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Commander's Comments

Several events have transpired since our last edition of Florida Facts. First, our very own Major General Antonio Pineda was elected as the National Commander of Civil Air Patrol. This is quite an honor for all of us here in Florida. I am looking forward to his leadership and many, many creative ideas that will further our great organization. One of his ideas that have been discussed for the past year include the formation of a volunteer position for every paid National Headquarters position. Many who are privy to this concept are excited at the prospect of being able to actually have a stronger voice in some of the decisions that are made at the national level. This stronger voice, of course, comes from communication of ideas between the National Staff and the volunteers. On many occasions I have heard Major General Pineda describe the relationship as being one big team with the mission of making the Civil Air Patrol the best volunteer organization in the country! I for one have no doubt that his vision of greatness will become a sure reality for all of us.

One of the new national level volunteer positions includes a seat on the marketing and public affairs committee that has been filled by our very own Lt Col Buddy Harris. As you may know by now, Buddy has taken a giant step forward in our organization in order to help fully promote the good work we are all engaged in as a part of the Civil Air Patrol. He is already engaged in furious and creative discussions that are proving to be the foundation to our new voice at the national level, you all know it as the "CAP News". Even now, the name of that periodical has changed and the format reorganized. I can not wait to see the results!

This leads me to our second major event which involves our Florida Facts. Not to worry, we will continue Buddy's great work and will hopefully build upon the foundation that he has so creatively

set. Some may consider this to be the end of an ERA; but I for one consider it to be the beginning of a new ERA. I am going to need all of your help to make this new ERA successful. We all need to energize our PAO system throughout the



Col. Joseph J. Martin
Florida Wing Commander

wing so that the job of publishing your many great accomplishments is a more manageable task. Together we can utilize the tools on the Florida Wing Website to record and report every event such as our participation in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in Mississippi.

This leads me to a third major event that transpired since the last Florida Facts arrived at our doorsteps. Hurricane Katrina developed as a tropical storm off the coast of South Florida and developed to become the most catastrophic hurricane to hit the Gulf Coast. The event started shortly before Katrina made landfall in South Florida as a category 1 hurricane. Our Operations section mobilized and coordinated the movement of corporate assets out of harms way. The State EOC was activated and personnel deployed. Captain Bret Goldston once again performed, performed admirably. Whenever complimented, he immediately differed to his team of pros including: Lt

Col Mac McConnell, Lt Nick Simoncini, and Lt Rudy Korpas. Many kudos to those guys as they have once again made all of us look good in the eyes of the State of Florida. Fortunately for all of us, Katrina did minimal damage to Florida. As you all know, it proceeded to travel across the Gulf of Mexico, strengthening into a major category 5 hurricane before making landfall along the Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama coastline. Once again, our Florida volunteers geared up for the national response: a team led by Capt Randall Cason and consisting of Maj Van Vredenberg, Lt Martin Jamieson, Capt Joe Perez, Capt John Petersen, TFO Daniel Shih, Lt Col Alvin Bedgood and Capt Lewis McMullen (Chaplain) departed to Mississippi, gas and supplies in tow. Capt Linus Gomez also joined the team later in the adventure to provide additional support. Great work by all!

While all this was occurring, our fourth major event was held, the successful Florida Wing Color Guard Academy at the Avon Park Bombing Range facility. Ten color guard teams from across the state joined Captain David Leali and his team of instructors for a weekend filled with practice and class work activities focused on helping our Florida cadets become the very best they can be. I was honored to be able to attend the activity for a small glimpse of their great work.

The last major event included a change in leadership of our operations directorate. In anticipation of his being called to serve once again in Iraq, Lt Col Gary Nelson passed the operations baton to Lt Col Luis Garcia in a seamless change in leadership of the directorate. Lt Col Nelson has been a true friend and great leader, join me as I pray for him and his family until he returns to us safe and sound from his second tour in Iraq.

Hence, there is never a dull moment or idle time in the Florida Wing!

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AN ERA ENDS.

For the past six years, it has been my great honor and privilege to serve the Civil Air Patrol as the Florida Wing Editor and Publisher of the FLORIDA FACTS magazine. As a result, I have developed many wonderful relationships with members from coast-to-coast and staff at Wing and National Headquarters.

During that time there has hardly been a week gone by when I haven't received a positive feedback from you.... the reader. To have been a small part of communicating the news in the CAP world and in Florida Wing is something I will cherish always. The magazine's success has to be shared with all who continuously submitted news notes, stories and photos.

Lt. Gail Swanson who recently joined the FLORIDA FACTS staff served as Editor of this FALL issue and wrote most of the editorial content. Regrettably she has submitted her resignation out of pragmatic realization the work demands of the magazine exceeded her time availability. I similarly have reached this realization.

Col. Martin, Florida Wing Commander, has planned a multi-level program for news dissemination which will assure a more timely dispatch. The fast breaking news will be distributed via e-mail, public affairs items will be posted on the wing web-site, a four-page news flyer will be distributed on a regular basis, the Southeast Region newsletter will be available for downloading, and an annual issue of FLORIDA FACTS will be printed as the required report to the legislature.

Therefore, this issue of FLORIDA FACTS will be the last that I will publish.

I am now honored and proud to advise of my appointment as National Advisor to the Marketing and Public Affairs Department by National Commander, Major General Antonio Pineda. I shall be involved with the publishing of the new national magazine due for introduction early in 2006.

Cheers,

Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris

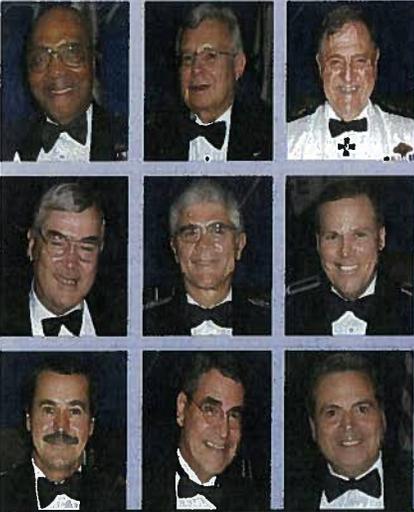
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NATIONAL BOARD ELECTS A NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER.

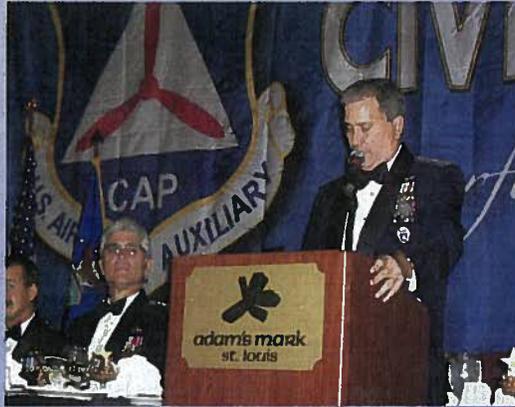
More than 1,000 senior and cadet members and guests from as far away on the west as the Alaska Wing and on the east as the Puerto Rico Wing convened in view of the Mississippi River in St. Louis, Missouri for the 2005 National Civil Air Patrol Board Meeting and Conference.



Across from the St. Louis Gateway Arch, a symbol of our nation's westward movement, the National Board was gaveled to order in the Grand Ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel, and acting National Commander, Brigadier General Antonio Pineda was elected as the National Commander of the United States Air Force Auxiliary/Civil Air Patrol for a full three year term. General Pineda was unopposed in the election. Brigadier General Pineda vowed to strengthen CAP's missions for America. "Over the next three years, we are going to enhance our homeland security service and we're going to strengthen the cadet programs. I definitely want to recruit more teachers thereby increasing our aerospace education program. I also want CAP to be the nation's best resource for search and rescue," Pineda said. "And, as a team with the Air Force and with the great relationship we have, we'll be able to accomplish that and more," he said.



Following Assumption of Command, Major General Tony Pineda addressed the assemblage. Photos on left are head table dignitaries.



The Keynote Speaker was Lt. Col. Eric Boe, USAF, a former CAP cadet. He is now a NASA Astronaut stationed at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Boe is currently on technical assignment in the Astronaut Office Advanced Vehicles Branch. Boe earned CAP's highest cadet achievement, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1983. He went on to graduate with distinction from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1987. Prior to NASA, Boe served as a test pilot flying all models of the F-15 Eagle and the UH-1N Iroquois at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. and he flew 55 combat missions over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch. Boe mesmerized the audience with his talk.

Top row L. to R.: Col. George M. Boyd, then CAP National Controller; Col. Theodore R. Chavez, then CAP National Legal Officer; Maj. Gen. [Retired] Lionel Bourgeois, President, Air Cadet League of Canada. Center row: Lt. Gen. [Retired] Nicholas B. Kehoe, USAF; Lt. Gen. John Regni, Commander, Air University; Col. George C. Vogt, Commander, CAP-U.S. Air Force. Bottom row: Brig. Gen. Marcel Duval, Dep. Comm., Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Region; Roy Boudreaux, Master of Ceremonies; Col. Donald B. Angel, then CAP Financial Officer.

Lt. Gen. John F. Rigni, commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. officiated as the ranking officer in the Assumption of Command ceremony which preceded the conference banquet. In his acceptance of the flag of command, Commander Pineda then officially was promoted to the rank of Major General. Pineda's primary duty is to lead CAP's 60,000 plus volunteers in fulfillment



of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: Emergency Services,

Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education, as well as CAP's continuously increasing role in America's Homeland Security. Gen. Pineda will also serve as Vice Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors and as a member of the National Executive Committee and the CAP National Board.

UP FROM THE RANKS

Following election by the National Board, our two new leaders, Major General Antonio Pineda and Brigadier General Rex Glasgow raised clasped hands in the air in a spirit of CAP unity.



General Pineda's rise to the highest pinnacle of command in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary literally was through the ranks. His achievements proudly serve as an example to every cadet and senior member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Tony Pineda began his career as a senior member of Florida Wing's West Broward Composite Squadron when he and his son, Robert, joined in 1988.



Second Lieutenant Tony Pineda stands to left of Lt. Col. Carla Porter and her husband, Lt. Col. James Porter and Cadet Airman James. Col. Jim Porter gave Tony his Level One training.

Since that time, Gen. Pineda completed all levels of the CAP Senior Training Program, having received the Garber Loening, Yeager and Wilson Awards. He attended the Southeast Region Staff College and National Staff College, and is a graduate of the National Commander's Course and Air Force Command and Staff College.

The general's Civil Air Patrol recognitions include numerous meritorious and exceptional service awards for his service as both a squadron and group commander. Pineda received the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as both the Florida Wing Commander and the Southeast Region Commander. He has also received CAP's highest senior member academic award, the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

General Pineda holds an associate degree in Police Science and Criminology from Miami Dade Junior College, a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University, and he has completed numerous specialized courses in law and criminal justice. The general also holds a Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot License.

On July 1, 2005, Brigadier General Antonio Pineda assumed command of Civil Air Patrol as the acting commander, following the resignation of Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless. At the August meeting of the National Board in St. Louis, he was elected to serve a full three year term as the national commander and assumed promotion to the rank of Major General.



The winning volley ball team against a cadet team at Oshkosh - 2005. Gen. Pineda is standing third from left.

General Pineda at a recent meeting with former acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Dominguez.



Throughout his career, Maj. Gen. Pineda always evidenced his unique ability to anticipate—to see around corners. That is a capacity that is inherent in outstanding leaders. Tony's sense of judgment and level of optimism is awesome. In every command position he has attained, Pineda has displayed a vision, a resolution, a tenacity, and a belief that the Civil Air Patrol fits no volunteer organization prototype.

He is determined to enlarge the membership with dedicated volunteers who are desirous of increasing service to our nation, our USAF, and the communities in which we live. Our cadet membership will also expand so that we can guide our nation's youngsters to becoming tomorrow's leaders.

Tough, unambiguous choices that impact our organization will need to be made.

Maj. Gen. Pineda accepts that challenge!



MASTER'S DEGREE EARNED

Captain Richard Crawford, Commander of the Middleton Magnet High School Cadet Squadron has earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. His final average was 3.98 on a 4.0 system.

CADET EARNS EARHART AWARD

C/Capt. Binoy Patel of the Treasure Coast Composite Squadron obtained Earhart Award No. 13,154. Lt. Col. Gary Owen, Commander of Group Four stated, "This makes Patel the 13,154th cadet captain in the Civil Air Patrol. He has followed my philosophy of keeping your eyes set on the prize and always striving to meet your goals. C/Capt. Patel is a testament of commitment to the CAP Cadet Program."

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS SELECTED

C/MSgt. James Carpenter, Citrus County Cadet Squadron became the 36th member of the Florida Wing Honor Society and C/TSgt. Troy Odierno of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron is the 37th member. The Florida Wing Honor Society was created in 1997 by Col. Matthew Sharkey, Southeast Regional Commander.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY ENTRANT

Coral Springs Cadet Squadron C/2Lt. Adrian Agrade has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Cadet Agrade is expected to graduate as a commissioned officer in 2009.

ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

C/Capt. Jason Maslan, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron has earned a full U. S. Navy ROTC [Reserve Officer's Training Corps] scholarship and will be attending the University of South Florida.

CADET IN THE NEWS



In a story covered in the Marco Island newspaper, Marco Island Composite Squadron's cadet Nick Kalmanek, Airman First Class, graduated from the CAP encampment that was held at Camp Blanding, FL. He was a member of Squadron 3-Echo Flight that won first place in encampment competitions. Competitions included physical training, obstacle courses, drill, customs and courtesies and leadership skills. "We can always count on Airman Kalmanek to be on time and be prepared to do his best," said Lt. Pat Lammersfeld, Cadet Commander.

MAJ. CARL BOMHARD RETIRES



At age 82, Maj. Carl Bomhard retired after 27 years of service. Maj. Bomhard served as a pilot, observer, scanner, and flight instructor. He participated in many search and rescue missions as well as counter drug operations over the Gulf of Mexico. His service record with the Marco Island Senior Squadron and the Naples Senior Squadron is unmatched. Many a pilot flying today is one of Major Bomhard's former students.

TEAM WINS ACADEMIC COMPETITION

Charlotte County Composite Team were winners of the 2005 Florida Wing Academic Competition. Sixteen teams competed in this well spirited and hotly contested competition. Cadets Jake Suggs, Steve Suggs and Jack Campa went home with the Lt. Col. Tom Welch Trophy. Special commendation is extended to both Homestead Cadet Squadron and Coral Springs Cadet Squadron for fielding three teams each. Special thanks goes to Maj. Margaret Mesones and 1st. Lt. Suggs for serving as scorekeepers and Lt. Col. Pfeiffer for judging.

Capt. David Leali

CAP CANDIDS



Extensive Computer Systems Training



Capt. Susan D'Aries, Capt. David Harrington, SM Andy Edelman and C/AB Eric Edelman practice hands-on training.

In keeping with Civil Air Patrol's practice of staying current with today's technology, members of Florida Group Six staff and squadrons spent the better part of a Saturday to receive training and to practice new technology and new software programs related to CAP's three missions. Lt. Col. Bob Masiker, Commander of Lantana Cadet Squadron, provided the instruction and training exercises the students could practice. The hands-on experience gave all the students confidence they could take to their units where they will be serving as trainers.

Capt. Jackie Zarrilli,
Florida Wing Public Affairs Officer

Honor Guard Leads Parade

The Weston Cadet Squadron Honor Guard participated in the Annual Weston Independence Day celebration. This year, the squadron was honored to be assigned the lead group in the parade. The cheers and applause of the appreciative crowd made the cadets march straighter and prouder and in perfect cadence.



Ninety-Nines Welcome Cadet

Cadet Master Sergeant Sara Umana from the Miami Beach Cadet Squadron completed her participation on the National Flight Academy power track at Camp Ashland, Nebraska this June 30. C/MSgt. Umana culminated this activity by earning her solo wings. In recognition to this achievement, the Ninety-Nines organization, represented by Ms. Tamra Sheffman, presented C/MSgt. Umana with a commendation certificate, a prospective package for her inclusion in the Future Women Pilots program, and a warm encouragement to apply to their scholarship programs.



(L-R) Ms. Tamra Sheffman representing the Ninety-Nines Organization, C/MSgt. Sara Umana, and Capt. Linus Gomez, CC MBCS, display the certificate presented to C/Umana.

The Ninety-Nines is an all-female organization started by aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart back in 1929. Currently they have over 5,000 members throughout the world, and they include professional pilots, recreational pilots, instructors, technicians and mechanics.

We are proud of the many achievements of C/MSgt. Umana and grateful to the Ninety-Nines organization for their help and support in recognizing this outstanding young woman and CAP Cadet.

Linus Gomez, Capt. CAP
Miami Beach Cadet Squadron

WINTER ENCAMPMENT STAFF NEEDED

The 2005-2006 Southeast Region Winter Encampment will also host the Regional Cadet Leadership School and the Regional Cadet NCO Leadership School. Encampment Staff Officers are needed to fill the positions and qualifications required. The encampment will be at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City from December 26, 2005 to January 2, 2006.



WING CAP'ers

Lt. Col. John Brennan Moves On

I have been very fortunate to serve with Florida government. Legislative meetings with the House, Senate and Governor's office have been particularly rewarding. As I move to another assignment, I express gratitude to all the members who called on their local state representatives.

It really does help when an official tells me that they know what CAP does in their community and how proud they are. CAP informs them of our local roles in Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education. Many committees become involved in what we do; Departments of Community Affairs, Transportation, Education, Military Affairs, Marine Patrol and Law Enforcement. Many of your officials serve on these committees.

I'd like to thank all the commanders and wing staff who encouraged and supported the efforts of our Legislative accomplishments. I salute each of the members of Florida Civil Air Patrol; your energy is felt here at the Capitol. Thank you.



John Brennan, Lt Col, CAP Florida Legislature

Chesley [Chet] Perry, one of the few remaining Founding Members of the Civil Air Patrol passed away in Tallahassee. Chet had a major role in organizing the Civil Air Patrol in Southwest Florida in 1942. He was also one of the fifteen remaining CAP Charter Members in the United States

Perry Snell



Guess Who? See Pg. 34

Lt. Jackie Zarrilli, Group 6 Public Affairs Officer and Boca Raton Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer and now our new FLWG PAO, announces the following awards:

Mitchell Awards went to C/CMSgt Brittany Roberson. C/2Lt. C/Amn Josh Klein received his Recruiter Ribbon. Lt. Col. Michael Harding was awarded the 20 Year Red Service ribbon.

C/1Lt Christina Zarrilli and C/AIC Josh Klein were

recognized with the American Red Cross Real Heroes Youth Good Samaritan Award and Palm Beach County's Certificate of



Commendation for outstanding service to community in the aftermath of Hurricane Frances.

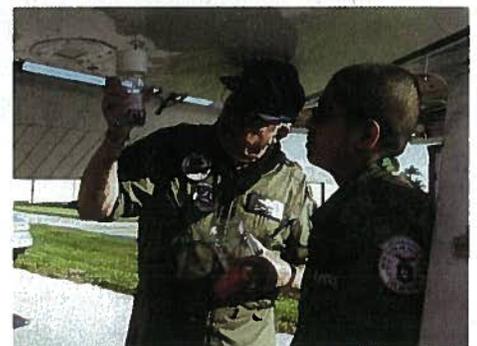
Cadet Brittany Roberson (C)

is promoted to 2Lt. by Deputy of Cadets (L) Lt. Col. Michael Harding and Group 6 Commander (R) Lt. Col. Bruce Smith.



Congratulations to Maj. Bill Bottle who recently received his FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Maj. Bottle demonstrates a fuel test before Cadet Airman Paul Zambrono's first orientation ride.





LATE BREAKING NEWS!

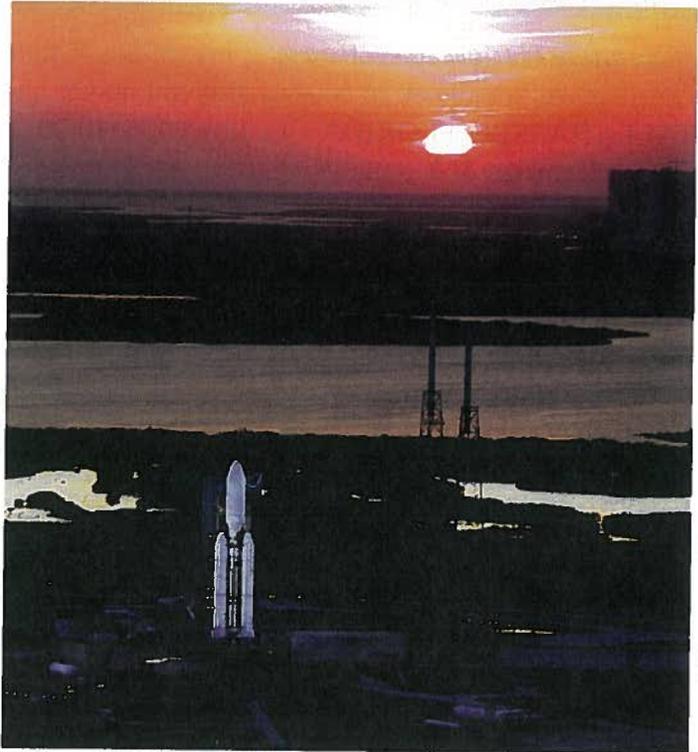


National Commander, Major General Tony Pineda has personally toured the Katrina distressed areas in Louisiana and Mississippi on the ground and in the air reviewing the needs and CAP's response to those needs.



◀ Gen. Pineda, 3rd from right, listens intently to the ground team's debriefing at the Stennis staging area. The team, from Pennsylvania and Texas, had been on duty in Mississippi for nearly a week.

▶ After a long aerial reconnaissance sortie the hot and tired flight crew of CAP Flight One pose with Gen. Tony Pineda. L. is Major Randy Russell and R. is Capt David Goldstein.



CAP at Cape Kennedy

Florida Wing Homeland Security Chief Maj. John McWhorter shares a view of our effort at Cape Kennedy. Just moments before lift off and draped with a beautiful Florida sunset, this Titan rocket is perched for an impressive night launch that was seen for a hundred miles. "We are always at the ready to provide our services to the USAF and the 45th Space Wing," said Maj. McWhorter.



FBO at Gulfport, Mississippi was found to be totally destroyed by Category Five Hurricane Katrina.

Steel frame hangar twisted beyond repair.



Biloxi casino in front of hi-rise is structurally demolished.

General Pineda addresses the ground team at the Pascagoula staging area. Most of this group is from Orlando, FL.



Possible Grant Money

Lt. Col. John Brennan, Interim-Florida Legislative Commander reports that the Department of Education has issued a memorandum regarding the SUCCEED Florida Teaching RFP. This grant is for Adult Education interests. You may partner with a local community college/college or trade school for these funds. The memorandum may be viewed at <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-3033/sfteach.pdf>.

Web address: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/dwdgrants/>.

HURRICANE DENNIS

Media Release by Lt. Col. George Navarini

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA - 11 July 2005, 10:00 EDT - Elements of Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) are diligently working with State and Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] officials in the recovery efforts in North West Florida in the wake of Hurricane Dennis.

Capt. Brett Goldston, Emergency Coordinating Officer for Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol reports, "Civil Air Patrol RECON teams are tasked with the most severely impacted areas in conjunction with our partners from Florida Department of Transportation."

"Monday will be a very busy day for our troops on the ground. RECON teams are tasked with initial impact assessment of critical facilities including shelters, hospitals, etc. Follow-on missions will include aerial impact assessment flights, traffic monitoring and flood watches," said Capt. Goldston.

Four specially equipped Civil Air Patrol aircraft and aircrews from across Florida are flying over the devastated area this morning, braving marginal weather to provide officials with real-time aerial photographs of important infrastructure such as shorelines, bridges, and roadways. These photographs are relayed electronically to the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. CAP and Florida personnel then accurately pinpoint damaged areas and potential dangers, allowing state and county officials to speed up response and the return of local citizens to their homes more quickly. "We are proud to be able to provide our time and talents to the service of the people of Florida," said Colonel Joseph J. Martin,

Florida Wing Commander. "Our volunteers from all over the state always stand ready and willing to lend a helping hand to our fellow Floridians."

Emergency Coordinating Officer Capt. Brett Goldston Reports

On Thursday, 7 July FLWG received advanced warning that we would be activated for our 6th



State Emergency Deployment in 11 months. By Friday morning Hurricane Dennis was projected to make landfall somewhere in Florida on or about Sunday, 10 July. The SEOC overhead team was activated as were four RECON teams to support the state.

By mid morning Friday the SEOC advance element was enroute and the remainder with the Emergency Coordinating Officer gathered equipment and prepared to deploy. By agreement with Department of Emergency Management and the CAP ECO, our RECON Teams were assigned the responsibility for initial impact assessment in south Florida.

Two RECON Strike Teams were formed. Two teams from the Tampa Bay area were dispatched under the command of Maj. George Barker assisted by Lt. Wayne Chaput. Teams from Miami and Orlando were assembled under the command of Maj. John Vredenburg, with assistance of Lt. Col. George Navarini.

BLOWS IN 2005!

The two strike teams were forward deployed in Naples and Miami respectively. Landfall in the Florida Keys was expected Saturday, 9 July in the early morning hours. The strike team under Maj Vredenburg was to follow DOT road inspection crews down into the Florida Keys and complete the initial impact assessment required to get aid rolling into the affected areas. Major Barker's Strike Team was responsible for all of the southern counties (Lee, Collier, Monroe, Hendry and Dade).

As Saturday morning wore on, it became apparent that the Keys were spared a major impact. At that time, officials in Tallahassee were increasingly concerned over the projected landfall in the Florida Panhandle. More and more it looked as if Pensacola and the surrounding environs were to take another major impact from a dangerous hurricane.

As Hurricane Dennis moved further into the warm Gulf of Mexico waters, it continued to intensify, gaining a strength of Category 4. By late Saturday afternoon CAP was tapped to provide additional assistance in the Panhandle. Major Barker turned his strike team around, returned to the Tampa Area, refitted and deployed to Tallahassee by Sunday evening. The strike team working in the Keys finished their work and demobilized Saturday evening.

Dennis came ashore losing strength just to the east of Pensacola. By landfall Dennis had downgraded to a Category 3 hurricane. Another strike team was formed in the Panhandle under the command of Lt. Col. John Mayfield, assisted by Lt. Gene Floyd. Additionally, aircrews were standing by in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Pensacola (evacuated to Jacksonville),

Tampa and Miami to provide aerial impact assessment and digital imagery as soon as weather allowed.

Monday morning, 11 July dawned clear and sunny. CAP RECON teams were enroute at first light and were the first RECON elements into the Pensacola Beach area. All four aircraft were tasked and dispatched from Tallahassee Mission Base to provide DEM officials with Intel product vital to the recovery phase of

operations. Both RECON teams worked their assigned areas and completed their tasking by late Monday afternoon.

The RECON teams demobilized and either returned to base or recovered to Tallahassee for a night's rest before returning to Tampa. Tuesday, 12 July saw a continuation of aerial impact assessment flights completed by aircraft from Jack-

sonville, Pensacola, and Miami. These flights provided some excellent images of damage from all the way east into Franklin County to the western barrier islands as well as traffic flow along I-10 and Hwy 90. Air tasking was completed by later that afternoon, and the aircraft and crews were relieved at that time.

The overhead team operated around the clock at the SEOC from Friday 8 July until noon on Wednesday, 13 July. All members were home safely by Wednesday evening. Only a few of those who participated have been mentioned by name. However this mission could not have been accomplished without the high level of team spirit exhibited by those members who "responded to the mobilization call".

Lt. Gail Swanson, Editor



NATIONAL BOARD ELECTS NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER.

The National Board members elected Col. Rex Glasgow, North Central Region Commander, as the new national vice commander. Col. Glasgow was elected with a majority vote on the first ballot.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow's primary duty is to help the CAP National Commander, General Pineda, lead the members in fulfillment of the organization's chartered missions. As CAP's National Vice Commander, Glasgow will also be a member of the CAP Board of Governors and CAP National Board - CAP's governing and advisory bodies.

Maj. Gen. Pineda, CAP national commander, expressed his appreciation of the National Board's selection and election of Rex Glasgow. "His service and accomplishments since joining Civil Air Patrol have been recognizable and appreciated. I anticipate, with every confidence, that Rex will serve with unstinting enthusiasm and dedication to further the goals and objectives that I envision for our organization," said Maj. Gen. Pineda.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow began his CAP career as a CAP Commander of a squadron in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he built the East Iowa Cadet Squadron into a unit with more than 70 members. An additional flight under his command was started in Ames, Iowa, and after 2 1/2 years the unit was officially chartered by CAP as the Central Iowa Composite Squadron.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow has served as the Iowa Wing Cadet Programs Officer and Professional Development Officer, while still serving as a squadron commander. He also acted as Encampment Commander at the wing and regional level.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow was selected as the Iowa Wing Commander in January 2000, and in June 2002, he was

appointed as the North Central Region Commander. As region commander, he was responsible for CAP operations in seven states, which included more than 4,850 members, 53 aircraft, 75 vehicles and an annual budget of more than \$250,000.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow has received a Distinguished Service Medal, Exceptional Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, and numerous Commander's Commendations. The general was also named Iowa Wing member of the Year twice, Iowa Wing Staff Member of the Year, and North Central Region Member of the Year, and received the Torch Award.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow achieved the Gill Robb Wilson Award in 2000, CAP's highest senior member achievement level. That same year he also completed the CAP National Commander's Course. In Emergency Services Brig. Gen. Glasgow is an active Incident Commander, Mission Pilot, and Ground Team Leader. He is also a cadet orientation pilot.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow has lived most of his life in Iowa except for attending school and serving in the U.S. military. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Security Agency, held a top secret clearance and was trained as a military policeman. Glasgow completed one tour in the European Theater at the battalion headquarters' level.

Brig. Gen. Glasgow also volunteers his time to work with the U.S. Environmental Services and the American Red Cross as an instructor trainer.



Col. Rex Glasgow, newly elected National Vice Commander, receives his Brigadier General one-star epaulettes from Lt. Gen. John F. Rigni and Maj. Gen. Tony Pineda.

Tamiami Composite Squadron Wins

2005 National Color Guard Competition



I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Tamiami Color Guard team and Capt. Alina Garcia-Barbon for their hard work and dedication in winning the 2005 National Championship. The amount of time and energy that you have put into this was evident in Washington D.C. when you were undefeated in the Panel Quiz competition and ended up with overall First Place for the competition. It was my honor to watch you bring the trophy home to Florida Wing.

Maj. Vicki M. Meyer, former Director of Cadet Programs



Physical Training warm up before the mile run. C/CMSgt Andrew Taujours, C/CMSgt Andrew Taujours, C/SMSgt Casey Culp, C/CMSgt Cristian Rodriguez, C/CMSgt Martin Hansson, C/Capt Daniel Garcia, C/Capt Juan Arraya, and C/SrA Adrian Amadiz.

The Tamiami Color Guard Team has made us all proud of their outstanding accomplishment in retaining the National Championship for Florida Wing. Their training, grueling hours of practice, individual and team dedication are the qualities that make for trophy winners. They serve as an example for us all.

**Col. Joseph Martin
Commander, Florida Wing**

MEET YOUR AIR FORCE COORDINATOR

By State Director JERRY ANGLE

Major Steve Governale is the wing Reserve Coordinator for the Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol [CAP]. Being assigned to CAP-USAF, one of Steve's primary responsibilities is to ensure CAP receives the best possible support from the Air Force. Steve accomplishes this by coordinating the activities of 18 reserve assistance officers and NCO's assigned throughout the state. CAP-USAF reservists are tasked to provide oversight, advice and assistance to CAP. Our reservists come from diverse backgrounds and assignments. Many are pilots, but we also have navigators, aircraft mechanics, a nurse and a services officer. Reservists are not permitted to join CAP since this may create a conflict of interest. However, some of our reservists are former CAP members. All of our reservists have active duty experience.

Major Governale's military background is in services. Steve graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and later received a Masters Degree from Webster University. While on active duty, Steve held several key positions. He was Billeting Officer at Mather Air Force Base [AFB], CA; Chief of Services at Keflavik, Iceland; Chief Inspector, Office of the Inspector General, Randolph AFB, TX; Squadron Commander, Reese AFB, TX; and Base Commander, Bellows AFB, HI. While serving in these positions Steve was responsible for overseeing several base activities to include the commissary, dining facility, base exchange, fitness center, billeting, child development, youth center, bowling center, mortuary affairs, and the officer and NCO clubs.

Major Governale served on active duty for 11 years before entering the Reserve Assistance Program with Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force.

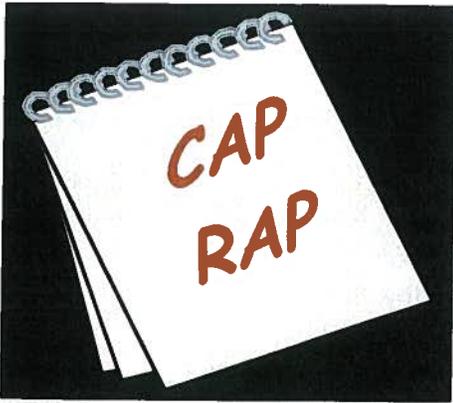
Steve works hard to support CAP. In the past year alone, Steve was a Panel Judge for the Cadet of the Year Board, served as moderator for the panel quiz and judge for volleyball at the Southeast Region [SER] Cadet Competition, and arranged for the use of the base facilities at the SER Cadet Encampment at Tyndall AFB, FL.

Major Governale attended several search and rescue/disaster response [SAR/DR] training exercises across Florida and served as an evaluator for the Florida Wing's SAR/DR Evaluation. Steve was instrumental in ensuring the state Emergency Operations Center and mission bases throughout Florida were augmented by reservists during last summers hurricanes. In addition, Major Governale spends two weeks each summer at Maxwell AFB serving as the Air Force Director for the Cadet Officers School.



Steve has been working with Civil Air Patrol for the past eight years. When asked what it is he enjoys most about CAP Steve will tell you, "I always look forward to working with CAP each and every day because of the wonderful people. The members of CAP are all volunteers who give generously of their time and effort to serve their nation, their community, and people in need. They actively engage in extensive training to perfect their abilities to train others, to respond to search and rescue missions, to perform U.S. Air Force, Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Drug Enforcement Agency [DEA], U.S. Customs, Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA], National Air and Space Agency [NASA], State of Florida, American Red Cross and local agency missions. to name but a few." When Major Governale is not actively supporting CAP, he is a retail store manager.

Publisher's Note: Major Steve Governale was featured in "Meet Your TeamMates" in the Winter - 2002 Issue of this magazine.



Most of us know of the nearly 1 lb. piece of insulation that broke away from the external hydrogen tank during liftoff of the Discovery Space Shuttle. Few know that Discovery sustained a low-speed bird strike at liftoff. The nose of the external tank struck a several-pound vulture which bounced off the tank and fell lifeless along the backside of the tank instead of toward the orbiter windshield. The bird was vaporized by the rocket plumes.



Celebrating his 40th year as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain, Lt. Col. Robert Balnicky was awarded the Gill Robb Wilson Award. Chaplain Balnicky is the Florida Wing Assistant Chaplain for Pastoral Care.



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross are co-sponsoring National Preparedness Month 2005. This nationwide effort is to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

James Tynan
Public Affairs Manager, NHQ



Group 6 hosted a Mission Scanner Class at the Boca Raton Airport. This two

day class is one of a series to prepare members for Search and Rescue, Disaster Assessment, and Homeland Security missions. During the class an actual ELT alert mission was received. On the second sortie the ELT was located and silenced.



Central Florida units also spent a weekend training in location of ELT's using unsophisticated body shielding to the use of a \$1000 Directional Finder unit. The training was coordinated with local authorities which not only impressed the CAP students but the police and fire agencies as well. The event was reported in three local area newspapers.

Lt. Col. David Mosely
Commander, Lake Composite Squadron



Charlotte County Composite Team was the winner of the 2005 Florida Wing Academic Competition. Sixteen teams competed in this highly contested, well spirited competition. Capt. David Leali commended the Homestead Cadet Squadron and the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron for their having fielded three teams each.



CAP pilots, Harold Nabson and Bill Bottle were recently honored with FAA's Wright Brothers' Master Pilot Awards.

These prestigious awards were the first to be given in the five county area-Broward, Glades, Hendry, Martin and Palm Beach. The award recognizes professionalism, skill and aviation expertise of 50 or more years.



Captain Draupadi Beloved



has completed a stellar 7 1/2 years as a cadet and has now become a senior member. To those cadets just joining or completing the program in its entirety, Capt. Beloved suggested, "Do not take your CAP experience lightly. Time will fly, and before you know it your cadet days will come to an end. So seize every moment and opportunity given to you."



C/2 Lt. Adrian Adrade, has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy and is expected to graduate as a commissioned officer in 2009. C/Capt. Jason Maslan was awarded a full Navy ROTC scholarship and will be attending the University of South Florida. He has transferred to a senior membership and will remain active.

Capt. Jeff Maslan,
Coral Springs Cadet Squadron



The new Rampello Advantage Cadet Squadron will be chartered this summer and Captain Brainhard Harris and a team of teachers will be in charge. The squadron's program includes before and after school care, field trips to museums, extramural sports, dance, music, acting, theater, visual arts, band, chorus, computer technology, foreign languages, "History Alive" program, business technology, Spectrum Lab, and hands-on Science Solution. Tampa Downtown Business, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa Theatre, The Aquarium, Tampa Public Library, University of Tampa are a few of the supporters.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS IS IN FULL SWING

320 boxes filled with needed supplies for our fighting men and women in Iraq were provided by



CAP Chaplain, Lt. Col. Dewey Painter and Mission Harvest to Edgewater Pointe Estates, a life-care retirement community in Boca Raton. The residents contributed in excess of \$3,000 for the shipping costs to Iraq.

Each box is addressed to an individual unit and contains requested personal items, healthcare items, calling cards, greeting cards, books, magazines, etc. Toys and schools supplies for Iraqi children were also requested.

The obtaining of these supplies, stuffing, addressing, and delivering the boxes to coordinator Lt. Col. Buddy Harris required an 'army' of volunteers.

"The Support Our Troops program initiated when the first deployment of soldiers left for Desert Storm and will not stop until the last soldier's boots touch down on American soil," said Chaplain Painter.

This shipment of boxes brings the cumulative total sent overseas to 51,000. Many heart-rending e-mails and letters of thanks are received which indicate the troop's deep appreciation.

FLWG Commander, Col. Joseph Martin stated, "I am constantly overwhelmed at the generosity of the Civil Air Patrol members to volunteer helping their fellow military colleagues no matter where or when they are in need. It is this and other continuous showing of service that makes me proud to serve alongside of our 4,000 Florida CAP members."



FLORIDA WING GETS AWARDS



A Recognition Awards Ceremony was conducted during the National CAP Conference in St. Louis. From the left are Southeast Region Commander, Col. Matthew Sharkey joining with Florida Wing Commander, Col. Joseph Martin and Vice Commander, Lt. Col. Art Giles in receiving four national awards. The award for Aerospace Education Program of the Year was the fifth consecutive time Florida Wing has earned this coveted award. Col. Martin happily stated, "I am overjoyed when the hard work and extended effort of our members is recognized. These plaques are well deserved awards and I am proud to carry them back to our wing in Florida."



NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Julie Debardelaben

is the new national head of Public Affairs and has literally 'hit the tarmac' with full throttle. The 2005 National Conference in St. Louis was an all-time success. Marc Huchette's 'around the clock' multi-media and video productions with full sound were awesome. The "Everyday Heroes" 4-page daily bulletin of the previous day's happenings were prepared by Jim Tynan, new Manager of Public Affairs. 67 Learning Laboratories scheduled over two days provided an invaluable training opportunity for all attendees.

Julie is already gearing up for the 65th Anniversary of CAP's creation on 1 December 1941 and is deep into planning, programming, and designing the new CAP national magazine to be released early in 2006.

With Julie Debardelaben at the yolk, CAP's public affairs activities and breakthroughs will reach record breaking altitudes.

It is reasonable to anticipate in the foreseeable future that the USAF "TOTAL FORCE" will be recognizable by the general public to include the 4 key elements: active duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Reserve, and the Air Force Auxiliary.

Training Saves Lives

C/Major Alexander Tubonjic, Hernando County Composite Squadron, was happily returning home following a week at Cadet Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He and Air Force Reserve Major Dan Williams were making good time driving southbound on I-75 in spite of the morning haze, when they noticed a White Dodge Ram in the center median and saw two occupants laying on the ground about 50 feet from the vehicle.

Alexander, who is a volunteer Fire Fighter with the Hernando Beach Fire Department, recalls, "We pulled into the median and I jumped out, and as luck would have it, I was wearing my Fire Department T-Shirt and had a pair of latex gloves with me. A quick look at the truck made it apparent it had flipped over many times and that the driver and passenger had been ejected."

"An elderly gentlemen identified himself as a first responder and went to help the passenger and I approached the driver. While asking his name, he told me he had trouble breathing and his back and shoulders hurt. Then he passed out," Alexander recalled.

Cadet Tubonjic attempted to stop the bleeding from a deep laceration and to remove some of the glass that was all over the driver. Another motorist stopped with a cell phone and called 911. Alexander informed the dispatcher he was at a MVC [motor vehicle crash], moderate damage, two occupants both ambulatory at time of arrival, occupants were ejected from truck. Large laceration to the left wrist, severe bleeding from the hand, fingers, arms and mouth. Chief complaints of back pain, shoulder pain, trouble breathing and passing out were also reported. A request for local rescue to expedite was Alexander's sign-off.

C/Major Tubonjic stated, "I then noticed the

engine in the crashed Dodge Ram was still running. I ran and shut it off but could not get the key out of the ignition. I also noticed diesel oil pouring from the truck but was not concerned about explosion or fire. I returned to the driver's aid and continued to dress his wounds. Soon a helicopter circled overhead and a police car appeared on the scene. Alexander estimates fifteen minutes passed before the EMS personnel arrived at the crash site."

"I gave the officer a full report as to how many were injured, the extent of injuries, the driver's complaints, and what I had done for him. All of the agency personnel extended their thanks for our assistance and Major Williams and I continued on our return trip home,"

concluded C/Major Alexander Tubonjic.

A Fire Department officer complimented all who

helped and particularly Alexander for all he had done in spite of his broken hand [note bandaged right hand in upper photo]. He asked if Alexander had the keys to the truck. When told they would not pull out, the officer suggested shifting the gear into 'Park'. Alexander did exactly that and the keys came out easily.

The Deputy Fire Chief of Aluchia County Fire Department sent Alexander a letter thanking him for the services he performed at a time of emergency when lives were at stake.

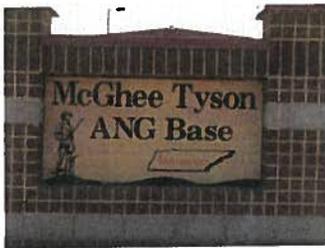
C/Major Tubonjic is a 17 year old senior in Springstead High School. He is a Cadet Captain in his school's Air Force Junior ROTC and is a Cadet Major in the Civil Air Patrol. He has a strong liking for Emergency Medicine and is going to go to college for his EMT license. After graduating high school, he is planning on going to Iraq for one year as a Civilian Fire Fighter/EMT. Following that service he plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and is hoping to become a ParaRescue member and eventually a ParaRescue CAP Squadron Commander.



SOUTHEAST REGION COLLEGE

College Preparations

Before the sun rose on a warm July morning, seventeen students from Florida Wing, Georgia Wing, Mississippi Wing, Tennessee Wing and Texas Wing turned keys in auto ignitions, taxied aircraft onto runways, studied road maps or air charts, and took off for long trips to McGhee Tyson U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Training and Education Center at Alcoa, Tennessee. The thirteen faculty members for the Southeast Region Staff College-2005 had arrived the day before.



Following check-in at Base Billeting, bags and supplies were unpacked in assigned rooms and any thoughts of relaxation were obscured by the need for registration, receiving of

study portfolios, campus maps, class schedules, and—only then—did the students realize their college program had already begun!

Orientation

College Director Lt. Col. Wes Hannah welcomed the students and introduced them to their Group Leaders...Lt. Col. Ed Wasserman, Lt. Col. Pat Faunt, and Maj.



Jaime Rojas; Assistant College Director Lt. Col. Matt Ferris, Curriculum Director Lt. Col. Al Bedgood, CAP instructors, Mississippi Wing Commander Col. John Wilkes, Tennessee Wing Commander Col. James Rushing, Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris who also served as Public Affairs Officer, and Major Robert Atchley who additionally served as Chaplain, College Evaluator Lt. Col. Jean DuBois, Assistant Evaluator Major Russ Loomis, and Finance Officer Lt. Col. Marge Hannah.

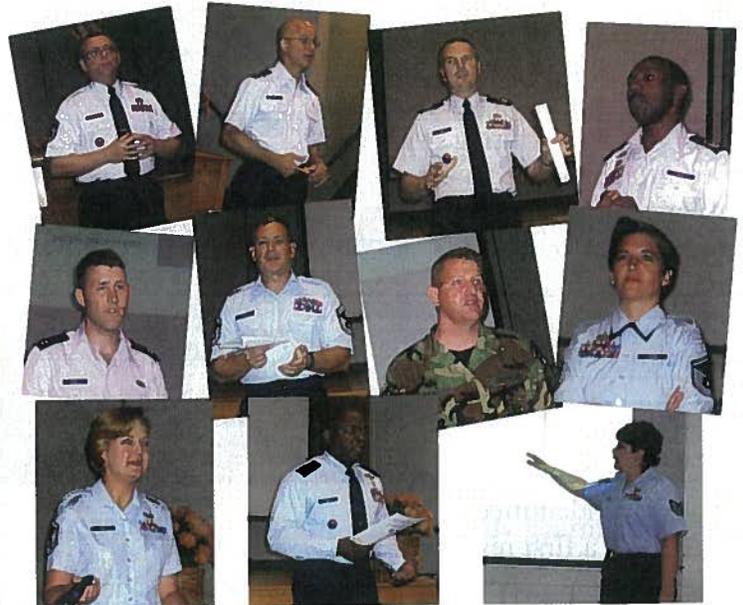
CURRICULUM

The college objectives, curriculum courses, instruction techniques and methodologies, student assignments and group projects were presented by Lt. Col. Al Bedgood. A ten minute break was

immediately followed by the first of the full week's curriculum, a seminar on 'Effective Listening' by Lt. Col. Buddy Harris.

LOGISTICS and INSTRUCTORS

The day-to-day, on-base logistics of classrooms, seminar rooms, audio and video equipment, supplies, computers, printers, and materials availability was singularly provided by SSgt. Kevin Prezwrocki, ANG. Additionally, Kevin's selection and scheduling of the numerous U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard instructors and administration staff was a formidable task.



The USAF and ANG instructors included Lt. Col. John DeLuca, Technical Education Center Commander of 800 officers and 750 NCO's; Lt Col. David Pena, Base Chaplain; Capt. Dave Meece; MSgt. Lynda Parker; MSgt. Terry Krips; SMSgt. Jeff Miller; MSgt. Kevin Thomas; MSgt. Wendell Bandy; MSgt. Judi Stultz; MSgt. Deb Benito; TSgt. Sabrina Tullock; MSgt Milton Tookes; MSgt. Jon Edwards; and Mr. John Hawks. The courses taught were directed toward a clear understanding of leadership roles and responsibilities and the Air Force Core Values-Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence In All We Do.

GRADUATION

All students successfully completed the Staff College and received diplomas from Southeast Region Commander Col. Matt Sharkey at a graduation ceremony. ➡

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!

'The curriculum was so jam-packed it was like drinking from a fire hose!' said 1st Lt. Keith Riddle, Mississippi Wing. 'The military courtesy and protocol required of us made us look nearly as sharp as the USAF and ANG personnel. I was very proud,' he concluded.

'To be taught by U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard instructors was awesome and exceeded my wildest expectations about the college,' expressed Captain Susan D'Aries, Coral Springs. 'The curriculum schedule each day made me feel I was in an academic encampment! I feel I am much better able to serve as an example for our cadets who are our leaders of tomorrow,' D'Aries concluded.

Major Pat O'Key stated, 'Our USAF, ANG and CAP instructors were top notch. I learned upper management roles and responsibilities which I can now share with unit commanders. I want to impress on each of them the 'bigger picture' of our national organization. I am very glad I took the week off to attend this RSC,' said O'Key.

Maj. Bruce Kincaid, Tennessee Wing; Capt. Deborah Grimes, Capt. Brooks Jones, and Capt. Chris Fellman, of Florida Wing echoed the expressed opinions and agreed the RSC was an incredible learning experience and one which they will highly recommend to others.



RSC Director, Lt. Col. Wes Hannah

RSC Curriculum Director, Lt. Col. Al Bedgood



Homework and projects filled the evening hours for each group.



Lt. Col. Marge Hannah registers students as they arrive on the first day of college.



RSC Assistant Director, Lt. Col. Matt Ferris



Clear the brain and fill the stomach breaks were scheduled inclusions of the dawn to dusk college.



Captain Deborah Grimes receives her well deserved diploma from Southeast Region Commander, Col. Matthew Sharkey. Major Jaime Rojas, Group Leader, [left] looks on proudly.



Southeast Region Staff College 2005 - Faculty and Student Graduating Class.

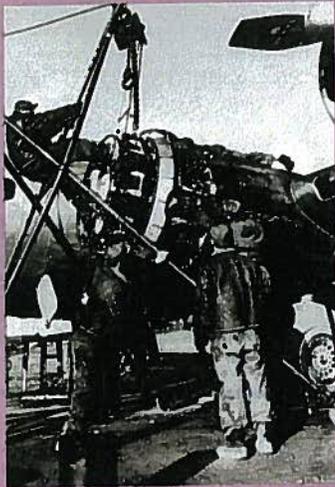
The Florida Wing Chaplain Service

Recently I participated in a memorial service for a man who served in the 101st Airborne during World War II. At age 27 he was the oldest person in his Paratrooper Class at Ft. Benning, GA.

He was, no doubt, considered the “old man” by many of the 17 and 18-year-olds that became part of the military at that time. He sustained a wound in the Argonne Forest and was sent home.

A number of men who served in World War II were at his memorial service. Some, like the person for whom the memorial service took place, were with the 101st. After the service was over I had the opportunity to talk with some of the members that news anchor Tom Brokaw has called “The Greatest Generation.” These men ranged in age 83 to 87 years old. One had a cane, others limped, and others were in much better shape than me.

I was like a kid in a candy shop while I listened to these men. Some were dressed in their combat uniforms; one wore a uniform blouse that had a bullet hole showing where the soldier had been wounded. I heard stories of Normandy, Bastogne, the Battle of the Bulge, and duty in the South Pacific. What a privilege it was to meet them. I met one Dutch national who pointed to one of the GIs and said, “He was my liberator!” The Dutch national was 15 years old at the time when that member of the 101st Airborne probably parachuted into his backyard.



Chaplain Major Tom Carson
Florida Wing Chaplain

I felt so proud to be called “Padre” by a World War II Marine veteran. What a great gift he gave to me. How proud these men were of their accomplishments and of their country. They stood proud in the uniform of the United States.

Our CAP ranks are filled with veterans and current military service personnel. As a chaplain, I thank God for them and their willingness to serve our country. Because of these men and women, we have the opportunity to meet in our Civil Air Patrol meetings and serve our nation and communities. As chaplains in the Civil Air Patrol, we need to pray for our service personnel, those retired and those serving, as well as each of our members.

At the memorial service, I used a verse found in Isaiah 40:31 that says, “Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles (The 101st Airborne is called ‘The Screaming Eagles.’), they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

We are all volunteers. Sometimes the lives that we lead become very full. Sometimes we become tired and discouraged because we have so much to do at work, at home, and at CAP. I call on each member of the Florida Wing Chaplain Service to pray for the members of CAP so that they will have the emotional, physical and spiritual strength to complete our missions of emergency services, aerospace education and cadet services. As do the veterans I met at the memorial service, we serve with great people who love their country. I am proud to walk with the members of CAP and to provide emotional and spiritual support to them and their families. We can be proud to serve Civil Air Patrol and the United States of America!

Final Flight



Maj. John Mintern
Treasure Coast
Composite Squadron

2nd Lt. Morris Zimmerman
Lake Composite Squadron

**Sr. Mbr. Sally
Schreffler**
Stuart Composite Squadron

*Florida Wing expresses thanks for their generous gift
of dedicated volunteerism, patriotism, and fraternalism.*

Colonel Joseph J. Martin
Florida Wing Commander

Capt. Christopher Plummer



"I am saddened to announce the passing of Capt. Christopher Plummer. Capt. Plummer was a former Spaatz Cadet and Squadron Commander for the Tamiami Composite Squadron," said Maj. Steve Schack, CC

SER-FL-355. Capt. Plummer had recently moved to Raleigh, North Carolina and was in the National Guard as a AH-64 pilot. He was planning to move back to Miami in the fall to attend law school.

"Knowing him personally, I can attest to his dedication and devotion to preserve the freedoms for all Americans. He will be missed, and our condolences go out to his family," said Maj. Schack.

Lt. Col. Doris M. Anderson

"It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Lt. Col. Doris M. Anderson of Ft. Myers, Florida, passed away," said Maj. Patrick O'Key, Group 5 Commander. Lt. Col. Anderson joined Civil Air Patrol on 28 February, 1966. She served in many positions during her 39 years in the Florida Wing that included Wing Emergency Services Officer, Wing Licensing Officer for Communications, Wing Assistant IG, and Group Commander. "Her latest duty assignment was Group Five Finance Officer," said Maj. O'Key.



Lt. Col. Anderson was very active in the American Prisoners of War (APOW) as National Registration Officer as well as the Finance Officer for the local chapter. When the APOW was formed, both Lt. Col. Anderson and her husband Don joined. Don was a B-17 pilot in WWII, and his plane was shot down in Germany. He and his crew spent a year and a half in German prison camps," said Col. Henry Casenove.

"In the 1980s Lt. Col. Anderson accepted the assignment as FLWG Radio Communications Licensing Officer," said Col. Casenove. "Dorie", as she was known to her friends, and Don, kept their HF and VHF radio equipment operating on a daily, 24 hour basis. Her radios were turned off the day before she passed away. FL CAP 521 will be sorely missed," said Col. Casenove.

Lt. Col. Joe Frakes

Long time CAP member Lt. Col. Joe Frakes of the DeLand Squadron passed away. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and was with the Civil Air Patrol for over 50 years. Lt. Col. Frakes and his friend Senior Member Kay Hickman joined the DeLand Squadron last year and looked forward to working ELT missions.



Career Shadowing Career Shadowing

The Career Shadowing program is directed towards those cadets who are seriously considering a military career. It gives CAP cadets the opportunity to see Air Force life close up.

Major Vickie Meyer, Director of Cadet Programs and Major Ivan Acosta developed and arranged this program for Florida Wing. Cadets were hosted this year by the 45th Space Wing and the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base.

Those accepted from 50 applicants were C/2nd Lt Kayla Smith, Charlotte County Composite Squadron; C/Capt Tyler Hiatt, 8049th Composite Squadron; C/CMSgt. Thomas Boharsik, Palmer Trinity Cadet Squadron; C/Capt. Jena McGovern, Citrus County Cadet Squadron; C/2nd Lt's Martin Hannson, Christian Rodriguez and Angel Delguy, Tamiami Composite Squadron; and C/Maj. Evan Jones, North Tampa Cadet Squadron.

The week long tour is designed to give cadets a face-to-face look at the jobs they aspire to as well as to give them a broader look at other Air Force jobs. "Most of the jobs the cadets originally want are for commissioned officers only, but we try to show them both sides," said Capt. Ivan Acosta, 45th Space Launch Squadron global positioning satellite IIR Field Program Manager and a CAP Major.

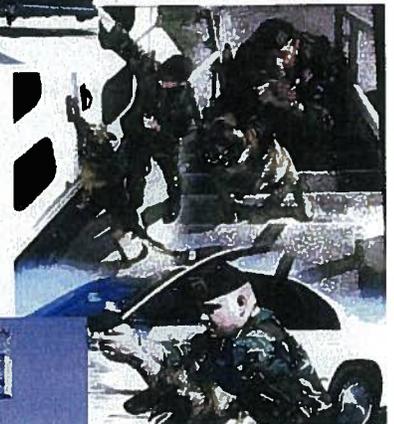
Some amazing activities the cadets

experienced were the K-9 Unit; firearms training; the M-16 Simulator; police duty in a patrol car; Honor Guard; Fire Station; breathtaking tour of the GPS Satellite and Delta II Rocket; Weather Squadron; and a briefing from the Judge Advocate General [JAG]. Additionally they toured Aircraft Maintenance; Chemical Welfare training; Chaplain; Pilot Briefing for the HC-130 aircraft; Air Traffic Control; Intelligence; Pilot Briefing for and ride in the HC-60G Helicopter and an HC-130.

At the end of the first day, C/Capt. Jena McGovern said, "Now I'm really confused!" It was explained that is exactly the intent of Career Shadowing. Cadets are shown how to think 'out of the box' and to realize there are over 156 careers in the Air Force. C/Capt.

Jones said the tour was an eye-opener for him. "I've gotten to know what some of these careers are like.

I've been given a lot to think about and I would recommend Career Shadowing to anyone considering the military as a career." All agreed this was one of the greatest experiences CAP's offered them.



Florida Wing Cadet Programs Has Change of Command

1st Lt. Jackie Zarrilli,

Public Affairs Officer.

Florida Wing, Group 6, Boca Raton Composite Squadron

Florida Wing Cadets and Seniors sing their praises as they bid goodbye to Major Vickie Meyer and Major Ivan Acosta, Director and Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, who are leaving their post for new adventures. For the past five years this dynamic team has brought the Wing Cadet Program to new heights. They have added Regional Cadet Leadership School and Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Schools and Career Shadowing to the Cadet Program. They have been intimately involved with Special Acts Weekends and Cadet Seminars at Florida Wing Conferences. Their sense of humor and respect for the cadets make these two a tough act to follow.

Chief of Staff, Major Dan Levitch wrote, "...For the Commander, we would like to take this opportunity to *THANK* them for all the things they did for the Florida Wing. The cadets of the wing truly owe them a debt of gratitude."



Major Vickie Meyer & Major Ivan Acosta

Captain David Leali has been appointed the new director by wing commander Col. Joseph Martin. Captain

Leali has been involved in every aspect of Cadet Programs as a cadet and a senior. Capt. Leali has a reputation for excellence as in his running of Florida Wing's Color Guard Program and Academy and has sent numerous teams to national competitions.

So as Majors Meyer and Acosta take their leave they can rest assured that Florida Wing's Cadet Programs will continue to be a great success.

Major Vickie Meyer's parting words for her cadets were, "I wish all of the cadets in the Florida Wing great success in the future. I know each of you will reach the goals you set for yourself. Keep your mind on that goal, and don't let every day life distract you from attaining it. I believe cadets are the heart of our Civil Air Patrol and it is our duty to help them grow and develop into the adults they will become. I have no worries about who will lead this nation when it's time for the next generation to step up to the plate."

Flight Academy Teaches Basics Of Flight

Philip Andrews, 16, of Tallahassee grew up with dreams of being a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force. Andrews says problems with his eyes will keep him from the cockpits of an F-16 or an F-18, but this week he got his chance to fly the red, white and blue aircraft on the Civil Air Patrol.

Andrews and 17 other cadets, seven instructors and seven ground crew members descended on Wittman Regional Airport for CAP's annual National Flight Academy.

The cadets all between the ages of 16 and 20,

were selected from the CAP's 27,000 cadets to participate in the program that teaches aviation basics and provides the foundation for them to work toward their Private Pilots Licenses.

Civil Air Patrol's Col. Phil Holbrook said, "We're getting the most qualified and highly sought after cadets in the country. It's a chance to see these kids develop. We don't want to make them all jet pilots, but we want to make them upstanding members of their communities. The cadets will have 10 hours of flight time and 12 hours of ground school."

A DAY WITHOUT WINE IS LIKE A DAY WITHOUT SUN SHINE!



Lt. Col. PATRICIA FAUNT
SER Nurse Officer

Do you believe a little wine every day may help you stay healthier?

I had my doubts but I've been reading more and more articles that tout the benefits of wine. I'm talking about drinking wine in moderation not by the gallon.

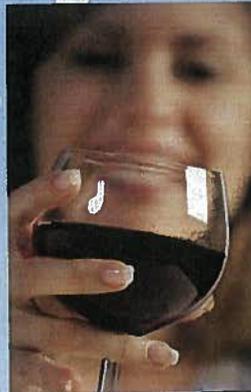
Wine is already known to be a heart healthy drink, and now it may also help you lose weight, keep your memory sharp, help prevent bone loss and boost your immunity.

I don't think it's clear why wine can reap such benefits; maybe it's the alcohol, the antioxidants or something else they don't even know about yet. Anyway a glass of wine a day helps the memory and heart. The University of Arizona studies showed that wine helps prevent clots and reduces blood vessel inflammation. Both of these problems are linked to cognitive decline and heart disease. Also alcohol seems to raise the

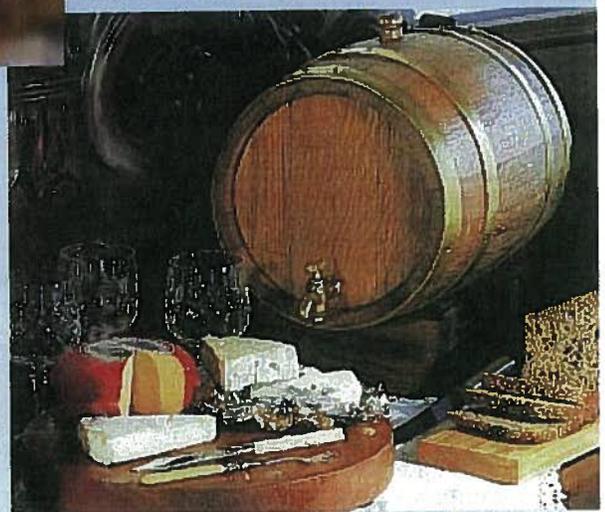


HDL (the good one), which helps unclog the arteries. Wine also acts as a *sort of antibiotic*. Studies show a glass a day can reduce the risk of infection by the *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria that causes ulcers, gastritis and stomach cancer. It also kills germs like salmonella. When traveling out of country it may be wise to drink a glass of wine with your meal.

As for weight loss—people who drink a glass a day have a lower body mass than those who indulge occasionally. Alcohol may encourage your body to burn extra calories for as long as 90 minutes after a glass of wine by increasing the metabolic rate. So, having a drink with a meal could result in more calories burned rather than stored as fat. The question was asked, why does wine do this, not vodka etc. it was suggested the effects of alcohol maybe different when consumed with food.



Another study done at Harvard Medical School showed premenopausal women who drink one or 2 glasses of wine a day gain some protection against diabetes. They are 40% less likely than women who don't drink to develop type 2 diabetes. The reasons are not clear but in diabetic patients wine seems to reduce insulin resistance.



Of course more studies need to be done but for now I think I'll have a glass of wine with my evening meal. CHEERS !

Take care and be aware!



Chaplain Lt. Col. Norm Taylor

Chaplain of the Year Breaks State and National Long Jump Record

It was one for the record books. Recipient of the Florida

Wing 2004 Chaplain of the Year award, Chaplain Lt. Col. Norm Taylor of the Naples Senior Squadron, recently competed at the National Track and Field Training Center at Clermont, Florida. Chaplain Taylor has participated in Track and Field events for the past six years. When he competes, he wears the colors of the Civil Air Patrol.

In Clermont, Chaplain Taylor broke the 75-79 age division Long Jump Record for the state. The old record set in 1996 was 13 feet-3 inches. Chaplain Taylor's leap was 14 feet -7 1/2 inches. This also beat the US National record in that age category that was set in 1997 with a jump of 14 feet-2 1/2 inches. Chaplain Taylor's name will be included in the record books along with Olympic star Carl Lewis who competed in the 35-39 age division. "This is almost unbelievable to me," said Chaplain Norm Taylor. Lt. Col. Taylor also holds a Federal Aviation Administration private pilot license.

Master Certified Flight Instructor Times Four

Maj. Paul Ronald Sanberg of the Citrus County Cadet Squadron, recently earned his Master CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) designation for the fourth time. He is a CAP mission pilot and an ASC for the FAA's Tampa FSDO. He is also an independent flight instructor specializing in flight reviews, high performance and insurance checkouts at Pilot Country Airport in Brooksville, FL.

There are approximately 85,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 500 have achieved this distinction thus far. The last ten national Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs, and Maj. Sanberg is one of only 39 Florida aviator educators who have earned the prestigious "Master" title.

Native Americans Award Scholarships to Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Cadets 1Lt. Mitchell Lazore, Airman Alexander Taujour, and 1Lt. Christina Zarrilli were all awarded Chief Flying Eagle Scholarships. The Native American Flying Eagle Clan presents annual scholarships to cadets for Civil Air Patrol's intense training programs. The Clan recognizes CAP's service to the United States and its valuable development of young people.

The CAP Summer 2005 Encampment Flying Eagle Clan scholarship was awarded to Cadet Airman Alexander Taujours from the Tamiami Composite Squadron. C/Airman Lazore is a registered member of his father's tribe, the Saint Regis Mohawks from the New York and Canadian area, where most of his family resides.



c/1Lt. Mitchell Lazore



Cadets 1Lt. Lazore, age 18, and 1Lt. Zarrilli, age 13, recipients of the Flying Eagle Clan Scholarship to CAP Special Activities, are both headed off to college next

year. 1Lt. Lazore is going to Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington for engineering. 1Lt. Christina Zarrilli will be attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL in a new experimental program for talented high school students.



c/1Lt. Christina Zarrilli

SAREX

On May 7, Florida Wing held a Group 5 SAREX (Search and Rescue Exercise) at the Naples Senior Squadron. "The amount of preparation for this particular exercise was incredible. It could not have been done without the dedicated service of Capt John Bayne," said Col Joseph Martin, FLWG Commander. "The turnout was high. Members are starving for this type of training, and we will be doing more of this in the future. This SAREX is the second in a training series throughout the Wing."



Photo by SM Elio Hernandez

Capt. John Varsames, Group 5 Incident Commander (left) , Maj Pat O'Key, Group 5 Commander (center), and Col Joseph Martin, FL Wing Commander (right).

CAP Units from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties participated.

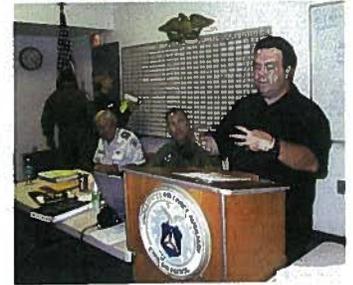
The SAREX included Non-Distress, Aerial Photography, Missing Person, and Downed Plane missions.



Col Joseph Martin, FLWG Commander and Lt Marie Berninger, SAREX Administration Officer review progress reports of sorties flown.

SIMCELL (Simulation Cell)

The first mission was a non-distress ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter). Prior to the SAREX, it had been placed on the field at the Naples Municipal Airport and also hidden under plastic bags at the mission base. "That was designed to give CAP personnel something to chew on quickly so there would be no drag time between the rest of the inputs being issued to them," said SIMCELL leader Capt. John Bayne. "This SAREX was designed for large groups so that everyone has an opportunity to work together. It can help identify training needs."



Capt John Bayne provides the SAREX missions briefing.



Photo by SM Elio Hernandez

Ground team acquires an ELT signal at the airport.

The non-distress beacons which were placed in outlying areas by a simulation team provided air and ground teams the opportunity to hone their directional finding skills. Two missions were also assigned for assessing of damage to dwellings in the Venice and Marco Island areas due to a simulated squall line that had moved through the area just two days prior.

A SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE

The visual mission was to find a female flight student who hadn't filed a flight plan for her flight from Ormond Beach enroute to Naples. "She crashed last night and no one would have known about it until Monday had it not been for an amateur radio enthusiast who happened to pick up her distress signal," said Capt. Bayne. Based on the information that this person provided, mission base staff were able to identify the pilot and aircraft as well as a location of highest probability of detection for searching.

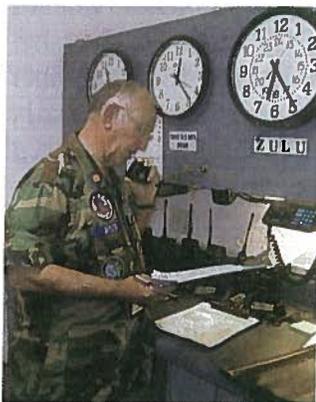


CAP pilots chart their assigned grid courses.



Maj. Pat O'Key, Group 5 Commander, Capt. Steve Drew, FL Wing Chief Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and Col. Joseph Martin, FL Wing Commander.

"We have not had this type of activity in this area for a number of years, and we're excited to host a mission of this caliber," said Maj. Pat O'Key, Group 5 Commander and SAREX Safety Officer. "It's going well. Actually, it's going even better than expected."



Maj. Robert Bayless manned the communications room. He later went out on the last mission, a non-distress ELT located on the Isle of Capris, a difficult place to find an ELT due to the many water canals on the island.



Aircraft maintenance officers ready Civil Air Patrol planes for SAREX missions.

Another mission included an overdue aircraft on a VFR flight plan from Boca Raton to Naples. The plane was found during a ramp check of the Naples Airport. Despite it being reported that the sheriff's office had already checked the ramp, this stressed the importance of double checking information that is provided by other agencies.



Photo Mission:

Aerial photo of Doctors Pass taken by C/Maj. Mitchell Campbell, Naples Cadet Squadron.

"Group 5 was tasked for 13 separate training scenarios requiring aircrews and ground crews to fulfill the mission of search and rescue," said pilot Lt. Col. Bob Berlam. "As Air Operations Officer for this SAREX, I'm elated we had 100% effectiveness on all the missions. The numbers of mission certified members and members in-training who participated exceeded our expectations. Each of them proved to be professionals all the way."



Pilot Lt. Col. Bob Berlam and his air crew set out for an assigned mission.

HURRICANE KATRINA WHIPLASHES and FLOODS MANY STATES



Katrina was anything but a proper lady! In a matter of hours this hurricane wiped out major cities in three states and affected millions of people. It **will** be years to undo what Katrina has done...but it will be undone!

In response to the emergency needs of people who have been so seriously impacted by the storm's devastation, Civil Air Patrol Wings have responded from as far away as California. National Commander, Major General Antonio Pineda expressed how extremely proud he is of the positive impact CAP has already had on the rescue and recovery effort.

On August 31, CAP members flew Mississippi Department of Transportation engineers over major east/west highways including Interstate 10 for damage assessment. CAP ground teams successfully searched for four missing persons. Twenty-one CAP air crew members flew 11 air sorties and two ground teams carried out a successful search and silence mission assigned by the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

On September 1, CAP members surveyed airport runways for the Federal Aviation Administration and assessed building damage in Mississippi. Power station damage was assessed for the Army Corps of Engineers.

On September 2, CAP flew two members of the Army Corps of Engineers from Vicksburg, Miss., to New Orleans, La. for a levee survey. Alabama State Board of Insurance members were flown by CAP air crews over the Louisiana Gulf of

Mexico area. Ongoing assistance was being provided by CAP members to emergency management agencies in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

On September 3, CAP air crews conducted aerial photography missions for the Louisiana Nursing Home Association, and of the Hammond and Thibodaux areas for the State Board of Regents. Aerial observation flights were completed for the LSU Hurricane Team and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Louisiana Wing has flown 19.7 hours in CAP Cessna 172's and 182's in relief effort missions.

Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi [*where your Publisher took his WWII Basic Training*] was largely destroyed by a 25 foot surge wave. 6,000 USAF personnel and their families are living in shelters. Power will not be restored before mid-October. The USAF Hospital at Keesler [2nd largest in U.S.] is closed, and the base has no landline or cellular communications. The runway is operational for Day/VOR flights only and the Gulfport Airport is closed for the foreseeable future.

Though there is no power in New Orleans, USAF Reserve pararescuemen see plenty of lights as they fly over the city each night searching for survivors. They are flickering flashlights that dot the black land-

scape "like a night full of stars." Helicopters are dispatched to each location to air-lift the survivors from their isolated locations.

Florida CAP Major Jim Rookey, chief cardiologist technologist for Parkway Regional Medical Center flew his own plane to Biloxi, Miss. loaded with health and personal need supplies for distribution in Gulfport and Biloxi. He took off from Lantana Airport in Palm Beach County.

Florida Wing has two aircrews providing transportation support for Mississippi Emergency Management personnel. The aircrews will be flying 6 to 8 days before being relieved. An 8 member ground team is conducting daily house-to-house searches for survivors. Wing commander, Col. Joseph Martin

and a mission team left their homes, families and work responsibilities to drive a convoy of vehicles to Miss. Drivers came from Opa Locka, Orlando, and Tampa. Trucks

loaded with food rations, two fuel trucks, a communications van, and a CISM certified Chaplain were delivered to Louisiana in response to emergency management personnel requests. Ten 48 foot containers at Lantana Airport were loaded by CAP members onto 20 privately owned jet aircraft for delivery to Louisiana and Mississippi.



All convoy vehicles refueled at the Chevron Fuel Refinery and pumped an estimated \$20,000 worth of fuel which was provided at no charge by Chevron for hurricane relief.

Wing Wig-Wag



The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of a Distinguished Service Cross to an individual.

Meritorious Unit Commendation



The Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy. Service in a combat zone is not required, but must be directly related to the combat effort. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual.

Capt. Bill Morden, Boca Raton Squadron Commander, received word that his son Billy (pictured front row, right), a Specialist in the 25th IDL, 1-14th Golden Dragons, US Army, will be receiving the Presidential Unit Citation emblem for his service in Iraq. Specialist Morden is a former cadet commander, and his younger brother Matthew is a cadet in FL372.

Specialist Morden's unit was one of two nominated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and co-belligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy.

Presidential Unit Citation



The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the same campaign.



Army Specialist Billy Morden with Boca Raton Composite Squadron cadets.

CAP LATE NEWS

➔ America's Air Force responded brilliantly in support of the relief efforts in New Orleans. The USAF Total Force composed of Active Duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Air Force Auxiliary [CAP] provided a mix of air support, medical personnel, logistics and vital services.

In just 24 hours, the Total Force flew more than 600 missions. As of 6 September, 3,527 missions were flown, 20,816 passengers were relocated and 19,486 tons of supplies and equipment were moved. Nearly 10,000 tons of that amount were moved by the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition, USAF helicopters have saved more than 4,600 people and an Expeditionary Medical Squadron treated more than 5,500 people. Oooooah - USAF Total Force!!!!

➔ Our National Commander, Major General Tony Pineda seems never to ask anything of the membership that he doesn't intend to do himself. He has announced a membership recruiting and retention program with a stated goal for substantial increase. Additionally he informs us that 62% of all new CAP members are recruited by existing members. So, he has successfully recruited Jack Pelton, president of Cessna Aircraft Corp. as a full fledged member of Civil Air Patrol.

If each member achieves the same - merely one new member for every existing member - our ranks will swell beyond 120,000. Let's do it!

➔ CAP's aircraft fleet will be augmented by 30 new planes based on the orders placed in August by national headquarters. Certain of this new resource is intended to replace some of the oldest equipment in the fleet. Additionally six million dollars is budgeted for purchase of radios for use in the air and on the ground.

➔ In the nine months of 2005 more than 1,000 missions have been authorized to our various wings by the National Operations Center. The center has only three staff employees so that's quite an output record.

➔ Lt. Col. Chuck Myers, USAF [Ret.] recently lost his fight with lung cancer. Myers served as Squadron Commander of the Lakeland Senior Squadron and initiated the change to a composite squadron - cadet and senior members - before retiring.

Lt. Col. Myers flew a variety of aircraft including transports and fighters as well as being a B-52 pilot with the Strategic Air Command. He established the first Search and Rescue organization and missions in Southeast Asia.

He was personally responsible for CAP's involvement with the annual Sun'N'Fun fly-in at Lakeland Regional Airport, an event that draws thousands of aircraft to participate. Col. Myers organized a simple, yet totally functional, system for closing overdue aircraft reports from the FAA and silencing ELT's which sound non-distress alarms.

➔ Most regrettably, Lt. Col. Gary Nelson is forced to step down from his position as Florida Wing Director of Operations. Gary has been notified that his unit has again been reactivated and will be shipping out overseas in January. Until that time, Lt. Col. Nelson has much to do in mobilizing, supplying and scheduling his unit.

Col. Nelson, all too recently completed a tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq as Deputy Force Protection Officer for Combined Joint Task Force Seven.

Florida Wing wishes Gary a good tour of duty and a safe and 'soon' return.

Lt. Col. Luis Garcia, who also recently returned from duty in Iraq will assume the position of Florida Wing Director of Operations.

➔ Cadet/MSgt. Chris Belville will depart from Ft. Dix, NJ sometime in December for a tour of duty in Iraq. Other members of his 2nd Battalion of the 265th Air Defense Artillery recently returned from one year of duty in Iraq. Chris also is wished a safe and sound tour.

CADET SPEAKS OF FREEDOM

Before I had the opportunity to become a resident of the United States, I lived in Cuba. Ever since I was born, my family taught me to fight against communism. Yet this fight is difficult when you are born in a communist nation. I have never shared this story with anyone, but I think it's time I got it off my chest.

Fighting against communism while living in Cuba was not exactly "a stroll in the park". Many of its residents were communists, and these people dedicated their lives to making any who questioned their superiority, a living nightmare. They called you names, wrote rude messages on your house and even pelted you with eggs.

One day a group of communists threw eggs at our house. I clearly remember an egg hitting me on the head. I can still feel the yolk oozing down my face. I can still hear my terrified screams. I can still remember my mother embracing me in her arms and rushing me into the house. My family told me stories about a place, a place called America. Being young, I imagined it as a land full of magic. I will never forget what communism felt like. For this, I am grateful, because knowing what it felt like, is needed in order to abolish what it stands for.

Finally, our family moved to America. I was very excited because I knew I would be able to eat an apple. As ridiculous as this may sound, apples are rare in Cuba. I had only eaten one apple in Cuba. Yet, I never forgot its sweet tart flavor. As promised, as soon as we got to America my mom bought me an apple. I was surprised to see the abundance of apples in the grocery stores. The

apple was even better than the one I had in Cuba. It was my first taste of freedom.



Cadet Ivel Posada
Squadron Cadet of the Year
Homestead Middle School Cadet Squadron

I remember the first time I waved an American flag. I remember my first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty as she held her torch of freedom up towards the heavens. I can still hear my mother's first words. She looked at me and said, "Now you can dream. Dream of what you want to be. This is your big opportunity. Know that your thoughts and ideas can truly be heard."

I owe it to my family to become someone great when I grow up. They risked their lives in order to save mine. In America we are blessed with freedom. Yet, as with all things that are valuable, freedom must be protected.

We gather freely here today only as the result of the hard work and dedication of the brave men and women who "ask not what their country can do for them, but what they can do for their country." These airmen, soldiers, marines and guardsmen are the reason why so many of us are alive today. They put their country's needs before their own. Watching us live freely is how they are truly paid.

Throughout the passing years, I became even more proud to be an American. But most importantly, I learned what being an American meant. It means uniting as one to fight for the better good. It means turning possibility into reality. But most importantly, it means a way of life where all people are treated equally.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

INTERACTING WITH OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES

One way local Civil Air Patrol units can become involved and interact with other emergency services within their counties is to become a member of Citizen Corps. During a disaster, this pre-networking with other agencies can prove invaluable.

Citizen Corps is coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security. The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Currently there are 55 State/Territory Citizen Corps Councils and 1,637 County/Local/Tribal Citizen Corps Councils that serve 192,825,321 people or 67% of the total US population.

One example of a Civil Air Patrol unit participating in Citizen Corps is the Naples Senior Squadron. Representing Civil Air Patrol on a local level, Maj. Tom Kuznar is a voting board member of the Collier County Citizen Corps (CCCC). Other squadron members also attend the monthly CCCC meetings.

The meetings are open to the public, and it is an opportunity for agencies to give public updates. Not only can this be a great opportunity to showcase CAP, but the synergy between the organizations can really become apparent during times of emergency or disaster. They already know each other. There are *over twenty service agencies* currently participating in Collier County Citizen Corps.

Finding a Citizen Corps Near You

Alachua County Citizen Corps Council
Brevard County Citizen Corps
Capital Area Citizen Corps Council
Central Panhandle Regional CC Council
Citizen Corps Council of Broward
Citizen Corps Council of Martin County
Collier County Citizen Corps Advisory Council
Duval Cty. Em. Preparedness Planning Council
Escambia County Citizen Corps
Hardee County Citizen Corps
Hillsborough County LMS/CCC
Indian River Citizen Corps Council
JC CTST, Inc.: A Citizen Corps Coalition
Lee County Citizen Corps Council
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The Nature Coast Citizen Corps Council
Volunteer Manatee Corps
Volusia County Citizen Corps Council
City of Boca Raton Citizen Corps Council
Hallandale Beach Citizen Corps Council
Orlando's Citizen Corps Council
Tamarac Citizen Corps Council
West Palm Beach Citizen Corps Council

For more information:
www.FEMA.gov or www.CitizenCorps.gov

SAFETY IN A STORM

Lightning Myths And Facts



Q: Does lightning travel upward or downward?
[See answer below]

Myth: Nothing is hotter than the sun.

Fact: The temperature of a typical lightning bolt is hotter than the surface of the Sun (about 50,000 degrees F).

Myth: If it is not raining, there is no danger from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur more than 16 km away from a storm. Use the 30-30 rule. If you count 30 seconds or less between lightning and thunder, seek shelter. Remain sheltered for 30 minutes after the last thunder.

Fact: The typical lightning bolt is roughly the size of a Quarter or a Half-Dollar. It just looks bigger because its light is so bright.

Myth: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car or bike will protect you from being struck by lightning.

Fact: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. In a car, the metal shell provides a pathway for the lightning strike to flow around the vehicle provided the car has a hardtop metal roof (not a convertible).

Fact: To estimate the number of miles you are from a thunderstorm, simply count the number of seconds between a flash of lightning and the thunder clap and divide this number by 5.



Answer: Lightning travels upward from ground to cloud. A lightning strike begins as an invisible channel of electrically charged air moving from the cloud toward the ground. When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of electricity from the ground moves upward to the cloud and produces the visible lightning strike.

Source: The Combat Edge; Air Combat Command's Safety Magazine, June 2005, USAF.

ROUNDUP

CAP Helps Air Force Test Warning System

Civil Air Patrol's National Capital Wing is helping the Air Force test its new visual warning system for pilots, a security measure which became operational over the Washington, D.C. area recently.

The system signals general aviation pilots who fly into the D.C. area's air defense identification zone with low-level laser beams in an alternating red-red-green light sequence to alert them they are flying without approval in designated airspace. Pilots who receive the warning must immediately contact local air traffic control and fly their aircraft out of the no-fly zone.



"Guess Who?" (from page 8)

In 1944, Civil Air Patrol Second Lt. Joe Izzillo served with the 294th Combat Engineers Division and trained on the estate of Lord Digby in Sherborne, England. This was where many American servicemen prepared for the invasion of mainland Europe. During training, 2Lt. Izzillo lost his hearing while in a foxhole. He was brought to the hospital pictured above. While hospitalized, 29 members in his company of 50 were killed when a truck carrying anti-tank mines reversed over a mine and exploded. Second Lt. Joe Izzillo is a member of the Naples Senior Squadron.



Becoming A Thunderbird Is A Dream Come True.

She was only five years old when she saw an F-4 Phantom fighter jet soar and maneuver through the clouds during an air show. Now 26 years later, Capt. Nicole Malachowski is getting her chance to do just that and enter the history books at the same time.

The 494th Fighter Squadron flight commander and F-15E Strike Eagle instructor pilot was selected to be the first female pilot to fly with the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron better known as the Thunderbirds.



As a member of the Nevada Civil Air Patrol, she received a scholarship that paid for her flying lessons. "The Civil Air Patrol was fantastic to me," Capt. Malachowski said.

The captain will begin her Thunderbird training in November when she will train to fly the No. 3 right wing position of the diamond formation. "We are going to be flying so close at such high speeds together there is no margin for error at all" she said. "We have to have that area of trust I can't believe I'm going to be part of that."



Senior Member of the Year

For his 18 years of service, Lt. Col. Richard Mandell, was awarded Senior Member of the Year by the Marco Island Senior Squadron. Among the many hats he has worn, he has made his mark as Safety Officer, Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer.

Col. Mandell has always been ready to bring his expertise to the table when needed. His Mission Pilot skills are superior and he is always available to pass these skills to the cadets and Mission Aircrew trainees. Mandell is recognized as being the best Mission Check Pilot in the wing. The award was presented by Squadron Commander Lee Frank.

FEATURES

Civil Air Patrol

A team of dedicated volunteers armed with high-tech equipment and a devotion to duty keep a close eye on NASA's Return to Flight



By Patrick Brown
45th SW Public Affairs

Since its official congressional charter one week before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the all volunteer Civil Air Patrol has been providing a myriad of wartime and peacetime missions for America.

However, the 15 members who make up the 45th SW's CAP has only one mission in the critical days before NASA's Return to flight - to help protect America's return to manned space flight and in a sense, America's pride.

Providing surveillance for the last shuttle mission was the CAP's first surveillance mission for NASA here at the Cape.

Since that time, they have been using small three-seater Cessna airplanes, powerful zoom cameras, night vision equipment and other highly advanced surveillance equipment to spot and report any suspicious activity they may see for nearly every launch made from the Cape.

"Basically, we're just looking for anything out of the ordinary," said CAP Maj. John McWhorter. "Usually it's a fisherman who gets too close with his boat, or a contractor who gets lost and ends up in the wrong spot, but we still report anything we see," he said.

CAP Maj. McWhorter recalled one of his more memorable incidents two years ago when a small bi-plane breached Cape Canaveral air space and started practicing air-acrobatics. "We didn't think he was really a threat because he was only two or three miles inside Cape air space, but there was still plenty of security right there with him when he landed," he said.

There was no intent for harm from the pilot, he added. It was just a pilot who had gotten a little off course.

After an unusual situation is spotted by the CAP, it's photographed by their high-resolution slow-scan cameras and sent electronically from the plane nearly instantly, complete with precise map coordinates, to the CAP headquarters in Hangar 313; then sent to the appropriate security agency - usually Space Gateway Systems.

Maj. Stephen Hunter, 45th Operations Support Squadron weapons and tactics flight commander, says their vigilance is key to keeping the Cape mission safe.

"Before someone can attack something, they have to study it. They're there to spot that, and they're very good at it," he said.

Since it began its surveillance patrols, the CAP has reported no major security breaches,

and Maj. Hunter says that that's no coincidence.

"I can't tell how many security breaches they've prevented just by being there," he said. "There's no way to put any numbers on what they've done for us. I can tell you that, because they (the CAP) are out there, I know there's no one out there planning to harm the mission."

CAP Maj. McWhorter agrees that their mere presence is probably one of the biggest deterrents to those who plan harm against the space mission. "We're a show of force," he said. "They see us up there and they know we're watching."

Maj. Hunter says the Civil Air Patrol's presence at the Cape is invaluable. "If they weren't there, there would be no reassurance that there's nobody out there planning harm," he said. "It's one less thing the commander and everyone else has to worry about on launch day."



Left, Civil Air Patrol Maj. John McWhorter, (left) and CAP 2nd Lt. Todd Wean stand beside one of their four Cessna airplanes used for aerial security surveillance for NASA's Return to Flight. Above, CAP Lt. Wean uses a landing gear attachment to guide a plane into position for maintenance after a mission over Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Patrick Brown

FLORIDA WING

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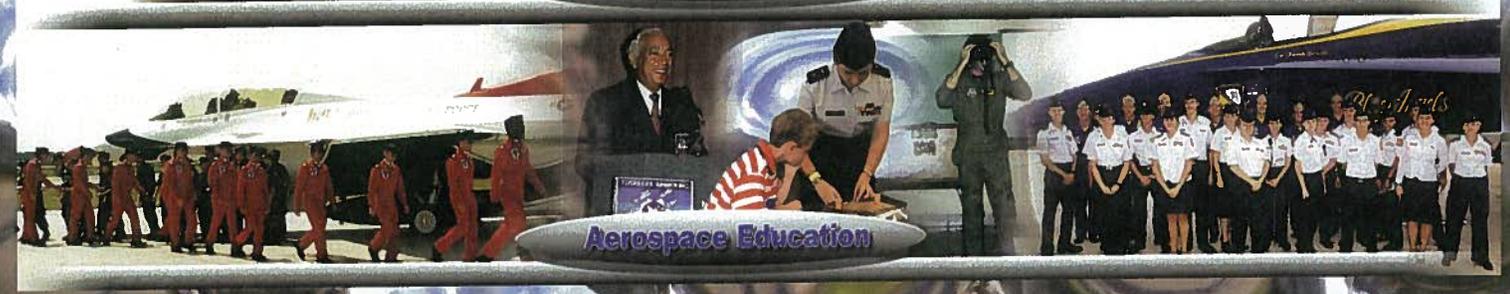
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