

## Middle East Region Staff College 2009

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Region Staff College (RSC) is to prepare selected CAP officers to more effectively execute the duties and responsibilities associated with CAP command and staff positions, and to present concepts, methods, and ideas to better accomplish the mission of Civil Air Patrol.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The course curriculum is designed to increase your ability to solve problems encountered in daily CAP operations through techniques of leadership, management, oral, and written communications. These skills should prove invaluable to you not only in CAP, but also in your professional and personal activities.

### **SEMINARS**

You will be assigned to a work group with four to eight other students. Assignments are based on a number of factors, such as CAP duty assignment(s), experience level, geographic location, and specialty tracks. Assignments are intended to allow each student the opportunity to obtain a wider range of ideas and to meet members from different areas. Past colleges have consisted of a week of "death by Powerpoint" presentations, but four years ago the MER-RSC curriculum was revamped to provide much more hands-on practical application exercises that cover the scope of the requirements set forth in CAPR 50-17.

### **STAFF OBSERVERS**

Work groups will not have an advisor assigned to them for the week, but will have different "observers" drop in throughout the week. All

observers have previously served as a staff member at one or more staff colleges. All have been to a staff college as a student and all have been carefully selected. Their job is not to advise the group; it is to observe that all students are active, participating members of the seminar. They will also be observing the exercises in general; this is one of the tools used to better the exercise the next time around.

Above all, don't get nervous about the College. This is a group activity, and, in all likelihood, very few people will be experts, and very few will have been in a classroom situation in a number of years. Stick together with your Seminar mates, do the best you can, and enjoy the new friends, ideas, experiences, and activities you will find at the College.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

Attendance at, and participation in, the scheduled activities and events is required for graduation. This includes the Dining Out the last night of the College. It means being on time for each scheduled event, ready to be an active participant in each session. This is one of the items the staff observers will be looking for.