper
- GES Quickstart Guide
- Cadet Progression Position Paper
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### Group VI - FY 2010 Cadet Advisory Council

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### A Message from the Chair...



Hello Group 6 Cadets!

Since becoming Chair of the Group VI Cadet Advisory Council in August, it has been my mission to change the way in which the CAC operates to fulfill its mission for each and every one of you. No longer is the Council limited to just planning a few activities a year, or having one meeting every quarter. Instead, the CAC is now an efficient body which serves and represents every cadet to the Group Commander and works to tangibly change the Cadet Program for the better.

Improving our communication with the cadets is now our number one priority, and is vital to our efforts at 'being your voice' and advocating the issues that affect and are most important to you. This newsletter, The CAC Updater, is central in this effort and serves as a medium of keeping Group VI informed and involved in the Council's ongoing projects, events and initiatives, as well as to voice your concerns and ideas.

Making actionable, clear, strategic and thoughtful recommendations and advice on the issues in the Cadet Program that matter is the cornerstone of the CAC, and it is this mission that we have been working very hard to excel at. Our first Position Paper, outlining the current issues and offering solutions dealing with Cadet Integration and Participation in Emergency Services, was a resounding success and many of the recommendations made in it were immediately acted upon and put into practice I applaud all the cadets who contributed to its contents and offered ideas on the topic, and I encourage you to become involved in future topics and to contribute your ideas. As stated by Col John Warden III, the architect of the Gulf War Air Campaign: we must think strategically, focus sharply, and move quickly!

In Your Service,

C/Maj Christian Chung

### Have an idea? Realize it!

Have an idea that you have always wanted to fulfill in the Cadet Programs? Wish something was different in CAP? Have a way to do things better in the program? Well you can— that's the purpose of the CAC! Today, it's easier than ever to communicate an idea you would like to see realized to the body that is your voice to the commanders.

To reach the Group VI CAC, you can:

1. Use your Squadron Representative to channel ideas/suggestions
2. Logon to <http://www.group6cap.org/caccomments.html>
3. Contact the CAC Chair, C/Maj Christian Chung, at [cachung@bellsouth.net](mailto:cachung@bellsouth.net) or 954-224-4151

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# Making REAL Progress on the Issues— Generating Position Papers

The FY 2010 Group VI CAC is the most active CAC in Florida Wing, and that's not an understatement.

Besides being the only CAC with a new Newsletter, the Council has made substantial progress in making real recommendations for implementation for the Group Commander.

Our first Position Paper, on Cadet Integration and Participation in Emergency Services, came directly as a result of requests from cadets in the Group. Many cadets feel as though it is impossible to actively participate in ES unless you are 18 years old, or a Senior Member.

There's a lack of adequate training opportunities and communication of ES work .

The CAC outlined the issue and offered a number of real solutions to the Group Commander. A random survey was conducted: "In a survey of randomly selected

25 cadets (19 OCT 09), 15 said they completed GES, six had an ES qualification beyond GES, five had just GTM3, one had GTM3 plus one other qualification, and only one cadet had participated on an actual mission call out. All cadets interviewed felt that not enough training opportunities were being offered at the Group and Squadron level, and all also felt that cadets were not being integrated in ES Operations effectively."

Now that the issue was highlighted, the Council offered a number of recommendations, including:

- Better liaison between ES and Cadets with Asst Group ES Officer filled by a cadet
- The creation of GES Quickstart, quickly showing how to get started in ES

- More cadet involvement in planning ES training
- CAC Liaison with FTX Planning Committee

These suggestions were implemented by Major Sacco, and is an example of the potential of the CAC. The ES Position Paper and GES Quickstart can be found on the CAC website, [www.group6cap.org/cac](http://www.group6cap.org/cac)

The current Position Paper the Council is working on regards Cadet progression and ways on improving this.

If you have suggestions, please contact the CAC (see "Have an Idea? Realize it!"- Page 1)

Lookout for the next Position Paper!

## Fundraising for You— How the Council is Helping

In Preparation for the Summer NCSA and Encampment Season, the Group VI CAC is helping cadets with the finances of activities

Recently, the CAC has drafted a Strategic Fundraising Plan in preparation for the creation of the Group VI CAC Cadet Financial Assistance Fund for the upcoming NCSA and Encampment Summer. The purpose of the Fund is to financially assist as many applicable cadets as the Council can to attend NCSA's and Encampment, who would otherwise be able to attend.

The Plan outlines numerous proposals that can raise money for the CAC Fund, and starts the logistical planning for this.

In addition to grants and donations from organization throughout the community, the CAC Plans on gaining funds through the 2010 Cadet Field Day, a Car Wash activity, as well as a Donation Day from a local restaurant.

Be on the lookout for these exciting upcoming events and support the CAC in helping you!



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