

31st Sqdn(C1C Hayes/3050)

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Request for Approval of Organizational Emblem

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1. Request for approval of the attached Organizational Emblem is submitted in accordance with Air Force Regulation 900-3, dated 16 November 1970.

2. Description:

a. Design attached depicts the emblem for which approval is requested.

b. The grim reality of death, represented by the Grim Reaper, serves to remind us that we as members of the armed forces, have pledged our very lives to the service of our Country. This condition, this presence, is what constitutes the major difference in our tasks as military men over careers in other fields. Even in the face of death we are unified in our efforts. Not pawns, we are men of dedication, loyalty, and professionals with the fortitude to stand our ground though others might falter.

3. Significance of colors:

a. Three of the colors are the colors of the Cadet Wing--yellow, blue and gray.

(1) Yellow represents excellence to the highest degree--something that every cadet strives for in his own way.

(2) Blue represents the operational Air Force and the special meaning that it has for us.

(3) Gray represents the mystic of time and what the uncertain future holds for us.

b. Brown represents the earth, of which all things are made, and to which all things eventually return.

c. Black symbolizes the forces of evil, hatred, greed, and fear; which will, until conquered, continue to control the hearts and minds of those too weak to resist.

d. White is purity, a state of perfection toward which all men should strive, in thought, word, and deed.

4. Approval of this emblem will result in increased motivation and morale, and enhance the prestige of the Cadet Wing. This is evidenced by the fact that ever since the birth of Thirty-first Squadron, the Squadron nickname has been "the Grim Reapers".

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