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Colonel Moody



Retires

On the seventh of March, 1963, Colonel Joseph F. Moody retired as Commander of the Florida Wing. He has been offered his choice of several National Board positions but will wait until he gets back his health before deciding.

He has just taken over full responsibility of operating his hotel. The press of business just will not permit spending the long hours required of a Wing of the size of Florida.

Colonel Moody was one of the original members of the Florida Wg.
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Florida Wing Second Nationally

National Headquarters keeps a record of how Wings are meeting the long Range Plan Goals. Delaware was in first place for 1962 with 949.4 points. Florida Wing was second with 923.3 points.

We were awarded the maximum number of points in seven categories, Cadet Enrollment, Senior Enrollment, Cadet Encampment, Cadet COP's, Licensed Pilots, Privately Owned Aircraft, and CAP-CD Agreement. We earned 136.3 points out of a possible 150 in Effectiveness Tests, highest in our region and third highest in the nation. We lost points in Cadet Special Activities only because the applications were not correct.

The goals of the Long Range Plan are higher this year. We will have to offer good programs for both cadets and seniors if we are to keep pace with the times. We have promised to make good on this long range plan, and we will.

COLONEL MOODY RETIRES
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He began as a CAP pilot in 1941. Then he became Commander of the Orlando Squadron. On 30 Sept 1949 he became Commander of the Florida Wing. His tenure of more than thirteen years earned him the title of "Dean of Wing Commanders."

He has received many awards and decorations during his long career of service, including the Blue Service Ribbon with three Oak Leaf clusters, the Distinguished Service Award, the Wartime Active Duty Service Ribbon, and the Twenty Year Ribbon. He also has served on many National Board Committees.

Under his leadership, this Wing has grown tremendously, not only in size but also in quality. He started the policy of selecting the best possible wing staff officers, regardless of their location, and of giving them the responsibility and authority they need to carry out their work. Other Wing Commanders who had originally frowned on this method have come around to doing the same thing in their own wings.

The entire membership of Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, recognizes the debt to Colonel Moody that they can never repay. We all find words are inadequate to express our love and devotion to a dedicated CAPer, a wonderful man, and a fine gentleman, Colonel Joseph F. Moody.

PUNTA GORDA SQ MAKES RESCUE
(By Lt Col Ed Campeau)

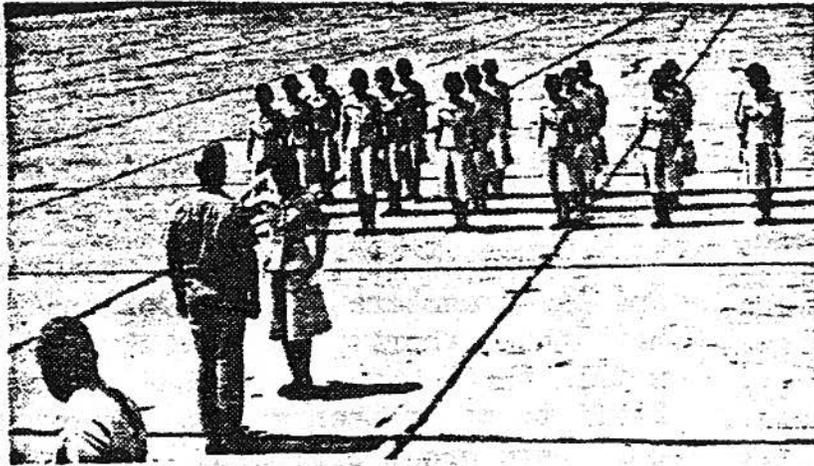
The Punta Gorda Sq and the Coast Guard Auxiliary joined forces to save Mr. Carl Campbell and his fifteen year old daughter Debbie. Pilot Andy Crane and Observer Jim Ogan were making their Sundown Patrol when they saw the 16 foot boat in trouble in the Myakka River. They radioed to Major Sam Nicaastro who called Comdr Rumsey Thompson of the 98th Flotilla.

The aircraft radio was provided by the county. Ashore, Debbie said the small plane that found them was the most beautiful sight she had ever seen.

A BAD FIRST PLACE

(by Lt Col John McDonald, D/Ops)

"We are near the top in our aircraft accident rate", reports the D/Ops. Those who wilfully disregard rules and regulations put themselves and others in danger. Those in positions of trust and responsibility at all levels must insist that our aircraft and vehicles are operated safely, and enforce the rules for the protection of the innocent. There can be no "compromise" with safety.



THE 1962 FLORIDA WING CHAMPION DRILL TEAM

WING DRILL COMPETITION

The photo shows the Miami All-Girl Squadron reporting to the judge to start the 1962 Southeast Region Competition, which they won. This is the team the other Florida Wing Squadrons will try to beat at Opaloka on April 26th. The girls will be trying just as hard to win again.

KEY WEST CADETS

(by Lt. Col. Campeau D/Info)

The Key West Cadet Squadron is, of course, an auxiliary of the USAF. The same group of boys also form Coach Cadet Junior Rifle Club. The US Army provides the ammunition and the US Navy provides the rifle range. I'll bet the Marines provide instructors and the Coast Guard provides the fathers.

NO ID CARD YET?

(by Lt Col Ray Kraemer, D/Pers)

Nat'l Hq. advises that members should wait 60 days during renewal time and 90 days at other times before checking on their ID Card. Start your checking at your own unit and go thru channels. Very often these headquarters have the answer for you.

NEW SQUADRONS

The new Benjamin Franklin Cadet Sq. is the first one we know of in Florida that is sponsored by and meets at a high school. This is a very natural affiliation and worth trying in your area.

Jack Larks commands the new Titusville Flight near Patrick AFB. The St. Augustine Flight and the Lake City Flight have been reestablished. Welcome to our growing family.

NEW CADET UNIT FOR GP II

(by Capt Bob Moore, Gp II)

The new St. Johns River cadet Sq named S.M.L.S. Johns is its Commander. SM L.Holt is the Training Officer. Their first meeting was a weekend bivouac, 8th and 9th March. The City of Palatka donated a building and a plot of ground at Key Larkin Airport. The Palatka Sq., commanded by Lt. Marv Rivenburgh, gave up its cadets to form the new squadron.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Colonel Moody is now out of the hospital. He is recovering from pneumonia. Mail sent to Wing Hq will be forwarded to him...Miss Starling of the Duval County Easter Seal Society presented Lt Merle Shoaf of the Fort Caroline Cadet Sq with a Certificate of Appreciation. The cadets worked all week preparing and mailing 40,000 letters... Captain Joann Lockman transferred to Wing Staff as Asst D/Personnel... The Florida Health and TB Association presented NE Fla Group II with the Award for Outstanding Service to the Community for their part in the recent TB Seal drive..... Dick Mitchel, former CAP CWO and now in the Army, left for a tour of duty in Europe.... Lt Helen Keetley is conducting Red Cross courses in her home for CAP members ... Cadet Boland Alvarez, Gp III Staff, was promoted to Capt... Cadet Mary Felter, Gulf Beach, was promoted to 1/Lt... Cadets Al Cash of Winter Haven and Bob Anderson were promoted to 2/Lt... Maj Joe Garen, formerly the US Army, joined Wg Staff as Asst Finance Off... Liz Barnard, the wife of the Wing LO, joined CAP as Wing D/Administration..... Capt Jim Sanderson took the added duty of Aerospace Education Officer ... Capt Fotsie Simmons got a big writeup in the fine North Dade NEWS CAP edited by Ben Wakes.

WING STAFF MEETING

Orlando, 17 March. Lt Col duPont started the meeting by amplifying his policies which were distributed to all units in the Wing mail. No sweeping changes of procedure or Wing Staff are contemplated. He proposes slow, deliberate steps needed to better fulfill the objectives of the CAP.

Groups exist to assist squadrons and their members. Group commanders have the authority to operate CAP within their area. He asked Wing Staff to strengthen groups by working only thru group officers, except in rare cases where this is not possible.

One of the best ways Wing Staff can help groups is by good inspections. Groups will be inspected twice a year, with the first one completed by June 31.

Certain reports are vital to preserve CAP interests. CAP is notably lax in this important area. It is hoped that certain revisions will help.

The meeting ended with a standing vote of confidence for the new Commander.

WING COMMANDER PROMOTED

Ellington, Texas. The last meeting of the National Board promoted Lt Col S. Hallock duPont to Colonel, Civil Air Patrol.

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