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EDITOR'S NOTE: This special edition of GATOR CAP'ERS is coming to you because we have lots of information that needs to get out to our members, we still have not resolved matters with our publisher, and **IT IS TIME!**

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Change. Nothing is as constant as change. As your Wing Commander since May 1990, I have seen many changes occur within the Wing, to try to make our Wing better. I am proud of the team of hard-working CAP members who have been part of this effort and helped carry Florida Wing through the changes. Uniforms, radio frequencies, staff, emergency services procedures and other changes have been a part of our CAP lives, a part of our history. And change is always made looking toward improvement; if it doesn't work, you can try something else or change back. That's flexibility and in CIVIL AIR PATROL, we know we must be flexible, albeit within our regulations.

As the change is made in Wing Command to transition to your new Commander, I thank all of Florida Wing for making CAP a part of your lives and mine; I will always want the best for Florida Wing.

Please support Col. Lewis, your new Wing Commander, and his selected staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 August - COMMAND CHANGE, Wing HQ CAP, Orlando
- 5-6 Sept. - Mission Checkpilot School-Lakeland
- 12 Sept. - Mission Coord. School - Patrick AFB
- 19 Sept. - Wing Staff Meeting & Command Call -ORL
- 30 Sept. - Wing Audit/Survey Wing HQ - Orlando
- 3-4 Oct. - National Checkpilot & Standardization School - Lakeland
- 17 Oct. - Wing Staff Meeting- Orlando
- 31 Oct. - Annual Wing SAR/EVAL
- 21 Nov. - Wing Staff Meeting- Orlando

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION BY THE INCOMING WING COMMANDER.



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S ! - F L O R I D A W I N G

CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

20 January 1992

Colonel Donald Cunningham
Commander, Florida Wing, CAP
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Dear Don

Congratulations on a superb job by the Florida Wing team at the 1991 National Cadet Competition (NCC) in December at Maxwell AFB, AL. Your first-place honors in the Volleyball and Panel Quiz events mark your team as winners of the first order--and truly distinguishes them as rightful winners at NCC '91.

Please pass my congratulations to all team members and escorts for their superb work. General Barry and I are immensely proud of your folks. Florida Wing and Southeast Region are tops!

Warm regards

RICHARD L. ANDERSON, Colonel, CAP
National Vice Commander

cc: HQ SER/CC



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CC

31 January 1992

SUBJECT: 1991 Southeast Region SAR/DR Competition Winners

TO: SER/CC

1. The winners of the SER Top Gun Awards for 1991 are the Tennessee Wing (for Search and Rescue) and the Florida Wing (for Disaster Relief). The competition was keen and I congratulate the winners. These two wings "outgunned" their competitors in a close battle for top honors.

2. With your concurrence, the awards will be presented to the Tennessee and Florida wings at the June SER conference in Knoxville.

RICHARD G. GASPARIAN, Colonel, USAF
Commander

cc: SER Wings/CC
SELR Wing IOs

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PRESENTS 50th ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION PLAQUES

The Dade County Aviation Dept, based at Miami International Airport, honored the CIVIL AIR PATROL for its 50 years of service to its communities and country at a ceremony held at the airport.

A special presentation ceremony was arranged by Dade County Aviation Manager, Mr. Rick Elder, who presented plaques to Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander, Group 10 Commander Maj. Luca Bencini-Tibo and Group 12 Commander, Maj. David Crockwell. The colors were posted by color guard from North Miami Cadet Squadron. This was the last in the series of appreciation days at airports around the Wing in honor of CAP's 50th Birthday, and Miami International sponsored the CAP Display inside the airport concourse for two weeks after the ceremony to help recognize CAP's efforts and generate interest. THANK YOU MIAMI INTERNATIONAL!!



Maj. Bencini-Tibo, Gp. 10 Commander, Maj. David Crockwell, Gp. 12 Commander, Rick Elder, Dade County Aviation Mgr., and Col. Don Cunningham, Fl. Wg. Commander proudly share the 50th Anniversary Recognition.

OUT AND ABOUT, AROUND OUR GREAT WING --

PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR STATION TOUR -

Members of Seminole Cadet Sq. recently toured the Naval Aviation Museum and other facilities, including the flight center of Naval Aviation Cadets at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Members stayed on base and learned about the history of naval aviation. A tour of the survival school was also given, where future Navy pilots are taught "ditching" skills. CAP feels a kinship to this school because of our search and rescue efforts, and the Navy pilots were told of our CAPabilities!

SEMINOLE CADET SQ. HOLDS ROCKET NIGHT

All Squadron Members, Senior and Cadet, participated in a program to build model rockets and on Rocket Night, they were launched! Twenty-five rockets went up and there were 68 successful launches. Cadets were awarded rocketry badges and Seniors received "honorary" rocketry badges.

PALM BEACH SR. SQ. TOURS FLIGHT SAFETY INTERNATIONAL

LTC Jack Moore and other members of Palm Beach Sr. Squadron toured Flight Safety International at Palm Beach International Airport, guided by Mr. Pat Knott. A simulator demonstration of the Sikorsky S-76 helicopter was the highlight of the evening. Jack Moore, Ray Sajka, Becky Miles, Martine Wilson, Steve Moore and Barry Schapiro "flew" right seat (one at a time!) in the simulator with New York's JFK airport and skyline as the backdrop. What a difference a rotor makes!!

A video, classroom tour and facility tour followed. Thank you, Flight Safety, for a most interesting experience!

OKLAHOMA CITY, 25th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE OF AEROSPACE CONGRESS

***** 65 Educators and CAP members went to Oklahoma City in March for a special gathering to recognize the 25th anniversary of National Congress on Aviation. Among those representing Florida at the congress were four members from Cedar Key Senior Sq., Maj. William Almsteadt, Commander; LTC John Weidensall, AEO (also on FL WG staff) Capt. Anne Almsteadt and Capt. Joseph Elko.

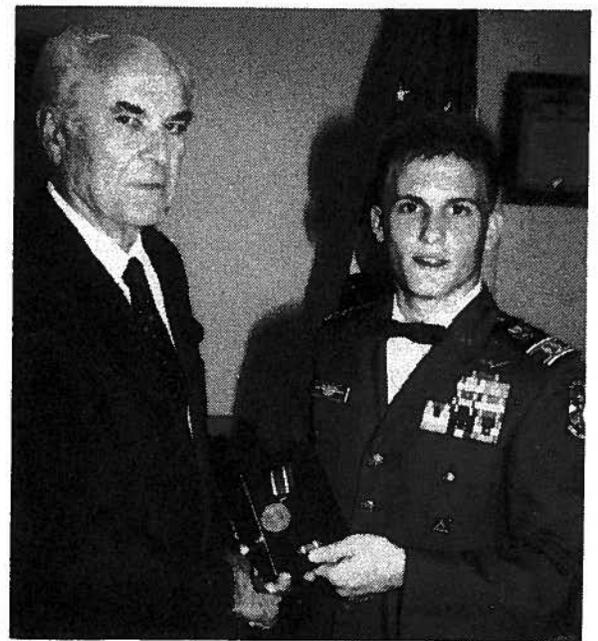
Guest speakers at the Congress included Dr. Hans Brisch, Dr. Harry Wong, James "Doc" Blakeley and **GEN. CHARLES "CHUCK" YEAGER!** Tours to Tinker AFB, the FAA Center among other aviation-related interests, were also conducted.

CATCH-UP VIGNETTES FROM CAP ALL OVER FLORIDA

Lakeland Sr. Sq. has New HQ/Open House and Col. Don Cunningham, Group 3 Commander Maj. Sindi Kalua-Miller and Sq. Commander Maj. Kathryn Fuqua joined in ribbon cutting. (Photo by LTC Cheryl S. Miller, FL WG PAO)



Citrus County Comp. Sq. Cadet LTC Mark Pombrio receives the Retired Officers Assn. Award from their representative, Col. Krug at the Unit Awards Banquet (Photo courtesy 1LT Robert L. Martin)



Cadet Program School for Senior Members was held at MacDill AFB in March, and the terrific response will surely lead to more such classes. "Class Picture" includes: LTC Wilbert Williams, LTC Carlos Nogueira, LTC Virginia Cullity, Maj. Gwendolyn Williams, 1LT Bob Vail, 1LT Betty Bass, 1LT Irene Vail, 2LT Stephen Fredeman, 2LT Maureen Nogueira, 2LT Kevin Wycha, 2LT Judy Wycha, and there, in the middle is our own LTC Linda J. Eddy. (Photo credit to Capt. Armando Pucci)



FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE 1992

The 1992 Florida Wing Conference, held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott in mid-May, saw over 400 CAP members from throughout the State gather for seminars, awards and social activities. Congratulations to the award recipients, and as you can see here, the best pictures made it in!

OUTSTANDING SENIOR MEMBER *****Maj. Nancy F.G. Gallipo
OUTSTANDING CHAPLAIN *****LTC Richard W. Neal
OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATOR *****Maj. Joseph B. Hinson
OUTSTANDING SAFETY OFFICER*****Capt. Richard Caplinger
OUTSTANDING SQ. PUBLIC AFF*****Lt. Arthur Segal
OUTSTANDING UNIT NEWSLETTER*****Marco Island Sr. Squadron
OUTSTANDING GROUP PUBLIC AFF*****GROUP 6/Maj. Ron Regan
OUTSTANDING COMP. SQUADRON*****Osceola Composite Squadron
OUTSTANDING SR. SQUADRON *****Gator Senior Squadron
OUTSTANDING CADET SQUADRON*****Naples Cadet Squadron
OUTSTANDING GROUP *****GROUP 4

BREWER AWARDS:

Category I (Cadet) *****Cadet Richard J. Greenwood
Category II (Senior Mbr) *****Capt. Ralph H. Houghton
Category III (Educator) *****Ms. Sharon L. Burnett
Category IV (Organization)*****Time Equipment of Miami, Inc.

CADET AWARDS:

Outstanding - Phase IV ***** C/LTC Elizabeth D. Kendrick
Outstanding - Phase III ***** Cadet Mark A. Malan
Outstanding - Phase I/II ***** Cadet Armando A. Prado
Col. "Bob" Owen Leadership***** Cadet LTC. David Leali
Alice Holmes Award ***** Cadet Rosa A. Parrales

EDITORS NOTE: Many times the grade of a Cadet has changed between the time of picture and printing of publication, so most grades are not listed (and were not on the awards list provided) Since you move up fast, don't be offended!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARDEES AND ALL CAP MEMBERS -- KEEP UP THE SPIRIT!



Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander, C/Col. Mark Pombrio and Brig Gen. Nels Running, USAF, presenting Spatz Award.



Col. Don Cunningham, C/Col. David Knoblauch and Brig Gen. Nels Running - Spatz Award Presenter.

STORIES, WE GET STORIES

NAPLES HAS DARING DUO

Pilot Lt. Carl Bomhard and Observer Lt. Bryan McDonough of Naples Sr. Sq. teamed up twice in two weeks rescuing fisherman from the gulf who were in trouble.

The first rescue occurred as they were headed back in from a routine sundown patrol; McDonough saw two men waving their life vests over their heads near their boat by a mangrove islet. It was getting dark, the weather turning cold and the wind picking up. They later found out the men had no radio, after the men were brought in.

The second episode occurred when both Bomhard and McDonough were substituting for other crew members who were unavailable. They received a message from the Wiggins Pass Marina that some beachgoers spotted a flare and were sent to check it out. Two men, their mullet skiff sinking, were spotted a short time later. The Coast Guard out of Ft. Myers was contacted and the CAP aircrew circled until they were close by. Naples Senior Sq. is very proud of their members who look forward to receiving their "save" ribbons!



NAPLES, FL SR SQUADRON SEWELL COCHRAN WAS RESCUED!

Pilot Lt. Carl Bomhard, Sewell Cochran and the Observer, Lt. Bryan McDonough, standing beside the Squadron Plane.

WHY HUG A TREE?

First Grade students at Dillard Elementary School in Winter Garden recently learned -- the message had nothing to do with saving the environment, but rather surviving in it!

Capt. Jay Underwood of Orange Sr. Sq. presented a program, originally developed in San Diego, to teach small children how not to get lost, how to react if they are, and how to help aid their own rescue.

The program originated after a nine-year-old boy became lost and died in the California mountains. It deals with fears and behavior of a lost child. They are instructed never to travel alone, to remember the landmarks around them, to stay in one place ("Hug a tree") if lost, and not to worry about animals in the woods or anger on their parents part. They are told hundreds of people will look for them, and they should carry and use a whistle, a trash bag as an emergency shelter and other useful facts.

After the class, Underwood introduced the students to his search and rescue dog, "Kyle" an Austrailian Shephard who is nine months old, with a "GOOD NOSE AND EARS".

The Students were allowed to ask questions and told how search dogs help in wilderness searches, drowning victum locations and collapsed building searches.

Story courtesy of Capt. Jay Underwood; photo by Dan Toppel



BASIC CADET ORIENTATION A HIT!

Deputy Commander for Cadets at Citrus County Composite Sq., S/M Paul Stanley's new program appears to be working! Basic Cadet Orientation, a program developed to recruit, train and retain new cadets was put into motion and is proving a success. Lt. Robert L. Martin, Sq. Commander, asked S/M Stanley, who with him was among the unit's first cadet members when the Sq. moved to Inverness in 1978, to develop a program to help retain and recruit members. He worked up a program to motivate cadets to achieve their potential in CAP.

A presentation to Lecanto Middle School brought invitation for parents and potential cadets to attend a unit meeting and orientation presented by Stanley and C/Maj. Jason Hinds. "THE CAP STORY" was shown and those attending that were interested in learning more about the program were invited to return the following week. A challenge was issued, and the potential cadets were allowed to visit unit meetings for up to 90 days before signing up. During that time, the motivation of the potential Cadet is of primary importance, keeping them learning and interested. "Our cadets are limited only by their desire to succeed" Stanley said. He states that the Basic Cadet Orientation program gives them a head-start and helps them determine they will continue in CAP. A special two-day "BCO" program is put on to give potential cadets a thorough "taste" of all aspects of CAP, including physical fitness, drill and ceremony, aerospace training and leadership and teamwork motivation.

Stanley is a former Air Force instructor and the two-day program is put on during two successive Saturdays. He remarked some of his BCO cadets learned faster than his boot camp participants! His program has a graduation after the two day period, with an "honor" student selectee.

The Squadron has worked to reduce their membership loss and increase their gain -- keep it up!





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REPLY TO
 ATTN OF: CC

3 March 1992

SUBJECT: Florida Wing, CAP, Disaster Relief Evaluation, 29 Feb 92

TO: Florida Wing CAP/CC

Attached for your review and coordination is the final report covering the Florida Wing DR evaluation conducted 29 Feb 92. I congratulate you on your splendid performance that earned you the highest rating possible, Outstanding! Only your acknowledgment of receipt is needed since there were no major weak areas observed.


 RICHARD G. GASPARIAN, Colonel, USAF
 Commander

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cc: HQ CAP-USAF/DOS
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1992 CAP National Board Meeting in Salt Lake City saw FL WG PAO LTC Cheryl Miller presented the Nat'l PAO Award by Gen. Warren Barry, CAP, FL WG CMDR Don Cunningham and Col. Nall, CAP-USAF CMDR.



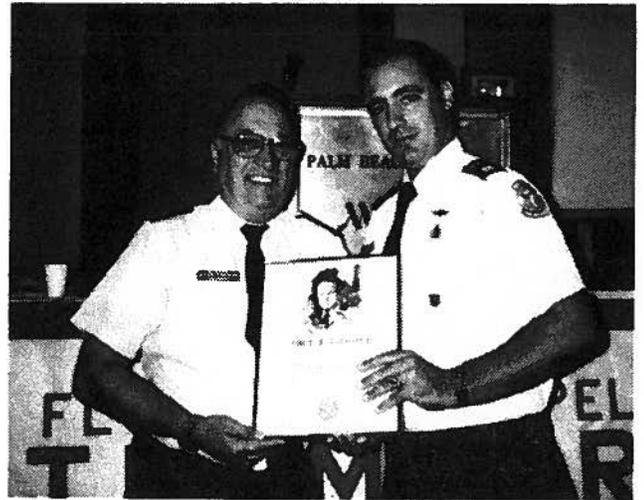
FL WG was well represented at the 1992 National Board, 14-16 August in Salt Lake City, Utah - (L to R) Maj. Ken Massey, Col. Don Cunningham, Maj. Bob Pettigrew, LTC Frank White, LTC Angelo Donadaeo, LTC Bob Coft, LtC Kathryn Fuqua and LTC Cheryl Miller.

SAD, BUT TRUE...

Recently moved to North Carolina,
LTC Linda Eddy, our FL WG Director
of Cadet Programs is presented roses
on behalf of the CAC and all Cadets



One great team, Col. Don
Cunningham presents Capt. Joe
Lavati (often seen flying
Col. to various Wing functions)
with his Paul E. Garber Award.



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