

Capt. Ed Casem will be missed by all.

It is with great regret the announcement of the passing of Captain Edward Casem, Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 45 of Riverside, California, and Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Community Care and Rehabilitation Center. Captain Casem was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the U. S. Army, 6th Infantry Army band from 1952 through 1954, where he played the clarinet. He was honorably discharged in 1954. His decorations are the National Defense ribbon and the Army honorable service ribbon. Capt. Casem was a musician and an educator. He became a member of March Field Composite Squadron 45 in August 2008.

While serving SQ. 45 as an assistant Aerospace Officer and assistant Testing Officer he received the Membership Ribbon, the Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Award, Red Service ribbon and a First Find ribbon. He enjoyed his time with the Civil Air Patrol, looked forward to the meetings and events, and will be very much missed by all who knew him.

Memorial services will be held at Preston and Simons Mortuary, 3358 Mission Inn Ave. on Friday, August 12th. There will be a closed casket visitation from 9 am to 10 am. Captain Robert Harris, CAP will lead a memorial service from 10 am to 11 am. There will be no motorcade. It is requested that all meet up at Riverside National Cemetery for Committal Services at 12:15. Civil Air Patrol members who would like to attend are invited to wear their appropriate dress uniform. The family has requested that if enough CAP members are in attendance, they would like to form an honor detail that would line the walkway as people enter the committal site.

The family is encouraging people to make a donation to the Riverside Dickens Festival (P.O. Box 113, Riverside CA 92592-0113) in memory of Ed Casem. This is a cultural event that Captain Casem really enjoyed and looked forward to each year.

