



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF NC150

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Did you know that all of your professional development progress is shown in a **Professional Development Report** (PDR)? More details about the PDR are found in CAP Regulation 50-17, paragraph 2-6. This report is intended to serve as a management tool for unit PDOs, CAP commanders, and for National Headquarters to track and determine training requirements. The PDR is available on-line in the Member Reports section of eServices.

The report for NC150 lists each member of the squadron by name and CAPID, and reflects their current *professional development* achievements. The body of the report reflects each member's status in *professional development*. Data in the PDR includes: completion dates of required *professional development* training for each of the five levels, the ratings and the date of specialty tracks completed as well as completion dates for CPPT, Foundations, OPSEC, EO, and Safety. Talking about specialty tracks, the more we each stay current in our specialty tracks - and comply with their guidelines - the better we can perform our assigned duties in our squadron as well as be prepared for future subordinate unit inspections. Remember, we actually "crammed" for our SUI and did a lot of "catch-up" in preparation, so let's not allow our current knowledge and abilities to perish or subside. Progressively increase both.

WITH THAT SAID, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SAY . . .

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NC150 FOR  
COMPLETING THE SUI WITH AN  
OVERALL SUCCESSFUL!**

Now back to our regular programming, which is *professional development* . . . as of this new letter, only four of us in NC150 have completed the Squadron Leadership School (SLS), which is a definite requirement for Level II. For each of you who need to complete SLS – don't forget that on 21 May I made this challenge: **the first Senior Member** to complete Level II before 31 Dec 2013 would be given a Tuskegee Airmen collectable lapel pin – all the way from Moton Field, Tuskegee, AL. Somehow I have a sinking feeling that I'll not have to give up the lapel pin – unless some of you really get it in gear!



**Parting Shot:** So why all this stuff and clatter about Professional Development? It's just requirements to get ribbons, right? **WRONG!** Most of us did not enter our civilian jobs without some form of training, and that is just what CAP Professional Development is all about. It is the initial and continuing training all CAP members need in order to perform their duty assignments at progressive levels of responsibility as well as to be effective, professional volunteer members of our squadron and Civil Air Patrol. The major requirements

for completion of Level II are Officer Basic Course (on-line) and SLS (which can be taken on-line, if really necessary), and of course, technician rating in any specialty track. One of you is very, very close to the Davis Award – closer than four others . . . ! So follow through and the best of *PD* success to all of you!

The answers to the question last month – "What are the missions of CAP?" are:  
Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

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