

The time has come to make a few reminders to the members of CAWG who are either in the CD program or who might consider applying for the program in the future.

I have had a number of Forms 83 submitted to me, both for initial and for re-certification, which were hand written and/or faxed to me. In both cases, I cannot accept those applications. The 83 MUST be done on either a computer or a typewriter, as the instructions on the top of the form clearly state: the front and back of the form MUST be on one sheet of paper and it needs to be mailed to me at my home address: 4945 Indian Peak Road, Mariposa, Ca 95338.

There is a certain amount of confusion between the submitting of a Form 83 and the completion of the online training and test for CD qualification. Those two actions are completely separate and require totally separate actions. The 83 expires four years from the date that an individual is approved for CD operations and that expiration date is on the CD101 card which each member is issued. The online training and test are required every two years.

It is incumbent on each CD cleared member of CAWG to stay abreast of the dates for both their 83 and their online training and test. With over 300 members of CAWG on my list, it is impossible for me to keep track of those dates for you. National notifies me about twice a year of those members who will expire for Forms 83. I will pass that on to you, but in some cases the time to submit the form and have it processed by our customers is not sufficient to keep you current for CD ops.

I know that some members do not have access to a computer or do not access their email at regular intervals. I would ask that unit commanders or ES officers take on the task of keeping track of the qualifications of their individual members. It is commonly acknowledged that email is the accepted means of communicating between the Wing Staff and the members, so computer access has become critical. I will communicate all of the CD data for Wing members via email: specifically the ALL CAWG email address.

The applicable CAP Regulation for the CD program is CAPR 60-6, dated 1 September 2003.

Thank you for your understanding on these matters. I, and my staff, stand ready and willing to help in any way possible.

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