

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER
ON
CYBERPATRIOT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To propose a national recognition program for CAP members that actively participates in the CyberPatriot Competition. The following is a proposal to create a new cadet programs ribbon for national level cyber-security competitions.

BACKGROUND

- CAP teams compete in the All Service Division of CyberPatriot
- CyberPatriot has four rounds of competition prior to the National round in Washington DC
 - All teams compete in first three rounds
 - Round 1 and 2 are qualifying rounds
 - Upon completion of Round 2, team scores are combined to determine the competition “tier” for Round 3
 - Top 30% qualify for Platinum Level and are eligible for the National Finals Round
 - Middle 40% qualify for the Gold Level
 - Remaining teams qualify for the Silver Level
 - In each tier, 6 CAP teams will be selected to compete in Round 4, also known as the Category Round.
 - For Gold and Silver tiers, the top three teams from Round 4 are recognized by AFA.
 - For the Platinum tier, top 2 CAP teams and one potential Wild Card team qualifies for the National Finals round.

DISCUSSION

- CAP currently does not have a recognition program for participants in CyberPatriot; however, teams that reach the National round receive NCSA credit.

- In 2014, the Cyberspace Familiarization Course was stood up to serve as the de facto “cyber” NCSA.
- The following is the proposed recognition program for CyberPatriot participants:
 - Create a new National Cyber Competition (NCyC) ribbon for cadets and CAP members that participate in CyberPatriot and other NHQ approved cyber-security competitions. (See ribbon sample below).
 - NCyC ribbon will be comparable to the National Cadet Competition and the Color Guard ribbons.
 - For the CyberPatriot program:
 - *National-level winners*: all members will be eligible for the NCyC ribbon w/ Gold Star device.
 - *Platinum Round 4 (Category Round) winners*: all members will be eligible for the NCyC ribbon w/ Silver Star device.
 - *Platinum Round 3 (State Round) winners*: all members will be eligible for the NCyC ribbon w/ Bronze Start device.
 - *Platinum Round participants*: all members will be eligible for the NCyC ribbon
 - Team members will only be eligible to receive the highest award based on their participation for a given year.
 - No recognitions will be awarded for Gold and Silver participants under this program; however, local squadron commanders may nominate members for recognition.
 - All team members (cadets, mentors, and coaches) must be registered with AFA CyberPatriot and valid CAP members in good standing
 - NHQ Cadet Cyber Program’s team will compile list of teams eligible for NCyC ribbon.

SUMMARY

The goal of the CyberPatriot recognition program is to highlight the accomplishments of the cadets and senior members and foster competition between the Region and Wings. It also provides a natural progression of recognition based on accomplishments and not solely on participation.

AWARD SAMPLE

