

CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program Awards & Promotions

LEVEL	IN-PERSON COURSES	ONLINE COURSES	SPECIALTY TRACK	ACTIVITIES		COMMAND & STAFF ASSIGNMENT	AWARD & RIBBON	TIME IN GRADE	GRADE ELIGIBILITY
LEVEL I FOUNDATIONS	Foundations ^{1,2} Cadet Protection (CPPT) ² (both have online portion)	Equal Opportunity (EO) ² Operations Security (OPSEC) ² Intro to Safety ²	Select Specialty Track	Review Senior Member Package Materials		N/A	Level I Certificate & Membership Ribbon 	6 Months	Second Lieutenant  (gold)
LEVEL II TECHNICAL TRAINING⁶	N/A	N/A	Technician Rating ⁵	N/A		N/A	Leadership Ribbon 	12 Months	First Lieutenant  (silver)
	Squadron Leadership School (SLS) ⁶	Officer Basic Course (OBC) ⁶	N/A	N/A		N/A	Benjamin O. Davis Certificate (w/Yeager seal if award earned by end of Level II)	18 Months	Captain  (silver)
LEVEL III MANAGEMENT	Corporate Learning Course (CLC)	Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPSM) (effective 3/31/13) 	Senior Rating (Add Bronze Star to Leadership ribbon)	Attend 2 wing/region/national conferences. One can be region/wing aerospace education conference.		1 Year	Grover Loening Aerospace Award Ribbon & Certificate 	3 Years	Major  (gold)
LEVEL IV COMMAND & STAFF⁸	Region Staff College (RSC) ^{3,4}	N/A	Master Rating (Replace Bronze Star with Silver Star on Leadership ribbon)	Serve in a director or staff member capacity in a CAP approved course or serve as a director or staff member of a national, region, or wing conference	Complete one: (1) Prepare and deliver a CAP-related presentation to a non-CAP group, or (2) Conduct a hands-on unit AE program, or an external aerospace education classroom program.	2 Years (total)	Paul E. Garber Award Ribbon & Certificate  (Bronze star for SOS) (Silver Star for ACSC) (Gold Star for AWC)	4 Years	Lieutenant Colonel  (silver)
LEVEL V EXECUTIVE⁸	National Staff College (NSC) ³	N/A	N/A	Serve in a director or staff member capacity in a CAP approved course (in addition to the Level IV staffing requirement)	Mentor a junior senior member officer, flight officer or NCO through the Technician Rating in their specialty track (effective 3/31/13)	3 Years (total)	Gill Robb Wilson Award Ribbon & Certificate  (Bronze star for SOS) (Silver Star for ACSC) (Gold Star for AWC)	N/A	N/A

¹ Can be waived for Former CAP cadets transferring to senior member status, provided they earned the Mitchell Award or higher and have less than a 2-year membership break prior to assuming senior member status.

² Can be waived for Former CAP members who have completed Level I training (Foundations, CPPT, OPSEC, EO, and the Introduction to CAP Safety) and have less than a 2-year membership break.

³ CAP members who have completed a Professional Military Education (PME) school equivalent may use this equivalent as a substitute. See CAPR50-17, Attachment 2.

⁴ Completion of one of the following meets the requirement for RSC: National Legal Officers' College (NLOC), the Civil Air Patrol Inspector General College (CAPIGC), or CAP Safety Officer College (CAPSOC). Chaplains and CDIs may substitute two Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges (w/in 5 years) for one regular Region Staff College.

⁵ Former cadets who earned the Earhart Award may receive the technician rating in the Cadet Programs Officer specialty track.

⁶ Former cadets who have earned the Eaker Award may also be awarded completion of SLS, the CAP Officer Basic Course, and Level II.

⁷ Former cadets who earned the Spaatz Award may also be awarded the senior rating in the Cadet Programs Officer specialty track and the Yeager Award.

⁸ See CAPR50-17 for a special award program for Legal Officers