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Never before in the history of Florida Wing have so many Spautz recipients gathered together. Pictured left to right along with C/Col. Ted Deringer (83): C/Col. David Horowitz, Tamiami Cadet Squadron; C/Col. Don Robinson, Enterprise Cadet Squadron; C/Col. Ivan Suarez, Fla. Int'l Cadet Squadron; Capt. Pedro Atencio, Miami Springs Optimist Squadron and C/Col. John O'Neill, Wing Headquarters. Not shown is C/Col. John McCoy. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns)



## The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

This month's column contributed by Lt. Col. Ed Campeau, Chief of Staff for Group 20.

Back in 1954, I belonged to the Naples Kiwanis Club, I got into a conversation with one of the other members who was also a member of the local Civil Air Patrol, and after a long and interesting conversation on "flying," he asked me out to one of the CAP meetings. That one meeting did it for me! I was so impressed with the caliber of the members and the aims of Civil Air Patrol, I didn't just wait to join, I rushed to join. I'm afraid my Kiwanis Club days were behind me as I really threw myself into the CAP with a greater capacity than I had ever done before. (After all of these years, 29, I still feel that way.)



In the 1950's the ECI course was not known as the "Seven C's" but had 28 different segments, which did present a problem, timewise, as I had a young daughter and a photographic studio to run, but somehow, I struggled through it. That same little girl is now a Captain in the U.S. Air Force at Homestead, so I must have done something right! Being a photographer and a former correspondent with a wire service, I was appointed the Squadron Information Officer.

Our squadron in Naples began to look around for something to tie all of the Group 8 squadrons together. We traveled up to Tampa to see their "Sundown Patrol" which checked on their members who were boating, every Sunday. It looked like a great idea, so the rest of Group 8 "copied" the Tampa idea, and after many months of organization and hard work, all CAP Group 8 squadrons were flying a Sunday "Sundown Patrol." They flew from south of Tampa. The squadrons flying were, **Anna Maria, Venice, Sarasota, Punta Gorda, Fort Myers and Naples.** Flying one day a week, along the Gulf coastal waters from South Tampa Bay to beyond what is now Marco Island. After a few months, they stepped their flights up to 2 or 3 days a week.

By the end of a couple of years, the "Sundown Patrol" flights were flying every day, weather permitting. **Lt. Col. Eddie Watson** was the Group 8 Commander and Group 8 was so large, it took up the space that three groups now occupy!!

The Naples Squadron must have done a good job because soon people were going up to Wing, on the staff. I went up in the late 50's as Assistant Information Officer, and when the Wing I.O. left because of business pressure, **Col. Joe Moody** appointed me Wing I.O. Col. Moody said, "Florida is 47th in the nation and it is your

job to see to it that we come up to at least Number 1!" His order was obeyed. The first year, we came up to 3rd, the second year we tied for 1st (with Maryland) and for three years were 1st in the Southeast region. The woman who replaced me in the Naples Squadron became the Number 1 I.O. Officer at National for two years. **Capt. Molly Spencer.** She also wrote a CAP column for the Naples Daily News. It was while I was on Wing staff the idea of the publication, "GATOR CAPer's" was conceived. There has always been a lot of people who mispronounce the title. They want to call it C-A-P-E-r's when it's actually pronounced C-A-P-er's. I ought to know, I named it!

After I left the Wing staff, I returned to Naples, and became the Deputy Commander for cadets at the group level, then Commander of the Naples Composite Squadron, and last, but certainly not least, I was involved with assisting **Col. Leali** and **Lt. Col. Lill** in forming a new group, called Group 20. I am the group Chief of Staff, and wear two other hats as well, Liaison Officer for Disaster Preparedness and Communications Officer. I still feel the excitement and exuberance that I felt 29 years ago as I am looking forward to a new squadron in Group 20, the Fort Myers Shores Composite Squadron, this month!

## MacDill AFB Hosts CAP FEAT Exercise

by C/1st Lt. Sindi Miller

Training, the key to success brought its full impact to the Cadets of Brandon, Squadron 08237 during a recent Search and Rescue mission located at **MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.** Senior members and experienced instructors injected realism into every phase of the practice mission.

Simulating a request from the Air Force to assist in a search and rescue mission for some missing parachutists lost in a heavy storm, instructors led the cadets through several "hands-on" classes. As the time for mission briefing approached, real tension could be felt within the ranks. Element leaders and communications members tested and checked their equipment repeatedly in an attempt to ensure proper operation and steady, tight nerves.

In what seemed a sudden start after the months of study, the mission was on. Two search elements of four cadets each, accompanied by a Senior Supervisor, marched out of the base camp. Loaded

down with radio, litter, first aid equipment, maps and personal survival gear, the cadets looked like a miniature army stepping off to battle. The mission was almost anticlimactic in comparison to the preparation. Elements checked in with position reports and pods thoroughly searched without victims sighted. When a simulated Air Force transmission reported a civilian sighting of parachutes, the navigational skills of the search elements bore fruit as the first element spotted the victims within five minutes of the sighting. They immediately pressed first aid skills into use when serious injuries (simulated by moulage training wounds) were discovered.

A confusion factor added by mission planners, placed two victims in the same general location. The first element on the scene had to request immediate assistance from the second element searching another sector. Again, navigating skillfully through the dense foliage, the second element

quickly reached the casualty scene and rapidly joined the other element in first aid treatment. Calling for ground transport assistance, the elements placed the victims on litters and carried the victims out of the jungle to the waiting transport. Reaching the base camp, which simulated a hospital, the tired cadets off-loaded their precious cargo.

The sweaty palm mission was over, success could be measured by the smiles and happy chatter discussing the few mistakes

that arise in any training situation. The jokes could now surface about the first reactions to the "gory" wounds they found... and comments like "what were you shaking for?... It was only fake..." The buzz continued into dinner and well into the night. That's what satisfaction and pride can do for you, the Brandon Skyhawks knew what it took and... did it.

# CIVIL AIR PATROL

**ANNUAL FALL FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE**  
**5, 6, 7 OCTOBER 1984**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 All Conference Activities (SENIOR)
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 MEETING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.  
 PLEASE PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE  
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Col. Robert Owen, Commander Headquarters Senior Squadron recently was presented the National Unit Citation Award. This was awarded for outstanding achievements, exceptional service and high degree of performance during the period 15 August 1980 to 15 August 1983. Col. Owen in turn donated the Citation banner to be displayed in the Wing Historical records. Lt. Col. Doris Anderson, representing Col. Owen, presents the banner to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Wing Historian. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns)

## Brinkman Named Commander Group 6

Captain Richard A. Brinkman, Jr., the new commander of Group 6, has replaced Harry U. Criss, now a Lieutenant Colonel on Wing staff.

Brinkman is a native Floridian, born in Orlando September 27, 1955. His mother, Alice S. Gerard, still lives in Orlando.

Brinkman, a graduate of University of Central Florida, majored in accounting and has his own business: Brinkman Book-keeping, Inc., at 4933 South Orange Ave., Orlando.

He is married to the "girl next door" whom he met as a teenager when they became engaged in "the battle of the citrus," pelting each other across the fence dividing their yards with fruit from their trees. His wife, the daughter of Richard and Edythe Bingham, was born in Naples. Richard and Windy A., have one child, Jennifer Ann, aged one and a half.

Brinkman became a CAP Cadet in November 1968 when he was 13 years old.

Among the many activities in which he has participated was a trip to Belgium in 1973 as an exchange cadet. He has earned the Billy Mitchell and Amelia Earhart awards as a cadet; also among senior awards he received the Bronze Medal of Valor for his part in evacuating crew members from a plane crash at Herndon Airport. He has received the Wing Commander's commendation twice, also the ribbon for recruiting, the leadership and membership awards.

He has participated in many training courses to fit him to be a Group commander, such as the Communications and Electric Course at Kessler AFB, Texas, 1971; medical service orientation program, Sheppard AFB, 1970; summer encampment at Patrick AFB.

Under his leadership, Group 6 looks forward to expanded growth in membership of both the cadets and senior members, and retention of all on the rolls today.

Lt. Col. Larry Upham  
Executive Officer



I remember the night Al Seeschaff kept me up until 3 a.m. in a St. Petersburg hotel at a Sector B Commanders Call back in 1979, talking about duty and dedication to CAP and Florida Wing in particular. How each of us has a special calling and talent which we could not deny — (heavy stuff!). I was tired and probably not as sensitive to his comments as I should have been. He had a sense of the prophetic not too many of us recognized at the time. In reflecting on that night and morning, I now know Al had his stuff together. He's a hard act to follow!

When Col. Cumler asked me to take Al's place on staff, I committed to him the same loyalty, support, and commitment Al talked about to me in the wee hours back in 1979. I will continue that support even after Col. Cumler steps aside and consigns command to the new Wing Commander whoever he may be. I call on each and every member of Florida Wing to do the same.

I apologize to each member for my reticence during the last Wing Commanders Conference in May. It was my first as Wing Executive Officer and we had a long, tough schedule, which I was charged to push — remember — "lay it on the line and do it fast!" (the hen that wanted to lay the egg on I-75 story).

Capt. Archer, Capt. Cumler, Lt. Col. Archer and I planned and replanned until the early morning hours along with many others to make the Conference the success it was. If you learned, enjoyed and yes, even found it thought provoking, we were successful, because in the end we have a better Wing for having been there. You were all so kind for spending your time, talents and money to attend and participate in what I feel was a great event. You all made it happen!

As we look forward to future events I see Florida as the strongest, most committed, most dedicated, best trained and most competitive Wing in the nation.

Forget the petty ego stuff, we've got a job to do. Aerospace Education, Cadet programs, and SAR. Three noble missions, worthy of support because the missions are right. Its difficult to single out any one of these missions, its a people business and each member takes his or her place in the area of interest and makes the system work. I'm proud of each of you and to be a member of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, a great way of life.

# ★ CADET CORNER ★

Cadet competition was held at the Navy Training Center in Orlando the second weekend in May and, although only three teams participated from the Wing, there was stiff competition. **Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron, St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron and S. E. Tampa Cadet Squadron** met on the field of battle and went at it tooth and nail. **Major Dennis McCoy** was the Project Officer for the activity and under his direction, everything went like clockwork. All scores were in on time for the banquet which was held at the Navy Officers' Club. The **Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron** walked away with the Sweepstakes Trophy, but all teams excelled in one or more areas, and no one went home without trophies. The results are as follows:

PANEL QUIZ	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	St. Petersburg
Written Test	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	St. Petersburg
Cadet Bowl		Miami Springs
Mile Run	1st Place	S. E. Tampa
	2nd Place	Miami Springs
Volleyball	1st Place	S. E. Tampa
	2nd Place	Miami Springs
Physical Fitness	1st Place	S. E. Tampa
In Ranks Inspection	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	St. Petersburg
Standard Drill	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	S. E. Tampa
Innovative Drill	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	S. E. Tampa
Drill Competition	1st Place	Miami Springs
Sweepstakes Award	1st Place	Miami Springs
	2nd Place	S. E. Tampa

A special award was presented to the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron for the teamwork spirit and cooperation during the activity, they are a fine group of cadets.

Major McCoy was disappointed in the fact that only three teams participated and hoped that more squadrons or groups would give it a try next year.

## Cadet Advisory Council Update

by **CJCapt. Kevin W. Higginbotham**

The Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council is back on its feet again and looks as though it's here to stay. The council held a very productive meeting at the last Wing Conference in Tampa on 5 May 1984. Many important items of business were discussed at this meeting including ways to improve cadet attendance and communications, recruiting and retention, uniform and grooming standards, the Wind Cadet Essay Contest, and the 1st Annual Wing Cadet Conference.

The new officers of the FLWG-CAC were announced at the meeting as follows:

Chairman . . . . . **C/Lt. Col. Gregory Williams**  
 Vice-Chairman . **C/Lt. Col. Thomas Neimeyer**  
 Recorder . . . . . **C/Capt. Kevin Higginbotham**

These new officers have put in many long hours of hard work to make the Cadet Advisory Council a success within the Wing.

Also at the Wing Conference, the FLWG-CAC awarded plaques to the winners of the 1st Annual Wing Cadet Essay Contest. Congratulations to **C/Sgt. Robert McKinley**, 1st Place; **C/Sgt. Dana Deree**, 2nd Place; and **C/SSgt. Raphael Rodriguez**, 3rd Place. The CAC would like to encourage many more cadets to participate in this very worthwhile contest next year.

**MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** recently attended the Sun 'N Fun Fly-In at Lakeland Airport along with **Brandon Cadet Squadron**. The Squadron also attended Orientation Flights held at Vanderberg Airport 10 March. Twenty-five cadets attended and 21 of the cadets flew, with 12 of those first timers, five second timers and one third timer, one fourth timer, one fifth timer and one cadet who has finished all six flights. The squadron also attended Special Activities 2-4 March at NTC Orlando. MacDill had 10 cadets and 4 seniors attend. **Cadet Col. Lester Preston** was named as the Florida Wing Cadet of the Year for 1983.

**C/Capt.s Elaine Pavone** and **SM Trish Cahill** of **Seminole Cadet Squadron 08116** recently graduated from the Seminole Community College School of Nursing.

**Central Brevard Composite Squadron 08122** recently held an award banquet. **Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita** was guest speaker. The following awards were presented: Best Cadet Leadership Award with promotion to C/Sgt.: **Michael S. Petryna**. Outstanding New Cadet Award: and promotion to C/Airman 1/C: **Dana Duree**. Amelia Earhart Award: **C/Lt. Col. Darin Hopkins**.



**Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron, Sweepstakes Winner**



**S. E. Tampa Cadet Squadron, Second Place Winner**



**St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron, Winner: Special Team Award**

Best Personality Award: **Jamal Shaheed**. Aerospace Education Award and promotion to C/WO: **Gilbert Patton III**.

**1st Lt. Leonard Williams** has been appointed as commander of **Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron 08360**.

**William J. Kern** of **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** has completed Southeast Region Staff College, along with **C/Col. Lester A. Preston**.

Twelve cadets from the **St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron 08066** recently completed the ROP course.

**C/Sgt. Raymond Jackson** was killed recently in a car accident in St. Petersburg. He was a member of **St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron 08066**. At the request of his parents a military-style funeral service was conducted. **Chaplain Joe Hoogstad** of the **Salvation Army** and **Chaplain Elmer Freer**, CAP jointly conducted the services.

**Cadet W/O Joseph Burlein** of the **Cape Coral Cadet Squadron** recently received his promotion and Mitchell Award. He also received a four-year AFROTC scholarship. **Cadet Tom Drumm** recently was awarded the Good Citizenship Medal by the DAR. He was the runner up in the Patriotic Essay Contest held in the Cape Coral Middle Schools.

# FLORIDA WING HITS NEW HIGH

Photos by:  
Lt. Col. Sid Birns  
and  
Capt. Fred Karl

Seven Spaatz awards in the 1983 to current 1984 period, is the pride of Florida Wing Commander, **Col. Howard Cumler**.

At the last Commanders call, Col. Cumler's theme for this year was "more in '84" . . . little did he know it would happen so soon.

In his opening remarks to the general assembly at the Wing Conference, held in Tampa, Florida, Col. Cumler said, "Thanks for a job well done in 1983. 1984 is still fresh and already you have exceeded my expectations by presenting the Wing with four more Spaatz awards. You are to be commended and all you Spaatz recipients should be proud of your achievements.

I also want you to know this is the largest conference attendance, ever and let's make this an outstanding one."

At the banquet dinner the Spaatz awardees had this to say as they each received their award:

**C/Col. David Horowitz:** "My commander said, 'Some day David, you're going to take the Spaatz test'. I didn't believe him . . . but I did it and now he can say, 'I told you so'."

**C/Col. Don Robinson:** had this to say, "I'm grateful for what CAP has done for me. It's something not found anywhere else."

**C/Col. Ivan Suarez:** "I not only earned the Spaatz award for my family but for the other cadets. I thank my parents for financially supporting me through this program."

**Capt. Pedro Atencion,** formerly cadet colonel: "I didn't think I would get this award. I joined CAP to become physically fit. To earn the Spaatz, I studied hard, ran six miles a day, but it was worth it. It's a memory that will remain with me for the rest of my life. It's better to try to achieve something with the help of others than not to achieve it by yourself."

In closing the 1984 Wing Conference, Col. Cumler made this announcement, "This will be my last conference as your Wing Commander. I will relinquish command to the new commander when he is appointed. I step down with reluctance. Without my wife Karen at my side throughout my tenure as Commander, I couldn't have done it. I leave you with these words . . . give the new Wing Commander the support you have given me and can't help but have an outstanding Wing. And now I will not say goodbye, but I do want you to all know you have made me proud to be your Wing Commander and for that I thank you."



Welcoming Florida Wing, CAP to Tampa, is John Vann. Mr. Vann represented the City Council and the Mayor. Their message to CAP was "to strive for better ways to accomplish goals."



Special guest was Col. William C. Tallent, Commander South East Region. "Thanks for inviting me and it's nice to see so many active CAP members attending this conference."



Capt. Don Hotchkiss, left, is presented 1983 Wing Staff Officer of the Year award. Presenting the award is Col. Howard Cumler, Wing Commander.



Lt. Col. Tom Welch, left, receives plaque awarded to him by the Cadet Advisory Council and the cadet corps, for all he has done for the cadet program.



Major Arthur Giles, right, receives 2nd place trophy from Col. James Withers, South East Region USAF Liaison Commander. The trophy was given for the SER SAR competition.



Cadet Col. Lester E. Preston, right, receives the Florida Wing Cadet of the Year award, from Wing Commander Col. Howard Cumler.



Shown receiving the General Carl A. Spaatz award is Cadet Col. David A. Horowitz. Presenting this prestigious award is Lt. Gen. Charles C. Pattillo,



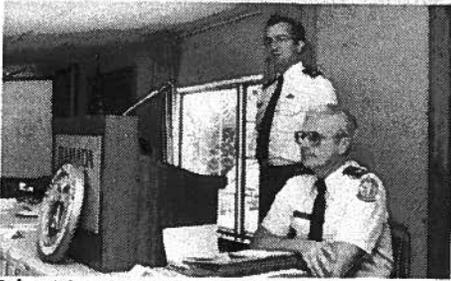
Second Spaatz recipient is Cadet Colonel Ivan Suarez. Presenting the award is Lt. General Charles C. Pattillo.



Cadet Lt. Col. Mike McLaughlin, left, and Cadet Lt. Col. Gregory Williams present a plaque on behalf of the entire cadet corps in appreciation for the outstanding contributions made to the corps, by Col. Cumler.



Lucile Rennard holds plaque that will have the names of the Wing Chaplain of the Year added to it annually. This is the Chaplain George J. Rennard Memorial Chaplaincy Award. Holding plaque at right is Col. Howard Cumler, Wing Commander.



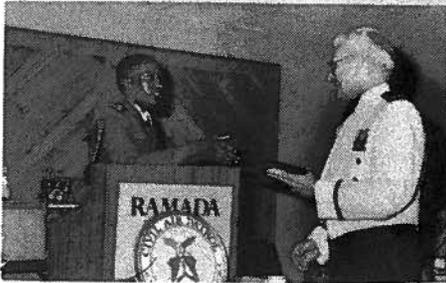
Col. Leigh Hale Hunt, Jr., USAF Chief, Plans Division, U.S. Readiness Command, MacDill AFB, addressed the assembly on the importance of military support of Civil Defense and the roll CAP would play during times of military conflict.



Garber Awards.



Certificate of Appreciation is presented by Col. Howard Cumler, FL Wing Commander to Lt. Col. Elizabeth J. Sedita, Wing Historian.



Surprise award of the cadet choice of senior of the year, is given to Col. Howard Cumler, Florida Wing Commander. Presenting the award is Cadet Lt. Col. Gregory Williams, representing the CAC.



Chaplain Maj. Johnson, left, accepting for Lt. Col. Chaplain David A. Denslow, receives the Lt. Col. George J. Rennard Memorial Chaplaincy award for 1983. Presenting the award is Mrs. Lucile Rennard and Col. Howard Cumler, Florida Wing Commander.



1983 Florida Wing Senior Member of the Year went to Susan & Lester Preston. Presenting the award, left, is Col. Howard Cumler.



Maj. Jim Puglise, right, receives trophy from Col. James Withers, SER USAF Liaison Commander, for placing second in the SER SAR competition.



Col. James Withers, SER USAF Liaison Commander presents 2nd place award for aircrew to William Lathen, SER SAR competition.



Esther Seeschaaf stands in for her late husband, Lt. Col. Al Seeschaaf. The Gill Robb Wilson award is the highest award a senior member can receive. Presenting the award is Col. Howard Cumler, Florida Wing Commander.



Third Spaatz awardee is Captian Pedro J. Atencio, formerly Cadet Col. Making the award is Lt. General Charles C. Pattillo.



Fourth and final Spaatz recipient is Cadet Colonel Donald E. Robinson. Presenting the award is Lt. General Charles C. Pattillo.



Col. Cumler at the podium with his wife Capt. Karen Cumler, announced at the Wing Banquet that he would be relinquishing his command. And in so doing, he thanked the members of the Wing for their cooperation throughout his years in command.



Col. James Withers, left, SER USAF Liaison Commander, presents the 1984 South East Region Search and Rescue Competition first place plaque to Col. Howard Cumler, Florida Wing Commander.



Gill Robb Wilson awardees:



"Come one — Cumlers all!" with hugs and kisses from daughters Judy and Kimberly and support from his mother Viola, left, son, William Howard (ROTC) and his wife Capt. Karen Cumler at right.



## Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

### HEY, LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Well, the summer is upon us folks. It's already hot and some of you are on or will be going on vacation. Use moderation in whatever you do, after all a vacation is for fun and enjoyment. So, let's not come back home and say "I first need to rest up from my vacation before I can go back to work . . . hence the title of this article.

Let's go back to the Wing conference for a moment and pick up some of our input from the PAO seminar. This concerned the monthly report and the lack of use thereof. I am happy to report that as of now the monthly report will no longer be required. You will probably see it announced in the Wing bulletin . . . but here it is anyhow: The PA reports will now be on a quarterly basis and reporting times are as follows: 20 March; 20 June; 20 September; 20 December. We will continue to use the old form until I have the opportunity to cut it down to what is important and useful for our reporting purposes. I am open for any and all suggestions to help make our job easier and more productive.

While we are on the subject of reporting let me once again state that I only need one copy of all items, reports and whatever else you want me to see or read. DO NOT send any reports to National . . . they will only send them back to me to incorporate into my report to them. And, again, if you are putting out a unit Newsletter, monthly or otherwise, please send a copy to National . . . you might as well get the credit for doing the work.

More input from the seminar . . . Internal communications should start from the top down. Internal communications within CAP seems to be a big problem. Here we are the biggest communications organization in the country and that is our own biggest problem. Let's hear from you as to why this happens and what can be done to overcome the problem.

Another positive suggestion was to have an information packet for all new senior members.

Public Affairs, Recruiting, Special Activities, should work hand in hand. They all relate and their jobs are overlapping.

When a Commander is replacing a member who is either retiring, getting ready to transfer or moving to another job within the unit, he should utilize that member's expertise by having him/her train the new person before he or she leaves. And, the same applies to the cadets.

Another important observation came to light and that is . . . are we forgetting what CAP is and why we are in it? Have we become a middle aged flying club? New members are not readily accepted into the units "clique" and they get that feeling of not being needed or wanted and never return. We are also doing an injustice to the

cadet program with this same small minded attitude . . . I know, I have been guilty of thinking that way too. We need to re-appraise our thinking and get back to basics. If you haven't noticed lately, the seniors outnumber the cadets almost two to one, across the nation . . . hence the thought that maybe we have become this "special flying club."

An interesting piece of information came from the South East Region Conference . . . the average life of a PAO is four months. The importance of a PAO to the unit is still considered of low level priority. An example: (not as a criticism) I was out to the Summer Encampment HQ and was attempting to do PA for it. Having lunch with the Encampment Commander I found out there wasn't a PAO appointed . . . one of the staff officers at the lunch table was "assigned" the job of PAO . . . this was already the third day into the encampment. What I'm trying to bring to light is that Commanders, on the overall, need to become more knowledgeable in the reasons and need of Public Affairs. Which brings me to my next point.

The time has come for National, Region and Squadron and Corporate Learning Courses to incorporate into their curriculum Public Affairs. After all a well rounded commander tends to appoint people to staff positions that he knows will do the job and do it well. No commander puts an untrained pilot out into a search mission before he is trained in search and rescue. Why then does he put an untrained person into Public Affairs? The reason is . . . there isn't any place he can send that person to learn the job of the PAO . . . so all he can do is say, "read 190-1 and become the PAO." I'm afraid that doesn't work. PA is a little different than most staff jobs and reading about it is not the way it works. Therefore the need for a PAO school.

Lastly, most newly appointed PAO's don't have enough time in CAP to talk intelligently about it, they need learning time . . . time in grade so-to-speak. And Commanders should try and remember, that because they are new both to CAP and their job in it, they need lead time to properly plan the Who, What, When, Where and Why publicity for the unit.

I'm still looking for someone to assist me in the PA department here at Wing. So far, no one has picked up the gauntlet of challenge. "As it is now, the job makes a man watchful and a little lonely. It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it." So why not accept the challenge . . . surely there must be someone out there willing to become part of an exciting medium . . . the medium of reporting and recording what goes on in your Wing. "I dare you to accept my challenge."

That's a wrap . . .

### CAP Participates in Awards Program

by Major Joseph Connolly II

For the second year, the 143rd Composite Squadron "Central Florida's Own" participated in the Walt Disney World Community Service Awards program.

The program, introduced in 1972 not only gives recognition to exceptional community service, but encourages and promotes organizations to undertake projects of community betterment.

At the 1984 Community Service Awards Luncheon, held in the Ballroom of the Americas of the Contemporary Resort Hotel at the Walt Disney World Resort Complex, on 3 May 1984, representatives of the 143rd Composite Squadron and the

three CAP Explorer posts sponsored by the squadron were the guests of Walt Disney World.

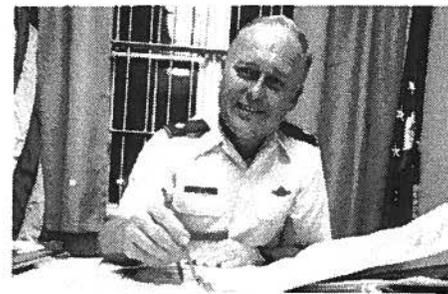
The luncheon was broadcast live over the local news/talk radio station and was videotaped for a one-hour special program by the local NBC television affiliate.

# Your Wing Staff at Work

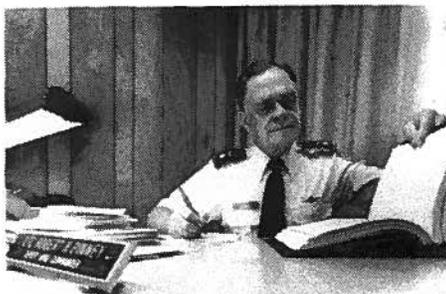
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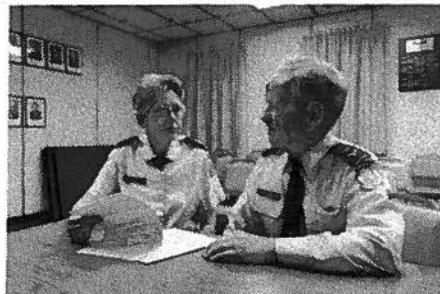
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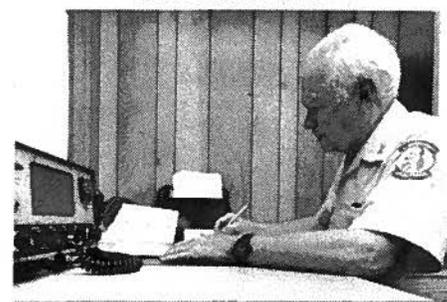
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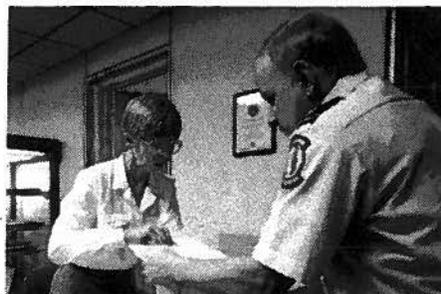
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Ground Operations.**



## Safety

Lt. Col. Russell Holdren

Here are some words of advice that will pertain to all of us during the summer months.

Warm weather tends to make us careless, so we are making the following table of activities and the injuries they cause, available to all Wing members and their families and friends.

Here is a list of the 15 products or activities most often associated with injuries in the United States:

Category	Rate Per 100,000	Severity
1. Stairs	531	37
2. Bicycles	253	35
3. Baseball	224	21
4. Basketball	202	17
5. Football	191	20
6. Cutlery	158	14
7. Non-glass doors	135	30
8. Chairs and sofas	115	26
9. Tables	114	29
10. Nails	105	15
11. Beds	102	38
12. Glass doors	90	24
13. Ceilings-walls	90	25
14. Playground equipment	86	28
15. Skating	80	21

Here is a list of the 15 categories that produced the most severe injuries:

Category	Rate Per 100,000	Severity
1. Cigarette lighters	8.7	209
2. Gasoline	9.4	183
3. Batteries	9.7	150
4. Drain, oven cleaners	5.4	139
5. Misc. heat equipment	10.3	119
6. Stoves, ovens	19.4	117
7. Swimming pools	44.8	114
8. Power lawn equipment	7.2	112
9. Misc. home chemicals	6.1	109
10. Money	8.5	107
11. Cookware	13.2	104
12. BBQ grills	6.4	99
13. Welding tools	8.9	97
14. Electric lamps	17.2	90
15. Grooming devices	7.6	87

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### FIRE SAFETY:

In its quest for fire safety whether at home, while on vacation, on boats or airplanes or wherever the possibility of flash fire exists, Flam-X, USA, has produced a miniaturized fire extinguisher for just such a surprise fire.

Jack Chase, of Flam-X, has presented Florida Wing with a dozen of these units for the Wing to use in its corporate aircraft.

The chemical content of the extinguisher, Halon 1211, is a nontoxic one, and can be safely used in the cockpit of an aircraft.

When used it will not destroy whatever it is sprayed on . . . all that one has to do, is to wipe it clean . . . no damage.

When using the hand-held Flam-X, the user gets an accurate and long throw (up to nine feet). This means safer fire-fighting. The cool semi-liquid also reduces kindling temperatures and smothers flames more effectively than water. Yet it doesn't cause damage often associated with water in fire-fighting. Because of its ability of rapid evaporation it's a clean fire-fighting agent and leaves no residue. Since it vaporizes near a fire, Halon can find its way around obstructions, such as instrument panels, radiator grills of cars or trucks, with their hoods closed. Halon will seek out a compartment fire, destroy it and prevent its re-ignition.

The physical and chemical properties of Halon closely match the requirements of an ideal, multi-purpose, fire-fighting agent. Therefore, it's more tolerant of mistakes than most other agents. It gives the homemaker and hobbyist the best chance to respond effectively in an emergency situation.

It has been approved by the FAA . . . so for more peace of mind, keep one on board your aircraft, better to be safe than sorry.



Jack Chase, Flam-X, Hampton, VA, left, donates a dozen Flam-X to Florida Wing — accepting for the commander is Col. Henri

Casenove, Chief of Staff, right. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns)



**C/Major Kathy Chambers of North Tampa Cadet Squadron says "This page could have been yours . . . support your Wing publication, observe deadlines!"**

# Group 5 Commander Expresses Thanks to Post 408 JWV

By E. B. Bergman, GR. 5 PAO

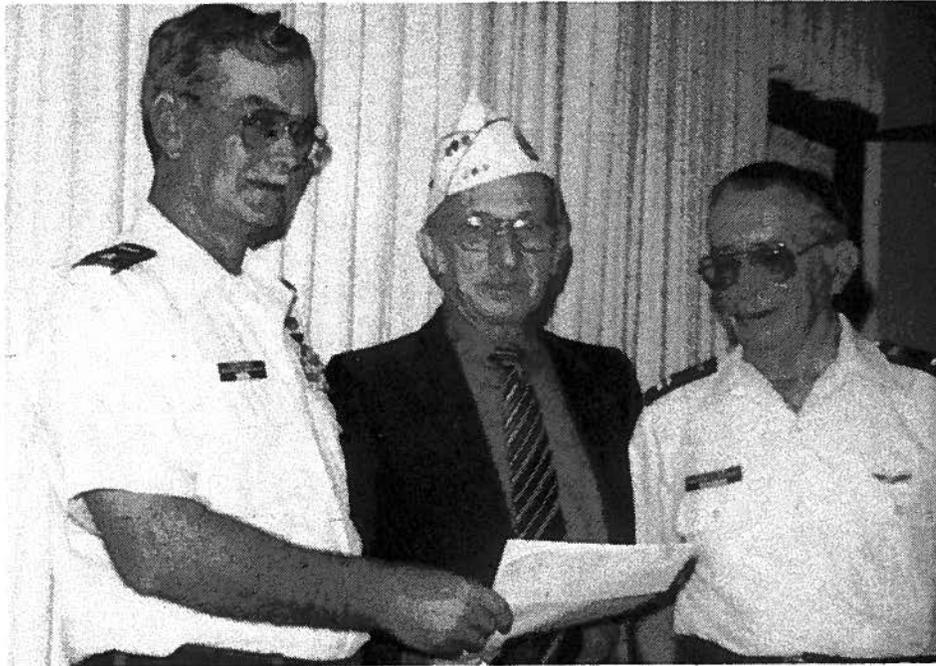
**Major Benjamin Myers**, Commander of Group 5 Florida Wing, recently was the speaker at a meeting of Post 408 of the Jewish War Veterans in West Palm Beach. The purpose of his appearance, along with **Captain Edgar Bergman**, Group 5's Public Affairs Officer, was to express the Civil Air Patrol's appreciation for a generous contribution made by the veterans.

**Post Commander Ephraim Gottlieb** introduced them with some knowledgeable comments about CAP's assistance in hurricanes and other emergencies. After presenting a suitably framed Certificate of Appreciation and a personal letter from Florida Wing Commander **Howard Cumler**,

Myers spoke briefly about Civil Air Patrol's duties and their services to the community.

**Sam Mindel**, Post 408's former commander and presently the State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, noted that this was the first appearance at their meetings of any of the many local organizations to which they had contributed funds. Myers then remarked that this was also a sort of first for CAP; no such certificate had been presented to an organization in West Palm Beach for a period of three years.

The two Civil Air Patrol members then answered several well-directed questions and in conclusion they received warm applause from the veterans.



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