

# COL. BASS WING COMMANDER



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## Gator CAPers

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### DRILL COMPETITION at McCoy

The annual Florida Wing Drill Competition, hosted by the 966th Alhorne Early Warning and Control Squadron (ADC), was held at McCoy Air Force Base, Florida, April 6, 1968.

Colonel Harry L. Timmermans, USAF, 966th AEW&C Squadron Commander, along with Lt. Col. Eugene Z. Mazurak, USAF, Chief of Maintenance for the AEW&C Squadron, extended the complete facilities for demonstration and competition.

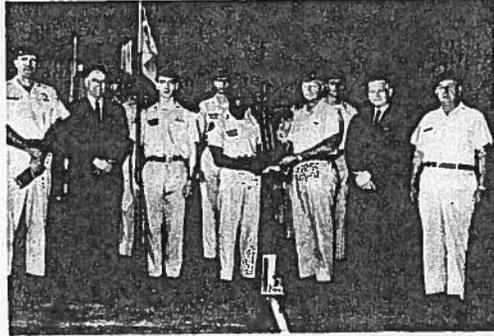
The 13 drill teams from the units throughout the Florida Wing, were evaluated by members of NCO Academy of Orlando Air Force Base, on proper wearing of uniforms, in place drill movements and marching procedures.

Top honors in both First Place and Fancy Drill went to the Fla. Air Academy Group 23 of Melbourne Cadet Major Luis Bared, Team Commander, Group 22's team was the First-Runner-Up with Cadet Colonel Robert T. Anton, Team Commander, North Dade Cadet Squadron, with Cadet Capt. Thomas P. Vilbas, Team Commander, took the Second-Runner-Up position.

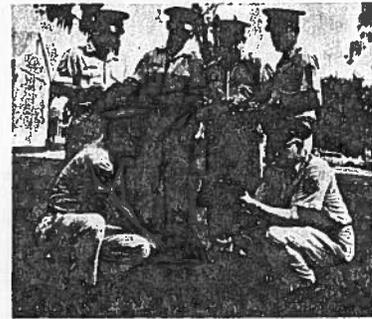
The other teams and Team Commanders participating were: Group 1, C/2c Jantle Carol; Group 4, C/MSgt. Alphonse Arnold; Group 5, Forrest Hill Cadet Squadron, C/2Lt. Richard Whitmore; Palm Beach Cadet Squadron, C/1Lt. Barbara Reschke; Group 16, Cadet Captain Mike Murphy; Group 18, Miami-Dade Composite, C/MSgt. Mike Babski; Northland Cadet Squadron, C/MSgt. Steve Stelger; All Girls Team, C/2Lt. Carmen Poddogro; Group 19, C/1c Rick O'Rear and Group 22, Miami All Girls Sqdn., C/SGT. Yvonne Kones.

Through the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council, Cadet Colonel George Mead, Chairman and Capt. William R. Breeze, CAP Project Officer, the activity was established and coordinated through the Air Force by 2Lt. William B. Bally, USAF CAP Project Officer. During the afternoon, the cadets were given a tour of the Static display of 966th AEW&C Aircraft. This was arranged by Captain Pat Marshall, USAF, who also assisted in local liaison between the 966th and CAP.

It was expressed by Colonel William R. Bass, CAP, Commander of Florida Wing, "that without the assistance and guidance received from the 966th AEW&C Squadron, this important CAP Cadet activity could not have been possible."



The Florida Wing Drill Competition First Place Trophy won by the Florida Air Academy, Group 23. LColonel Eugene Z. Mazurak, Chief of Maintenance 966th AEW&C Squadron, presents the trophy to C/1Lt. Von Edwards, who received the trophy on behalf of C/Major Luis Bared, Team Commander. The FAA team also won the "Fancy Drill" Trophy. (Left to Right) Colonel Gayle Roberts, USAF, Commander 306th Bomb Wing (SAC); Mr. Charles J. Tanner, Jr. of the Air Force Association; C/2Lt. G. Jones, Guidon Bearer; C/1Lt. Von Edwards; LColonel Eugene Z. Mazurak, Mr. F. W. Cerwonka, of the Air Force Association; Colonel Ralph Mulvanly, USA ret. Professor of Military Science for Florida Air Academy.



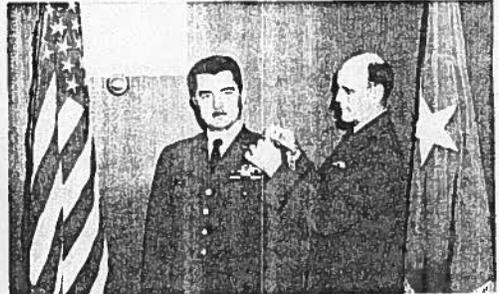
Reviewing the facts are the inspectors from the NCO Academy at Orlando Air Force Base. SMSgt. Robert W. Fuhrman, NCOIC, headed the team, being assisted by SMSgt. Kenneth C. Reed; SMSgt. Marvin D. Phillips, SMSgt. Leonard J. Paglione and MSgt. Robert G. Zimmerman. Also assisting was SSgt. Allen R. Dennison from the Academy's Audio-visual section.



First Runner-Up was attained by the Group 22 Team from Miami. LCol. Eugene Z. Mazurak, USAF, presents the trophy to C/LCol. Robert T. Anton, Team Commander.



The Second Runner-Up position went to North-Dade Cadet, C/1Lt. Tom Vilbas receives the trophy from LColonel Eugene Z. Mazurak, USAF.



Receiving the "Eagles" is Colonel William R. Bass, Commander Florida Wing. He is presented the rank insignia by General Robert Mautz, USAF Reserve and Chancellor of the Universities in Florida, upon his appointment and promotion to Wing Commander. The "Eagles" that were presented by General Mautz were his before his promotion to General.

Colonel William R. Bass, assumed command of the Florida Wing following the meeting of the National Executive Committee, March 15, 1968. Colonel Bass relieved Colonel S.H. duPont, Jr., who returned to his primary assignment as Vice-Chairman of the CAP National Board.

At ceremonies held in Gainesville, Florida, Colonel Bass received his official orders and was presented the rank insignia by General Robert Mautz, USAF, Rescue and Chancellor of the Universities in Florida.

Colonel Bass was born in Dothan, Alabama, in April 25, 1934. He has served the CAP organization as a Cadet for four years and fourteen years as a Senior Cadet, being the first former Florida Wing Cadet to ever assume command of the Florida Wing. He joined the organization in February, 1950. He attended his first summer encampment in July, 1951 at Warner Robbins AFB, GA.

His four year Cadet career ended in January 1954 when he assumed the position of Assistant Commandant of Cadets of the Sarasota-Bradenton Squadron. He held this position until January 1956, when his active duty in the U.S. Navy began.

In June 1959, Lt. Bass and family returned to the East Coast. He assumed the position of Commandant of Cadets of the General Composite Sqdn. at Patrick Air Force Base. The Commander of Group 6 requesting the need of Lt. Bass, assigned him to the position of Group Deputy Cadets.

This assignment brought about changes in not only the cadet membership but the increased opportunities for Florida Wing Cadets of the Civil Air Patrol. Colonel Bass while assigned as the Wing Deputy for Cadets introduced in 1964 the first Cadet Command Staff School in Florida Wing and CAP.

To increase his knowledge of the Cadet Program as well as his contribution to the CAP, he participated in the Jet Orientation Course in 1965 and FAOC in 1966. The summer of 1967 he served as the Commander of the Space Age Orientation Course. Also in the summer of 1967 he served as Commander of the Fla. Wing Cadet Command and Staff School.

In September 1967, Lt. Col. Bass was assigned Deputy Commander for Central Florida Wing. January 1, 1968 he was promoted to the position of Florida Wing Vice Commander, this position held until his appointment as Wing Commander. Col. Bass has been presented the CAP of Exceptional and Meritorious Service Awards. He also holds the Blue Service with Silver Clasp, Air Search and Rescue with prop, ECI, Encampment with clasps, Senior Recruiter, Cadre, Cadet COP, JOC, FAOC, SAOC and Special Activities Ribbons. He holds the Senior Certificate of Proficiency and is a rated observer.

Not only is Colonel Bass a Cadet and Senior member but a communicator as well, he has the amateur call sign of W4LFC, Citizens Band KMP3713, and formerly Sparrow 6 for CAP.

Employed at the RCA Missile Project at Cape Kennedy, Colonel Bass holds the position of Instrumentation Operations Coordinator. Colonel Bass, his wife, Capt. Mrs. Joan M. Bass and their four daughters live at 1491 South Orlando Ave., Cocoa Beach, Fla.

### NEC Meet

The National Executive Committee of Civil Air Patrol considered a wide range of projected CAP activities including plans for a CAP Staff College to be conducted this summer at Maxwell AFB, Ala. at a two-day March meeting at CAP's National Headquarters.

First of its kind in the 27 year history of Civil Air Patrol, the Staff College was made possible through the cooperation of USAF's Air University. Some 200 CAP Senior members are slated to attend the college which will be conducted in July.

The NEC, made up of national leaders of the corporation, also formalized plans for a CAP Cadet Leadership School to be conducted in July and August at Reno, Nev. Several hundred selected cadets will attend. Like the Staff College, the Leadership School also is a new CAP activity in 1968.

Brig. Gen. Lyle W. Castle, CAP, a Cincinnati, Ohio, attorney and chairman of the National Board, presided at the meeting.

### IACE for 1968

Twenty foreign countries will exchange aviation-minded youth with the United States this summer during the International Air Cadet Exchange. The exchange is sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. This is the 21st consecutive year CAP cadets have participated in the program. CAP female cadets will participate this year for the first time.

One hundred seventy-two CAP cadets have been selected from the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia for visits to the foreign nations. Great Britain is to exchange 25 cadets with the United States. A similar number of CAP cadets will visit Great Britain. Canada will exchange 15 and the other countries will exchange from three to eight cadets. Each cadet group is escorted by male adults of its sponsoring Air Force or aero club activity.

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## From the Wing Commander...

One of the most significant announcements to Civil Air Patrol that ever graced a page was the recent one concerning the Reserve Assistance Program. It's a little early yet to estimate the impact this program will have, but the potential is tremendous.

During calendar year '67 the 48 reservists working with Florida Wing put in over 6,000 hours. That's about 125 hours per man. With an initial goal of a tenfold increase to 7,000 reservists, a minimum of of three reservists per unit should be available. For Florida that's about 420 men.

The retention rate among our cadet squadrons is a serious matter and it is our intent to seek reserve assistance in those units first. We shall look to them for quality instruction and military leadership in an effort to improve cadet retention.

CAC Regulation 45-5 has been completed and differs from the old program in these important areas:

(a) Reservists can now earn one point for each two hours of participation for most activities.

(b) Reservists are now eligible for CAP membership in the same units they serve as reservists.

(c) The program will be administered by Reservists. A Director of Reserve Affairs at National will monitor the program through Region and Wing coordinators. These would be senior reservists working closely with the Region and Wing L.O.'s and Region and Wing Commanders.

(d) The Reservists role is outlined in CACR 45-5 but specifically he is expected to advise and assist the CAP commander in such functions as: (1) Teaching specialized courses in the senior and cadet training programs. (2) Retention of current members and recruiting new members. (3) Organization of new units and administration of existing units. (4) Encouraging high schools in adopting the CAP cadet program as part of the curriculum. (5) Maintaining accountability records for DOD donated equipment.

(e) National Headquarters is conducting a publicity campaign to announce this new program. Reservists will be asked to contact the nearest CAP unit or in cases where there is no unit, they will be encouraged to organize one.

There are additional details which will be made available to all units. The important thing to remember is that CAP has something to offer these men but it must be attractive. The first contact most reservists will have with CAP is the local unit commander.

## Mission Note

There has been some confusion about how, when and where to request mission numbers for specific type missions.

According to Headquarters 3rd Air Force Reserve Region, requests for authorization and mission number assignments for domestic emergency missions (tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and other similar situations) are to be made through the Wing Liaison Office, as required by AFM 355, dated 24 February 1966, and also as contained in Section 1, Florida Wing Operations Manual 1, dated 1 January 1965. A telephone call direct to the Liaison Officer can be made on a 24-hour basis, or a Wing Staff Officer can be contacted, who will, in turn, contact someone in the Liaison Office.

It is essential for all search and domestic emergency missions that a mission number be obtained before or at the beginning of a mission, otherwise our CAP personnel are not covered by the government for accident or injury liability. Reimbursement for expenses can only be claimed for the period after the mission number has been assigned and until the mission ends.

Funds for operating expenses are secured from different agencies, depending on the type of emergency. For example, the recent big wind we had at Ft. Walton Beach was a domestic emergency, assigned and funded by Hq. 3rd Air Force Reserve Region and CAP-USAF. The recent Lear jet accident near Orlando, where CAP personnel were requested as quads, was also a domestic emergency. Search and rescue missions are the responsibility of the Eastern Air Support Rescue and Recovery Center. CAP support for Civil Defense missions becomes the responsibility of the State Civil Defense Director.

The important things to remember are as follows:

1. Contact the Liaison Officer or his staff for a mission number.
2. Get the mission number assigned at the beginning of the mission.

signed at the beginning of the emergency.

3. Have accurate information on who requested our assistance, i.e., name, job, title, address and phone number.

4. Do not bypass the Wing headquarters and the Liaison Office in requesting authorization and mission numbers.

5. If another agency, such as the Coast Guard, requests our assistance and has already obtained a mission number, notify the Liaison Office immediately as an initial report is required, plus daily reports, from the Liaison Officer.

## Insurance

It was recently announced by Colonel William R. Bass, Commander Florida Wing, that units owed Florida Wing Headquarters \$3,000.00 for insurance. He advised that this amount was for vehicles and aircraft.

"The matter of insurance is paid in order to operate the vehicles and aircraft," Colonel Bass said. Being advised by Major Hugh Calms, Wing Finance Officer and Captain Thomas Leitch, Wing Insurance Officer, of the status, Col. Bass, has stated, "either the units pay the insurance or lose the vehicle or aircraft."

Units that are assigned vehicles or aircraft for the purpose of conducting the CAP program, should be well aware of the importance of their availability. Without vehicles and aircraft this would be impossible.

Colonel Bass stated, "that units who have not paid the insurance within the next thirty days will lose the vehicle or aircraft." He advised further, "if an aircraft or vehicle is imperative and will be too expensive to repair, then it should be surveyed and taken out of the inventory."

# GROUP 24 HOLDS BIVOUAC

On Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and 3rd, 1968, the Squadrons of West Duval Group 24, Florida Wing held their second bivouac at their newly acquired camp site.

The camp site known as Branman Field is located in Clay County about 16 miles Southwest of Jacksonville, Florida. The camp with its paved airstrip has been made available to Group 24 by Mr. Fred J. Spencer, the father of senior member Phillip J. Spencer a member of Group 24's Staff.

Construction began in January to turn the abandoned airport into a permanent Bivouac Area and Range School for the Group.

The camp when completed will have a tent area (set up in flights)

## New Vice-Commander



Lt. Colonel Richard C. Lockman, on April 15, 1968, assumed the position of Vice-Commander for Florida Wing. Lt. Colonel Lockman fills the vacancy left by Colonel William R. Bass, who was recently appointed Wing Commander.

Joining CAP in 1955, Lt. Colonel Lockman has progressed through the levels of the organization as Squadron Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commander, Group Commander, Task Force Commander and in 1964 he became the Executive Officer for Florida Wing. This position he held until his new promotion.

Lt. Colonel Lockman has received the CAP Exceptional and Meritorious Service Awards. He has the CAP, Civil Service, Organizer, Cadre, Senior Recruiter, ECI and Encampment Ribbons. He is an FAA Rated Private Pilot and holds the Senior CAP Pilot Wings.

Born in Asheville, N. Carolina, and member of Olympia, Lt. Colonel Lockman is employed with the U.S. Post Office Department, where he has been for 18 years.

Lt. Colonel, Major (Mrs.) Jo Ann E. Lockman and their four children live in Orlando. Two of the children are CAP Cadets.

ler, Command Post and Operations Center. On Saturday evening, March 2nd., Mr. John H. Orr, Special Representative for the Woodmen of the World, along with Mr. B.N. Boyette, President of Camp 3 a field kitchen with a separate Dining Hall, Communication Cen-

W.O.W. and Mr. B.L. Jackson, Vice President Florida Jurisdiction and member of Camp 403 W.O.W. presented U.S. Flags to the Commander of Lakeshore, Paxton, and West Jacksonville Cadet Squadrons and to the new Commander of Group 24 for the new camp.



C/Capt. Gary Buker, C/Commander, West Jacksonville Cadet Squadron; Capt. Francis P. Smith, Deputy for Cadets, West Duval Group 24; Mr. B.L. Jackson, Vice President Florida Jurisdiction and Member of Camp 403 W.O.W.; Mr. B.N. Boyette, President Camp 3 W.O.W.; 1st. Lt. C.M. Johnson, Commander Paxton Cadet Squadron; Mr. John H. Orr, Special Rep. W.O.W.; Major Carl N. Scheufler, Sr., Commander, West Duval Group 24; C/Major Mike W. Erling, Group Advisory Cadet Chairman; and 1st. Lt. James H. Roche, Commander, Lakeshore Cadet Squadron.

## Gen. Wilcox Visits F.A.A.

Brigadier General William Wilcox, National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, met with Lt. Colonel Jonathan Dwight and Florida Air Academy officials earlier this year to discuss expansion of the CAP program. General Wilcox inspected the CAP facilities and visited several classes in session. He was accompanied by Operations Officers from CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

The General complimented Col. Dwight and his staff on the outstanding Civil Air Patrol activities at the Academy. He was particularly impressed with the large number of cadets involved in the Flight program. As a former Strategic Air Command officer, Gen. Wilcox pointed out the continuing opportunities in commercial and military aviation for young men.

Among the matters discussed was the forthcoming Florida Air Academy all-cadet Encampment to be held at Maxwell AFB this Spring. This project provides a unique opportunity for cadets to live on an Air Force installation and participate in activities with regular military personnel.

General Wilcox also stressed to the Academy officials the opportunities open to cadets for participation in the International Air Cadet Exchange, conducted by CAP. He discussed the CAP Leadership Training Program, for which plans have now been completed, to be held at Reno, Nevada. This will provide an opportunity for cadets to gain physical and military training to prepare them for commissions as cadet officers in CAP.

Subsequent to his meeting with Academy officials, General Wilcox invited Col. Dwight to attend the National Executive meeting, which is to be held in Reno, Nevada.

One of the matters to be considered at the meeting is the possibility of establishing a National Civil Air Patrol Academy. General Wilcox was particularly interested in the unique combination of academic and military training offered at Florida Air Academy, as background for the Academy.

Each of the faculty officers at the Florida Air Academy holds a commission in the Civil Air Patrol, and is responsible for specific duties under the direction of Col. Dwight, who serves as commanding officer of the unit. The Academy comprises Group 23 of the Florida Wing.

It was specifically resolved by General Wilcox and Mr. Webb of CAP National Headquarters that the new Air Force Jr. ROTC program at Florida Air Academy would in no way interfere with Civil Air Patrol operations. Academy cadets will continue to participate in the annual Encampment and gain the benefit of CAP training. Air Force officials are currently planning the academic curriculum on Aerospace Education for FAA cadets.

## IN MEMORIAM -

Lt. Colonel Alfred T. Whiteside

Alfred T. Whiteside, president of the Flamingo Aircraft Company and one of aviation's pioneer pilots who in his time walked away from more than 200 forced landings, died Saturday evening following a brief illness.

Mr. Whiteside, 54, who lived at 1724 St. John's Apartment was an active pilot for 36 years and had logged more than 30,000 hours flight time. He died in a local hospital. Naugle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He began his career in aviation at 18 when he earned flight time by washing planes. In 1937, he flew the first air mail flight out of Montegoie, Tenn. to Chattanooga, a distance of 60 miles.

Credited with building and flying the first sailplane in the Southwest, Mr. Whiteside also performed aerobatics at air shows throughout the South.

It was well known in statewide aviation circles, particularly as former key man and governor of Jacksonville Hanger and key man of the Orlando Hanger and Chief Hitterman a national organization of experienced pilots.

## SUNDOWN PATROL

The Civil Air Patrol has resumed its daily Sundown Patrol flights along the Collier County Gulf coastline and Intracoastal Waterway from Clam Pass (Naples) to Cape Romano.

CAP members have patrolled the coastline for 11 years, offering aid to lishing parties and disabled craft daily during the winter seasons.

Funds to make the flights possible, and pay the expense of airplane maintenance are provided through local donations and at the CAP members' own expense.

Boatmen in trouble can signal the CAP pilot by calling Channel 14 on CB radio, or by waving a shirt or towel vigorously. The pilot then confirms the call on the sighting and sends aid on the way.

The flights start one hour before sundown and continue until sundown daily through April 15. The balance of the year the flights

are made at the same hour Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and on all holidays, weather permitting.

The flight schedules, and the regular pilots are as follows:

Monday, George Spencer and Jake Perryman.

Tuesday, Paul Frank and Jack Conroy.

Wednesday, Vern Sweet and Con Holtzhausen.

Thursday, Bob Arick and Jon Lowe.

Friday, Jerry Capanno and Earl Hedges.

Saturday, Bob Freeman and Bob Williams.

Sunday, Dr. Louis Moore and Dr. Bruce Boynton.

In case a situation arises which prevents the regular pilot from flying, the following alternates stand ready to make the flight: Frank Hires, Miles Scotfield, Russ Stahlman, Robert Hill and Bruce Mumm.



# FLORIDA'S FIRST FALCON AWARD

LL. Robert E. Martin was the recipient of the first "Falcon Award" for Florida Wing at ceremonies held in Gainesville.

At the banquet given in his honor at the Ramada Inn, Lt. Martin was presented with the coveted Award by Brigadier Gen. Robert Mautz, USAF Reserve and Chancellor of the Florida Universities.

The activities and accomplishments of Lt. Martin number many as his active CAP career began as a Cadet in September 1960.

Completing the required training for a cadet, he has received the General Carl A. Spaatz Award 24; Amelia Earhart and Certificate of Proficiency.

In 1961, Lt. Martin was selected for a Glider Scholarship where he received his pilot wings. 1962 his participation in the Pennsylvania Wing, Cadet Officer Cand-

date School, polished him to a point that he was selected for the International Air Cadet Exchange in 1964 where he visited the Netherlands. In 1965 he was selected for the Space Age Orientation Course that was held at Champaign AFB, Illinois.

Attending two Summer Encampments, Lt. Martin completed his requirements in 1962 at the Penn. Wing Encampment held at Donaldson AFB, South Carolina and in 1963 the Joint Alabama-Mississippi Encampment at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Lt. Martin was born December 29, 1946 in Washington, D.C. and due to his father, Commander Daniel L. Martin being active in the Navy, he has seen many parts of the United States to further his knowledge.

While attending high school, Lt. Martin received the Basch and

Lomb Science Award as well as he graduated with high honors. He received his Associate of Arts with honors which resulted with him being selected for the Ford Foundation Fellowship.

Presently Lt. Martin is a student with a 3.6 average at the University of Florida where he is attending on a CAP Academic Grant in Engineering and the CAP Academic Scholarship in Aerospace Engineering which is the Gill Robb Wilson Endowment. He is a member of the AFROTC unit where he was selected as the outstanding Freshman Cadet and Outstanding Sophomore Cadet, resulting in his receipt of an AFROTC Scholarship. He is also a member of the AFROTC Armed Society.

Lt. Martin's father, who recently retired, and his mother live in their family residence in Largo, Florida.



Receiving the Civil Air Patrol Falcon Award is First Lieutenant Robert E. Martin, Florida Wing's first recipient. Presenting the award is Brigadier General Robert Mautz, USAF Reserve. (l to r) Colonel William R. Bass, Commander Florida Wing; General Robert Mautz, LL. Robert E. Martin, Mrs. Daniel L. Martin and Commander Daniel L. Martin.



Colonel William R. Bass, Commander Florida Florida Wing and Mrs. Daniel L. Martin pin on the rank insignia of First Lieutenant which Lt. Robert E. Martin received as a recipient of the Falcon Award. Looking on is Commander Daniel L. Martin, Lt. Martin's father.



For outstanding assistance to the CAP, both on a local and Wing level, Honorable Cortland Collier, receives the CAP "Certificate of Appreciation" on behalf of the City Commissioners of Gainesville, from Colonel William R. Bass, Commander of Florida Wing.



Honorable Ralph D. Turlington, State Representative and Speaker of the House, receives the Civil Air Patrol's "Certificate of Appreciation" from Colonel William R. Bass, Commander Florida Wing. Congressman Turlington received the Certificate for his outstanding assistance to Florida Wing and Civil Air Patrol.

# STILL MISSING

SUBJECT: Cadet Special Activities Selection  
TO: Florida Wing, C.A.P. Membership

It is a great shame for a cadet to go to the effort to apply for cadet special activities, take the qualification test, meet the board, and then be rejected for not having a completed application.

I cannot understand why the cadets and the Squadron Commanders submit the application when a quick glance will show glaring omissions. This year 110 applications were processed and 30 rejected for being incomplete.

The carelessness on the part of the cadet is had enough, but on the part of the Squadron Commander it is excusable. The Squadron Commander's duty to inspect and approve the application of each cadet evidently does not seem to mean anything to some of our Florida Wing Squadron Commanders.

Applications were received at Wing Headquarters without C.O. signatures, without physicals, without-without-without-. Among those rejected there were collectively every possible error of omission, with the exception of submitting a partially completed initial Form 31 application.

Cadets, your carelessness causes you to miss out on the special activities; and Squadron Commanders, you penalize your cadets by your carelessness.

HARRY R. WATSON, MAJOR, USAFRes  
Special Projects Officer

- C/Capt. Edward P. Janke  
Palmtoe Cadet Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Stephen C. Lawson  
Lakeland Composite Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. John D. Brant  
Cutter Cadet Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Derek P. Smith  
Canaveral Composite Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Alvis W. Jordan  
Jacksonville Cadet Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Robert S. Duncan  
Titusville Composite Squadron
- C/Capt. George Frye  
Naples Composite Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Fred Kafka  
West Jacksonville Cadet Sqdn.
- C/Capt. Richard C. Wohlforth  
Driftwood Cadet Squadron
- C/TSgt. James R. Kendall  
Lakeshore Cadet Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Barbara A. Haslam  
Driftwood Cadet Squadron
- C/SSgt. Jose A. Fernandez  
Jacksonville Cadet Squadron
- C/TSgt. Keith E. Hadden  
North Dade Cadet Squadron
- C/SSgt. Geraldine A. Biggs  
Jacksonville All Girl Cadet Sqdn.
- C/B Joe D. Ponce  
Eglin Cadet Squadron

- C/2c. Chester W. Tisn  
Jacksonville Cadet Squadron
- C/2c. Dan C. Ridnoir  
Eglin Cadet Squadron
- C/1c. Dianne R. Rouse  
Eglin Cadet Squadron
- C/3c. Jerry L. Gibson  
Eglin Cadet Squadron
- C/B Christine A. Dulewicz  
Eglin Cadet Squadron
- C/TSgt. Brian R. Bmw  
Titusville Composite Sqdn.
- C/MSgt. Robert J. Dvches  
Naples Composite Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Lynette Heale  
Oakland Park Cadet Squadron
- C/1st. Lt. Robert W. Chappell  
Naples Composite Squadron
- C/Capt. Michael W. Bristow  
Paxin Cadet Squadron
- C/1c. Edward G. Girard  
Jacksonville Cadet Squadron
- C/TSgt. Kathleen M. Korp  
Orlando Cadet Squadron
- C/SSgt. Kathleen L. Suchor  
West Pasco Composite Squadron
- C/2nd. Lt. Bernita L. Tracy  
North Miami Cadet Squadron
- C/MSgt. Donna L. Burris  
West Pasco Composite Squadron

Editor's Note: There are presently several positions unfilled for the Special Activities program for 1968... unfilled mainly because of these incomplete applications. Since the last issue of CAPers, several cadets have inquired as to why their applications are incomplete, but NONE have been completed!

## Inner Circle Established

A letter recently received from General Wilcox, creating the National Commanders Inner Circle, is being published for the benefit of all members.

"In an effort to further promote active recruiting efforts within Civil Air Patrol, special recognition will be given to those CAP individuals who make special efforts to recruit new members. Beginning 1 April 1968 all members, both cadet and seniors, recruiting at least four new mem-

bers will be eligible for the National Commander's Inner Circle certificate. The 200 million population of the United States presents a vast resource for CAP membership. An enlarged CAP membership will increase the capability of the organization to fulfill its mission and to exert an even more important influence in the aerospace affairs of the country, in a country whose population is expanding, then for CAP not to grow is to lose ground.

There must be no misinterpretation that an increased membership should be attained at the sacrifice of quality membership.

New Members recruited may also be counted toward achievement of the Recruiter's Ribbon (paragraph 19 h and 19 j, CAP Regulation 39-3).

National Commander's Inner Circle certificates will be provided all wings in the near future for presentation to members within their wings. Wing commanders may delegate this authority to group or squadron commanders if desired.

Procedures for Inner Circle membership will be simple. Submit a CAP Form 75 or Informal letter, signed by the squadron commander, to the awarding official, certifying that a particular CAP individual has recruited four new members and list the names of the new members.

Sponsors at academic institutions where the CAP program is a requirement would not get credit for new members. At academic institutions where CAP is an elective course, new members would be counted for the sponsor when sufficient new members are recruited to require an additional class.

Our goal for 1968 is: Every member get a member. Let's all work together for a bigger and better Civil Air Patrol."

Col. Whiteside continued on page 2

In 1941, Mr. Whiteside moved to Gainesville, working with Stengel Flying Service instructing college students for Army Air Corps Training Command.

He joined the Air Corps in 1942, where he flight tested and ferried aircraft. He attained the rank of Colonel.

In 1947 he returned to civilian flying, organizing a freight line between Jacksonville and Tampa and later extending service to Guatemala and Honduras.

## EARRC 18 Deland

A Deland Flying Club airplane, missing after what was to have been a short local flight recently, was found crashed and burned early Sunday afternoon with both occupants dead.

Dead were Navy enlisted man John Williams, 24, the pilot, and Harry "Buddy" Kitchens, 36, a plumber who lived in Sherwood Forest Trailer Park north of Sanford.

Williams, who reportedly had about 100 hours of flying time, had been stationed at Sanford Naval Air Station but was transferred to Jacksonville some time ago.

Civil Air Patrol units, hampered by bad weather much of the day Sunday, were not long in finding the Piper Super Cub 10 miles northeast of Sanford once they were able to get off the ground.

Jack Sheppard, president of the 10-member flying club, said the plane took off on a planned 30-minute to one hour flight during good weather Saturday.

## St. Augustine Mission

Civil Air Patrol recently participated with the U.S. Coast Guard and St. John's County Sheriff's Department in searching for a red and white Cessna 172 which disappeared Tuesday night, March 5, with three members aboard from the newly organized Arlington Cadet Squadron, Jacksonville. The three persons, Herschel Wood, 32, of 1811 Paine Avenue, Squadron Commander; Emmett Smith, 44, of 3113 Honeywood Drive, Executive Officer; and Robert Hill, 48, of 2437 Townsend Avenue, Operations Officer of the squadron and pilot of the ill-fated plane, had attended a Group 25 staff meeting in St. Augustine. The men reportedly left St. Augustine in the single-engine rented plane about 9:40 p.m. EST and were scheduled to arrive in Jacksonville at 10 p.m.

Immediately upon learning of the disappearance, CAP rescue parties were organized. Searches were conducted for the next four days, checking out leads, ques-

tioning area residents, and conducting searches in wooded areas and swamps. In total, 1200 volunteers and snakes, all to no avail.

On Saturday, March 9, searchers got their first tangible piece of evidence when "portions of white wreckage" washed ashore from the Atlantic Ocean at Vilano Beach near St. Augustine.

The next day (Sunday), the body of the pilot, Robert Hill, washed ashore and was discovered by a resident of St. Augustine. The search then centered around this area and continued until dark. Although CAP had "completed" its mission when the wreckage had definitely been identified by FAA as being part of the missing plane, it requested an additional day in hopes of locating their fellow members. The request was granted and CAP conducted further air searches of the ocean and beaches area, but were unable to locate any additional pieces of wreckage or bodies.

Other organizations participating in the search were the St. Johns County Civil Defense; Duval County Civil Defense Police; U.S. Navy; Jax Navy Flying Club; Fairchild-Hiller Aircraft Corp.; St. Johns County Rescue Units; and the Army Air National Guard. St. Johns County Red Cross volunteers kept coffee and food available for the searchers at the airport and Vilano Beach Saturday and Sunday.

Monday night, March 11, the search was officially abandoned, although individuals continued efforts to locate the wreckage and the bodies of the two still-missing occupants.

There was enough gasoline aboard for five hours, Sheppard said, adding the plane was in good flying condition.

It wasn't known the plane was overdue until 3 p.m. Saturday when it was scheduled to be flown by someone else, Sheppard said.

The Federal Aviation Administration was notified and some search missions were flown locally Saturday. On Sunday morning CAP units from Orange and Brevard Counties, and other points in the state, and a Navy helicopter from Sanford joined the local CAP squadron in the search, with over 100 personnel taking part.

AF AUTHORIZED MISSION NUMBER	HOURS FLOWN	SORTIES FLOWN	SAVES/PINRS	REMARKS
17 Total in 1967	1481	821		1967 SAR Test 97%
EARRC - 9 Jan. 68	164	66	0/1	
EARRC 10 - 19 Feb. 68	None	None		
EARRC 11 - 19 Feb. 68	N/A	N/A		Operation LIFESAVER Air 2d Ground Search
EARRC 15 - 06 Mar. 68	130:15	67	0/1	
EARRC 16 - 07 Mar. 68	None	None	0/1	Ramp Check
EARRC 17 - 07 Mar. 68	None	None		Ground Operation
EARRC 18 - 10 Mar. 68	23	20		
EARRC 21 - Mar. 68	5	2		

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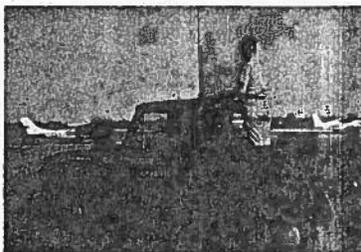
# "LIFESAVER"



Nowhere is air-minded America more evident than at special sporting events like the annual Daytona 500, held at Daytona Beach, Fla., in Feb. 1968. A modern means of transportation in America is the private plane, in which the family or friends will 'hop into' and fly off for a week-

end, either to visit friends or attend a special event. Occasional such as the Daytona 500, the Indianapolis 500, and other events of national interest, present a crush of air traffic that far exceed the capabilities of not only the agencies that control and monitor aircraft movements, but also the personnel in the airports and areas that must absorb the sudden increase of private planes. Throw in some bad weather along with all aircraft types - 90 mile-per-hour Piper Cub to the 500 mile-per-hour Lear Jet - arriving in the area at the same time and you have an idea of what faces airport managers, Flight Service and the U.S. Air Force Rescue Service, who must respond to each case of an overdue, missing, or down airplane in the 3,000,000 square miles of the United States.

For this reason, Operation "LIFESAVER" was established. The operation was under the control of the Eastern Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center (EARRC), Robins AFB, Ga., assisted by 53 senior and cadet members of the Florida Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Headquarters for the operation was established at the Daytona Beach, Florida Airport, supplemented by three satellite airports - Ormond, New Smyrna Beach, and Deland airports - all located approximately 25-miles of the operation was to assist air visitors in private planes to the area, maintain an orderly flow of aircraft movements on the ground and prevent loss of aircraft title, by encouraging flight personnel to check the weather and file a flight plan prior to departure.



All aircraft movements at the four airports involved in the operation were recorded by CAP members. Here cadets check over aircraft on the ground at the Ormond Airport.



"LIFESAVER" Staff discuss plans for coordinating the activities. (l to r) Major S.J. Templeton, USAF, from EARRC; Captain R.P. Barnett, CAP, Mission Coordinator and LColonel William E. Ewin, CAP, Deputy Mission Coordinator.



"N" number checks were made several times daily on parked aircraft as well as their arrival and departure. This procedure was done at the four airports during "LIFESAVER". C/Captain Dennis Bright here records the tail numbers.



Contact between the Mission Headquarters and a mobile team at the end of the runway was maintained on a 24-hour schedule. (l to r) W/O John Dees and C/MSgt David Krack on duty, communicate with the mobile team.

## USAF Reserve Assistance

Civil Air Patrol's Reserve Assistance program is seeking a large number of Reservists for special active duty tours this spring and summer.

Officials at Headquarters, CAP-USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala., site of CAP National Headquarters, announced that 8,390 man-days have been allocated for special duty tours.

The Director of Personnel at CAP-USAF, said short duty tours ranging from 3 to 90 days are available and invited Reservists to apply through the Civil Air Patrol Wing USAF-CAP Liaison Officer in their state or directly to his office at Maxwell.

Instructing in leadership and training school, staffing cadet flying encampments and cadet summer encampments and administering aerospace education workshops are some of the areas of duty for which the special tours are available. These activities are scheduled to begin in early summer and continue through early September. Additionally, tours of similar nature will be open in spring and summer of 1969.

Among upcoming CAP events for which Reservists may apply immediately are:

Four Flying Encampments, June 16 through August 10 at Reno, Nevada, Lawton, Okla.; Rock Hill, S.C. and a site not yet determined.

The CAP Cadet Leadership School at Reno, June 29 - August 12.

Cadet Summer Encampments, usually 12 to 14 days duration beginning mid-June and continuing through August and held at various Air Force bases throughout the country. Details on specific encampment locations and dates can be obtained by writing to Headquarters, CAP-USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala. 36112 (ATTN:CPOC).

The CAP-USAF personnel director said Reservists of all ranks and grades, who think they may be eligible, are invited to apply. Air Force specialty is not a controlling factor. Applications for special tour for this summer should be initiated immediately.

## National Board Chairman Promoted

Civil Air Patrol National Board Chairman Lyle W. Castle was named a CAP Brigadier General at a meeting of the organization's National Executive Committee

Friday (March 15) at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell authorized the General officer grade in a letter to

CAP's National Commander, Brig. Gen. William W. Wilcox, USAF. CAP is an official civilian auxiliary of the Air Force.

## SOUTHERN SQUADRON

Key West Cadet Squadron located on the southwest tip of Florida, under the leadership of Capt. Ernest House is once again on the move. A far reaching recruiting campaign supported by local civic leaders is underway, extending from the lower Keys to Marathon and throughout Key West for cadets, aircraft owners, pilots and other senior personnel.

The squadron has many activities planned for the coming year including local orientation flights, a field trip to Sector A Headquarters and Wing Headquarters, plans for attending a summer encampment and a four unit Bivouac.

Key West Squadron is assigned to the rapidly moving Dade Rce Group 10 under the leadership of Capt. Robert Taylor.

The unit is currently engaged in SAR training, First Aid, Radio Procedures and Search and Rescue Techniques.

The decision to confer general officer rank on the Board Chairman is designed to bring greater prestige to the Corporation's highest executive. It is the first time in the CAP's 27 year history that the CAP rank of general officer has been conferred on any of its national executives.

Officiating at the ceremony were Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry Viscellio, commander of Continental Air Command, General Wilcox, and members of the NEC.

General Castle was first elected National Chairman of CAP, Oct. 29, 1965 and is presently serving his third term in office. He presides at all meetings of the National Board and the National Executive Committee. General Castle is principal corporate officer of CAP and has previously served as vice-chairman.

The General joined Civil Air Patrol in 1951 and during his 17 years association has served in several key positions including Inspector and Director of Operations in the Ohio CAP Wing. He was appointed Wing Commander and later Great Lakes Region Commander before being appointed to National Board Vice Chairman. A command pilot with more than 3,000 hours flying time, he holds many CAP decorations including the meritorious service award and the distinguished service award.

A resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, General Castle is a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Smith, Lathin, Duggert and Castle. General Castle is married to the former Virginia Conrad. They have three children, Eugene (26), Nancy Ann (21) and Charles (17).



Captain House shows C/SSgt. Gary Harmon a course on the status board of a recent mission.



Radio communications are handled by C/1Lt. D. Taylor and C/SSgt. J. Pope.