

WING CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS.

More than 150 members plus spouses started arriving via plane and car on 5 June at the Florida Wing Annual Conference held at Cocoa Beach. The conference hotel was a total sellout as judged by the mob enjoying the poolside barbecue on Friday evening while listening to lilting voices singing songs from the forties to the current charts. Commander Skiba's rendition of Harry Belafonte's platinum platter "DAYLIGHT COMES AND I WANT TO GO HOME" accompanied by the choral support of four cadets was by overwhelming vote, the 'hit of the evening'!

Col. Robert Smith who has joined the staff at CAP National Headquarters..

The new Group Commanders were introduced to the assemblage; Group 1 - Major Eugene

ics ranging from Cadet Encampments to Public Affairs and Emergency Services and each was heavily attended.

The Saturday evening banquet attendees were in awe of the presentation



Standing room only assemblage at the General Assembly session of the Florida Wing Annual Conference at Cocoa Beach are addressed by Wing Commander

by guest speaker Jon Cowart, NASA Space Station Launch Package Hardware Integration Manager. Commander's Commendation Awards and Plaques were presented, and the evening concluded with dancing, socializing and considerable sharing of common interests.

Commander's Call on Sunday morning was

Saturday's General Assembly was principally to recognize numerous members for their outstanding service, dedication and accomplishments and to provide information on current happenings and near-term programs. All attendees were greeted by Commander Skiba and Col. Joe C. Mieghan, III, Vice Commander for Operations at HQ SER. Col. Skiba advised the overflow assemblage that Lt. Col. Richard Valone has been named Chief of Staff replacing Lt.

Carter, Group 2 - Major Randall Haney, Group 3 - Major Robert Ashman, Group 4 - Major Jorge Del Rio, Group 5 - Lt. Col. Charles Krout, Jr. and Group 6 - Major Jan Ferguson. It was emphasized that two of these groups are larger in membership than the membership of certain Regions of CAP.

Numerous seminars were conducted throughout the day on top-

open to all attendees and provided an opportunity for active, positive interchange with Wing Staff Directors. Similar opportunities were made available every morning during the continental breakfasts.

Col. Skiba expressed his appreciation to Lt. Col. Larry Durham and Captain Joanne Durham for their untiring efforts over many months in arranging and scheduling all conference events, programs and activities.

VIEW FROM THE PERCH

COL. ANDREW SKIBA

Florida Wing Commander

Usually, about two or three weeks before the press deadline for our wing news publication, I start getting polite reminders from our Editor, Major Buddy Harris, that I have to put together this column. The most difficult part of the process is deciding what specific areas I should write about, and more importantly, how can I make it easily readable and enlightening to you, the CAP members of the Florida Wing.

Safety Issues and Flight Operations are always issues that require our continuous attention. Unfortunately, CAP has had another fatal aircraft accident in the Northeast Region. While the details of the accident are still under investigation, it appears that two very experienced CAP Check Pilots were conducting a CAP Form 5 Proficiency Flight. The aircraft was a Cessna 182RG. The crew flew several instrument approaches in VFR conditions at a local airport and departed to a practice area for additional flight activity. The aircraft was not in radio contact with any ATC facilities at the time of the accident so specifics are not known. We share with all our CAP members the sorrow and loss of two fellow aviators, and extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Standardization of documents, checklists and procedures are normal practices in the airline industry, military, and corporate aviation world. In February 1997 I directed, in a memorandum to all commanders, CFI/Check Pilots, and operations officers, that all Florida Wing corporate aircraft will have a standardized **Aircraft Information File** aboard the aircraft. At a recent aircraft maintenance activity I attended, an inspection of four aircraft revealed that they were not in compliance with this directive. I have given those unit commanders one week to get the A.I.F. in compliance. This safety directive is vitally important to operating corporate aircraft in a safe, professional manner. An additional issue is the creation of non-approved aircraft operating checklists that I find in some of our corporate aircraft. Federal Aviation Regulations specify that operating checklists must be approved by the FAA. Most check-

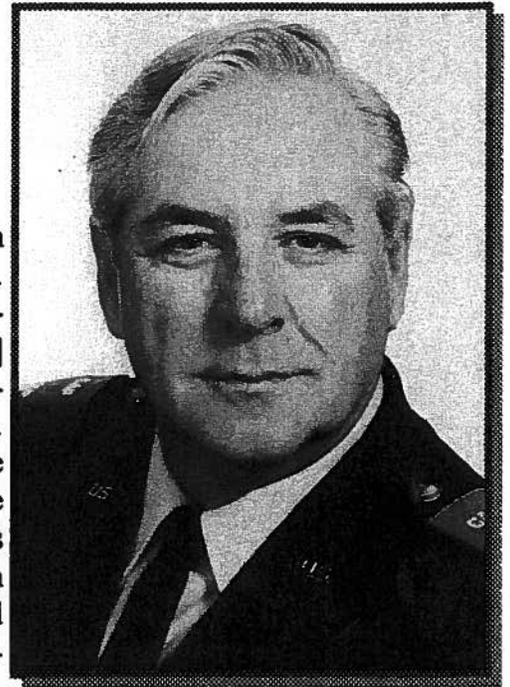
lists found in the P.O.H. [Pilot Operating Handbook] meet this requirement.

When someone modifies the manufacturer's checklist with non-approved items or procedures, the po-

potential exists for pilots to use an unauthorized flight procedure, or, more importantly, to omit something which is an essential to the proper operation of the aircraft. Should an accident or an incident occur, and CAP is found to be operating aircraft with procedures that are not approved, CAP could become liable. Finally, the latest version of CAPR 60-1 [CAP Flight Management] will be released shortly. It will contain many of the recommendations of the Safety Review Process Action Team, of which I served as Chairman. The team was composed of operational safety experts from every region in CAP.

Wing Headquarters Staff Update: LTC Richard J. Valone Sr. becomes the new Chief of Staff, replacing LTC Rob Smith who has moved to CAP National Headquarters as a paid staff member of the cadet department. LTC Valone brings a broad background in CAP to this assignment. His wife and son are also active CAP members so we get the whole family for the price of one!

LTC David Lehtonen is our new **Director of Operations**. Dave, a long time Florida Wing member, and former Group 7 Commander has both an extensive aviation and management background. Dave succeeds Major Bill Passinos who has elected to return to his local unit. I thank Bob and Bill for their hard work as wing staff members and wish them the best in their new



positions.

Major S. Buddy Harris joins the wing staff as **Editor- FLORIDA FACTS**. Buddy has received numerous wing, region and national commendations and awards for his public affairs accomplishments and will be a valued asset for Florida Wing.

Counter Drug Operations have increased substantially since last year. We are up over 150% and not only are we flying more, but CAP is having a significant impact in the war on drugs. I urge everyone that meets the qualifications for and has an interest in this important tasking of CAP to contact your unit commander or area CD coordinator. In addition to flight crew members, we need members that are skilled in computer and other technical abilities.

SAR/EVALUATION of the Florida Wing will take place on 18 July 1998. Major Buddy Harris will be the Mission Coordinator. In addition to the normal team of Florida evaluators, we will be evaluated by teams from National and Region headquarters and we will be host to four Dominican Republic SAR officials who will be observing our operations. If you are a CAPF 101 qualified specialist, give Buddy a call to find out if your specialty is needed for this evaluation mission.

1998 SOUTHEAST REGION Conference will be conducted aboard Royal Caribbean cruise lines "Sovereign of the Seas". The conference will have more than 90 Florida members attending. This will be the first CAP Conference where I will be packing my mess dress as well as my scuba gear!

FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE reports indicate that an all-time record was set for the *hottest* conference in CAP history. With temperatures soaring to an Florida high for June, over 250 attendees sweated through the recognition portion of the General Assembly as we gave tribute to various deserving members of our wing. The evening buffet banquet could only be topped by the outstanding presentation of our guest speaker, Mr. Jon. N. Cowart, the NASA Space Shuttle Manager for Flight 2A. Mr. Cowart's presentation held us spellbound as he explained little known

facts and insider details of our space shuttle program and everyone wanted to know more. It was evident by the crowd that gathered around Jon at the conclusion of his program that this ranked as one of the best presentations given at a CAP function. For those of you that did not attend, Jon Cowart will be the Shuttle Flight Manager for the next scheduled shuttle launch.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING/Atlanta is scheduled for 12-16 August 1998. The airlift flight schedules can be seen on page 23. LTC Richard Valone, Chief of Staff, is the airlift coordinator for this activity. You must be a pre-registered attendee for this Board of Director's meeting to be eligible for the airlift. So get your reservations and registrations confirmed for what promises to be an exciting and significant board meeting.

A FINAL COMMENT. There are many unsung and unrecognized members of the Florida Wing who perform invaluable service for our members. In most cases, they do not ask for thanks or recognition. They just continue to serve in their quiet fashion. At the recent wing conference, I wanted to give a member of our wing a small token of appreciation for his untiring efforts in our state capital. Unfortunately, his schedule and prior commitments precluded his attendance. **LTC John G. Brennan, our Government Relations Advisor**, works hard to ensure that we have continuous support from our state legislators. This support is essential if we are to receive continuous financial appropriations from our state government. While our dollar amount is small compared to other states adjacent in our region, it is essential to the continuous operation of our wing. I would like to thank LTC Brennan for his success on our behalf.

Equally important, John has indicated that he is need of help in his efforts in Tallahassee. If anyone has contacts in our state government and would be willing to assist in telling the CAP story to our supporters at the state capitol, please contact me, either of our Wing Vice Commanders, or LTC Brennan, and advise how you can assist in this most important activity.

PROP WASH

Southern California recently conducted a full scale emergency response exercise simulating a magnitude 8.1 earthquake. Four hundred Metropolitan employees, local fire and law enforcement agencies, American Red Cross, Metropolitan Water District employees and the **CIVIL AIR PATROL** participated.

Remember! 1 June begins the hurricane season in Florida. It's time to review last year's equipment - aircraft, vans, cars, etc. - evacuation plan; squadron alert plans; and personal preparedness and evacuation plan for you and your family.

Turn to page 159 of the 1998 edition of Florida Department of Transportation's "Florida Airport Directory". You will see a great half-page listing for our headquarters offices at MacDill AFB.

Young Metro Volunteer Award sponsored by United Way Community Services Volunteer Council was awarded to CAP Cadet Christopher Bartow, 15, of Detroit. A student at Osborn High School, Bartow has

been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since October 1995. He has attended a national flight encampment and can fly a Cessna 172. In 1997, Bartow helped in the clean-up from the tornado that hit Detroit by delivering food and blankets to the storm victims. He also helped to find a missing 7 year old child and was able to return the boy to his mother. Cadet Bartow also provided aerospace education training to students at ten Detroit area schools.

Members have been seeing a new and more contemporary 'face' on CAP Membership Cards. The new cards offer a number of improvements. In addition to enhancing the professional image of CAP membership, the card is also a major step forward in the use of advanced automation systems.

This is the first membership card revision in ten years. Other changes include the adding of region designation, using the state abbreviation, the last three digits of your squadron charter number and the member's ID bar code on the bottom of the card. Our squadron designations are now

correctly written as; SER-FL-###.

A new "Senior Member Fast Start Handbook" is intended for mailing to all new senior members. National Headquarters Membership Services recognizes that many units have their own packages that have been prepared to assist new members through the initial process. If you would like to share your ideas with them, mail your package to HQ CAP/DPM, 105 S. Hansell Street, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332

If you hear of any member not receiving their personal copy of this FLORIDA FACTS, be sure you report their name, correct address, and accurate zip code to FLWG headquarters.

CAP membership is at its highest level since December 1990. The total was 59,444 after the end of May. Cadets totaled 25,189, the first time the count has exceeded 25,000 since June 1990. Senior membership closed at 34,225, a three-year high. These numbers not only show excellent recruiting efforts but they also show increasing retention.

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SUMMER IS IDEAL TIME FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS

by 1st Lt. Arnold [Jay] Jasen

Do you need a senior training program for your next award? Promotion? Specialty Track? Summer is an ideal time.

SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL [SLS] - The SLS exposes the newer senior member to squadron operations, customs and courtesies, and enhances personal performance at the squadron level. The SLS usually lasts 12 hours over two days and is held at wing level. Successful completion satisfies a requirement for Level II.

CORPORATE LEARNING COURSE [CLC] - The CLC provides experienced senior members with insight into the operations of the wing, and highlights how the wing supports each of the three missions through its direct support and mission support functions. The CLC lasts for 12 hours and satisfies a training requirement for Level III.

REGION STAFF COLLEGE [RSC] - Region Staff College [RSC] is the formal in-residence course for completion of Level IV. Normally lasting about five days, it teaches squadron and wing level personnel leadership and management skills in a professional setting. Competition for attendance is usually keen and is limited to seniors who have completed Level III.

NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE [NSC] - National Staff College is a one week capstone of senior professional development and will be held from 22-29 August '98 at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. Reservations are limited so apply immediately.

HOMESTEAD ARB COMPOSITE SQUADRON CONDUCTS SAREX

by Capt. Kenneth Morton Sr.

CAP Squadron 279 conducted a two-day SAR Training Program for ten cadets and four pilots. SAR techniques, Grid Mapping, Communications and Flight Line Opera-

tions were certain of the elements of the training program.

CADET PROGRAM INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON INTERNET

Check the Cadet Program Section of the National HQ Homepage for the latest information on National Cadet Special Activities, scholarship information, newsletters, and award information. The Internet address is www.cap.af.mil

Each LO office has received six Color Guard training tapes. These VHS tapes cover many aspects of the Color Guard maneuvers, and are great for competition practice.

Remember! Submit Cadet Orientation Flights to National HQ/CPR on a CAPF 7 not CAPF 77.

CAP-MAP 2000 is a management tool that awards points for accomplishing organizational goals. Points awarded in the Cadet Programs are in five categories: Flight Orientation, Encampment, Mitchell Awards, Earhart Awards, and Spaatz Awards.

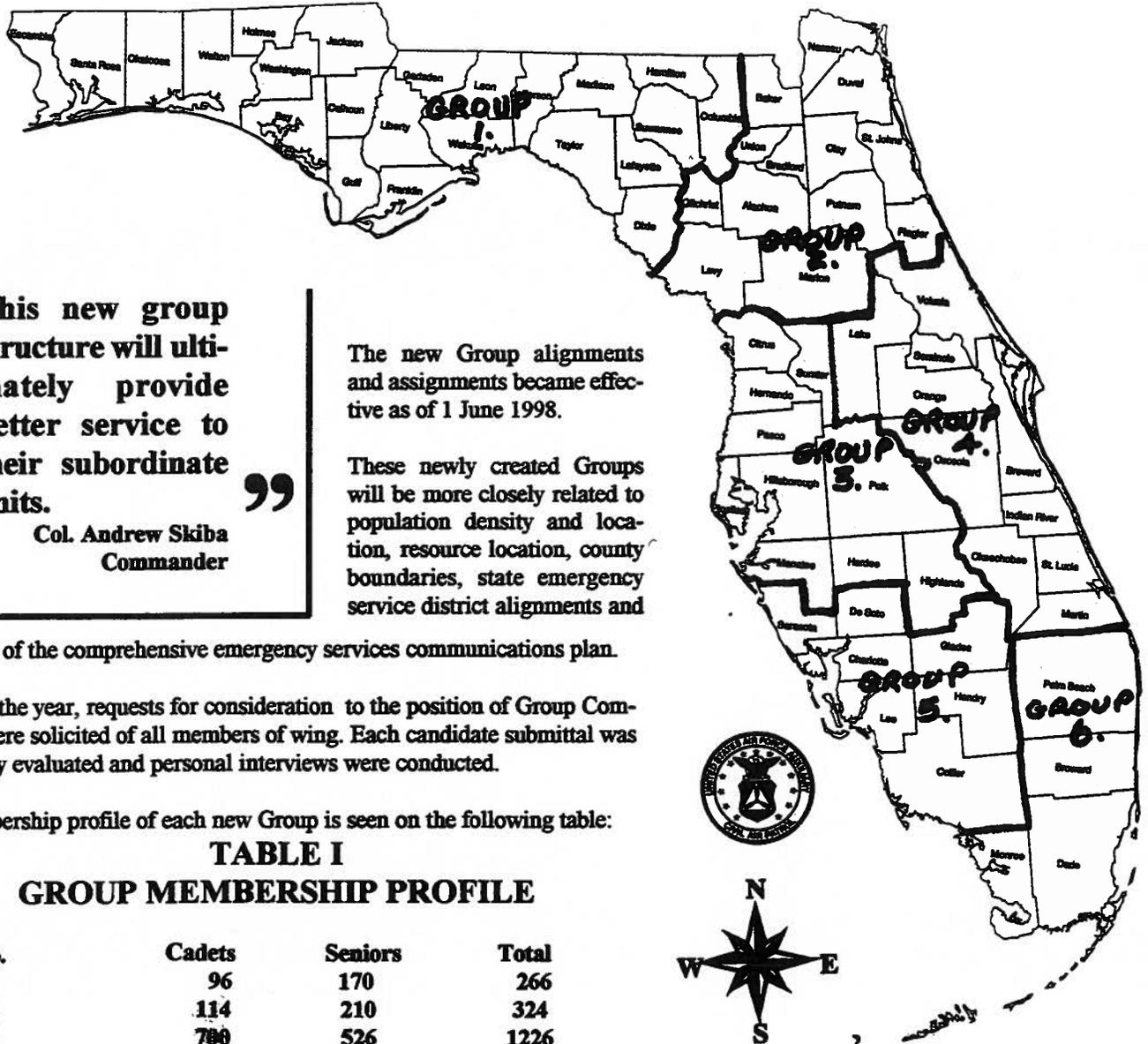
The Senior Sector is rewarded for SLS and CLC attendance plus RSC and NSC graduates. New members, Flight Clinics, SAREX's, are certain other award areas.

DISASTER ASSESSMENT DRILL HELD AT NORTH PERRY AIRPORT

by Capt. Harvey Bennett

A tornado ripping through Pompano Beach caused wide-spread destruction and forced the crash of a two-seater plane was the training scenario. All Broward County Squadrons participated in this successful ground and air training session.

GROUP REALIGNMENT IS SMOOTH TRANSITION



“ This new group structure will ultimately provide better service to their subordinate units. ”

Col. Andrew Skiba
Commander

The new Group alignments and assignments became effective as of 1 June 1998.

These newly created Groups will be more closely related to population density and location, resource location, county boundaries, state emergency service district alignments and

alignment of the comprehensive emergency services communications plan.

Earlier in the year, requests for consideration to the position of Group Commander were solicited of all members of wing. Each candidate submittal was extensively evaluated and personal interviews were conducted.

The membership profile of each new Group is seen on the following table:

TABLE I
GROUP MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Group No.	Cadets	Seniors	Total
1	96	170	266
2	114	210	324
3	780	526	1226
4	295	341	636
5	146	236	382
6	598	490	1088
TOTAL	1949	1973	3922

Col. Skiba has requested that all members give their assistance and support to the new Group Commanders and to the newly aligned Groups. To minimize transitional impacts, Capt. Robert Wisniewski, Wing Communications Officer has determined that existing radio call signs will not be changed excepting those for Group Staff Officers, whose call sign will be reflective of their new Group's number.

MEET YOUR NEW GROUP COMMANDERS

Group I Commander, Major Gene Carter enlisted in the USAF Reserves in 1986 as an aircraft maintainer. Graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1991 and entered active duty as an aircraft maintenance officer assigned to Hurlburt Field, Fl.



**Major Gene Carter
GROUP I**

Major Carter joined the CAP in 1995, became Milton Senior Squadron Commander in 1997 and Group I Commander in January 1998.

He is certified as a Mission Pilot, CN Aircrew, and Cadet Orientation Pilot. He is working towards certification as a Mission Coordinator. Major Carter is married and his wife, Cari, is Group I Administration Officer. Major Carter's goals are to continuously improve Group I capabilities and training, to retire from active duty with the USAF, and to become a CAP wing commander.

Group II Commander, Major Randall M. Haney enlisted in the US Navy in 1967 and advanced to Chief Petty Officer. He was commissioned in 1981 and served at billets from Florida to Puerto Rico. Major Haney has been awarded eight medals with numerous stars on most. He retired from the USN in 1997, after 30 years of service..

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**Major Randall M. Haney
GROUP II**

Major Haney joined the CAP in 1994 and is a certified Senior Pilot, Cadet Orientation Pilot and SAR/DR Pilot.

Major Haney is presently a doctoral student at the University of North Florida and teaches Technology at Paxton Middle School in Jacksonville. His wife, 1Lt. Peggie Haney is Squadron Commander of the Herlong Composite Squadron. Lt. Haney is a Medical Assistant at the Florida Heart Center.

LtC. Charles Krout is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and the holder of a Private Pilot Certificate and is a Certified Ground Instructor, Instrument, Advanced.



**LTC. Charles Krout Jr.
GROUP V**

He joined CAP in 1990 and the Marco Island Senior Squadron.

Col. Krout holds the Garber Award and the Yeager Award. He has a Technician rating in Communications, and Emergency Services, Senior rating in Aerospace Education, Master rating in Senior Programs and is a Master Observer. Col. Krout is also certified as an FAA Observer and CN/DEA crew.

He conducted Level I course and Corporate Learning Course and instructed a Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course. Col. Krout has a Commander's Commendation and was Commander of Group 8.

Major Jan Ferguson began his CAP career in 1996. He was appointed Commander of the Broward Knights Cadet Squadron. That same year, the unit was awarded the "Outstanding Cadet Squadron of 1996."



**Major Jan Ferguson
GROUP VI**

Major Ferguson established the "Top Flight"

Aerospace Education School and served as Group IX Commander. He holds a Private Pilot's Certificate and is a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association [AOPA].

His wife, Capt. Christine Ferguson, has been the Commander of the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron since 1996. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a CAP FO assigned to Group VI Headquarters.

GROUP III Commander, Major Robert Ashman's and GROUP IV Commander, Major Jorge Del Rio's bio data/ photo were not available by press time.

Editor's note: Prior to the appointment of the new Group Commanders, Col. Skiba requested applications and resumes from all interested applicants in the Wing. Subsequent to the appointment, queries were raised as to why no female commanders were named.

"As an experienced female member of command staff and a member of CAP since 1976, I will speak to this issue. I have served previously with two of the finest female LTC's in CAP, LTC Ila Headman, Commander Sq. 68, Costa Mesa, CAWG and the late LTC Mary Knorr, Director Senior Training, CAWG. I serve presently with the finest Finance Officer in CAP, Cpt. Sharon Kingsley. For those who do not understand the responsibility of the FLWG Finance Officer, she not only ensures compliance with all NHQ's and Federal requirements each year during a complete outside audit, she is also responsible for all audit requirements for our annual funding from the State of Florida as well as issuing each and every payment [+/-500 per month] to members of FLWG and all vendors, as well as tracking all USAF funds and reimbursements through NHQ.

Our FLWG Director of Aerospace Education, LTC Amy Ruth Boxwell, is a former principal who has not only attended 90% of the National Congresses on Aviation and Space Education during the last 15 years but has had four of her nominees for the Brewer Awards as National recipients of that award. In addition, she is a knowledgeable educator whose enthusiasm and warmth has encouraged squadrons throughout

AN OPEN LETTER

the FLWG to host AE classes which have enabled over 100 recipients to earn the Yeager Award in the past year alone.

And most of the members could tell me more about LTC Kay Cunningham than I could summarize here. But at the very least, she commanded a squadron of over 100 cadets [female] and served actively in Emergency Services.

LTC Etta Speiker, a member of Kay's Inspector General's staff, previously served as Group 9 Commander. LTC Doris Anderson, also a member of Kay's staff, is quite familiar to communicators in FLWG and was also active as a Mission Coordinator for many years, as I understand.

1Lt. Trish Turner has attended virtually every cadet function in FLWG during the past few years, produced an outstanding FLWG newsletter and inspires us all who meet her with her gracious manner.

Major Jennifer Wertz serves the Cadet Programs Staff as a rock solid example of competence and professionalism. Only with the talents like Jenny and Jayson Jenkins could a complete relocation of a major event Like Cadets Special Acts Selection be handled within 48 hours of the activity, with every member no-

tified prior to the event.

The late Cpt. Alice Davis served at her husband's side as an inspiration to us all by her strength and cheerfulness throughout all adversity.

Chaplain Joann Durham serves throughout this wing as a counselor, a pilot and supporter of Cadet activities.

Major Suzann Gray, a former squadron commander in Panama City serves as the Communication Licensing Officer filling a critical function with one of the finest 'Can-Do' attitudes found anywhere.

At one point, four of the six squadrons in

Group 9 were commanded by women. Major Marsha Pennington and Major Jan Kendrick have commanded successful cadet squadrons for many years. Major Pennington recently led her Color Guard to success at the FLWG Color Guard Competition.

FLWG also has female SAR pilots and Check Pilots and Mission Coordinators. They all serve for the good of CAP by doing the work that needs to be done.

The opportunity in CAP exists for anyone who is willing to sacrifice time away from family and friends and to do so at their own expense."



**Lt. Col. Valerie Brown
speaks out.**

*LTC Valerie Brown
Florida Wing Staff*

GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSMAN VISIT TORNADO DEVASTATION AREA.

Governor Lawton Chiles and Congressman William McCollum visited the Winter Garden area for an on-site inspection of the wide-spread devastation caused by the touching down of a tornado.

The visit included a meeting with the Central Florida Composite Squadron and Seminole Cadet Squadron members who had been providing damage assistance to the distraught residents.

Damage assessments were completed of the various affected



L to r. Governor Lawton Chiles, Cadets Joey Zujos and Matthew Perry from the Seminole Cadet Squadron, C/Col. Shane Turner and 1Lt. Trish Turner from the Central Florida Composite Squadron and Congressman William McCollum.

neighborhoods and physical damage and power outage reports were turned in to the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel, headed by Director Witt.

Food, water and supplies were carried into the Red Cross shelters as the supply trucks arrived.

Group Commander, Major Jorge Del Rio, was particularly busy coordinating mission tasks, ensuring observance of safety procedures, being interviewed by TV and radio media, and inventorying the personal damage he incurred at his own home.

SENATOR JOHN GLENN RESPONDS TO SENATOR METZENBAUM

Senator John Glenn responded to Senator Metzenbaum when asked how he could run for Senate when he never held a job. "I served 23 years in the US Marine Corps. I was in two wars. I flew 149 combat missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook, it was my life that was on the line. This was not a 9 to 5 job where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I ask you to go with me...As I went the other day to a Veterans Hospital and looked those men with their mangled bodies in the eye and tell them they didn't hold a job. You go with me to any Gold Star mother and look her in the eye and tell her that her son

did not hold a job. You go with me to the Space Program, and you go as I have gone to the widows and the orphans of Ed White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chafee and look those kids in the eye and tell them that their Dad didn't hold a job. You go with me on Memorial Day...and stand on Arlington Cemetery - where I have more friends than I like to remember - and you watch those waving flags, and stand there and think about this nation, and tell me those people didn't have a job.

Howard Metzenbaum, you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men - I REPEAT: 'Some men - who held a job. And they required a dedication to purpose and a love of country and a dedication to duty that was more important than life itself. And their self sacrifice is what made this country possible.'

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

Each Group is to select three members for the Cadet Advisory Council [CAC]. These members are to be truly representative of the cadet membership and their units within the Group. The Group Commander is also to select one of the three representatives to serve as chairperson. The Group Commander is to submit the selected person's names to Wing for submission to the CAC.



The 1998 Civil Air Patrol National Board Meeting will be held in August in Atlanta, Ga. Acting National Commander Brigadier General Bobick will be up for election as National Commander. There will possibly be four candidates running for the position of Deputy Commander. A new Chief of Staff, Finance Officer and National Executive Committee representatives will be appointed. This will make for a very important and exciting meeting and members are urged to attend. It is truly CAP democracy in action.



The U.S. Air Force has decided to continue to include the Civil Air Patrol as a Line Item in the Defense Department's budget. This eliminates concerns that CAP expenditures would have to be individually applied for and authorizations individually requested...a tiresome procedure.

Radio rack locks have been obtained for all corporate aircraft. National Headquarters requires that all aircraft in the CAP fleet have these locks installed to protect corporate assets. Wing Logistics Officer, Capt. William Lynch has distributed these locks to each of the Group Commanders and it is the responsibility of the Squadron Commanders, who require these locks, to requisition and arrange for installation.



Pulse Lights have been similarly distributed to the Group Commanders for installation in all corporate aircraft. Installation work orders and guidance are to be obtained from Wing Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Lt. Col. Waldense Malouf.



Wing Standards & Evaluation Officer, Major Luis Garcia has been attempting to acquire life raft recertification from the Department of the Navy. Upon inspection, it was discerned that certain of this equipment was non-recertifiable due to dry rot, tears, open seams, etc. All units that have over-water operations, will immediately be provided with replacement equipment, whenever required.. Such requests are to be submitted to the respective Group Commander.

Less than one day following check-out from the 1998 Wing Conference, Lt. Col. Valerie Brown, Major Suzann Gray and Capt. Sharon Kingsley have volunteered to serve as the 1999 Annual Wing Conference Planning Committee. With this trio of proven capability, it is strongly recommended that every member be prepared to instantly submit a reservation application as soon as they are distributed. The 1999 conference is certain to be a total sell-out.



Logistics Director, Capt. William Lynch has given his solemn pledge that Florida Wing WILL be removed from Air Force Logistics freeze this year. Every member who has been assigned CAP equipment will account for same and will assume absolute responsibility for maintaining that equipment in pristine condition. *To be forewarned is to be forearmed!*



Wing Emergency Services Director, Lt. Col. Gary Nelson succinctly states, "CAP members who hold levels of ES responsibility with applicable titles will either obligate or abdicate those responsibilities and the title attached thereto. Misuse or non-use of CAP Emergency Service responsibilities is unacceptable."



CADET CAP'ERS



 National Commander, Brig. Gen. James Bobick - Cadets may continue to wear single breasted all-weather coats and women's fly-front collar blouse until 1 July 2000.

 Commander, Lt. Col. James Spieth - Thirteen cadets from Lee County Composite Squadron and Dolphin Flight completed the Toastmaster's International Youth Leadership Training Program.

 Commander, Major Aloysius Kasten - Cadet Stephen Music returned to CAP from the Air Force ROTC program and S/M Richard Shoemaker has returned from Australia to rejoin.

 C/Col. William Westcott - The first Cadet Leader Course was held at MacDill AFB. As part of a very extensive curriculum, cadet policies were clarified, reasons for their existence were explained and policies that were confusing were discussed.

 PAO, S/M Joan Calder - 17 cadets from Lantana Lake Worth and North Palm Beach Cadet Squadrons got a pilot's view of the cockpit of a Boeing 747 at Miami International Airport. They also watched luggage travel seven miles in eight minutes and observed flight line operations as directed from the tower.

 PAO, 2 Lt. Allen Smith - 28 senior members and cadets from the Jacksonville Composite Squadron participated in a weekend at Camp Blanding. The cadets completed training in Land Navigation, Leadership Reaction Course and the Obstacle Course.

 PAO, C/Airman Matthew Griffin - North Tampa Cadet Squadron spent a memorable evening with members of the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. They watched every step in the packing of a parachute. The parachutists described their average day starting out with a four mile run, making ten jumps, and practicing free-falls in a wind tunnel. They have the weekends off, if they are not doing a show. The day after the meeting, the Golden Knights parachuted onto the grounds at the Gaither High School.

 PAO, Joan Calder - C/Master Sargent Max Rodriguez of Lantana Lake Worth Cadet Squadron received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was recommended by Congressman Robert Wexler. Cadet Rodriguez has been flying since he was thirteen and has his glider's pilot license. He participated in a two-week CAP sponsored program at U.S. military bases last year.

 Commander, Major Marsha Pennington - Former cadet and now 1 Lt. Jeremy Pennington of the South Marion Cadet Squadron, graduated with honors from the University of Miami with a Degree in Meteorology and Math. Lt. Pennington is a Meteorological Technician at the National Hurricane Center and a Research Assistant for the Marine Science School. He has been accepted for the Master's Program at the university this fall.

SOUTH MARION CADET SQUADRON PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION COMPASS

by Major Marsha Pennington

Thirteen South Marion Squadron Cadets plus Senior Leaders and parents spent three days aboard the aircraft carrier Yorktown to assist in "Operation Compass" activities.

"Operation Compass" is a volunteer program to restore the carrier Yorktown, known as the "Fighting Lady". Volunteers have already refurbished the Admiral's Radio Room, the Bridge and Chart Room. Other projects underway include the Quarter Master Shack, Admiral's Sea Cabin, and the passageway to the Island Structure.

The CAP cadets cleaned and polished an F4F Wildcat, TBM Avenger, F6F Hellcat and FG-1D Corsair. In spite of the heavy work party's assignments, the cadets were able to visit the Submarine Clamagore, Coast Guard Cutter Ingham [which was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941], the Destroyer Laffey as well as a full tour of all decks of the Yorktown.



CADETS FALL IN ON FLIGHT DECK OF USS YORKTOWN



HONOR GUARD SALUTES REPRESENTATIONS OF THE FOUR BRANCHES OF SERVICE DURING MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES.

SOUTH MARION CADET SQUADRON SWEEPS IN WING CADET COMPETITION by Major Marsha Pennington

The South Marion Squadron took first place in eight competitions during the Wing Cadet Competition held at MacDill AFB. They won the 'blue ribbon' for Standard Drill, Inspection, Standard Color Guard Drill, Indoor and Outdoor Color Guard Drills, Testing, Mile Run

and Overall Ranking. The Petersburg Squadron took first place in Drill Inspection, Drill Testing and Drill Overall Ranking and the Brandon Squadron took first place in Innovative Drill and Drill Mile Run.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CADET COMPETITION SCHEDULED

The 1998 Southeast Regional

MCCOY CADET SQUADRON CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

A soul stirring Memorial Day service was conducted by the McCoy Cadet Squadron at the First Baptist Church. The cadet honor guard presented four peak caps representative of the four services. A symbolic red rose, a lighted candle, salt shaker and white cloth were placed on a table and received an honored salute for those living and dead who have served our nation in defense of its freedom. Lapel flag pins were presented to all veterans in attendance and to all gold star parents by the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Services.

The honor guard also presented colors for the installation ceremony of Captain Tim Key as Chaplain of the McCoy Squadron. CAP/AF Col. Jerry Angley assisted Mrs. Key in placing the new captain epaulets on Chaplain Key's uniform. Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Kermit Davis and Deputy Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Harold Johnson officiated at the service. Squadron Commander Capt. David Younce expressed his pride for the cadets and his gratitude for new Chaplain Key.

Cadet Competition will be conducted at Tyndall AFB on 11-14 July. Team members and escorts will be billeted in the ROTC quarters and meals will be in the dining hall.

The events, formats, and scoring methods are contained in the CAPM 50-16.

MISSION MEMOS



LTC. Gary Nelson, Wing Emergency Services Director reports that Florida Wing led the nation in AFRCC Missions, as follows:

1997	MISSION TYPE	as of MAY, '98
107	AFRCC	152
44	Distress	5
79	Non-Distress Located	102
24	Ceased Transmitting	45
2290	Man-Days Expended	3100
135	Flying Hours	180
851	Number of Personnel	1127

Col. Nelson concluded with the observation that
a) it is taking longer to locate mission targets,
b) existing ES personnel are being over-used.
Certain Groups have only one MC, who gets all missions. This must change.

MacDill's 8089th Squadron located an ELT in one of NOAA's helicopters inside Hangar 5. The Hughes 500 was undergoing maintenance and the ELT was accidentally activated.

Ormond Beach Senior Squadron completed a major damage assessment mission and subsequently provided assistance to the residents who suffered from the severe impacts of a tornado that ripped through their neighborhood. The devastation was wide-spread, telephone and electrical power was disrupted, trees were down and homes were totally destroyed. The property loss and death toll was overwhelming. Dazed residents expressed sincere appreciation for the CAP help.

Eglin Composite Squadron, Pensacola Composite Squadron, Milton Senior Squadron, Panama City Composite Squadron and Tyndall Composite

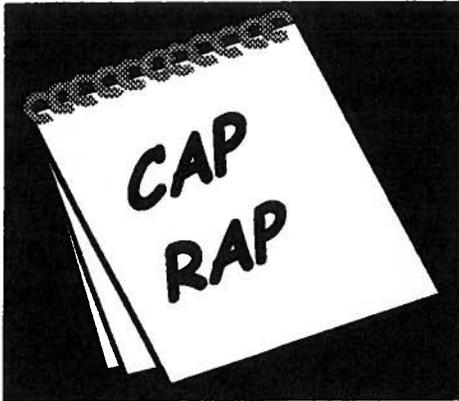
Squadron participated in a major flood damage assessment mission in four Panhandle counties as requested by the American Red Cross. The Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] had declared the areas a federal disaster area. The CAP personnel completed 18 ground sorties under difficult and hazardous conditions. More than 1600 miles were driven in performance of this mission.

Central Florida Composite Squadron performed an air search and found a missing blue/white Rockwell Commander with assistance from the Sheriff's Department helicopter. The plane did a flat spin into a large pond that was surrounded by tall pines, and surprisingly, there were no signs of broken branches. The plane was spotted, the helicopter came to the reported coordinates, confirmed the find, and an emergency medical team was enroute all within four hours of the search initiation. Regretably, the family crew of three perished in the crash.

A Group 6 Ground Team searched for and found an activated ELT in a Piper Archer inside a hangar at the Orlando Executive Airport. Curiously, the plane was owned by the CAP Flying Club, which has no association with the CAP. A defective switch caused the NARCO-10 to transmit the alarm signal.

The Seminole Cadet Squadron and the Central Florida Composite Squadron provided ground teams to search for an ELT that was successfully located on a Cessna 150 at the Orlando Country Airport.

Charlotte County Composite Squadron completed a successful SAREX searching for a "downed" aircraft which was really a wide sheet of aluminum foil. Cadets and senior members also practiced electronic searches for an emitting ELT. All search crews successfully found their targets.



Welcome to our newest squadron:

Pasco County Cadet Sq.
SER FL 439

Port Richey 34673 0249

CC-Capt. Mario D. Bartoletti
Phone-813 841 9149

The squadron was 'born' on 10 Dec. 97. It began as a flight unit of the 8089th CAP Squadron at MacDill AFB and rapidly developed into a 'stand-alone' unit. Congratulations and welcome to the Florida 'Family'.



Major Charles Vogelsong, Commander of the Lee County Composite Squadron, turned off his 56th ELT-EPIRB alarm recently. The last one was in a Cessna 150 with a pilot who had crash landed the aircraft on farmland after experiencing electrical trouble. The nose wheel dug into the plowed field and the plane flipped onto its back. The pilot was unhurt. *Editor's Note: As MC, I can attest to the fact that the word 'no' doesn't exist in Major Vogel-*

song's vocabulary. In more than two years, he has never refused a mission assignment.



Florida Wing's new Cessna 172 is not authorized for conversion to CAP communication needs. Therefore, Commander Skiba has determined that this new aircraft will be used for cadet orientation flights and counter narcotics missions only. The aircraft will temporarily be housed in the Naples Senior Squadron hangar at the Naples Airport.



We have Major Jay Jeffries to thank for the Florida Wing's new web page. Unless you have designed a web page, you can't begin to appreciate the time, effort and capability required.



National CAP Marketing and Public Relations Director, Mary Nell Crowe has authored "Successful Grant and Proposal Writing Tips". This valuable guide covers types of grants, sources of grants, and writing the grant proposal. It also includes a number of sample letters and proposals as well as useful check-lists and hints. Copies may be requested from Director Crowe at NHQ.

Capt. Tim Key was recently sworn in as CAP Chaplain to the McCoy Cadet Squadron. Wing Chaplain, Lt. Col. Kermit Davis conducted a beautiful investiture program. Squadron Commander, Capt. David Younce advises this is the first chaplain the squadron has had in twelve years...and Capt. Key is also a pilot. CAP/Air Force Liaison Officer, Col. Jerry Angley, Deputy Wing Chaplain LTC. Harold Johnson and Major S. Buddy Harris represented FLWG at the ceremony.



The new membership/unit codification system is a giant advance toward 'user friendly' identification. For example, SER-FL-376 immediately tells you that unit 376 is in Florida Wing and the Southeast Region.



The Fernandina Senior Squadron was featured in an excellent article with full color pictures in the April issue of "The Islander" magazine. Squadron Commander, LTC. Jerry Kawecky is extremely proud of his rapidly growing 53 member squadron and the ever increasing involvement in community activities.



From The **MAILBAG**

The best thing I ever heard was the response last night when Capt. Spencer asked the cadets who received the FLORIDA FACTS and they all raised their hands! Most even said they read it! Kudos for getting this out to one and all.

1 Lt. Trish Turner
Central Florida Composite Squadron

some of the finest volunteer and professional firefighters are female as well as male. I hope we will use the correct term so we do not exclude these paid and volunteer professional rescuers from their brother firefighters.

Thank you and keep up the good work!

Major David E. Greene
Daytona Beach Composite Squadron

process darkens the photo by 15%-20%. Using B/W or color film makes no noticeable difference.

I am so impressed with the "new" FLORIDA FACTS and all the information contained within. What a great communication benefit to all in the state.

Capt. Sharon Kingsley
Florida Wing Finance Officer

I just received the March issue in my Wing mail-out. A wonderful job!!! However, on the distribution end, only about one-half of my members attending the meeting last night remember getting one at home. I don't think I got one mailed directly to me, just the squadron P.O. Box. Are you planning to mail directly to all members?

Capt. Robert Ebaugh, Commander
Pinellas Senior Squadron

Editor's Note: Thanks for pointing out the faux pas. Mea culpa! I doubly appreciate it as the provider of an opportunity to specially recognize all female volunteers and particularly those in CAP who perform in such an outstanding manner, as better stated by LtC. Valerie Brown. See page 8.

Can you give me some pointers on how to get pictures of the quality in FLORIDA FACTS. Are the pictures taken in color or black & white? Can you help me in this area? I will be happy to take pictures of Group 1 activities, but would like some guidance to assure that they will be useable.

Major Paul Fouche, Commander
Perry Composite Squadron

Editor's Note: Since the March Issue was the first total membership distribution attempt, Major Munger wisely determined to play it safe and mailed copies direct to all Wing Officers and Unit Commanders. This was then followed by the bulk mailing to all members..

GREAT JOB on the FLORIDA FACTS. It was good to hear from Florida Wing again!

Only one comment and please take it as a positive... You referred to Firefighters as Firemen. As you know

Editor's Note: CAPM 190-1, pages 13-17 is an excellent dissertation on technique. A simple test is to look in the viewer and mentally consider whether what you see will tell a story without a caption. Light backgrounds, light facial content, minimal shadows and dark areas are best for copy machines. That

GREAT job with the FLORIDA FACTS! Thank you for your volunteerism in improving Florida Wing.

Major Robert B. Smith
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

Volume 3 was darn good! It was the first issue I have ever seen. Keep them coming!

Lt. Col. Nancy Rasmussen
Florida Wing Asst. Inspector General

Just received copy of FLORIDA FACTS in the mail. Very impressive. A big salute to Florida Wing.

Capt. Ron Alexander
Southbridge Cadet Squadron

Note to Readers: From The MAILBAG is intended to answer any requests for CAP information. Put this column to the test.

MacDill AFB HOSTS AIR FEST '98

AIR FEST DISASTER DRESS REHEARSAL 1LT. BILL HOEFER 8089th Composite Squadron

Prior to the two day AIR FEST '98 held at MacDill AFB, eight CAP squadrons practiced a disaster relief training exercise at the air base in preparation for the major event..

The 8089th Composite Squadron, Oakhurst Cadet Squadron, Tampa Cadet Squadron, Skyway Bridge Composite Squadron, Sarasota-Bradenton Composite Squadron, Gator Senior Squadron, City of Seminole Senior Squadron, Hillsborough 1 Senior Squadron, Florida Wing Headquarters and the Tampa Fire Department K-9 team plus Air Force medical and security personnel participated in the exer-



Civil Air Patrol aircraft on display during MacDill AFB Air Fest '98

cise.

The mission task was threefold:

- Search and rescue of two pilots who ejected from two F-16's involved in a mid-air collision.

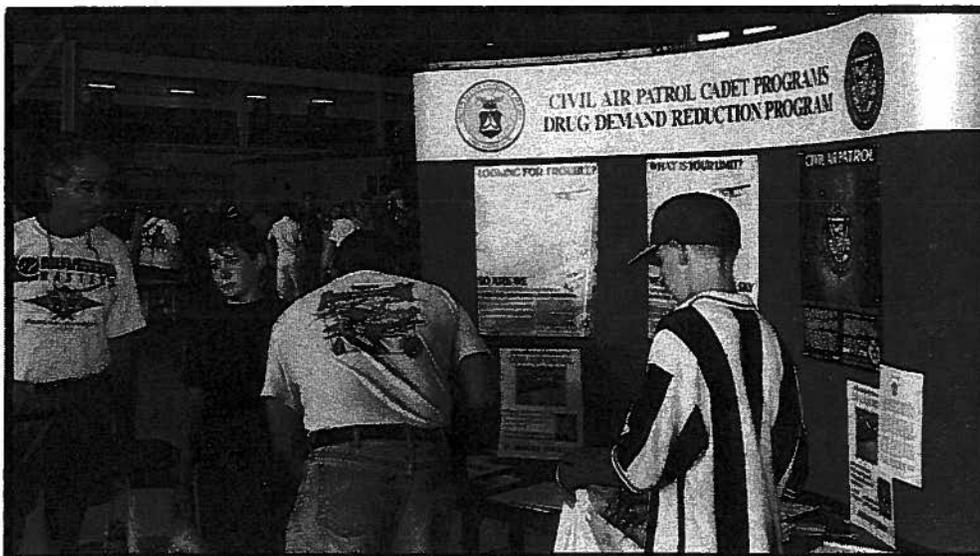
- Initiate and assist with first aid of people injured by falling wreckage from the collision

- Play the parts of injured, dazed and dead spectators.

The training mission terminated with the locating of the lost pilots and the medical treatment of all 'wounded' spectators at the base hospital.

The exercise was a complete success and AF General Soligen, Commander of the 6th Air Refueling Wing underscored that evaluation with his comment; "Heck of a job."

The Air Fest '98 featured air acts which included the Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, F-15 Strike Eagle, B-52 Stratofortress fly-by, Red Baron Stearman Squadron, TransWorld Starfighters F-104's, Oreck XL planes, and the Toyota Air Sports Extra 300 performing 'thunder over Tampa.'



Visitors check out CAP Recruiting Display inside Hangar No. 3 at MacDill AFB during Air Fest '98

LARGEST FLORIDA SAREVAL SCHEDULED FOR JULY

The statewide SAREVAL will be held on 18 July at 0730 to 1600 hrs. at the Naples Senior Squadron HQ. at Naples Airport, announced FLWG Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba.

"12 to 14 aircraft will be mobilized and all squadrons in the state are expected to participate," said FLWG ES Director, LtC. Gary Nelson.

FLWG Major S. Buddy Harris will serve as Mission Coordinator. An innovative TIGER [To Improve Group Emergency Response] Plan will be put into effect and time/motion studies will be implemented throughout the tactical mission.

Training ES personnel will be a prime objective and 101T cards will be required.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR REGION STAFF COLLEGE

The 1998 Region Staff College will be held at the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tennessee from 27 September to 2 October. Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham will serve as Director.

Applicants are required to send CAPF 17 to SER Staff College, SER Headquarters, P.O. Box 9540, Knoxville, TN 37940-9540. Registration applications will be accepted until 12 September or until the class is full, whichever comes first.

Director Cunningham advises that successful completion of Region Staff College or Squadron Officer School is a requirement for completion of Level IV and the Paul E. Garber Award. Officers having the rank of Major or lesser rank are required to have completed Level IV to be eligible for appointment to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

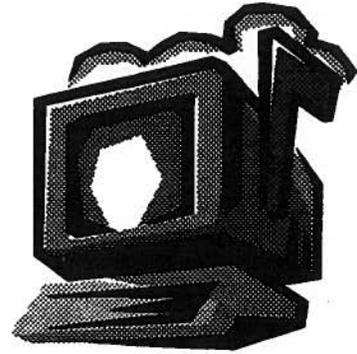
For additional information, call 941 646 2775.

1998 FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE COLOR GUARD



L to R - Jeremiah Bennett, Major Marsha Pennington - Squadron Commander/Escort, Miguel Torres - Team Commander, Steven Dudley, Crystal Calvert, S/M Gary Bennett - Escort and Denver Anguish.

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



The latest edition of one of the federal government's best-selling booklets is now available. "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" has been revised to reflect changes in the law for 1998. This 89- page handbook provides the latest information on important changes in eligibility for VA medical care. It also describes other federal benefits, including education, disability compensation, pension, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, and burial assistance. The Government Printing Office sells the booklet [number 051-000-00214-8] for \$ 3.75, but the full text is available free through the Internet at www.va.gov/benefits.htm. To order with Visa or Master Card, phone 202-512-1800.

Zip plus 4 is now required of everyone by the US Postal Service. To look up zip+4 numbers, use Internet URL http://www.usps.gov/ncsc/lookups/lookup_zip+4.html

Col. Garland Padgett Jr., Commander, CAP-USAF, Maxwell AFB retired effective 30 June 98. Col. Dennis Parkhurst, CAP-USAF, Vice Commander assumed the commander's position immediately.

Imagine! All CAP Forms are now available as downloads on the Internet. The URL is <http://igate.ghostmine.com/rmrcap/capforms/forms/capf5.zip>.

To avoid delays in issuance of Radio Operator's Authorization [ROA] cards, be absolutely certain that the following information is provided to Major Suzann B. Gray, FLWG Licensing Officer:

Applicant's Name; CAPSN; Squadron Number,
Cadet or Senior; Old ROP Card or Copy.

If new application and never have had ROP card, provide FLWG Form 22 and show the dates of the ACUT or BCUT class.

CAP Safety Alert 98-01 advises that the DF in our aircraft can cause interference on some communication frequencies. The communication frequency that will be affected is directly related to the frequency being used on the DF receiver. If you select 121.5 on your DF, you may experience interference on 132.2. You can actually calculate which comm frequency will be disturbed by taking the DF frequency and adding 10.7.[for example, $123.1 + 10.7 = 133.8$ MHz.]

The DF may also interfere with GPS reception. To check, turn on the DF to 121.5 with max. sensitivity and no signal. Then turn on the GPS and watch for any perturbation of the DF needles as the GPS acquires a fix. For ground teams, hold the GPS within a foot or two of the DF antennas and observe any change in the acquisition display. Also check for interference from the GPS as suggested above.

L-Tronics is working diligently to achieve a permanent solution to this problem.

Congratulations and welcome to the newly chartered squadron - City of Seminole Senior Squadron in Seminole, Florida. The squadron will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 1900 in the Seminole Recreation Center at 9100 113th Street, North Seminole. The commanding Officer is 1Lt. Ronnie Dale Shaw.

IN RECOGNITION



Exceptional Service Award-NHQ

LtC. Harold Johnson, Chaplain

Meritorious Service Award

C/Col. William Westcott

Paul E Garber Award

Raymond M. Hatfield * Lawrence M. Persons

Grover Loening Award

William R. Lynch * Lee I. Taylor * Linda J. Rose

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Alexander L. Kaplan * Harry E. Munger

Commander's Commendation

C/Maj. Brian J. Aquila

Maj. Amy Ruth Boxwell

Capt. Joanne Durham

1Lt. Darryl Ferguson

FO Jennifer M. Ferguson

FO Steven K. Fields

Maj. S. Buddy Harris

C/AIC Crisitan L. Hickcox

Maj. Jay K. Jeffries

Capt. Jayson Jenkins

Maj. Suzann Gray

C/Capt. David M. Kerner

LtC. Roman P. Kolody

C/LtC. Richard E. Martin

LtC. James K. Massey [2]

Capt. Eugene L. Olson

C/FO Joel T. Ostergaard

Maj. Russell R. Reichmann

S/M James Ritchey

Maj. Jennifer Wertz

C/Col William Westcott, Jr.

Cadet Squadron of Merit

St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron

Composite Squadron of Merit

Daytona Beach Composite Squadron

Appreciation Plaque-Gov't Liaison

Lt.C. John Brennan

Appreciation Plaque-Service

LtC. Valerie Brown

LtC. Robert Smith

Chaplain of the Year

LtC. William Chegwin

Senior Squadron of the Year

Marco Island Senior Squadron

Composite Squadron of the Year

Clearwater Composite Squadron

Cadet Squadron of the Year

Brandon Cadet Squadron

Group of the Year

Headquarters Group Nine

ES Officer of the Year

Maj. David Horowitz

Mission Coordinator of the Year

Capt. John Bayne

Public Affairs Officer of the Year

1Lt. Trish Turner

Certificate of Proficiency

Arnold J. Jasen * George M. Lasky

Communicator of the Year

Capt. Frank Haas

Lt. Col. Ken Massey



HEAT EXPOSURE RISK



by CAPT. LAWRENCE A. GAULKIN, M.D.
FLWG MEDICAL OFFICER

In Florida, hot weather is an accepted fact of life. However, heat can cause serious damage to our bodies, and the effects of heat exposure are not usually discovered until it is too late. In a mission environment, the need to stop for a member stricken by heat exposure effects may jeopardize the ability to complete the assigned task, or may abort the mission entirely. Being always vigilant means first assuring your ability to perform your duty is under constant surveillance by yourself and those assigned to your welfare...your superiors.

It is common for those on the verge of collapse to appear quite well and to deny any problems. Adolescents, in particular, are reluctant to withdraw from an activity even when symptoms do appear, so it is incumbent upon senior members to take an aggressive stance with regard to removal of these individuals from danger.

The first thing to remember about preventing dehydration is to start early and stay ahead of fluid loss. The fluid requirement for adults and adolescents is the same. This amount can approach one gallon of fluid per hour under severe conditions. Rapid intake of any liquid may cause nausea or cramping, so it is important to take fluids SLOWLY and CONTINUOUSLY. Coffee and alcohol in any form accelerate fluid loss and must be prohibited. Large amounts of caffeinated soft drinks may limit the amount of fluid retained, and should be limited.

Treatment of heat exhaustion consists of first getting the patient to the coolest environment possible. If the person can drink, and no I.V. fluids are available, clear liquids such as a sport drink or water with sugar and salt in a mixture is best. Plain water will do temporarily, but people in this state are burning calories at a rapid rate, and metabolic changes due to dehydration may be made worse by excessive plain water. Lie the person flat, an elevation of the legs may cause cramps of the leg muscles. People who cannot drink, or whose symptoms continue or worsen, must be transported to an emergency facility as quickly as possible.

It is important to remember that the fluid derangements

which occur during heat exhaustion take at least 48 hours to be repaired. Therefore, NO member who has experienced heat exhaustion symptoms, no matter how minor, can re-enter any environment which can expose them to any increased level of heat exposure risk for at least 48 hours.

Heat Stroke is a serious condition caused by the failure of the body to regulate temperature. A person may develop heat stroke without heat exhaustion. The affected person may suddenly collapse, generally without complaint. They may progress rapidly to confusion and unconsciousness. Their skin is hot and dry, their pulse rapid, and their breathing may be deep and rapid or shallow. Seizures are common and death is a significant possibility. It is imperative that the patient be cooled as quickly as possible and transferred to the hospital by the fastest emergency transport possible.

Whenever there are cadets involved in activities, all diligence must be used to insure compliance with heat exposure reduction measures.

Sunburn is also a hazard in Florida. Cases of shock and death have been reported as a result of severe sunburn. Prevention is the best treatment. All skin surfaces not covered by opaque clothing, should be covered with a liberal application of sunblock which must have UVA and UVB protection, and is rated at least SPF 30. Application should be repeated every two to three hours.

Remember clouds do not block ultraviolet radiation, nor does shallow water. When the first sign of sunburn is noticed, get out of the sun. The burn will progress over several hours, so the damage to the skin is already well progressed by the time the first signs are seen.

The importance of advance planning for heat exposure risk cannot be overemphasized. Make sure all personnel involved in this type of activity take this matter very seriously and always include heat exposure risk reduction in all operational planning.

NEWS FLASH!

Spots are going fast for the 1998 National Staff College [NSC] to be held at Maxwell AFB. NSC is the premier senior training experience for CAP officers. NSC '98 will be held from 22 - 29 August 1998 at one of the finest campuses in the Air Force. If you are at least a CAP Major and have completed Region Staff College you may take advantage of this excellent learning and growth opportunity.

Major Skip Munger, the full-time administrator of Florida Wing Headquarters at MacDill AFB has been awarded a "gold rocker" for his recruiting patch and is ranked in the 'TOP 5' of all Civil Air Patrol recruiters nationwide.

GOOD JOB, SKIP!

Air Force Lodging now offers a toll-free number for lodging reservations in the continental United States. Just dial 1-888-AFLODGE [1-888-235-6343]. After dialing this number, you will hear a message which will

ask for the first three digits of the base where you wish to make reservations. *For Example, MacDill AFB would be 622.* Air Force Lodging is also purchasing a property management system which will, in the future, allow you to make lodging reservations from your computer.

A 45-acre expansion of Arlington Cemetery was recently approved by the House National Security Committee. This extra land would extend the life of Arlington by fifteen years. Without the addition, the cemetery will be filled by 2025, according to Army officials. This expansion plan now goes to the full House of Representatives.

Maj. Robert Smith, FLWG Chief of Staff has accepted a staff position at CAP National Headquarters. Rob started his new position on 1 June. Commander Skiba is reviewing submitted resumes and conducting

personal interviews for Maj. Smith's replacement. An announcement is expected in the near future.

Director Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham announces the 1998 Southeast Region Staff College is scheduled for 27 September to 2 October '98 at McGhee Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, Tennessee. Attendees must submit CAPF 17's to SER Staff College, SER Headquarters, P.O. Box 9540, Knoxville, TN 37940-9540. A \$50 student fee must accompany the form. For additional information call 941 646 2775.

Miami-Dade County requires a second area code - 786. As one of the fastest growing areas in the country, Miami-Dade County's demands for new phone numbers has exceeded its supply. Current phone numbers will not be affected, but as of July first, new numbers in the area will be assigned area code 786.

PILOT and PLANE WIND UP AT MacDILL AFB

Major Neil Cosentino, a member of the 8089th CAP Squadron at MacDill AFB recently posed beside "Old 302", a F-4 Phantom jet fighter currently on display at the MacDill AFB Memorial Park. Major Cosentino flew "Old 302" during Operation Linebacker II while providing air cover to USAF B-52 bombers attacking North Vietnam in 1972.

So both the plane and the pilot who flew her into combat when she was brand new, have wound up at the same base, together once again.

After the war, Neil was reassigned to the 56th Tactical Fighter Wing, at MacDill AFB. Major Cosentino flew one of the first planes into the Homestead area after Hurricane Andrew, assisting that community with rescue and damage assessment.

He is now running for election to the State House of Representatives, District 56.

WING CONDUCTS COMMUNICATION EXERCISE

Capt. Bob Wisniewski, FLWG DC

A wing-wide communications exercise was conducted with only an advance notice on the regular HF net. The scenario - a terrorist biological attack - lent realism to the exercise.

Capt. Wisniewski received evaluations from federal and state agencies. FEMA, VA, MARS and state offices and officials have complimented the quality of the exercise. More than 200 operators participated in this endeavor

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!!!



The cadet's maiden name [on right] was Beverly Clark. She doesn't remember her friend's name. DO YOU?

This photo was taken in downtown Miami in 1950 or 1951. Cadet Clark and her companion were assigned to the Miami Airport Squadron, a squadron of 200 female cadets. The Charter Number is still active and is now assigned to the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron - SER-FL-319.

submitted by Capt. Ron Alexander



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



4 July	Independence Day
4-11 July	AGOS '98 - Camp Blanding
9 July	SAREVAL Mission Preparatory Meeting, Naples Senior Squadron HQ. [Mission Base Staff Officers ONLY]
16 July	SOCOM Leap-Fest, MacDill AFB
18 July	State-Wide SAREVAL - Naples Senior Squadron HQ. - Naples Airport. Check-in 0730 hrs.
23 July-4 August	IACE Florida Wing Host Phase
25 July	Wing Staff Meeting - MacDill AFB
12 August	National Board Meeting Airlift departs MacDill AFB
13-15 August	National Board Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
16 August	National Board Meeting Airlift returns MacDill AFB
22 August	Wing Staff Meeting-MacDill AFB
22-29 August	'98 National Staff College - Maxwell AFB, Al.
19-20 September	Mission Coordinator Training Course, Columbus AFB, MS
26 September	Wing Staff Meeting-MacDill AFB

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