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FLORIDA WING HOSTS IACE CADETS



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ill is a time when a lot of us take the time to reflect on the summer...the activities we did, the places visited, and new friends we met. Our Florida Wing Cadets had many opportunities to learn new skills and make lasting memories this past summer. Some cadets enjoyed their first-ever encampment where they learned about CAP and military life. Others got their first taste of being 'away from home' as they participated in national activities involving Search and Rescue, Aerospace Education, sharpening engineering skills, and developing leadership abilities. Even the most senior of cadets had opportunities to develop professionally through international programs where they learned about the world, learned about their own country, and were able to meet international exchange cadets from foreign countries.

I am especially proud of a group of cadets who demonstrated their dedication to the program and their community by placing third overall at the National Cadet Competition at Wright Air Force Base in Ohio. *Way to go!*

These summertime memories will have short-term and long-term benefits. The immediate gratification is readily apparent: awards won, new experiences 'under our belt', and education gained. What may not be so apparent [at the moment] are the long-term gains. Cadets who participated in the various activities were given a boost in their CAP involvement, possibly leading to a life-long military career. In addition, and equally as important, some cadets have made life-long friendships, forged in the Summer of 2003. Countless times, I've heard Senior Members reminisce about the summer they met some of their best friends....at an encampment or other CAP event. Cadets return from their summertime activities full of

enthusiasm and passion for the program. This is a great payoff, but with that payoff comes a challenge. Unit leaders must find a way to channel their cadet's enthusiasm and education, and incorporate that into a positive influence on the unit as a whole. They should assign projects to the cadets, give them opportunities to share their experiences and help them build their budding leadership muscles. We must help our cadets grow, develop, and excel. After all, that is one of our primary missions.



COL. MATTHEW R. SHARKEY
Florida Wing Commander

Now begins the cycle where we begin to prepare for next year. In the first quarter of 2004, we look to have our Cadet Special Activities Selection Board, Cadet Conference, and Cadet Competition. Of course, Tiger Fly Days and Glider Training Days are in the offing as well. These are just some of the exciting things our cadets will do, see, and experience in the future.

I hope each participant will treasure the memories, and grow through each experience. That goes for you Senior Members as well. We've all gained a lot this summer and should take these successes and run with them. Summer 2004 will be here before we know it.

"Leadership is the art of accomplishing more today than the science of management says is possible."

Hon. Colin Powell
Secretary of State

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FLORIDA WING PROVIDED IACE WITH A NON-STOP, 11-DAY PROGRAM.



Two Australian cadets, two Canadian cadets, and two cadets and one escort officer from Belgium were kept on a whirlwind schedule for eleven days as participants of the Florida Wing International Air Cadet Exchange [IACE] program.

DAY ONE, the seven were met at the Orlando International Airport by Lt Col Charles Pfeiffer, Florida Wing Project Officer and two hosts. They were taken directly to the Orlando Science Center followed by an American style bar-b-que and swim party.

DAY TWO had them all flying, visiting the Kissimmee War Birds Museum and practicing how to hone in on an Emergency Locater Transmitter [ELT] with a hand-held Directional Finder.

DAY THREE was a day on the water at the Wekiva State Park where they trained in "canoe rollovers with shriek" and saw various forms of wild life.

DAY FOUR and **DAY SIX** were a dawn to dusk at **Disney World**, separated by "flying" in the Commercial Flight Simulator at the Lockheed/Martin plant on **DAY FIVE**.

Swampland air boating, a visit to Patrick Air Force Base, attendance at the Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School, and a repeat of "canoe rollover with shriek" packed **DAY SEVEN**.

An IACE visit to Florida would not be complete without a tour of Kennedy Space Center. **DAY EIGHT** completed with a narrated bus tour of the space launch station and a memorable thrill of meeting a real, live astronaut who answered all their questions and posed for photos. The IMAX movie on space flight plus all other activities of the day provided conversation material lasting far beyond the length of the trip.

DAY NINE and **DAY TEN** provided airplane and glider flying and a visit to Fantasy of Flight with an exclusive lunch in the "World War II Officer's Club".

DAY ELEVEN was taken with packing, sad goodbyes, and looking back over the experiences crammed into ten days that would last a lifetime.



PROP WASH

A great number of important issues were enacted at the National Board Meeting in Las Vegas. CAP National Vice Commander Brig Gen Dwight Wheless was re-elected.....Col Rock Palermo was elected and confirmed as National Legal Officer.....Revised CAPR 60-6; CAPR 70-1; CAPR 77-1 and CAPR 900-5 were approved.....Regulations will now be published electronically within 30 days of approval.....The National Cadet Competition will be held in Washington, D.C. concurrent with the National Board Meeting.....Operations Officers no longer will be required to be an FAA Certified Flight Instructor.....

At the National Board Awards Ceremony, Florida Wing received awards for being the best in the Southeast Region [6 states] in Emergency Services, Counter Drugs, Disaster Relief, and Aerospace Education. In accepting the awards, Col Matthew Sharkey extended kudos to Major Chip Maher, Director of Emergency Services; Lt Col Bud Borner, Director of Counter Drugs; Lt Col John Lynn, Director of Aerospace Education and all the members of those directorates as well as participants in these Florida Wing activities. The Florida Wing History of 2002, written and published by Lt Col Roger Thomas placed second overall in the nation, and National Com-

mander's Commendations were presented to Lt Col Karl Geng, Lt Col Russ Reichmann, Lt Col Luis Garcia, and Lt Col Bud Borner for all their efforts with Advanced Technology Group [ATG].

Lt Col Harvey Bennett, Wing Director of Marketing/Public Affairs, reports that Maj Gen Richard Bowling listed a number of achievements of CAP in his stirring address:

- CAP saved 112 lives this year.
- Membership has reached 65,000 and is on the rise.
- The CAPMART on the internet is now up and running with all glitches shaken out.
- Florida is the leading wing in the nation in Homeland Security missions.
- This year we have had 55 million readers exposed to CAP stories in Flying Magazine; VFW Magazine; Today's Officer Magazine; and on Radio/TV.
- CAP won the Air Force Vandenberg award for Aerospace Excellence and the Brewer Trophy.
- One out of every four cadets receives "O" flights.

Lt Col Alvin Bedgood, Drug Demand Reduction Administrator and Professional Development Director has 'hit the tarmac at full speed'. A financial assistance program for squadrons to pur-

chase Color Guard equipment is in full swing.

The USAF has approved yellow scarves for our flight suits but the matter is pending National Board approval.

Former Wing Safety Officer, Capt Ernie Manzano is now the commander of Group 7. He already has had State Representative Juan Zapata visit the Group Headquarters and pledge to "Help you with anything you need to continue to keep our kids on the right track, to support your three missions, and your service to our nation in Homeland Security missions."

National Headquarters advises that the use of USAFA as the alphabetic acrostic for United States Air Force Auxiliary is not correct. USAFA is the acronym for the United States Air Force Academy. The correct acronym is USAF Aux. Incidentally, the National Board just established that the acronym USAFAux shall not be used in signatures for Civil Air Patrol.

CAP unit commanders should be aware that anytime your unit is requested to provide assistance at an USAF air show/event, a request from the Base Commander must be submitted to CAP-USAFA Headquarters.



The recent Florida Wing Command Call was attended by the commanders of all ten groups. The opportunity to photographically introduce you to all of them was too good to pass up.



L to r. Group One, Lt Col Douglas C. Kelley; Group Two, Maj Lean H. duBois Jr.; Group Three, Maj George Barker; Group 4, Maj Walt Lane; Group 5, Maj Fran Gleockler; Group 6, Lt Col Bruce Smith; Group 9, Lt Col Leroy Barnett. Group 7, Capt Ernie Manzano; Group 8, Lt Col Bob Ashman; and Group 800, Lt Col David Mikelson were not available for the photo.

Lake Composite Squadron provided an Honor Guard and a Color Guard for the EAA's [Experimental Aircraft Association] graduation of 19 boy and girl participants in "Introduction to Aviation". EAA pilots supervised these students as they flew airplanes from Orlando to Leesburg, to Deland and returning to Orlando. The EAA hopes to fly a million young people by the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight in December of 1903.

Lt Col David Mosely

Cadets from Puerto Rico and California joined with 245 Florida Cadets and 30 Senior Members at the Florida Wing 2003 Encampment at Camp Blanding. Obstacle Course Races, rappelling from a 10' tower, and tour of the World War II Museum were some of the highlights of the encampment. Commanded by Capt Patrick O'Key and C/Lt Col Paul Cheval as Cadet Commander the encampment closed the week with a pass-in review parade.

The Sixth Annual Awards Banquet held by the Pasco Cadet Squadron was a huge success. Dr. Nancy Fessenden, who flew her own Cessna from coast to coast, told of the numerous flying experiences she has had. Her insightful presentation made crystal clear that women were an integral part of aviation since its very inception.

A Rocketry Bivouac at Patrick Air Force Base was conducted by Group Four. Ten cadets from South Brevard, Patrick, and New Smyrna completed all launch requirements for their Rocketry Badge. Maj Walter Lane, Group Four Commander, presented certificates to each participant. The event was covered in the Florida Today newspaper and on Orlando Channel 13 News.

Lt Col Joe Tirado

19 Cadets, Senior Members and guests attended the Fantasy of Flight just outside of Lakeland. The group had a most enjoyable time flying the full motion F-4U, WWII Corsair simulators, and accepting the challenge of aerial 'dog-fights' and the chance of shooting down or being shot down. The Fantasy of Flight owner took one of the display planes and provided an aerial demonstration of the WWII German Storch STOL [Short Take-off/Landing] aircraft. The STOL can take-off and land in less than 100 ft. and can fly at 24 mph. This was the same type aircraft which rescued Italian dictator, Mussolini from the Italian partisans by landing and taking off with him from his remote mountainside hideout.

Lt Col Joe Tirado

The 8049th Squadron recognized 1Lt Justin Fetter for his extraordinary service provided while on temporary duty from his Pennsylvania Wing. Lt Fetter spent hundreds of hours repairing damaged roof sections of the squadron's headquarters building and applying a waterproof membrane on the roof. He formed the first RECON Team, served on the SERT [State Emergency Response Team], hunted ELT's and participated on REDCAP [searching for missing aircraft] Missions.

Capt Mike Goblet

SOUTHEAST REGION CONFERENCE IS ROUSING SUCCESS

With attendance by CAP members and guests of nearly 300, the Southeast Region Annual Conference at the Westin Atlanta North was judged a rousing success by both organizers and participants.

Unknown initially to conference planners, the year 2002 for Southeast Region was designated an "on" year and so 2003 had to be an "off" year. The system of on and off years for regional conferences was established by national CAP to spread out support and funding among the regions. In off years, generally conferences are not held or are smaller and are taught without national headquarters personnel, but Southeast Region was very fortunate to have Rob Smith from the Professional Development Directorate advising the program committee and he was able to secure participation from national headquarters.

With the support of Assistant Executive Director Don Rowland, numerous national directorates were able to send staff to teach the seminars since they could drive to the Atlanta location on Saturday from the Maxwell AFB area. Also, several presenters and conference staff drove through the night from the National Staff College to be present Saturday morning including Major Bill Ferguson, SER FM and former Florida Wing FM. Col. Tony Pineda, Southeast Region Commander, expressed his appreciation for their dedication and help in making the conference a success.

VIP attendance was outstanding with the presence at General Session and the Awards Banquet, as well as at several seminars, of CAP National Commander, Major General Richard Bowling; CAP National Vice Commander, Brigadier General Dwight Wheless; National Executive Director, Al Allenback; Chairman of the Board of Governors, Col. Robert Bess; National Chief of the Chaplain Service, Ch Lt Col James Melancon; and Col. Richard Anderson, USAF, of the Pentagon Homeland Security section. Col. Anderson is also a CAP Brigadier General and former National Commander. The conference was also honored by the attendance of two other former national commanders: Brigadier General Paul Bergman, newly elected to the CAP Board of Governors and Major General Eugene Harwell.

An engaging guest speaker, General Ted

Bowlds, who is in charge of airlift, trainers and simulation at USAF headquarters, Pentagon, spoke at the General Session and was the keynote cadet program speaker.

The Westin is a luxury business hotel close to the MARTA Perimeter Station, a location which provided easy access for those arriving from Atlanta Hartsfield Airport. During the week, business meetings usually fill its corridors, but this CAP conference had the hotel to itself all weekend. This made the event very pleasant as there were no other meetings competing with CAP for space, restaurant service was efficient, and room service and front desk were ready to respond to every request. Many attendees commented on the luxurious plush down comforters and double shower heads which made the in-room experience a real plus.

Friday evening, the social activity was an outdoor buffet. Tall brightly lit office buildings surrounded the lake, providing an unusual and beautiful urban setting in which to enjoy refreshments and socializing.

Saturday afternoon an emergency change of schedule occurred when the hotel laundry room caught fire and the fire alarm caused everyone to exit the hotel onto the patio. After an hour of testing alarms, the seminars resumed. Several workshops decided to continue outdoors in the park-like setting enjoying a pleasant Georgia Indian summer afternoon.

Col David Mikelson, Florida Group 800 Commander and SER DDR Coordinator, tells of turning to the "young fellow sitting next to me who was alone and seemed to be quietly enjoying the night air and his buffet platter. I introduced myself and he said, Hi, I'm Ted Bowlds." Throughout the conference, General Bowlds impressed all with his ease of accessibility and friendliness. As a former cadet with special interest in CAP, because of its positive impact on his life, he makes time in his busy schedule to speak to cadets at CAP events around the country.

Attendance was a broad mix representing all of the states, CAP-USAF, SER and NHQ. ►

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Five of the six SER Wing Commanders were present: Col Matt Sharkey, Florida; Col Don Greene, Georgia; Col John Tilton, Alabama; Col James Rushing, Tennessee; and Col John Wilkes, Mississippi. Puerto Rico's Vice Commander Lt Col. Herman Liboy filled in for Col. Milton Tomassini. Florida Wing Vice Commanders Lt Col. Wes Hannah and Major Joseph Martin and Chief of Staff Lt Col. Bill Brockman additionally represented Florida Wing.

CAPMart traveled to the conference and had a large space in which to display their supplies and clothing including the popular button-down shirts with embroidered logo and Cessna which many participants were wearing. Additionally, Southeast Region was especially fortunate to be the only conference all year to have CAP's NASCAR #46 display car, the Ashton Lewis Chevrolet parked in front of the hotel for all to see and enjoy by cadets and seniors alike.

Attendees who traveled from the five SER states and Puerto Rico were rewarded with an outstanding program including presentations from SER staff, NHQ directorate staff, and many VIPs. Col. Bob Bess' presentation summed up the latest issues before the CAP Board of Governors and Al Allenback, giving his presentation from the National Conference in Las Vegas, spoke on the changes and goals ahead at CAP National Headquarters. General Bowling congratulated the Southeast Region on another outstanding event and the increase in membership and participation throughout the wings. Col. Richard Anderson opened the seminar sessions with a 90-minute briefing and Q&A on Homeland Security at the Pentagon.

Also, keeping with the conference theme of "Eyes Over Southeast Skies," the evening banquet speaker Kelly Kelkenberg from FEMA spoke on his group's incorporation into the Department of Homeland Security (HLS). He made the point that no matter what the nature of the emergency, it is always a local event, whether it is the destruction of the World Trade Centers or a natural event such as a flood or hurricane. This means resources of local, regional and national organizations must be coordinated to effectively deal with the emergency and to fight terrorism, another reason CAP has such an important role in HLS.

The conference featured the first two modules of the new Instructor Certification Program presented by Mark Wilkinson and Rob Smith. This certificate is for all CAP members who instruct in any area and will be available online in the near future.

Florida Wing's Tamiami Composite Squadron, winner of the SER Color Guard Competition, presented the colors on Saturday evening. Cadet of the Year was awarded to C/Lt Col Paul Cheval, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron, Florida Wing. Special recognition was given to Florida Wing's Chaplain Dewey Painter who received his promotion to Lt. Col. Awards for Wing of Merit went to Georgia Wing and Wing of Distinction to Tennessee Wing. Commander of the Year was awarded to Col. Milton Tomassini, Puerto Rico Wing. Senior of the Year was Capt. James Stidfole, Alabama Wing.

Florida Wing's Lt Col Gene Olsen and Lt Col Vivian Olsen joined many other participants in rating as outstanding two seminars much in demand at conferences nationwide: a grant writing seminar presented by Mary Nell Crowe and Melanie Lemay's newsletter publishing workshop. The seminars by NHQ Information Technology staff and Mike Jiru's DDR workshop were also very well received. Lt Col Karl Geng was a special guest presenter who provided first-hand expertise on CAP's new satellite equipment.

Col. Pineda announced Col. Andrew Skiba as SER Vice Commander and Col. Valerie Brown as Special Assistant to the Commander for Training. Col. Skiba is currently overseeing NHQ Homeland Security. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the region as he is a former CAP National Finance Director, Northeast Region Commander and Florida Wing Commander.

Col. Pineda announced the Southeast Region will actively support the National Conference in Tampa next year in lieu of having its own region conference.

Editor's Note: This story was written by Major Sharon Taylor who is also the Program/Conference Director for Florida Wing and Southeast Region. The Florida Wing Annual Conference 2004 has already been planned to be in Ft Lauderdale.



▲ Busch Series driver Ashton Lewis has fun with a young fan at the Volusia Mall in Daytona Beach.

► Maj Mario Bartoletti with his classic 1973 Buick Riviera in front of the Flying Fortress at a special ceremony honoring WWII airmen. The ceremony was part of the Buick Centennial Antique Car Show.



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▼ Former CAP Cadet George F. Williams has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force grade of Colonel and assigned as Vice Commander of the Air Force Reserve's 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field in the Florida Panhandle. Williams is an active member of CAP with more than 20 years of service.



◀ In August at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, Air Force Lt Col Janon D. Ellis, CAP Spaatz # 661, assumed command of the 728th Air Mobility Squadron [USAFE]. A native Floridian and member of the North Miami and Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadrons, Lt Col Ellis has remained active in CAP.



► Cadet Airmen Badenhorst and Zarrilli practice knot tying at an FTX for the Boca Raton Composite Squadron. Despite the hard work that resulted in "every muscle in my body hurting", bug bites, bruises, and sleep deprivation, Cadet Christina Zarilli continues to rave about the fun time and training she had.



▲ Lt Col Karl Geng, member of National Headquarters Advanced Technologies Group, receives an Exceptional Service award from Maj Gen Richard Bowling.





LATE BREAKING NEWS!



 USAF Lt Col Janon Ellis, Spaatz #661, assumed command of the 728th Air Mobility Squadron in Turkey. Previously, he was an Operations Officer at Yokota Air Base, Japan where he also commanded the Yokota Cadet Squadron. Lt Col Ellis grew up in Miami and was a member of the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron and served in units in the Texas and Arkansas Wings.

 Capt Margarita Mesones and 1st Lt Linus Gomez are new Group 7 Alerting Officers. Both have been incredibly active over the years and have an evidenced dedication towards Emergency Services.

**1 Lt Alina Garcia-Barbon
Group 7 Emergency Services Officer**

 S/M Gary Nicolay, Lantana Squadron, competed in two National Senior 55 years and older, Triple A Slow Pitch Tournaments held in Manassas, Virginia, as a player with the Storm Team from Palm Beach County. Nicolay's team placed second but they placed first in the ASA Tournament held in Auburndale, Florida winning all five games. The next National Tournament will be held in Las Vegas.

 The Professional Development 2004 Schedule is already preliminarily drafted. Col. Sharkey advises there will be at least one PDW Weekend in Orlando and a second in Naples. Training has a high priority on the Wing Commander's Goals and Objectives Program. Therefore, Groups 1,4,6 and 8 will be conducting a Search and Rescue Exercise, Groups 2,3,5 and 9 will schedule a Squadron Leadership School, and wing will hold a statewide SAREVAL.

 Florida Wing will be receiving a 2003 Cessna 182. This airplane will be assigned to Group One. Florida Wing has been approved for \$22,000 for Cadet O-Rides for Fiscal Year 2004 which begins this October. For certain Homeland Security missions to be assigned to CAP in the not-

too-distant future, there is an indication that twin engine aircraft will be required. Obviously the wing's aircraft fleet will change, pilot training for twin engines and instrument flight will be an imperative, and aircrews will have to upgrade their capabilities.

 Aerospace Education Directorate will be distributing 13,000 CAP designed book covers to middle schools throughout the state. This is a wonderful public relations and recruiting medium.

 Florida Wing has committed to the Southeast Region Disaster Relief [DREX] Exercise a mission base, five aircraft and crews, Forward Control Team, four Reconnaissance Teams, an Area Command Team and the FLWG Emergency Coordinating Officer Team.

 The Professional Development Weekend recently held by Group 6 in Boca Raton was an all-time record breaker with 123 members attending a Squadron Leadership School [SLS], or Corporate Learning Course [CLC], or Unit Commanders Course [UCC]. Registration for the SLS had to be cut off since the demand far exceeded the seating capacity of even the largest room in the modern headquarters building. The 246 member days, exclusive of all instructors and directors was a huge teaching success.

 US Army Captain Brian Faunce, formerly a member of CAP Pennsylvania Wing, was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Capt Faunce was a graduate of CAP's Ranger Program and completed CAP training in land navigation, wilderness survival techniques, as well as mountain rappelling and climbing.

 C/A1C James Philip Cook, Brandon Cadet Squadron, was selected as "Doolie of the Encampment" for his outstanding performance. 280 cadets attended this one week encampment and lived a military style life and learned team survival.

WING WIG-WAG

★ National Headquarters has ordered 37 new vans and Florida Wing will receive one new van by end of October. Col Sharkey emphasized the need for vehicle repaint requests to be submitted as soon as possible. The new wing glider is waiting to be transported from Colorado.

★ Good news! CAP membership is on the continual rise and thus far has experienced nearly a 6% growth for the year 2003 and our membership retention rate is also on the incline.

★ Our national Marketing/Public Affairs Department expansion has successfully achieved 55 million media impressions since October 2002. Go CAP!

★ Our national headquarters Curator/Historian is seeking unit patches for a display. FL040's new patch would look just great! So would the Marco Island Senior Squadron's Black Sheep patch. If you have one and haven't yet submitted your unit patch, now's the time.

★ Is your membership renewal coming up? Don't forget you can easily renew on-line.

★ Our CAP Book Store is no more but its on-line replacement, CAPMART, is conveniently at your fingertips for ordering any of the items formerly catalogued. Ah! The wonderful world of technology!

★ The \$400,000 shortfall in the

cadet uniform program will hopefully be avoided in this next fiscal year. Our successful recruiting of cadets and chartering of new middle school squadrons, make this mandatory.

★ Standard Forms of Memorandum of Understanding for provision of services to various governmental agencies that fulfill the Department of Defense requirements are currently being worked on at the Air Staff level in the Pentagon.

★ Brig Gen Dwight Wheless has been re-elected national Vice Commander by the members of the National Board of Directors. All current national officers were confirmed.

★ Maj Raymond Spengler now has a tested automatic aircraft maintenance reminder program operative for the Florida Wing airplane fleet. This on-line program is all encompassing for reserving, scheduling, maintenance programming, plane grounding, and plane release. This comprehensive data program was designed in concert with all group commanders, wing Safety Officer, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, and has been approved by wing commander, Col Matt Sharkey.

★ Major Ivan Acosta is welcomed aboard as the new wing Deputy Director of Cadet Programs; and Capt Doris Fernandez-Barker is the new Personnel Director [see page 22].

★ The revised Cadet Program Management Regulation, CAPR 52-16, has been released. A cadet commander is now appointed by the unit commander and that cadet command and cadet staff positions may remain vacant. Completion of the CPPT is now required of cadets age 18 and older. Cadets will not possess, chew, or consume tobacco products nor will they possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, in any form, while participating in any CAP activity. Senior members should exercise discretion when drinking alcoholic beverages or using tobacco products at CAP activities when cadets are present. Units should establish a Master Schedule for weekly meetings. Cadets may not test beyond their next achievement and they must be able to recite from memory the Cadet Oath in order to be promoted.

★ Wing Chaplain Lt Col Dewey Painter extends greetings to new Chaplain Capt Doris Watkins; Chaplain Maj Jon Syfrit Stewart; and Chaplain 1Lt Larry A. Woodward. They are welcomed to the team of 85 Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officer's that are currently serving in Florida Wing,

★ Homeland Security Missions could be requiring the addition of twin engine aircraft to our fleet for longer distance over-water coverage.

THE CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS

THEY'RE OUR "GANG"

Capt Linda Trimpey

THE CADET PROGRAM

The cadet program is designed to foster leadership and good citizenship in America's youth using aerospace education, Air Force role models, and emphasis on public service. Cadets may participate in a variety of activities, gain rank, and increased recognition in the program and receive benefits for participation in the program should they choose to enter military service. Most of all, it challenges them to learn and grow in ways they may not have had the opportunity to, were it not for the program.

CADET PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Cadet Program is divided into five phases—Motivation Phase, Learning Phase, Leadership Phase, Command Phase, and the Executive Phase. The Motivation Phase introduces the cadets to the requirements, procedures, and goals of CAP.

The next four phases use aerospace education, leadership, physical fitness, and moral leadership to instill and develop qualities of leadership and responsibility. The entire cadet program is oriented toward an activities program held within the individual squadron setting. Emphasis is placed on individual and group study. Unit activities include drill team, color guard, honor guard, model rocketry, and emergency services training. As cadets progress and achieve, they earn ribbons, awards, increased grade, and medals.

Phase I, the Learning Phase teaches the cadets to function in a military-type environment. They learn to march, proper wearing of uniform, principles of followership, and beginning of aerospace environment.

Phase II, the Leadership Phase is where cadets enter leadership roles in their squadron and attend a CAP Encampment. This is designed to give cadets an introduction to Air Force culture, hands-on leadership and aerospace training. At the successful conclusion, they receive their first major honor, the General Billy

Mitchell Award.

Phase III, the Command Phase, the cadets take on greater responsibility. They assume a leadership position and mentor younger cadets. They become knowledgeable in different staff roles. This is in addition to continuing activities in prior phases. At the conclusion, they receive the Amelia Earhart Award.

Phase IV, the Executive Phase is designed to provide high-level leadership experiences to the individual cadet. When the cadets complete Phase IV, they earn the General Ira C. Eaker Award and become eligible to test for the highest award in the CAP Cadet Program, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

THE SPAATZ AWARD

The Spaatz Award is a comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of all prior phases. This exam is passed by less than one percent of the total cadet population. Once cadets pass the Spaatz examination, they are promoted to the highest grade, cadet colonel. Most attend college and pursue aerospace careers. Many earn a pilot certificate and Spaatz cadets assist other cadets to excel.

ACTIVITIES AND REWARDS

Cadets enjoy a wide variety of activities at the squadron, wing, region, and national levels. Cadets may train and participate in Search and Rescue missions, enjoy orientation flights, take field trips, and encampments. In addition, they may be eligible to go on a variety of national activities designed to complement the cadet curriculum. Cadets may even qualify to travel to a foreign country to represent Civil Air Patrol and the United States.

Cadets also qualify for college scholarships. Cadets wanting to enlist in the US Air Force and holding the Mitchell Award may enlist at a higher pay grade over their contemporaries. The Civil Air Patrol Program offers today's youth unlimited opportunities to excel.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND IS RECORD BREAKER

246 member days were spent at the Group 6 Professional Development Weekend [PDW] held in Boca Raton.

SER-PDW Director Major Ray Hayden was overwhelmed with the first-time-ever necessity to close registration for certain of the schools/courses and Lt Col Bruce Smith, Group 6 Commander was delighted to welcome registrants from as far away as Pensacola.

The PDW included Squadron Leadership School [SLS], Corporate Learning Course [CLC], and Unit Command Course [UCC]. Instructors from Southeast Region Staff,

Florida Wing Staff, and Group Staff were assigned to one or more of the schools/courses. Each instructor was either Master Level Rated in their assigned training course or extremely

ber's duties, functions and responsibilities at the Unit Level and above. The Corporate Learning Course is designed to illustrate how the wing interrelates to the region and then to the national headquarters and how we meet National Goals and Objectives from a wing perspective.

PDW's are offered twice per year, usually the second weekend of March, and the last weekend in September. Geographically, one PDW is held in the northern part of the Wing and the other in the southern sector. Col Sharkey extended his heartiest thanks to all who participated.



Early Saturday arrivals assemble in the facilities cafeteria and partake in eye-opener coffee and....



Major Ray Hayden welcomes the assemblage and provides the start-up briefing.

knowledgeable and experienced.

Lt Col Smith was responsible for having arranged for a major corporate headquarters and its outstanding facilities as the PDW site.

In addition to Instructors, a Primary Director was responsible for each of the three groups. Lt Col Robert Miller was Primary Director of the Unit Commanders Course, and he was supported by two co-directors and staff; Maj Chuck Harrison was Primary Director of the Squadron Leadership School and Capt James Goblet was the Primary Director of the Corporate Learning Course. Each had co-directors and assisting staff.

The Squadron Leadership School addresses a mem-



Wing Commander, Col Matt Sharkey teaches chain of command at the CLC.



SER Deputy Commander, Col Valerie Brown instructs the UCC Class in qualities of leadership and personal integrity.



Effective listening and intensive concentration were the requirements for absorbing all of the training courses provided at the SLS.

As we approach the next era of flight, so will Florida Wing be approaching a new era with FLORIDA FACTS, the wing's magazine.

The last issue of "Gater CAPers", the Florida Wing magazine was published in October 1991. On a spasmodic basis, the wing magazine was replaced by the Florida Wing Bulletin. Its demise gave birth to "FLORIDA FACTS" published with its inauguration issue in September 1996 thanks to the pioneering, journalistic efforts of Capt. Trish Turner. That ten page issue was an unbound, stapled, paper plate, photo offset printed newsletter. As with the Wright Brothers first flight in December 1903, it was a mere shadow to the aircraft currently aloft in our skies and on the drawing boards for tomorrow's needs.

By April 1997, Capt Turner had increased the content to twenty pages and a circulation of 150 copies - one to each staff officer of Florida Wing. In December 1997, under the editorial guidance of the newly appointed Editor/Publisher, Lt Col S. Buddy Harris, by the then wing commander, Col Andrew Skiba, FLORIDA FACTS was transposed to a metal plate, rotogravure printed and bound, black and white newsletter with a circulation of 2,865 - one copy for every member of Florida Wing.

As envisioned by former wing

commander, Col Antonio Pineda, FLORIDA FACTS is now a 44 page, glossy, full color, bound



The Wright Brothers first powered aircraft flight in December 1903 was a mere shadow to today's aircraft aloft in our skies

magazine with a circulation of 5,000 to every member of Florida Wing plus all elected Florida officials on Federal, State, County and Municipal level, as well as all members of CAP's National Board of Directors and Executive Committee, NHQ officials and staff directors, and White House, Pentagon, and Department of Homeland Security officials and ranking officers.

So what does the new era for FLORIDA FACTS hold forth? With the next issue, you will note a change in cover design - front and back - that Capt Dan Thompson has been drafting for many months. The graphics of the journalistic pages will have a new look that will make your reading pleasure more enjoyable and the level of professionalism will be elevated.

The many contributors of stories, photos, and news items have

increased a hundred-fold, and this is where you can assist us in achieving our goal.

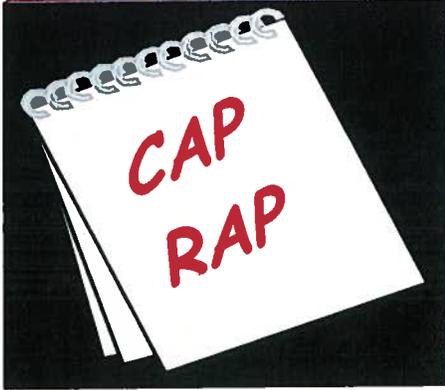
PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBMITTALS

- Your photos may be submitted as prints, e-mail attachments, CD's or Floppy Disks.
- Every photo **must** have a caption or caption sheet which provides from left to right the **name, rank, unit** of subjects and the significance of the event photographed.
- Only submit those photos you feel best visualize the event - **never** more than three candidates.
- Before sending a CD, check if your photos 'burned'. We get many blanks!
- Avoid 'grip and grin' photos, when possible. Example, send the photo of a cadet sweating through an obstacle course rather than the subsequent photo of the cadet receiving an award.
- Action photos lend themselves to close-ups. Let's see the beads of perspiration.
- Let the photo tell the **whole** story. Example, for a model rocket launch show the rocket as well as the cadets priming it.
- First view the background rather than the subject. Move the subject, if necessary, to avoid a tree 'growing out of his head' or a fixture coming out of her ear.
- Assure every CAP member is in proper uniform.
- Having aircrew doing things with the plane is far better than posing in front of the plane.
- Don't forget, it's best when the light is behind the lens.

STORY SUBMITTALS

- Be sure you provide the Who, What, Where, When, Why....and How. Don't worry about journalistic style, we will happily do that for you. As Sgt. Friday used to say, "Just the facts."

If you follow these simple tips, we'll be able to use more of your photos and you'll see more of your stories printed. **Here's to 2004!**



 Highlands County Composite Squadron conducted a departure ceremony for Lt Col H. Earle Thompson, Avon Park Air Force Range Commander who has transferred to Central Command. On hand at the ceremony were Capt. Louis Brough, CAP; Kenneth Beers, Avon Park Air Force Range Chief of Operations; Col Roy P. Whitton, USAF Ret. representing the Military Officers Association of America [MOAA].

 The Lee County Cadet Squadron just released their new Squadron Newsletter as produced by Jim McClain, USAF Ret. This first effort does the squadron proud and rightly joins with the outstanding newsletter currently printed by the Pasco Cadet Squadron.

 Lt Col Robert Ashman, Group 8 Commander, arranged for two Air Force KC 135 aircraft for orientation flights from MacDill Air Force Base for 25 deserving cadets. Unit commanders submitted the names of those members most active, dedicated to performance of duty, and with outstanding military bearing. The flight was a memorable experience for all participants.

 FLORIDA FACTS will have

completed its Volume 8 with the Winter Issue at the end of this year. Newly added staff writers, Major Sharon Taylor, 1st Lt Michael Tier and S/M Kelly Green Wells, in addition to producing scheduled issues, are busily engaged with design and content modifications that we trust you will consider as vast improvements to your wing's magazine. Capt Dan Thompson's major design changes will be seen on the magazine's front cover and a total redesign will be noted on the back cover. However, before the current back cover is phased out, we trust you have noted the 18 photos used in the montage. The editorial staff is curious as to how many individuals, units, or groups you can identify? Study the photos and submit your findings to Editor/Publisher Lt Col Buddy Harris at sbharris@att.net.

 There is little doubt that each of you know the "Spirit of St. Louis" was flown by Col Charles Lindbergh non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. But how many of you know the tail number of his aircraft? Just e-mail your guess to Lt Col Harris at sbharris@att.net.

 C/2Lt Tatiana Schoeppler, Chairperson, recently convened a meeting of the Cadet Advisory Council at wing headquarters. A major decision evolved to schedule the very first Cadet Conference for Florida Wing. Recognizing the vastness of the undertaking, responsibilities were assigned, timetables were generated and the effort is underway.

 At a recent Commander's Call meeting at MacDill Air Force Base, Col Matt Sharkey displayed the four plaques he received at the National Board meeting in Las Vegas. Florida Wing was recognized as the Outstanding Wing in the SER for Disaster Relief, Aerospace Education, Counter Drugs, and Search and Rescue. Col Sharkey said, "This is the second year Florida Wing made a clean sweep of all awards and I was again honored to accept them on behalf of our 4,200 members in Florida. Our member's 24/7 responsiveness for Search and Rescue missions; record turnout for training at Professional Development Weekends; hours spent on Homeland Security missions, and all the many other efforts in fulfillment of our CAP mission has gained unanimous recognition by our national command that we are the best wing in the nation. I am very proud of you all and am particularly proud to serve as your commander."

 This is an excerpt from a speech by Brig Gen Dwight Wheless, "We will see a Civil Air Patrol of better than 100,000 dedicated and qualified volunteers quietly and competently serving their Nation; a tripled and diverse fleet of 1,500 or more aircraft equipped with technological equipment that costs more than the aircraft itself; and many air and ground, long-term missions conducted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We believe we will see taskings by the Air Force, Army, Navy, Department of Energy, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Customs, U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Forestry Service, DEA, and Homeland Security - which we will meet promptly and professionally."

INTEGRITY FIRST

C/Lt Col Paul Cheval

There is no doubt that while reading the Florida Wing Cadet Program's motto for 2003, many will perhaps roll their eyes at something unfortunately considered a cliché.

Utilized in the United States Air Force Core Values, "*Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in all We Do,*" as well as many other statements and sayings, are a few words that some feel can easily be discarded as over-used. Such thought processes are errant as there is nothing more crucial to the leadership and successful implementation of the Civil Air Patrol's three missions than the character value known as *integrity*.

As our society is faced with morality problems such as drug and alcohol use, regardless of age, an *integrity* value certainly stands as one that our Cadet Program cannot overlook, and the Cadet Program staff should be applauded for adopting a theme of such importance.

Integrity, when one consults the dictionary, can be defined as strict adherence to a code of moral ethics. However, there is much more depth and breadth to a colossal concept such as *integrity* than is readily apparent in the above definition. This concept, which places heavy emphasis on honesty and sincerity, is wholly applicable to both leaders and followers in the Civil Air Patrol, regardless of the function they may exercise.

For followers, the practice of *integrity* presents less of an ardent challenge than for leaders. However, without followers who have a high sense of *integrity*, no organization, the Civil Air Patrol included, would be able to function in a positive and beneficial fashion. Followers with *integrity* must, without fail, be brought up in a system that demands that one produces his/her own work, that one tells the truth, that one main-

tains respect for the property of others, and that one does not allow tolerance for the breach of any of these.

As Civil Air Patrol followers, we must act with integrity, and we cannot allow others to do otherwise. As Civil Air Patrol leaders, we are expected to lead by example, we are not only subjected to the demands of personal *integrity*, but *integrity* must be an integral part of our exhibited conduct and practices. Arbitrary and capricious decisions cannot exist in a true leader, nor can unfair and unequal treatment be applied for subordinates. Courage must also prevail in leaders as they will have to face those who do not possess strong levels of personal *integrity*, and they will have to take appropriate action.

Regardless of your status as a senior member or cadet, you must act with *integrity* for the good of the Florida Wing and Civil Air Patrol, as well as for your own good. Those with *integrity* are always looked upon with the highest regard.

Do what is right and have the courage to stand up and correct those who are doing wrong. *Integrity* is what binds us as an organization, for we can trust each other implicitly, and this trust generates a deep feeling of sincere camaraderie in all we do as individuals and as a member of a team.

This philosophy was underscored by Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret. when he said, "One of our country's greatest assets is not its terrific technology or its vast industrial capacity, but is in fact our sons and daughters. I believe the United States of America will remain a beacon to the world as long as we continue to produce young men and women with high senses of integrity, loyalty, sincerity and appreciation for the democratic freedoms available to all of us....and so worth fighting for."

CAP Receives Prestigious Summit Award

By S/M Kelly Wells

On September 30, 2003, at the Fourth Annual Summit Awards Dinner, Civil Air Patrol was

honored for its work in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Presented

by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC, the prestigious award is the highest honor the organization bestows.

"To be recognized with a Summit Award for our work in the aftermath of September 11 is a great honor for our members," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling. "It's a tribute to their hard work, day after day, in training, maintaining equipment and cultivating resources that they were so well-prepared to respond when the nation faced an emergency of that magnitude."

Gen. Bowling and Executive Director Al Allenback accepted the award, "It is an honor for Civil Air Patrol," said Allenback. "In my mind it underscores the volunteer work done by Civil Air Patrol. General Bowling and I accepted the award on behalf of all our members. It is a great team effort."

CAP is one of only six associations from nearly 300 entries chosen for this award. The American Society of Association Executives recognizes organizations that implement new and innovative community-based programs.

The Summit Award recognizes outstanding work in public education and information, business and social innovation, citizenship, and civic and community volunteerism.

"Speaking on behalf of the AAA Committee, we are continually amazed and impressed at the quality of new programs and services being generated by associa-

tions each year to benefit our communities locally and nationwide," said Daniel Fullenkamp, AAA committee chairman.

"All of our winners exemplify the broad mission of associations

to unite behind society's common goals and values — a mission we honor with the ASAE Summit Award."

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, CAP aircrews were requested to fly reconnaissance and damage assessment missions over the World Trade Center in New York City. During those flights, CAP members took some of the first aerial photos used by emergency management agencies for assessment.

CAP members manned critical positions in emergency operations centers and also transported thousands of pints of blood all over the country that otherwise would have spoiled and become unusable. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, CAP members have continued to perform homeland security missions over critical infrastructure sites throughout the United States.

The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Gaylord Opryland Nashville Resort & Convention Center

co-sponsored the entertainment for this year's dinner, which brought together association executives, government officials, business and community leaders to celebrate the actions of associations to improve the quality of American society. Nashville jazz artist Kirk Whalum entertained.

In addition to honoring ASAE's Summit Award winners, the Summit Awards Dinner helps support the Associations Advance America (AAA) Fund, a vital program that provides a strong voice for the association community in legislative and regulatory issues.

The other 2003 winners were:

American Association for Clinical Chemistry, "Lab Tests Online"

American Dental Association, "Give Kids A Smile, National Children's Dental Access Day"

Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, "CFHLA Teacher Relocation Program"

International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, "Global AIDS Learning & Evaluation Network"

Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, "Camp Amanda-Minnesota"

asae

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association executives



E-MAIL EXTRACTS



My daughter, Trixie S. Stengle was one of those 12 year old 'doolies' that disappeared in her somewhat oversized uniform. She was psyched up for the encampment but had a lot of trepidation nevertheless. Trixie completed the encampment and she is still psyched up! Thoroughly loved it! I'm a 22 year Air Force Master Sergeant who retired in 1992. I was ready to join Lt Col Breeze as a sponsor, but after talking to him and Trixie I'm turning in my paperwork as well - for a senior membership. I'm impressed with your organization and hoping this old sarge can contribute something to make it better.

MSgt William Stengle
USAF Ret. - Gainesville, Florida

I am back home from my vacation in Alaska. Fresh air, majestic mountains, and planes everywhere. Mt. McKinley was the most phenomenal and spectacular piece of nature I have ever laid my eyes on. Also visited Alaska Wing/CAP Headquarters and Elmendorf Air Force Base and all the folks were very warm and hospitable. The wing headquarters is uniquely situated in the middle of woods with moose and bear occasionally meandering around! I never in my entire life have seen so many lakes and so many float planes. A lot of private fields as well....most certainly a pilot's paradise.

Maj Gary Owen
Inspector General

Lt Col Fred Swearingen has returned from the New Jersey Wing to Florida Wing and will hold the position of wing Director, Drug Demand Reduction Program.

The AIAA [American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics] has partnered with the Cessna Aircraft Company to recognize the Wright Brother's aeronautical achievements by inspiring the next generation of pilots and visionaries. This is not a CAP award

and Cadets and Senior members between the ages of 16 -25 can apply. Fifty Award Win-

ners will each receive a \$1000 scholarship. Applicants must be U. S. citizens and proof of citizenship is required prior to the funds being disbursed. Applicant does not have to be an AIAA student or professional member in good standing, to apply. If you are selected to receive the scholarship, you then must join before receiving the award. For additional information, contact:

Maj Ivan Acosta
Florida Wing Dep. Director of Cadet Programs

Just located my CAP uniform shirt from the 50's era. On the left sleeve is attached a winged binocular patch! I had no recall as to what it signified, so I queried a CAP Charter Member. The following response is from Ben Stone:

"As near as I can remember, the binoculars with wings patch you wore was missing aircraft search. There were similar patches for Border Patrol with a Saguaro Cactus, a Winged Shoe for Courier Service, and Crossed Wind Socks for tow target pulling. These were all cloth patches until the early 50's when they were changed to military style ribbons, with the same designs. The Find Ribbon did not make its debut until much later. Incidentally, there was only one founder from each state.

For Florida, our Founder Member was Zack Mosby, the cartoonist who drew the Smilin' Jack comics. Just one other piece of history that I recently related to members of my squadron, responded to a question as to where the Sarasota-Bradenton CAP Cadets met in the 50's. I explained that we had a room on the second floor of the WWII Air Force Hangar. This recall led to my relating as to how hot it was there in the summer, with no air conditioning, and we were required to wear long sleeved, starched, sun tan shirts and were dripping wet most of the time.

Major Perry Snell



From The MAILBAG

The Editor reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, good taste and accuracy; to reject letters; and to avoid libel or slander of others.

Dear Col Sharkey,
Thank you for sharing with me your annual report, FLORIDA FACTS and YEARBOOK 2002. You can be sure that I am well aware of the important work that the Florida Wing, United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol does for the State of Florida as well as our great nation. In addition to providing necessary patrols throughout our state, the Civil Air Patrol has taken on a number of other missions that are essential for their safety and security of the people of Florida. Please know that I am very appreciative of the Civil Air Patrol's exceptional service and am honored to recognize your all-volunteer organization. Again, thank you for taking the time to share this information with me.

C. W. Bill Young
Member of United States Congress
House of Representatives

Dear Matt,
Congratulations to you and all Florida Wing members on earning third place ranking in the Color Guard Competition at NCC '03. You fielded an outstanding team of cadets, and it was an honor to see their spirit and professionalism. Well done, Matt—you are truly leading a world-class wing!

Brig Gen Richard L. Anderson

My sincere compliments on your Wing News Magazine, "FLORIDA FACTS", and your Wing Web site. I've served as a Public Affairs Officer and Mission Information Officer for over 40 years and I believe this is the most professional wing publication I have ever received. Please extend my congratulations to all involved. I was very pleasantly surprised to find your wing

website open with the World War 2 "Eyes in Homeland Skies" poster. The National Historian, Col Len Blascovich, was instrumental in finding and adopting the poster at National. I believe it tells the story of CAP then and CAP today. I served as Information Officer with the First CAP Aircrew that flew the first "Eyes in the Sky" mission on September 12, 2001. I saw the Cessna 172 over the Twin Towers site and the Air Force "Combat Air Patrol" flying over them, protecting them from any interference.

Your publication tells the story of the dedicated service freely given by CAP volunteers, in support of our homeland defense. Thank you for a job well done and please keep up the good work.

Allan F. Pogorzelski, Lt Col, CAP
National Historical Analyst, NHQ

Col Harris,
Congratulations on your awards. The FLORIDA FACTS is the most interesting CAP magazine that I have ever seen in my 52 years in CAP. It is superb. I am planning to attend the SER Conference in Atlanta this year and look forward to seeing you and talking to you about our Founding Members, of whom you, Perry Snell and I are counted among them. Keep up the good work.

Lt Col Ben Stone
Georgia Wing Staff

In reference to the Capt Russ Loomis letter in your Summer Issue of FLORIDA FACTS, "From the Mailbag", please enter me in the over 80 sweepstakes! I will be 81 on 25 October '03 and hold all mission ratings, Pilot, Observer, and Scanner.

Lt Col Gus O. Ehrman

RESPECT - DEMANDED OR EARNED

By State Director Jerry Angley

Have you ever heard the expression - there are leaders that demand respect and there are leaders that earn respect? I for one favor the latter.

At this year's summer encampment one of the cadets on the encampment staff had recently received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. We asked that he brief the other cadets on how to attain acceptance into a military academy.

This was an impressive individual. You could feel the presence as he entered the briefing room. Before he ever spoke a word, he held the attention of the audience. His head was held high, shoulders back, and he was already making eye contact with the other cadets before he reached the podium.

When he spoke he was heard. He didn't shout. He projected his voice so that no one in the room was straining to listen. He immediately engaged his audience by asking two or three questions regarding the encampment. He was never stationary always making sure that each side of the audience was recognized. His eyes remained focused on the audience. He was definitely in command.

His speech was excellent. Since he had just experienced the selection process himself, he was well informed on the subject matter. He covered all the necessary prerequisites with the skill and ease of a seasoned recruiter. The question and answer session that followed was just as impressive. He remained focused and articulate throughout.

He displayed other notable attributes. He was truthful and sincere. He knew exactly what needed to be done in order to get into West Point but never pre-

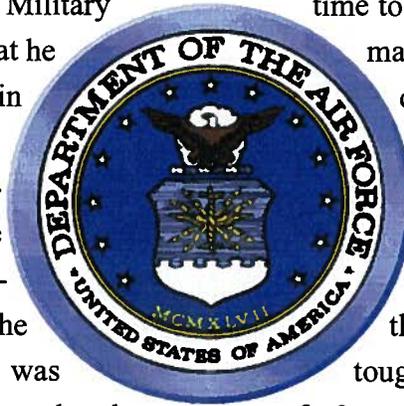
tended to be an expert on the other service academies. He was totally honest with his audience. Being dishonest is a sure way to lose respect of those around you.

He was well organized. He knew how much time to allot to each topic and how much information he needed to impart overall, and he organized his talk accordingly. Another asset that caught my attention was his composure. His briefing was scheduled right after a former F-15 pilot discussed what it was like flying faster than the speed of sound. This would be a tough act to follow but he showed no signs of fear. He remained poised and confident throughout his entire presentation.

He left the room, the audience seemed to be in awe. In just a few minutes time he motivated these young cadets to take responsibility for their lives, to set goals for themselves, and to meet each challenge head on.

Granted not everyone in the audience was interested in attending a military academy, but I would be willing to bet that nearly every cadet was inspired by his speech. He had definitely gained their admiration and respect.

I am sure that the individual I am referring to in this article acquired many of his core values and leadership abilities from family, school and friends. I am equally convinced that his exposure to CAP helped strengthen his moral character and gave him the opportunity to hone his leadership and managerial skills. He is a tribute to CAP's Cadet Program. C/Lt Col Paul Cheval unquestionably earned my respect.



CHARACTER=CONFIDENCE IN WHO YOU ARE!

The Webster's new Collegiate Dictionary gives several meanings as to what 'Character' represents. The ones that I found most profound were "The estimate put upon a person or thing; reputation; repute," "Moral vigor or firmness, especially as required through self-discipline" and "A description or detailed account of the qualities of a person."

When one is known to be of good **Character** then we should expect to find these definitions to be appropriate to that person. A person of good **Character** is a person who has confidence in who they are and their purpose in life. They maintain an atmosphere about themselves that is shown in honor of what they do. Their action reveals the quality of the person they aspire to be. A person of good **Character** has qualities that are definable for they are exhibited in what they do and these qualities are what aspire us to have confidence in them. Moral vigor or firmness is found in a person of good **Character**. When we seek those who are to lead us and especially our cadets, what are some of the qualities we look for?

We look for people who have confidence in who they are. Those who serve with honor in what they do and are. Assimilating what is good, which inspires us to follow their example. With clear definitions of who they are, their actions reveal their **Character**! They are temperate, which is shown in their self-control and this restraint allows them to act to circumstances rather than react. The quality of

who they are is known in the fact that they put emphasis on others first, knowing that helping others succeed is a hallmark of their success. Ready to serve, and to do so with determination to do what is right the first time, they avoid making many of the mistakes others make because they have not disciplined themselves to build good **Character**.



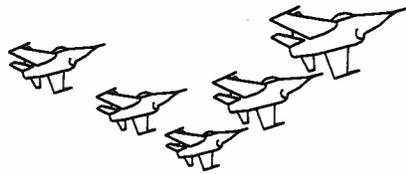
Major Dewey E. Painter,
Chaplain, Florida Wing

The faith, trust, and confidence that others have in you are founded in the sort of **Character** they see you to be. A person of faith reveals his or her good **Character**.

Anne Frank [July 15, 1944] quoted her father as saying, "All children look after their upbringing." "Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

Heraclitus [c.540-c.480 b.c.] said, "A man's character is his fate" "How you develop and nurture your character will determine what you most surely will be."

Robert Maynard Hutchins wrote in his book, "Democracy and Human Nature" [1954], "Equality and justice, the two great distinguishing characteristics of democracy, flow inevitable from the conception of men, all men, as rational and spiritual beings." Equality and Justice are foundations of a person who has learned self-control and through equality of working with others by first giving them respect without prejudice and dealing with all in a just manner. My question is "What kind of **Character** are you?"



FINAL FLIGHT

Major Arthur L. Wesley
Highlands County Composite Squadron

Captain Abraham Weiner
Ft. Lauderdale Senior Squadron

Douglas Stone Jr.
Ormond Beach Senior Squadron

*We offer thanks for their generous gift of dedicated
volunteerism, patriotism and fraternalism.*

Colonel Matthew R. Sharkey



Capt Abe Weiner, front row-second from right, stands with members of the Ft. Lauderdale Senior Squadron at the dedication of the Civil Air Patrol Memorial Marker placed in Veterans Park.



Marker reads "DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
of Civil Air Patrol members who gave their lives in
service to this nation so that others may live."

11 November, 1996
Ft. Lauderdale Senior Squadron 08337

Capt Abe Weiner, was a diminutive man with a very large heart and a volunteer's spirit. He participated in many flying missions with CAP over his many years.

Capt Weiner retired from CAP after 50 plus years yet he continued to attend squadron meetings because he couldn't get CAP out of his system.

It was during this period that he visited Arlington Cemetery near Washington, D.C. and was extremely moved when he saw the memorial marker placed there for those CAP members who flew and died while serving during WWII.

Determined not to let this honor go unnoticed, Capt Weiner brought back pictures of the site to show to the members of his Ft. Lauderdale Senior Squadron. He also brought back a level of pride for Civil Air Patrol and a new awareness of the ultimate sacrifice those fellow CAP'ers made for the freedom we enjoy today.

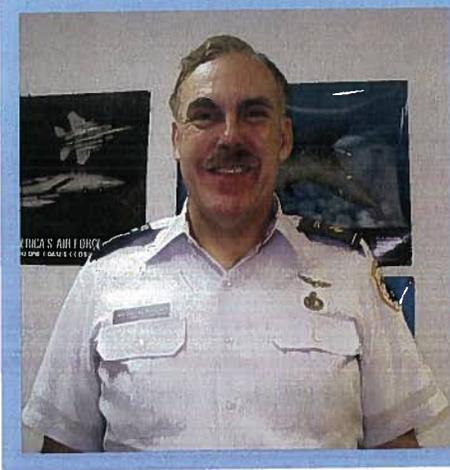
Capt Weiner had been in CAP since its creation in 1941 and could recall some of the men and women pilots who had lost their lives. His verve inspired other members to join in a concerted effort to have a memorial stone placed in South Florida.

One year later, Capt Abe Weiner and all of the squadron members were present as the CAP Memorial Marker was placed in Tamarac's Veterans Park at a Dedication Service on Veterans Day 1996.

Capt Weiner would tell 'war stories' with childlike glee and would reminisce with a glimmer in his eye. As a teenager he swept hangars, washed planes, and ran errands for free plane rides at Floyd Bennett Field in New York. He especially remembered world renowned Amelia Earhart who used to call him...the kid.

Lt Col Virginia Montalvo
and
Capt Ralph Parness

MEET YOUR TEAMMATES



Major Ray Spengler currently serves as Information Technology Manager for Florida Wing. Spengler first joined CAP in 1966. He has served as a Deputy Squadron Commander for the 8089th

MacDill Composite Squadron and is very active in counter drug, emergency services and communications. Maj Spengler has been Project Officer of Sun 'n' Fun Air Show for 4 years, and the Blue Beret program. For nearly three years he was Director of Logistics and was Group 8 Operations Officer. Currently he is also an Incident Commander, FAA Aviation Safety Counselor and US Coast Guard Auxiliary pilot.

Lt Col Gary Nelson returns to Florida Wing as Director of Operations-Incoming from service in the U.S. Central Command during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Col Nelson has been active in the CAP since joining as a cadet in the Virginia Wing.



He is a rated Command Pilot, Chief Check Pilot, Mission Check Pilot, Incident Commander and Ground Team Leader.

Gary has numerous awards, commendations and medals from the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Air Force and has been named "Officer of the Year" by CAP, USAF, Air Force Space Command and Space Wing.



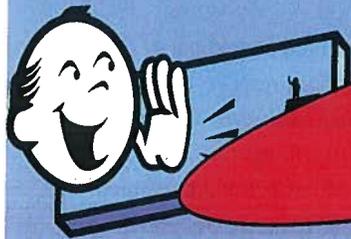
Replacing Maj. Spengler as Logistics Officer is **2Lt Rudolph Korpas**. Joining Civil Air Patrol in 2002, Rudy has been very active in emergency services, and Homeland Security missions. In addition to his Logistics responsibility, Lt

Korpas is also serving as Group 3 Communication Officer. Rudy is currently pursuing his Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. The most memorable moment he has had since joining CAP was his being on the first aircrew assigned to fly the TASK FORCE SENTINEL Mission at NASA's Cape Kennedy. In spite of his new assignment as Logistics Officer, Lt Korpas is incredibly in control of all his required paperwork and Florida Wing's vehicular fleet.

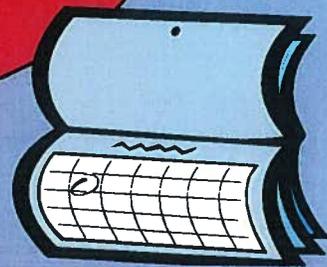
Maj Ivan Acosta is your new Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, working in close harmony with Director Maj Vickie Meyer. He joined CAP as a cadet in 1991. He served as Dep-



uty Commander of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron and assisted in the first Middle School Initiative in Florida. A former Air Force Captain, he has participated in CAP cadet encampments, served as an IACE escort to Belgium, and leader of the First Place National Drill Team in 2001. Maj Acosta has earned numerous awards, commendations and medals and he has the Gen. Carl A Spaatz Award which is the highest CAP Cadet Award.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Submitted by Lt. Col. William Brockman
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

OCTOBER, 2003

- 6 Jewish New Year [Yom Kippur]
- 11 Wing Directional Finder Challenge
- 11 Operations Training Seminar, TBA
- 13 Columbus Day
- 18 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB
- 18 Group 4 Inspection, TBA
- 24-26 Check Pilot School, Lakeland
- 25-26 U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Jacksonville Beach

NOVEMBER, 2003

- 1 AEO Workshop, TBA
- 1 Unit Finance Report due
- 4 Election Day
- 7-8 U. S. Navy Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola
- 8 Operation Training Seminar, TBA
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 15 SAREVAL, Craig Airport
- 15 Busch Series Racing, Homestead
- 22 Group 8 Inspection, TBA
- 22 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER, 2003

- 1 CAP's 62nd Anniversary
- 1 FLORIDA FACTS DEADLINE
- 13 Incident Commander Workshop
- 17 100th Anniversary of powered flight
- 20 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB
- 20 TIGER DAY, Statewide
- 20-27 Hanukkah
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY, 2004

- 1 New Year's Day

Respect for Our Fallen Heroes



The brown cuddly teddy bear had a message recorded inside of it: "I'll see you when I get back."

Taped by James Kiehl for his expectant wife Jill, the message, sadly, would not

foreshadow a happy reunion between husband and wife. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, James Kiehl became a hero lost... a soldier killed in the line of duty.

Members of the 507th Maintenance Company stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, were listed as missing in action after Iraqi forces ambushed an Army supply convoy near Nasiriyah March 23, 2003, including Army Spc James M. Kiehl and Pfc Jessica Lynch. It would be days before the families learned the sad truth that all but one of the group would not be coming home.

Special Forces found Kiehl and eight other soldiers buried in unmarked graves behind the facility where Lynch, a prisoner of war at the time, was hospitalized. She was rescued April 1.

At a "Rally for America" the Lynch and Kiehl families met for the first time. They shared stories of their children and expressed mutual sadness

for all Americans killed during the War on Terror.

James Kiehl's death touched many, including countless people who never even knew him. According to his aunt, Vicki Pierce, the funeral, and what was to follow, was "one of the most amazing experiences in [her] life."

On the way from the funeral



to the cemetery scores of townspeople poured out of their homes and businesses to pay their last respects to the 6-foot-8 basketball player, husband, and soon-to-be dad... flags in hand. "We thought at first it was the Boy Scouts or 4H club or something," said Pierce "but it continued for two and a half miles. "At one point we passed an elementary school, and all the children were outside, shoulder to shoulder holding flags. There is a lot to be said for growing up in a small town in Texas."

Many military officials attended the funeral, including representatives from every branch of the service, and soldiers who served with him.

Months later at Comfort High School where Kiehl graduated, the community gathered again to celebrate his memory, and the life of his loved ones, including young son, Nathaniel Kiehl, born May 12. The school planted trees in James'

honor, and to symbolically give his son "roots."

Jill Kiehl and son Nathaniel at the tree planting ceremony at Comfort High School.



Tree planting photos by Emil Habacker.



Story by S/M Kelly Green Wells

NEWS FLASH

Big welcome to our newly chartered squadron - FL809, Ferrell Middle School. Lt Col David Mikelson will be formally presenting the charter during October. The teachers and school staff are much deserving of congratulations for their efforts.

Lt Col John Brennan just returned from a tour of the Northeast Air Defense Sector - NORAD. The expedition was hosted by U. S. First Air Force and the Canadian Air Force. Northeast Air Defense Sector, Troy, N.Y. was the starting point moving into Canadian facilities in five locations. One complex aka "The Hole" is a three-story building located under a lake and is nuclear blast protected. Lt Col Brennan covered 2,836 miles in the two countries and returned via Tyndall Air Force Base. Florida Wing is honored that Col Brennan was invited to represent CAP and to gain a better understanding of Homeland Security and Defense of North America. Maj Gen Craig R. McKinley, Commander, First Air Force expressed appreciation to Col. Brennan for his participation and interest.

The August 2003 issue of Readers Digest tells of a Cessna 172 pilot who crashed into the Colorado

Mountains with two passengers who were injured. He proceeded to walk out for help and in flying back in a military chopper crashed again and walked away uninjured. The Durango, Colorado CAP was credited for part of the Search and Rescue.

Lt Col Howard Gelman

CAP and Exxon Mobil, at a recent press conference, described details of the new private, on-line eStore for CAP members through which they may order products at a discount.

CAP's first newly purchased Gippsland GA8 Airvan was on display at AirVenture. This Airvan was custom built in Australia to CAP specifications and was flown across the Pacific to Wisconsin. CAP has contracted for Gippsland to provide Airvans to CAP over the next three years.

Another State of Florida Representative has joined Civil Air Patrol. Rep. Aaron Bean, Florida's District 12, expressed pride with becoming a CAP member. Col Matt Sharkey is working aggressively to arrange an Orientation flight and CPPT for Rep. Bean. Florida Wing's recruiting program

is producing outstanding results. Speaking of recruiting, our National HQ Recruiting and Marketing website is now fully operative and is truly flashy with loads of excellent photos.

With President Bush's declaration for FEMA disaster relief in DeSoto County, all personnel who participated in the DeSoto County air damage assessment mission may apply for award of a Disaster Relief Ribbon with "V" for service during a presidential declared disaster.

Maj Chip Maher,
Dir. Emergency Services



This Air Force test utility uniform is a blue, gray, and green tiger stripe camouflage ensemble with many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century air personnel. Testing begins on January 4, 2004.



COMMUNICATIONS

Maj. Paul Blystone
FLWG Director of Communications

Table of Allowances

A special Communications Managers Meeting at the National Board in August provided a great deal of information concerning the future of communications and the changes that will be taking place. One issue discussed was the Table of Allowances (TOA). TOA's define standards for communications needs in each Wing and establish requirements for each Mission Essential Unit (MEU). TOA calculations are based on each Wing's land mass, number of CAP units, and missions completed in a calendar year.

We will begin a study of our communications resources and our MEU's to compare our current system with the TOA standards. This may require moving radio resources in support of MEU's, and justification for each repeater for which we will be requesting Air Force funding.

Satellite Digital Imaging System

CAP-USAF has approved funding to purchase one Satellite Digital Imaging System (SDIS) for each region and is considering the request for an SDIS for each Wing. The SDIS is a system of transmitting pictures from aircraft that is easy to operate. The new technology is more expensive than the SSTV system we are accustomed to and requires the purchase of monthly satellite time, but this advanced imaging system has impressed several agencies of Homeland Security and its use would be a giant leap forward in CAP's imaging technology.

Communications Equipment Management System

About a year ago the Communications Equipment Management System (CEMS) was moved from Logistics to the Wing's Director of Communications (DC). This system notifies Wing DC's when:

- 1) annual equipment validation needs to be performed;
- 2) the membership of an individual with corporate equipment will expire within 30 days;
- 3) an individual's membership has expired, if they have corporate radio equipment; and
- 4) assigned equipment has been transferred to another member in another Wing or Region.

The new automated CEMS is a great system kept at the national level. All new equipment is processed by the CAP National Technology Center (NTC) before shipping, and all changes, transfers, etc., are done by the Wing DC or their designees. A Communications Equipment Accountability Report (CEAR), Form S-8, is extracted from CEMS each January. The report is then sent to all units for verification, signed and returned.

Radio Equipment Purchasing

Since the closing of CAP's Supply Depot, it has become

more difficult for members to purchase radio equipment, antennas, etc. Here are some tips to assist you in your radio equipment purchasing:

Radio equipment and antennas are available through the CAPMart. The order is given to a supplier and the items are sent directly to you.

The TAIT VHF radio is still one of the better buys (about \$400) and is a good reliable radio with about 100 channels. A number of TAIT dealers can be dealt with directly.

The Vertex VX 150 continues to be a better buy for a VHF handheld and costs below \$150 (\$85 last December), and can be purchased from Amateur Electronic Supply in Orlando, FL.

The Inter Squad Radio (ISR) can still be purchased directly from ICOM for \$85 each.

Teaching Communications

To begin teaching communications, you need to:

- 1) have completed the Train the Trainer Course (TTT) (verified on the National web site);
- 2) hold an advanced ROA card (help is available on the <http://roa.communimatics.com> page); and
- 3) be thoroughly familiar with CAPR 100-1 Vol. 1 & III.

E-mail me your qualifications and I can verify the information so you can begin instructing.

Thanks to all the communications staff... the ones who take time to teach communications, all the HF NCS and ANCS stations, the technicians, technical advisors, and everyone who has dedicated much of their time to CAP communications. All of these put together as a team make Florida Wing one of the best.

Additional Information: The TAIT company designs and manufactures professional radio communication solutions for mobile organizations. TAIT radios may be purchased from the following suppliers.

Amateur Electronic Supply
AES Orlando
621 Commonwealth Ave
Orlando, FL 32803
800-327-1917
407-894-3238 (V)
407-894-7553 (FAX)
www.aesham.com

Dow Electronics Inc
7490 Northwest 54th Street
Miami, FL 33166
305-597-9755

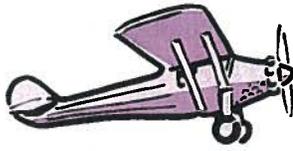
Radio X International Inc
1725 Main Street
Weston, FL 33326
954-659-8137

Wireless Technology
Equipment Co., Inc.
3107 Kurt Street
Eustis, FL 32811
352-483-0288

TCM Electronics Inc
1918 Blanding Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-389-9952

CREW RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEANS SAFETY

By Major Sharon Taylor



An airplane runs out of fuel and crashes in Marco Island, An airplane glides into the Everglades as the crew ponders a landing light indicator, a plane is improperly de-iced and descends into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. on take-off. All these accidents which killed hundreds of people were avoidable tragedies.

Crew Resource Management [CRM] also known as Cockpit Resource Management is now one of the most valuable safety tools and has contributed toward the prevention of many of these 'pilot error' accidents.

CRM formally began in 1980 at United Airlines where a recognition of the importance of teamwork, double checking, and interpersonal communication skills among the aircraft crew led to a formal training program.

Before this time, the pilot's authority was never countermanded or challenged. As a result, the worst carnage in airline history occurred in 1977 when a KLM captain insisted on a takeoff at Tenerife in heavy fog and without takeoff clearance. He knew that a Pan Am 747 was taxiing down the runway. Both the Flight Officer and Second Officer tried to relay their concerns to the captain but he insisted on taking off because they were running out of duty time for the flight crew. 583 people died a fiery death.

The Naval Aviation Schools Command at Pensacola explains the seven factors of Cockpit Resource Management on their website cnet.navy.mil.crm. They are Adaptability, Flexibility, Assertiveness, Communication, Decision Making, Leadership, Mission Analysis, and Situational Analysis.

Adaptability is the ability to acknowledge a change and alter a course of action based on new information and anticipated problems. Assertiveness is the readiness to maintain a position until convinced by facts that other options are better. It requires initiative and courage to act. Rank, lack of confidence and fear of reprisal are recognized as some of the barriers to assertiveness.

Communication involves sending and receiving instructions clearly and accurately and providing useful feedback.

Decision Making is the use of logical and sound judgment to make decisions. It includes assessing the problem, verifying the information, identifying solutions, anticipating consequences, informing others, and evaluating decisions.

Leadership is the ability to direct, coordinate and encourage a crew to work together as a team.

Mission Analysis has preflight, in-flight, and post-flight phases. It is the ability to develop plans - short-term, long-term and contingency - and coordinate and monitor crew and aircraft resources.

Situational Awareness is about the degree of accuracy of one's perception of current environment and how closely it mirrors reality. It is affected by expectations and biases, fatigue, stress, task overload, and a 'press on regardless' mentality.

An aircraft cockpit should never be visualized as a space separated by work station panels where each occupant in their individual cubicle performs their job in isolation from other occupants. Teamwork is an imperative and overviews of each crewmember's function by other crewmembers is an additional plus to mission safety. That's why pre-flight checklists are read by one crewmember who overviews the response action of the other crewmember. Ideally, each crewmember should have a sense of other crewmembers tasks in the event of a contingency need and to provide an overview of implementation ability.

"Cockpit Resource Management has proved to be a life and asset saver and greater emphasis in its broadest implementation is considered by me to be a principal goal of Florida Wing, I intend to ensure CRM is a part of our Safety Program" said Col Matt Sharkey.

There are *Aviation Maxims* that serve as reminders: **Never trade luck for skill. In aviation, gravity is a law not subject to repeal. Airspeed, altitude, and brains are always needed to successfully complete a flight. Finally, CAP has a perfect record in aviation - we have never left one of our planes up there!**



SAFETY TIED TO CAP'S CORE VALUES

Major General Richard Bowling, CAP National Commander, dispatched a letter to all commanders and members concerning the improvement of our safety record. He stated that "Without a strong safety program, the core values of CAP-**Integrity, Volunteerism, Excellence, and Respect-mean little.** We must not lack integrity in self-policing our members and all CAP operations and activities; that our humanitarian efforts through volunteerism can be achieved; that we pursue our quest for excellence in service to America; and that we increase respect for the safety and welfare of our members and those we serve."

A recent issue of A Week and Space Technology [August 25, '03, p.66] suggested a new last line of defense against aviation accidents; crewmember monitoring and cross checking, or what we in CAP call Cockpit Resource Management. In addition to the pilot monitoring the aircraft's flight path and systems, crewmember monitoring can be the detection to 'break the chain of events leading to an accident.'

A study of approach and landing statistics found that 63% of these accidents involved inadequate monitoring.

Training is key. Crewmembers can be trained to speak up when 'something seems unsafe or unwise.' To improve monitoring abilities, the instructor should be allowing pilots to catch their own mistakes, and if not detected in a timely manner, then a discussion during debriefing should follow. Also, the organization should be reviewing procedures to see if they undermine or distract from monitoring, and if so, they should be modified.

Traditionally, a pilot was measured by his stick and rudder skills and then this was expanded "to include good interpersonal skills. Now is the time to further expand...to include monitoring skills."

Capt David Tucker of Group 8 has identified a tool called **DECIDE** outlined by Christopher Grable, aviation training consultant for Gleim Publications. Good aeronautical decision making skills may be more difficult to learn than good flying skills. The **DECIDE** tool can be of help. With practice, it can become very natural and result in better decision making:

Detect that a change has occurred.

Estimate the need to react to the change.

Choose a desired outcome for success.

Identify actions to successfully control the change.

Do take the necessary action identified.

Evaluate the effect of the action and if the appropriate change was made. Determine if the decision has improved the situation.



I pledge to do my part to foster a safe environment during all CAP activities, to be a responsible steward of CAP resources and to fully prepare myself for the challenging missions that serve America.

In the post 9/11 era, possible security threats, homeland security missions and the procedures that are required for the implementation of them may compete with normal operational procedures for pilot and crewmember attention. Although monitoring seems

to be an easy task, with the mental demands of concurrent tasks, the brain does not readily interrupt one task to monitor the status of the other tasks.

It is apparent that we must place a heavy emphasis on an operational norm which places safety at the forefront of our planning, training, and operations.

Major General Bowling has asked that the Safety Pledge be "spread constantly throughout our organization." The Pledge of Allegiance is to be followed by a recital of the Safety Pledge at all meetings and CAP functions.

Lt Col Harry Jones, the newly appointed Southeast Region Safety Officer, as appointed by SER Commander, Col Antonio Pineda, has announced that he will be concentrating on avoidance of any downward trend in CAP's outstanding Safety Record. To encourage participation in the Safety Pledge program, Jones has prepared business card sized copies of our Safety Pledge. Units may order these cards for all their members from Maj Sharon Taylor, SER Director of Marketing at SERConference@aol.com.

Story by Maj Sharon Taylor

ISABEL EVACUATION

Hurricane Isabel caused more than a third of the C-5 fleet from Dover Air Base, Delaware to be evacuated to MacDill Air Force Base. These USAF giant transporters were out of harm's way when Isabel made landfall. MacDill is only one of several bases that played temporary host to the Air Mobility Command aircraft and crews. More than 200 436th Airlift Wing members were at MacDill to perform this hurricane evacuation mission.



YOUR FLAG

When an American Flag becomes unserviceable, it should be retired in a proper ceremonial manner. The dismantling starts with the cutting out the field of blue, then the stripes are cut apart. The stripes are then burned followed by the burning of the blue field. The ashes of the flag are then formally buried. Many Florida Wing units provide this public service of gathering flags throughout the year for an annual ceremonial flag retirement.

NOW TOLD

Our nation's capital region - an area that includes Washington and its Virginia and Maryland suburbs - has quietly been equipped with an integrated air defense system, a response to the 9/11/01 WTC attacks. The system comprises not only fighters flying combat air patrols, but US Customs Service H-60 Black Hawk Helicopters, surface-to-air missiles, and air defense artillery.

HISTORYLANDS

For the first time in nearly 100 years, the 1903 Wright Flyer will be on display at eye level for close inspection. This historic aircraft has always hung high above the entrance to the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. As of October 11, the plane will be exhibited on the ground so that visitors can see that Orville and Wilbur were not bicycle mechanics, but the founders of a methodical new field of engineering.

SPACED OUT

Don't even think that launch activities at Cape Canaveral are winding down! There are at least 11 major expendable booster missions scheduled to be flown in 2004. These include five Delta II missions and two Delta IV. The Delta IV's include the first launch of the heavy version which uses three oxygen/hydrogen powered common booster cores with three Rocketdyne RS-68 engines as the first stage. An Atlas V along with two Atlas III's and a Titan IV are also planned.

"THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS AT STAKE"

The new U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, Adm Thomas H. Collins has been immersed in the historic transfer of the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security. "We've shifted assets into the homeland security mission, and we shift even more in times of heightened security. But we are a multi-

mission organization. We do fisheries patrol one day, search and rescue the next, and counter-drug operations the third. Those same assets also protect our ports. We simply pulse to the threat of the day," Collins stated. "The whole maritime transportation system and infrastructure concerns me. We're an open country with 95,000 miles of coastline. It's not like we have bow-to-stern boats around that. Our maritime assets are incredibly valuable. 95 percent of U.S. Trade comes by sea. We've got nuclear plants, shipping channels, and petrochemical industrial complexes, that are all so vulnerable and valuable," Adm Collins continued.

In spite of a 60 hour workweek, it appears this is exceeded by the Coast Guard's workload. The Coast Guard has 32,000 auxiliary personnel and 62,000 CAP personnel to draw upon for search and rescue and other non-law-enforcement missions. The Navy has shifted 11 PT-170 boats for homeland security needs. These additional assets make possible the Coast Guard fulfilling its mission...saving people's lives, cleaning up the environment, protecting our living marine resources, breaking ice in the Antarctic, providing counter drug efforts, and providing security for our nation. Adm Collins concluded, "People respect what we're doing, and we are needed like never before." Admiral Thomas Collins became the Coast Guard's 22nd Commandant nine months after 9/11.

SMALLPOX DRUG DEVELOPED BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA researchers have discovered an oral drug that kills smallpox and other viruses. This could be the answer to saving thousands of lives after a bio-terrorism attack or wide-spread epidemic. HDP-CDV stops the smallpox from replicating and spreading. The drug has been tested on mice but is not yet ready for human use. Research Institute of Infectious Diseases [USAMRIID] is conducting further studies.

Lt Col Patricia Faunt
Southeast Region Nurse Officer

USAF ISSUES LANDING PERMIT

The U. S. Air Force has issued a Landing Permit for CAP. It expires on 31 August 2005. Every unit that has custody of a CAP aircraft should print the permit from the website and place the copy in the Aircraft Information Book in the aircraft. The US Navy/Marine Landing Permit Number is #NF [R] 03-0577532 and this also expires on 31 August 2005.

Lt Col Mike Brown

SRQ NEWSLETTER A WINNER

The SRQ Composite Squadron is putting out an excellent four page newsletter with great photos. Kudos are due to Public Affairs Officer 2nd Lt Debra Kilpatrick.

FORMER CADET NOW A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN USAF

Angela Marie Silicato was recently commissioned into the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, a Certificate in International Relations and a minor in Aerospace Leadership. Lt Silicato was formerly a Cadet in the Boca Raton Composite Squadron.

ANTI-TERRORISM COURSE IN PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters staff under the guidance of Executive Director, Al Allenback is hard

at work preparing a "Community Anti-Terrorism Course" that can readily be taught to community organizations and second response groups by CAP Squadrons. FLORIDA FACTS will keep you current on this high priority effort.

AMERICAN RED CROSS COURSE A SUCCESS

Patrick Composite Squadron sponsored an American Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED and Preventing Disease Transmission course at Patrick Air Force Base. Four cadets and five seniors were certified in all four classes.

U P D A T E S

NHQ ACTIVATES MIMS

National Commander, Maj Gen Richard Bowling has activated the Member Information Management System [MIMS] and has directed NHQ to use the MIMS Data for training funds distribution and for maintaining current records of mission certified personnel. While the software coding is done by NHQ staff, the inputting of data will be done by the members. CAPF 101 cards will now be issued electronically. There will be a direct, real-time link between CAPF 101 card printing and the national database. Wing/Region involvement is part of the electronic approval process. CAPF 100's are not required. Members may now view and print their own CAPF 101 card, anytime. Unit Commanders and Emergency Services Officers can also be given permission to view/print CAPF 101 cards for anyone in their unit. Individual Specialty Expiration Dates are shown. The card itself does not have an expiration date. Specialty supervised training status is shown. There is no need for a CAPF 101T card. Other additions to MIMS include enhanced data entry methods, synchronization of CAPWATCH downloads with the new database tables. Regulation changes that reflect these new processes and procedures are in the process of being written for early release. In the interim, Maj Gen Bowling's Memorandum to the National Board Members dated 16 July 2003 shall serve as the interim authority.

TIGER FLY DAY-2003

S/M KELLY GREEN WELLS

In the early days of aviation, flight training was a short and sweet experience. Motivated by the thrill of flight, brave young people jumped at the chance to receive, first-hand, a luxury afforded to a select few, to get trained in aircraft use. Famed WWI flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker "had two short flights with an instructor, and then it was time to solo."

Today, there's a little more to it than that, but eager young pilots-at-heart can get their taste of flight through Florida Wing's Second Annual Tiger Fly Day.

Orientation Rides. Or O-Rides for short, are opportunities to get Civil Air Patrol cadets up in the air, many for the first time. Begun last year in an attempt at developing a major motivational aspect of CAP participation, Tiger Fly Day - 2003 is certain to outshine even its auspicious beginnings. According to Col Matthew Sharkey, "This event will focus on getting CAP cadets into the air for cadet orientation rides, with priority to cadets who have not flown previously."

Last year, 316 cadets took an O-Ride on Tiger Fly Day. This year, with the hundredth-year anniversary of flight being celebrated, many more are sure to participate.

Set for December 20, 2003, the Second Annual Tiger Fly Day will be a time of team cooperation for all members of Florida CAP. Corporate asset participation is required and members-owned aircraft are encouraged to participate [if they meet all CAP standards]. Rental aircraft, however, shall not be used. Tiger Fly Day is such a high priority of Florida Wing, that only Search and Rescue, priority CD missions, or needs as designated by the

Wing Commander may have precedence over this opportune fly-day.

1Lt Rick Lauterbach from Group 9 attests to the life-changing potential of O-Rides. "It's always an inspiration," Lauterbach says, "to see a cadet take that first flight. Then a little bit down the road, you see them take off for the first time after they get their license."

Group 2 C/2nd Lt Danielle Hayford agrees. One of her former cadet commanders shared that her first O-Ride inspired her to get her solo wings. "It all started when she took her first O-

Ride."

The importance of motivating our cadets cannot be overemphasized as it is one of CAP's three primary missions. By promoting and participating in the Second Annual Tiger Fly Day, Florida CAP members will be investing in the senior members, unit commanders and aviators of tomorrow. While they won't be soloing after a couple of trips up in the sky, they will have overcome any initial fears and tasted the excitement of flight.

When aviation was new, a young person would have to be one of a select few to catch a birds-eye view of their world. On December 20, 2003, Florida CAP cadets need only count on the outstanding support of local squadrons and groups to take them to the skies.

NOTE:

For additional information on procedures, plans, location, or participation requirements for Tiger Fly Day - 2003, contact Capt Vickie Meyer at vickiepw@aol.com or Maj Ivan Acosta at majoracosta@hotmail.com



IN FULL GEAR—Florida Wing Training June to December

Assembled by Maj Sharon Taylor

Florida Wing Summer Encampment Camp Blanding Florida National Guard Training Center, June 22-28

This year's well-planned summer encampment was one of the best ever run by Florida Wing. Congratulations go to Encampment Commander Capt Patrick O'Key and to Cadet Commander C/Lt Col Paul Cheval. Attendance was 282 — 210 doolies, 37 cadet staff, and 35 senior members. Doolies were assigned to flights and bunked in a 48-person open bay barracks facility with no a/c. Every day began with a wake-up call at 6 am, exercises and a mile run. Cadets had Moral Leadership training, an Air Force career opportunities class taught by the Air Force, and a team building Leadership Reaction Course. In the evening, there was drill and volleyball games. 250 people went over the edge in a rappelling activity. A Blackhawk and two Apache helicopters visited midweek. The final pass-in-review was an impressive site.

National Glider Academy Rome, Georgia

Lantana Squadron had four cadets, Matt Savage, Ryan Nicolay, Dusty Nicolay, and Marissa Streifel attending the National Glider Academy. Matt Savage completed his solo glider flight the second week and Ryan completed his on the last day of classes. Marissa and Dusty completed over 30 individual flights with an instructor, and then Dusty completed his first solo flight at a private glider school after returning home.

Rocketry Bivouac Group 4, Patrick Air Force Base July 12-13

Lt Col Jose Tirado reported that both cadets and seniors enjoyed the weekend at the Patrick Squadron during the Group 4 Rocketry

Bivouac at Patrick Air Force Base. Ten cadets participated, all of whom completed the activity requirements for their rocketry badges. The Air Force Association contributed \$175 for both first place winners from Patrick and South Brevard and third place New Smyrna.

Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School Patrick Air Force Base, July 27-Aug 2

A week long SER school with cadets from California, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida was held at Patrick Air Force Base this summer. Instructors from the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, the 920th Rescue Wing, the Air Force Airman Leadership School, and the Kennedy Space Center participated. A day was spent with the IACE cadets and a day at the Air Force Youth Center teaching young people about aerospace and how to build a rocket. Honor Graduates were C/1Lt Leo Halley from seminar 1, C/2Lt Christian Cruz from seminar 2, C/Capt Danielle Meyer from seminar 3. The Overall Honor Graduate was C/2Lt John Samonas. C/1Lt Leo Halley also received the Leadership Award.

Drill and Ceremonies Training Event Group 9, US Coast Guard Flotilla 46 August 2-3

Commander Lt Col David Mosley organized the weekend at the Coast Guard facilities which the Coast Guard has allowed CAP to utilize for training and other events. The arrangement is mutually beneficial as it provides added manpower during the weekends and keeps the facility active. Cadets received one-on-one training from C/Maj Ashlei Hamada and C/Capt David Becker. C/2Lt Van Besien covered formation details and was also in charge of flight formation training. Two dress presentations were performed on Saturday for members of the US Coast Guard.

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**Instrument Rating Ground School
Clearwater Composite Squadron
Clearwater Airpark, Aug 20**

August 20th a 13-week class began leading to eligibility for the FAA Instrument Rating knowledge exam. Priority was given to Civil Air Patrol pilots who held a current private or commercial pilot's certificate or those with an instrument rating who would like a refresher course. The class had only a small fee for use of the facilities and materials supplied.

Senior Level One Overnight Weekend

Group 6, Aug 23-24

Basic Cadet School

Group 4, Aug 29

Commander Bill DiMarsico ran a school for 14 cadets from the Stuart, Patrick and New Smyrna Beach Composites. Cadets received training on the specifics of the new cadet program, CAP history, customs and courtesies, cadet protection, scholarships, etc. The event provided a time for interaction and for camaraderie to develop among the seniors as well as an opportunity for first-time instructors to practice presentations.

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Professional Development Weekend

Jacksonville, Sept 13-14

Ray Hayden organized a highly successful PDW attended by more than 80 CAP members and including:

Corporate Leadership Course (CLC)

James Goblet, Director

The CLC covered how the Wing works with Region and National to meet national goals and objectives from the Wing Perspective.

Squadron Leadership School (SLS)

Maj Chuck Harrison, Director

SLS addressed the duties and functions at the unit level and above.

Unit Commander's Course (UCC)

Lt Col Robert Miller, Director

Florida Wing AE Workshop

Kennedy Space Center, Nov 1

An aerospace workshop will be held for all AEOs and prospective AEOs at the KSC Education Resource Center. It will include hands-on aerospace projects, a tour of the Center, and guest speakers. Directors are Maj Liz Mathis, FLWG Internal AEO, and Capt Linda Trimpey, FLWG External AEO.

Emergency Services Training Weekend

**Group 9, Central Florida Composite Squadron,
Nov 8-9**

Lt Col Bruce McConnell, FLWG Chief Preparedness and Mitigation, reports that an Advanced Communications User Training (ACUT) will be held at Deland Community College. Personnel receiving an 80% or higher exam score will receive a Radio Operator Authorization (ROA) card.

Mission Radio Operator (MRO) Course

Deland Community College, Dec 13-14

The second weekend of every month is designated by Group 9 as an ES training weekend and events are scheduled through May.

Southeast Region Winter Encampment

Dec 27-Jan 3, 2004

Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City

Encampment Commander Lt Col Robert Masiker announced the Winter Cadet Encampment at Tyndall AFB. Facilities are outstanding and include an education center, fields for drill practice, tracks for PT, a mess hall and 350-bed billeting.

First Solo Flight

**TFO Jason McDonald, Cadet Programs Officer
of Pasco Cadet Squadron,**

reports that C/Staff Sgt Davin Laporte soloed in a 152 from Tampa Bay Executive Airport. Davin is active in CAC and the glider program at Zephyrhills Airport.



CADET CAP'ERS



By 1st Lt Michael Tier

CADET ACCOLADES

PROGRAM GOALS UPDATE



SPAATZ AWARD:
Steven Schweichler
Tara Guthrie

EAKER AWARD:
Paulo Gonzalez
Timothy Mederios
Alyson Baird



EARHART AWARD:
Erik Sippel
Dirk Deville
Mitchell Campbell
Michael Nicolay
Roman Pietris

MITCHELL AWARD:
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Bryan Hidalgo
Michael Villanueva
Thomas Boharsik
Ashley Morlock
Skyler Velez



Cadet Honor Society
C/CMSgt Corey Goor

At the Florida Wing Conference, the Cadet Programs Team set the following goals to achieve by the end of May 2004:

- 150 more Wright Brother cadets
- 60 more Mitchell cadets
- 30 more Earhart cadets
- 15 more Eaker cadets
- 5 more Spaatz cadets
- Have more than 2000 cadets total

Currently the Florida Wing has:
5 Wright Brothers cadets
193 Mitchell cadets
71 Earhart cadets
24 Eaker cadets
2 Spaatz cadets

Total Cadets is 1936

Former Cadets

Hector G. Bauza, one of Florida Wing's former Spaatz cadets from the Eglin Composite Squadron has been named as one of the 12 outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003 by the US Air Force. He has been chosen out of all several thousand enlisted airmen in the Air Force. Hector is presently stationed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, where he is assigned to the 18th Medical Group.

Col George F. Williams, USAFR (Spaatz #498)
Vice Commander, 919 Special Operations Unit

Civil Air Patrol enters new age of support, security

MacDill is home of CAP Florida Wing headquarters, two groups

by Nick Stubbs
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Perhaps at no time since World War II has the role of the Civil Air Patrol been as important to the security of the country. And when it comes to holding up Florida's end of the effort, all Civil Air Patrol roads lead to MacDill, Florida Wing headquarters.

The 62,000-member Civil Air Patrol, formed just six days before the Pearl Harbor attack, is charged with the important task of supporting military and law enforcement agencies. Few people realize it, but every time an aircraft goes down or is missing, 95 percent of air and ground searches are conducted by the Civil Air Patrol. Fewer still know that during World War II, Civil Air Patrol torpedo bombers sank two Japanese subs encroaching on U.S. waters. Only some know the contributions it has made to assist in stopping the trafficking of illegal drugs into the U.S.

As part of its latest mandate and a new member of the Department of Homeland Defense, Civil Air Patrol is doing its part in the war on terrorism, said Greg Crist, Group 8 public affairs officer.

Made up of 4,300 members, the Florida Wing is spread out around the state at various airports and has nine groups, with MacDill being the center of the command structure hub for the state and lead by Wing Commander Col. Mathew Sharkey. Group 3, the state's largest group, which includes Hillsborough County, along with Group 8, encompassing Pinellas and part of Pasco counties, have offices at MacDill.

MacDill's support (for the Civil Air Patrol) is extensive," said Crist, who added that the base provides office space, training support and airlift for large groups.

Maj. George Barker, Group 3 commander, said the MacDill relationship is strong. The organization has worked closely with the base on the annual air show and other activities over the years and MacDill has provided support on several levels.

That support has helped the organization live up to its reputation and maintain its source of pride - the ability to react with great speed, said Crist.

"We (Civil Air Patrol) are known as the Flying Minute Men," he said. "With an hour of notice we can have aircraft in the air."

That speed often is the difference between total disaster and a successful rescue mission, Crist said. Dispatched by the Air Force Rescue and Reconnaissance Center, the Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the Air Force. From being called in on "Red Cap" missions, which mean the aircraft downing has been confirmed, to routine responses to emergency locator beacons going off and pilots deviating from their flight plans, the Civil Air Patrol stays busy, averaging 176 rescues a year. Add to that countless support missions, airlift chores for the Air Force and assistance to dozens of civil law enforcement and emergency agencies and the Civil Air Patrol stays busy, said Crist.

But despite its name, most of the work is on the ground. Crist said ground crews, often times in all-wheel-drive vehicles and staffed with certified emergency medical technicians and sometimes doctors and nurses, outnumber their flying comrades by a wide margin during any rescue operation, said Crist.

"These insertion teams are equipped and trained to provide the care needed on the ground in an emergency," he said "It usually takes a while to evacuate people and without

that on-the-ground care, some of these people wouldn't make it out alive."

The stellar rescue and recon support provided following aircraft disasters may be the hallmark of the Civil Air Patrol, but since 9/11 the security role has been expanded. Crist said much of the job can't be discussed for security reasons but he notes technology and new training has helped the organization make the transition to the war against terrorism.

"After 9/11 our role has been modified," said Crist, who added that one of the biggest benefits to the military and Coast Guard is in cost savings. The battle against terrorism is time consuming and costly, he notes and while

it can cost thousands of dollars an hour to mount a Coast Guard flight mission, the Civil Air Patrol can operate at an average of \$90 per hour.

The future of the Civil Air Patrol rests on the shoulders of people willing to volunteer their time and effort, said Crist.

That spirit is personified in the thousands of cadets in the organization and the Florida wing is one of the most active. Cadets

are 12 to 18 years old and most often are involved through a cadet program at school. Many are on career paths in aviation or the Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol gives them a solid grounding from which to expand their horizons.

The Florida wing has the largest participation in the organization's "Breaking into the Blue" program, in which students are taken on orientation flights and given an inside look at avionics careers, including in the Air Force.

The Civil Air Patrol sticks to the basic Air Force curriculum in its training and many cadets undergo ground school training in the organization as they prepare for their pilot license.

Some cadets are in military academies with their sights set on a career in the military. Sarah Vogt, 15, is one of them. Daughter of Lee Vogt, vice commander of Group 8, Civil Air Patrol, which covers all of Pinellas and south Pasco counties.

Vogt has started pilot training and expect to be licensed by April next year, when she turns 16 and is eligible to solo. A home-schooled honor student, Vogt also is commander of the cadet Color Guard for the Clearwater Composite and works closely with the MacDill Honor Guard at special events. She plans to enter the Air Force Academy and wants to work at NASA, perhaps as an engineer or a meteorologist. She said the Civil Air Patrol is an important part of shaping her future.

In addition to learning how to fly at no cost, she said she is learning much about the aviation field and public service.

"It's awesome," the bubbly teen said. "It's very rewarding and I am learning so much."

One of her great honors, along with 14 other members of the cadet Color Guard was re-



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MacDill Honor Guard member Staff Sgt. Fernando Alejandro inspects Civil Air Patrol Group 8 Color Guard cadets at a recent flying day event in Clearwater while Airman 1st Class Alejandro Medina looks on. The Honor Guard routinely uses the cadet Color Guard to help represent MacDill and the Air Force at events.



ceiving the commanders' coin from former 6th Air Mobility Wing commander Brig. Gen. Wayne Hodges. She and her dad note MacDill is a great supporter of the local Civil Air Patrol, and that continues with current commander, Col. Tanker Snyder. Just days after taking over command, Colonel Snyder was the guest speaker of honor at the organization's annual banquet, held on base at the Officer's Club.

Commander Vogt said one of the most rewarding aspects of his job is working with the cadets. He said many of them come from single parent homes and have had difficulties in their lives, but association with the Civil Air Patrol has produced positive results in many.

"We get calls from parents that all the sudden they are cleaning their room more often and they have a new sense of responsibility," said Vogt. "That's when we feel like we are doing some good."

Vogt said the Civil Air Patrol stands ready to assist and the volunteers have a strong sense of duty, particularly since 9/11. Now under direct control of the Department of Homeland Defense, that duty "goes beyond just a feeling," he said. "It's our mandate."



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Civil Air Patrol cadets like Sarah Vogt are the future of the organization. At 15, she has started her flight training and plans a future in the Air Force. She is also commander of the cadet Color Guard.

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