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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, MINNESOTA WING, CAP

FROM: VIKING SQUADRON CC

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of New Viking Squadron Patch

1. IAW CAPM 39-1, Table 6-4, para 10, approval is requested for the enclosed depiction of a new patch for this Squadron.
2. The current patch does not comply in several major respects, including shape and some coloring, with Air Force heraldic standards. Except for the legally disputable use of the logo of the Viking football team, it exhibits little association with this Squadron's past or presence.
3. The proposed patch has been selected from several proposals and complies with all applicable Air Force heraldic standards as published in AFI 84-105.
4. Specifically, as to shapes, colors and form, the patch is a circle as required for squadrons in AFI 84-105, para 3.4, and has an upper and a lower tab as provided for by the same Instructions.
5. The lower tab (required for the unit name) depicts the words "Viking Squadron". Although that wording does not constitute the full official name of the Squadron, its use is nevertheless proposed because:
 - a. adding the word "Composite" would reduce the size of the lettering to the point of unreadability, and
 - b. many squadron patches, including the current Viking patch, do not contain the word "Composite" for the same reason.
6. The upper tab (required for the unit motto, if any) contains the words "Afram Vikingar", Norse for "Forward [or Onward] Vikings!" Old Norse is the language spoken by Scandinavian tribes between the fifth and 15th centuries.
7. The patch, as contained inside the circle, depicts a wooden Viking shield, surrounded by the traditional bronze rivets, on which a Viking ship is sailing towards the North Star, symbolic of Minnesota's state motto "L'etoile du nord" (Star of the North). The ship is also a stylized airplane to illustrate our missions, particularly as it relates to AE.
8. The sail is segregated into three sections indicative of our three core missions of cadet program, aerospace education, and emergency services.

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9. There are 12 "billets" in the shield which correspond to the positions of every hour on a clock face denoting that we are always available and reminding us that timeliness is of great consequence in our SAR missions.

10. The colors, following heraldic principles laid out in AFI 84-105, have the following meanings:

a. The red color of the sail symbolizes courage, patriotism, and passion (for our mission) all of which we encourage in our members.

b. The required yellow used in the shield encircles everything, indicating excellence (in all we do), honor, and loyalty.

c. The dark blue of the sky background and tabs indicates night, i.e. the time we are most often called to perform a SAR mission.

d. The required ultramarine blue is used to depict water of the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

e. The white border and letters symbolize purity (our cadets), truth, and wisdom towards which we strive.

f. The gray/silver of the ship hull/airplane connotes discretion, humility, and retrospection, again attributes we are seek to achieve.

11. Approval of the above described patch is sought without delay while the Squadron is still using up existing old patch supplies. Immediate approval will greatly assist with the timely acquisition of the new patch.

12. The undersigned is aware that IAW CAPM 39-1, Table 6-4, Note 2, upon approval and initial production a copy of the patch must be sent to the CAP National Curator.



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Commander

Incl: Depiction of Proposed Viking Sqdn Patch

Approved!
Civil Air Patrol, Inc.
By: 
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Its: Minnesota Wing Commander