



HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON WING  
CIVIL AIR PATROL  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILLIARY  
**NFA - JOINT POWERED/GLIDER FLIGHT ACADEMY**  
**"DESERT EAGLE"**  
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1 March 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR SELECTEE OF DESERT EAGLE

FROM: Director, National Flight Academy (NFA) - "Desert Eagle"

SUBJECT: Letter of Acceptance

Congratulations on your selection to attend the **ADVANCED GLIDER** track of the Washington Wing Joint Flight Academy July 14-25 at Camp Boucher in Ephrata, WA. I am pleased you have taken this aviation emersion opportunity as a student pilot at Desert Eagle, now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of operation. I can assure you that you will enjoy an incredible opportunity and be challenged to the maximum. This will be intense training and potentially one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

This information is for planning purposes only and more detailed information will be sent the first week of May. Sign In will be between 1200-1400L on Tuesday, 14 July at Camp Boucher at the Ephrata Airport, Ephrata WA. Those flying commercially should plan to arrive at Geiger Field in Spokane WA and a CAP van will pick you up at 1100L on Tuesday 14 July. If your travel requires that you arrive at the airport earlier, you should plan on remaining overnight at one of the many hotels in the airport vicinity.

On Saturday, 25 July, graduation day, parents and family are invited for the graduation ceremony at 1100L. The Academy will be dismissed at 1200L. A van will depart at 1300 for arrival at Geiger Field at 1500. No return flights should be booked prior to 1700L.

To enroll in the Academy, you must do the following:

- a. Pay the Non-refundable \$100 deposit via the eServices payment module before **31 March**.
- b. Submit a CAP Form 60-81 signed by you on the first page and your parents/guardians on the second page. Also include CAP forms 160, 161, and 163.
- c. Complete the attached information form.
- d. These items should be submitted to the following email address NLT **31 Mar** to Registrar Maj. Mike Talley, [DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov](mailto:DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov) with your name in the subject line.
- e. Plan to make the \$700 final payment of the activity fee by **30 April**. After that date, incomplete applications will be voided and the slot will be offered to cadets on the list of Alternates. This link provides more information as to fee payment methods:

- f. <https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.Events.Web/Documentation/NCSAEventsPa ymentDirections.pdf>
- g. Apply for a FAA Student Pilot Certificate prior to 31 May 19; email a scanned copy.  
Email scanned copies of all documents to Registrar, Maj Mike Talley [DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov](mailto:DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov) with your name in the subject line.

The following are some details you need to know in order to properly prepare for the Academy:

You must obtain and possess for Academy check-in:

- 1) Student Pilot Certificate – see attachment
- 2) A US federal or state government issued photo identification card, driver's license or official photo identification card – **NOT** a school ID card. (If you plan to take the FAA Written Test, at least one of these should include your signature and your current street address)
- 3) An original birth certificate or current passport/passport card (to apply for your Student Pilot Certificate AND to present to your instructor prior to start of training)
- 4) Current CAP ID card
- 5) Signed CAPFs 60-81, 160, 161 and 163 (please bring paper copies)
- 6) You must complete the following on-line CAP courses in E-Services:
  - Aircraft Ground Handling
  - Basic and intermediate Operational Risk Management
  - Wing Runner Course
- 7) Cadet Protection Training, if 18 years or older by 1 July.
- 8) You must complete the free On-line Sporty's Ground School course. See attachment

You must communicate with the Registrar, Maj Michael Talley, concerning travel plans, attainment of student pilot certification, and other administrative data via Cadet Questionnaire and other communication. He may be reached at: [DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov](mailto:DesertEagle@wawq.cap.gov) .

To graduate from the Academy you must accomplish the following:

- a. Complete 80% of the activity requirements
- b. Actively participate in 80% of the contact hours and not dismissed early for behavior
- c. Activity Director determines course objectives met

While solo flight may be authorized depending on a myriad of circumstances, it is not required in order to complete and graduate from the Academy.

This is an aviation training event, not an Encampment. You are expected to discipline your own conduct, be respectful of others and manage yourself without the need for close supervision.

The past two years we have offered a separate and optional 3 day intensive Ground School and FAA Testing, if qualified, immediately following NFA graduation. Cost

includes the FAA written exam. Details will follow, but do be aware that for those who intend to move forward, this is an option.

Please contact Registrar, Maj Mike Talley [DesertEagle@wawg.cap.gov](mailto:DesertEagle@wawg.cap.gov) should you have any questions. You will be receiving additional information about the Academy shortly. We look forward to meeting you this summer and hearing from you even sooner!

(Signed)  
SHANNON ESSON, Lt Col, CAP  
Activity Director

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1. Cadet Questionnaire (Fillable WORD Document)
2. Student Pilot Certificate Application Process
3. Sporty's On Line Ground School Application Process