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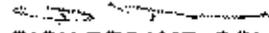
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NV Wing Members

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Approval of Blue Beret

1. In accordance with CAPM 39-1, I approve the wear of the AF-Blue Beret as a Special Purpose Wear Item subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The beret may only be worn by current, fully qualified Ground Team Members (Level 1, 2, or 3) while performing actual or training emergency services missions.
 - b. The beret may only be worn while wearing the CAP blue or camouflaged BDU uniforms.
 - c. The beret may not be worn outside of the geographical boundaries of Nevada Wing.
2. When the beret is worn, it will be:
 - a. Positioned straight across the forehead 1 inch above the eyebrows.
 - b. The top of the beret will be draped over the right ear with the stiffener and insignia centered and aligned over the left eye.
 - c. "Insignia" is the member's current flight cap insignia. I.e. Cadet enlisted hat device, cadet officer grade, or senior member flight cap device.
 - d. The beret sizing ribbon will be adjusted and tied in a knot. The ribbon ends will be cut off.
 - e. No other badges, flashes, 'crosses' or shields may be worn.
3. Prudent actions should be taken when wearing berets on or near military installations to prevent confusion with Active-Duty/Guard/Reserve military personnel. Furthermore, Unit Commanders may choose to disapprove beret wear within their unit. Commander's exercising this option should notify Wing Headquarters in writing.
4. The approval of berets for our Ground Team members serves two purposes. One - it allows mission planners to quickly identify fully-qualified ground team personnel and, Two - it offers an incentive for members to earn the Ground Team ES certification.
5. This is a test program to determine the long-term feasibility of members wearing berets in our wing. Members, if qualified, may wear berets under this authorization until December 31, 2005. After that time, no berets may be worn while the program is under review for member acceptance, wear/usage violations, and positive/negative behavior while wearing the beret.


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