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Information
General Beau

SUBJECT: Activation of National Capital Wing
Civil Air Patrol

TO: Officers, Senior Members and Cadets

1. The realization of a long cherished desire by the many hard working members of the Washington area is now a reality. The 50th Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, known hereafter as the National Capital Wing, has been approved by the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, General Carl A. Spaatz and is activated by General Order No. 2, dated 3 March 1948.

2. My congratulations on your persistent work for the betterment of Civil Air Patrol and of our Country as a whole. We in National Headquarters will be awaiting the progress of the 50th Wing. We expect the National Capital Wing to be the model for the Nation and its territories. This can only be accomplished if each of you give to the Wing, loyalty, devotion, cooperation and creative ingenuity in formulating and carrying out policies that will enable the National Capital Wing to be so outstanding that by virtue of its manifest characteristics, it may serve the high purpose for which it is intended.

3. The National Commander and National Headquarters are behind you. Let's see you make the National Capital Wing the Nation's best!

LUCAS V. BEAU
Major General, USAF
Commanding

C/S for file

Lt. Col. Edward R. Fenimore, CAP
Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol
104th Medical Regiment Armory
Fayette & Poca Streets
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Dear Col. Fenimore:

It is my understanding that your Staff Conference for the Maryland Wing will be held in Baltimore on 18 February. I'm always interested in these conferences inasmuch as they are conducive to better understanding and staff work. Major Woodrow W. Dickey, Staff Officer my Headquarters, plans to attend as an observer and get acquainted with the various practices as used in the various wings.

For some time, National Headquarters has considered the advisability of forming a District of Columbia Area Wing. It is believed that our national program can benefit by having a Wing readily available for the proving of new procedures and policies and for the purpose of demonstrating to distinguished foreigners the work of Civil Air Patrol.

Consequently, planning is being initiated for the formation of such. When such plans are in a firmer stage, it is planned to have a conference in Headquarters to reach decisive conclusions as to the various controversial points. Therefore, it is suggested that you and your Staff might care to initiate through as to the separation measures and methods so that the least possible difficulty can be experienced when the District of Columbia Area Wing is established.

Cordially,

LUCAS V. BEAU
Brigadier General, USAF
Commanding

C O P Y

6 February 1948

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TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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3. It is requested, in view of the above discussion, that authority be granted the Commanding General, 32nd AF Base Unit (National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol), to activate a 50th Wing, to be known as "D. C. Wing, Civil Air Patrol," with headquarters in the Washington Area.

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Brigadier General, USAF
Commanding

32d AF BASE UNIT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CIVIL AIR PATROL
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 20, D.C.

GENERAL ORDER

3 March 1948

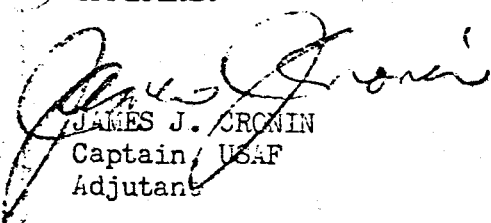
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1. Under the provisions of AF Regulation 20-18, Subject: "Organization, Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the USAF" dated 19 December 1947, and under authority of 1st Indorsement, Hq, USAF, dated 17 February 1948, there is activated this date the District of Columbia Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BEAU:

JAMES W. THOMSON
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Chief of Staff

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Department of the Air Force, Hq., USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

TO: Commanding General
National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol
Bolling Field 20, D. C.

1. Authority is granted to activate a 50th Wing to be known as D.C. Wing, Civil Air Patrol, with Headquarters in Washington Area.
2. Request that a manning table for this wing be submitted, in order that your personnel allotment may be increased. The normal complement for a Civil Air Patrol liaison officer is one (1) officer (Major), one (1) enlisted man, and one (1) civilian. It is recommended that your manning table not exceed this normal complement.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

E. E. PARTRIDGE
Major General, United States Air Force
Director, Training and Requirements

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CC: National Guard and Reserve Affairs Division