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Commanders Notes:

Some of the comments that have come to me concerning our new tactical callsign, "Florida CAP" are based on one or more misconceptions. The fact are, first, the callsigns were chosen and assigned by National HQ and the order to implement them (by 1 Aug at the latest) was passed down to the Commander. Second, all except a small handful of callsigns across the nation had to be changed. Only a very, very few had not been officially assigned to another organization so as to remain available for our use.

The selection of new callsigns was an arduous process extending over two months or more. Wings and Regions were consulted and asked for their ideas. In the Southeast Region we preferred "CAP (state)" first and "(state) CAP" second. We later consulted again and asked to submit further names for consideration. Florida submitted ten, mostly animals or birds as I recall. As we all now know, the Southeast Region all received "(State) CAP" - - - "Florida CAP" for us. Several other jurisdictions received the same treatment but most of the Wings ended up with innocuous and meaningless designations. The problem was and is that anything with local significance such as a state bird, flower, catchword or motto has long since been assigned to another organization.

I believe that Florida CAP will be easy to use when we become accustomed to it. I, personally, like it better than "Sparrow" which was meaningless and faintly demeaning. I also like the idea that we can now tell when it is Alabama, Tennessee, George, etc. we are talking to. (I never knew who Bluechip and goldenrod were.)

The selection of Capflight callsigns for aircraft was also an arduous process, or so I understand. It is convoluted, as well, with private aircraft using it only on funded missions, possibly only on funded SEARCH missions. That makes it especially difficult since I, for example, an very rarely Capflight 801 and I will miss ATC's calls because I am attuned to listen for N6PD. I would have BY FAR preferred "Capflight (tailnumber)" for everybody and on all CAP flights, corporate and private alike. I believe that for some reason the FAA (or somebody) opposed that idea.

To repeat, we in Florida gave input to the ground tactical callsigns selection process but the actual assignment was made at National and would be very difficult to change. It definitely cannot be changed at the will of the Wing Commander.

The latest quarterly video tape from National is available for viewing at Wing HQ at MacDill. It last for about an hour and consists mostly of recent events on Capital Hill, including the legislative reception help there recently.

I have a source for making duplicates. If any unit wants a copy of the tape for itself, send a blank tape clearly marked with the unit name to Wing HQ. Include a letter stating you want a copy of the latest video update. On or about June 15 we will send all the tapes to be imprinted with copies of the latest report. We'll distribute them to the units when we they are returned to us.

Free E-Mail Service:

Juno On-line Services, LP, is offering free E-mail. The cost is borne by paid advertisements which you will see when you use the service. Current information was sent from the Pennsylvania Wing and our LtC. Harry Jones confirms that the system is easy to use. It has numerous features such as spell check, the ability to attach files, and an address book for easy sending to oft-used correspondents.

In an earlier article which I saw it was stated that the advertising the user will see is more or less "tailored" to his interests. This will be accomplished using data that individual user supplied when he first logged on to the service. Harry Jones reports that the advertisements appear at the top of the page and are not really bothersome. When a Juno recipient prints out a letter the advertisement does not print.

Juno does NOT provide access to the Internet for browsing, viewing web pages, etc. It is strictly for e-mail. Harry has retained his regular Internet service for full Internet access but his costs have gone down drastically because his e-mail costs are now zero.

This information may not be of great interest to those of you on the Florida Mail List since you already have e-mail service. While some of you may want to switch to or add the Juno service, the real purpose of this message is to ask you to provide the information to members who do not yet have e-mail.

The minimum hardware requirements are: 386 PC, Microsoft Windows, 4MGB ram, 10MGB free hard disc space, 3.5" floppy drive, VGA monitor and a modem of 2400 baud. Of course anything larger or faster will work fine, maybe better. The system reportedly has hundreds of phone numbers nationwide so that it can be accessed via a local phone call.

The software is free, as many copies as you need. You will assign yourself your own e-mail address (name) when you sign on. Phone 1-800-654-JUNO to request as many copies of the software as you need.

CAPFL Mailing list:

This is an Internet mailing list for the Florida Wing CAP. Please limit your subject matter to specific things of interest to the membership of the Florida Wing. If you experience problems with this service, please send your questions to Bob Ebaugh at: "ebaugh@sprynet.com". Full instructions follow, including how to remove your name from the mailing list in case you wish to stop receiving mail messages from this list.

----- HOW TO USE capfl -----

1. You need to subscribe. Send a mail message to: capfl@capflorida.org with subscribe capfl as the *subject* of the message.

You may also add some comments if you like in the message area of the "subscribe" message. Mike Brown gets a copy of all these messages and updates the Wing directory of Internet mail addresses.

This action adds your name to the list and copies of all capfl messages will be sent to your Internet mail address.

2. To use the list, send mail to: capfl@capflorida.org

Any message sent to this address will be forwarded automatically to all the users who have sent the subscribe message identified in step 1 above.

Please try to avoid the use of "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" in the subject of your message. This is treated as outlined in section 1) or 3) of these instructions.

To get off the list and stop receiving the capfl messages, send a mail message to capfl@capflorida.org with unsubscribe capfl as the *subject* of the message.

Administration: (LtC. David H. LaMontagne AirDavid@ix.netcom.com)

Florida Wing Home WEB Page is up and running. You can find us at "http://www.capflorida.org". Please check out our page and let me know if you have any comments. Our home page has links to the N'tl HQ Home page and other.

If your unit or group has it's own Home pages, please let me know it's address and I will add it to our FL Wing's home page links.

Personnel: (LtC. Connie Cline)

LtC. Joseph Lill assigned to 08001 Wing HQ as assistant Maintenance Officer

Marathon Senior Squadron (08102) has been deactivated.

Commander Commendations: LtC. Allan Rose for Tiger Weekend / May 7 - May 27.

Air Search & Rescue Ribbon with clasp awarded to Maj. Mike Brown.

CD Ribbon awarded to Maj Mike Brown.

Find Ribbon for Mission #96M1012 awarded to LtC Roman Kolody & Cpt. Luis Garcia.

Membership ribbon awarded to Jennifer Sevins.

Brewer Award for Southeast Region was awarded to Cpt. Eugene Olson

Seniors Programs: (Maj. Joel Katz)

There is a new CAPF 11 (Senior Programs Director's Report Form) dated Jan 96. It is imperative that all units requisition the new form on a CAPF 8 from National HQ CAP/MSIA. We would like to have all units using the new form no later than 1 Sept 96. If you have any names on the reverse, make a notation on the front, and the Director should place a diagonal line through the unused portion of additional names cannot be entered. Please remember that an Information Copy is to be sent to this office in accordance with Florida Supplement 1, CAPR 50-17, 01 Oct 94.

We are having a major problem with members sending and faxing ECI23's directly to ECI at Gunter AFB. Florida Supplement 2, CAPR 50-17 dated 1 Oct 94 states that all applications for ECI courses are to be send through Wing TTN. The correct mailing address for FL Wing TTN is: P.O. Box 7027 Hollywood, FL 22081-1027.

Operations: (Cpt. Luis Garcia, DOV)

I have been receiving paperwork from throughout the wing but it has been incomplete. Please forward one copy of the form 5, form 91, pilot data summary, pilot licenses, medical, and any authorization letters for Cadet Orientation Pilot, Mission Check Pilot, Check Pilot, or Chief Check Pilot. I had accidentally omitted the need for the licenses on the last bulletin. The paperwork is being used to create a database of the pilots of FLWG. All check pilots, mission or form 5, will forward a copy of check rides conducted to DOV at the home address listed in the comm roster. The paperwork needed will be the same as above except for the authorization letters.

FLWG form 11 and 12 series have been updated for requests for authorization for Cadet O Ride pilot, Instructor Pilot, Check Pilot, Mission Check Pilot, and Chief Check Pilot. Previous versions of the forms are obsolete on September 1, 1996.

The Florida Wing National Check Pilot Standardization Course:

Has been scheduled for Oct. 26 & 27, 1996 at Lakeland, FL from 0700 to 1700 each day. I am looking for personnel who would like to be support staff for the school. Members who are interested in attending the school, please send two copies of CAPF 17 to: 1975 Red Road
Coral Gables, FL 33155

I have 35 applications from last year's school and I am reserving school seats for these applicants. If you applied last year and/or have questions, please feel free to contact me at (305) 267-6034.



FLORIDA WING CALENDAR

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- 3 - 11 Aug National Flight Encampment (*McClellan AFB, CA*)
- 8 - 10 Aug National Board Meeting in San Antonio
- 10 -17 Aug USAF Space Command Familiarization Course (*Patrick AFB, FL*)
- 17 Aug Wing Staff Meetig (*Wing HQ MacDill AFB - 0900*)
- 25 Aug Articles due for Wing Bulletin
- 30 Aug - 1 Sept Rappelling Bivouac (*at Sand Hill Scout Reservation Brooksville FL. \$10 per person. - This is limited to Gr.3, Gr.4 personnel and AGOS graduates only - Sorry.*)
- 1 Sept Aircraft Hull insurance (quarterly)
- 1 Sept Aircraft operations report (Corp & private) Send to Wing HQ only
- 5 Sept Chaplains semi-annual Report due to Wing
- 15 Sept SMTR due to Nat'l HQ/TTN
- 20 Sept Public Affairs Report due to Wing HQ
- 21 Sept Wing Commander Call (*Wing HQ MacDill AFB - 0900*)
- 25 Sept Articles due for Wing bulletin
- 28 Sept Cadet Ball (*Hosted by Group 4 - Banquet Masters off of Part Blvd. Cost \$15.00 Sent the following: name,money,address and phone no. to LtC. Richard Martin 2965 164th Ave N. Clearwater, FL 34620 For Info call Maj. Scoot Clarkson (813) 251-3136. Deadline 24 Sept.*)
- 29 Sept - 4 Oct SE Region Staff College (*McGhee-Tyson Airport, the Knoxville Regional Airport*)
- 26 - 27 Oct Check pilot school (*FAA facilities in Lakeland - Contact Person: Cpt Luis Garcia at sf311a@aol.com*)
- 15 Oct Finance Reports and audit due to Wing HQ
- 19 Oct Wing Staff Meetig (*Wing HQ MacDill AFB - 0900*)
- 25 Oct Articles due for Wing Bulletin
- 30 Oct Safety Survey Report Due to Wing HQ

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- 10 Jan Group 5 Banquet