

# SPECIAL BULLETIN

COVID-19 UPDATE



March 26, 2020

## *National Commander Emphasizes Engagement*



A letter from Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, National Commander, emphasizes the importance of members' engaging with each during these times of physical isolation.

"I have asked our leaders at all echelons to proactively reach out and engage with the people in their organizations," Smith writes, then adds that commanders shouldn't be expected to take on that responsibility alone.

Cadets and senior members alike should reach out to one another as well, he says.

"Let's genuinely care, be kind, reach out, and engage with our fellow CAP members. Together we are strong. Together we will not just persevere, we will conquer!" the national commander concludes.

[National Commander's Letter](#)

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## *COVID-19 and Cybersecurity*

In today's complex and interconnected world virtually no major event occurs without an associated cyber threat. The COVID-19 pandemic is no exception.



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As all of us work to mitigate this threat, we should be aware of how cybersecurity impacts us in doing so.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warns individuals to remain vigilant for scams related to the pandemic. Cyber actors may send emails with malicious attachments or links to fraudulent websites to trick victims into revealing sensitive information or donating to fraudulent charities or causes.

[More About Recommended Precautions](#)

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# *Operations Qualifications Extended*

Members with Operations qualifications due to expire between March 31-Aug. 31 will receive an extension in order to support critical operations during what is normally CAP's busiest time of year – late spring and summer.

The change is being made to compensate for limited training opportunities and increased risk because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## *Professional Development Training Adjustments*

For Level I summary conversations scheduled through May 11, the face-to-face provisions of [CAPR 50-17](#), 3-5a, are waived to allow all learning hours to be held in a fully online format.

For Squadron Leadership Schools scheduled through May 11, the face-to-face provisions of CAPR 50-17, 4-6B, are waived to allow all learning hours to be held in a fully online format.

For Corporate Learning Courses scheduled through May 11, the face-to-face provisions of CAPR 50-17, 5-3B, are waived to allow all learning hours to be held in a fully online format.



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