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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL CAP UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: DPP

SUBJECT: Change to CAPM 39- 2 paragraph 2-2a, effective 1 May 2003

1. The National Board approved a change to the minimum age for individuals applying for cadet membership at its 28 February meeting. **Effective 1 May 2003**, all individuals applying for cadet membership **must be 12 years of age** regardless of the school grade they are attending. The only exception to this rule is those applying for membership in a unit that is part of the Middle School Initiative (MSI) may join below the age of 12 as long as the are attending the sixth grade. MSI units are monitored by the National Headquarters Cadet Programs Directorate and are identified by a special unit number in the 800 series (i.e., FL 801).

2. The National Cadet Programs Committee proposed this change in response to concern from the National Executive Committee, as well as unit commanders nationwide, for extremely young cadets participating with older cadets. **Any cadet member on the rolls prior to 1 May 2003 who is under the age of 12 will be allowed to remain in the program.** Additionally, individuals joining the MSI program under the age of 12 may retain their membership if they transfer to another CAP unit at a later time regardless of their age.

3. If additional information or assistance is required please call Membership Services at 877 227-9142 or contact this office by email at DPP@capnhq.gov.

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