



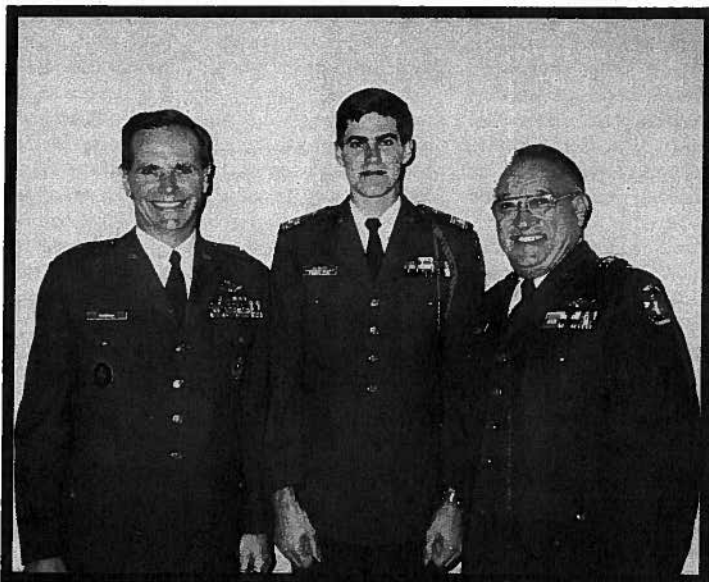
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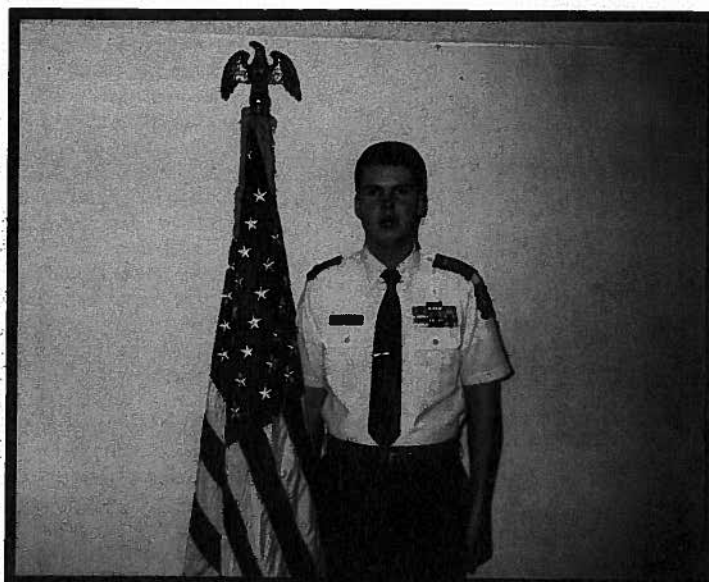
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Brigadier General Ronald Nels Running, C/LTC Robert Faircloth and Florida Wing Commander, Colonel Don Cunningham, Jr. (Photo by Capt. June Lawson)



Make your reservations soon to attend the Florida Wing Conference and meet Florida Wing's newest SPAATZ Cadets. Pictured above is Cadet Steven Runge with Seminole Cadet Squadron, Group 6.

Brigadier General Ronald Nels Running, guest speaker at the FL Wing Cadet Conference on September 21-23, was born and raised in Montana. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Military Science. Following pilot training in the F-105, he served his first tour of duty in Thailand, flying 100 combat missions over Vietnam and 10 over Laos.

In November 1966 he returned to the states as an instructor pilot at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona. In June 1969, he returned to Thailand for his second tour flying another 164 missions. In November 1971 he was selected as an F-4E pilot with the Thunderbirds, flying the left wing position. In June 1974, he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in the Pacific-East Asia Division as Directorate of Plans and Policy. After F-16 upgrade training, he became the Deputy Commander for Operations of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, in June 1981. One year later he became the Vice Commander of the Wing and in 1985 became Wing Commander. He became Assistant Deputy Director for International Negotiations in 1988 and in 1989 became the Deputy Director. In January 1990 he assumed his present position as Director of Plans, Policy, and Doctrine, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base.

The General is a command pilot with more than 3500 flying hours and has numerous awards and decorations including Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation, and Combat Readiness Medal. In August, 1988, he received his present rank of Brigadier General. The FL Wing CAP was honored and privileged to have General Running as guest speaker.

**YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE
1991 FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE
CELEBRATING
CIVIL AIR PATROL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
IS ENCLOSED!**

BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE SPACE AT THE CONFERENCE. DEADLINE FOR SENIOR REGISTRATION IS 30 APRIL 1991. DEADLINE FOR CADET REGISTRATION IS 15 APRIL 1991.

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS!

THE 1991 FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE WILL BE "THE EVENT OF THE YEAR".

**COMMENTS BY
WING COMMANDER**

by Col Donald Cunningham, Jr.

As I travel about the state, I always look forward to seeing the smiling faces and the ever-warm welcomes. In some cases, this is a surface warmth. There's worry and heartaches about jobs, sons or daughters in service, members who have been called off to a horrible war and illness within our huge CAP family.

Many times I leave an area with a heavy feeling because I've listened to a cadet, young and older seniors, parents or chaplains who really don't know how to cope with the reality of what's happening worldwide. I remember my feeling 40 years ago, an air raid in the middle of the night, not knowing if they were friendly and, if so, how do we let them know we were friendly, and our frontline is still another mile or so North. "You know we're all kids", they said. No, we were young men and women, defending a great, free country, just as the situation is today. Young men and women standing ground against a man and a country where freedom isn't discussed, even among themselves, in fear of execution by their own leaders.

Isn't it great to be able to support our men and women of all Services in an effort to maintain the freedom we have to express and voice our opinions as we all pull together as a team by displaying our yellow ribbons and the most beautiful flag of our nation. That truly is a symbol of heroes past, present, and future, who will continue to keep us a free nation, under God, forever.

Let's not call them "kids" for they are men and women of a great nation. "My love and my heart is with them. Let's all support them."

Let's not forget our brave men and women everywhere who are in our armed forces. Bless them wherever they are!!!!!!



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Col. Donald Cunningham, Jr.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

by LTC Cheryl Miller
FLORIDA WING PAO

At the last Group Commanders' call I asked each of the Commanders to submit a date for a Public Affairs Training Seminar within their respective group areas. I plan to start with Group 1 in January, Group 2 in February and so on. The training seminar recently made available to the Groups at WG HQ was unfortunately poorly attended. This was extensive training made available for Group and Squadron PAO's (including Cadets).

At our most recent Mission Public Affairs Seminar only Groups 7 and 9 were represented. We had the participation of three mission coordinators, including the Wing Director of Emergency Services. We did some table-top writing exercises in the afternoon for different types of mission stories.

We need more mission qualified public affairs officers in Florida Wing. Although the training date had been published in the Gator CAPers and put out on the net, we had less response than was indicated by the numbers given to me by the Commanders.

If you are interested in another Mission Public Affairs training seminar, please contact me (through your chain of command).

A reminder to all units for their newsletters and reports. Your unit name and charter number need to legibly appear on the 1st page! Also, please submit names for PAO of the Year and Unit newsletter for 1990 through Group to FL Wing PAO by 1 Mar 1991.

M E M O R I A L

Everyone at Florida Wing offers special condolences to LTC William Boyd, Commander of St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron, on the recent loss of his wife Elizabeth. LTC and Mrs. Boyd have been staunch supporters of Civil Air Patrol for a number of years. Col Boyd, our prayers are for you to find the strength you need at this time of your life.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

by Maj Charles Pirnat

I thought it a good time to go over some of the actions planned for 1991 to better accomplish the aerospace education mission of Florida Wing. Communication is very important and I hope to increase it between all AEOs in the wing by personally visiting each group during 1991. I will contact each Group Commander to arrange for the Squadron Commanders to bring their aerospace education officers to one Group Commanders' Call. At that meeting, The AEOs can get to know each other, ask questions, exchange ideas and discuss problems they have experienced. During this exchange, I plan to suggest ways to increase effectiveness of local aerospace education activities and to simplify record keeping for reporting purposes. The success of this particular meeting is totally dependent on AEO participation so please make every effort to attend when asked by your Squadron or Group Commander. I look forward to seeing you then.

The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education is scheduled for the first week in April 1991 in New Orleans, LA. This is a good time to get teachers in your local school system thinking about attending this enjoyable and educational conference. The brochures were distributed to the groups for the squadrons before Christmas. Spread the word to the school systems now and follow-up with them in Feb.

If you need aerospace information and cannot find it at the squadron or group level, please contact me at FL WG/ED, C.A.P., 8850 Binnacle Way, Orlando, FL 32827-5184.

NOTICE TO SENIOR MEMBERS

Any Senior Member who wants to take part or hold a staff position at any cadet encampment in 1991 must submit a CAPF 17 to LTC Linda J. Eddy no later than 1 March 1991. These applications will be reviewed and each person notified as to the date and time of a Senior Member Training Seminar for encampments and cadet activities.

The CAPF 17 must be filled in completely with all your cadet experience listed.

If you are selected to take part in a cadet activity, you must be flexible enough to accept the position offered, even if it is not the position requested.

Any senior member requesting the position of TAC Officer MUST attend the seminar.

COAST TO COAST

Not only has GROUP 1 been divided, according to Commander, Maj Joan Thompson, other changes have been made as well. New squadron commanders include LTC David Rutenburg (Panama City Comp), 1Lt Richard McCleary (Tallahassee Comp) and 1Lt Kim Gibson (Tyndall Cadet). New squadrons in GROUP 1 include Lake City Comp and Perry Senior Sqd. GROUP 1 has moved to new headquarters located at Bldg 1021, Tyndall AFB.

MILTON SR SQD was selected as Squadron of the Year and Lt. Clay Burkhart was their Pilot of the Year at the GROUP 1 summer awards banquet. MILTON SR SQD also has a new building ready for inspection. Members and local business contributed money, labor and materials for this important project. Approximately 75 members attended the GROUP 1 SAREX as well as several members of Wing Staff.

Congressman Cliff Stearns recently presented the Mitchell Award to C/MSgt Lanny Thompson of Marion County Comp Sqd. (GROUP 2) Cadet Thompson stated "... if you prepare for the exam, it's a walk in the park".

GROUP 2 Sr. Officers along with GROUP 2 Commander, LTC Chuck Farmer, joined six of his staff members in attending a SMC Seminar at Patrick AFB on 1 Dec 90.

LTC Fred Swearingen is the new Editor of the GROUP 2 newsletter. 1Lt Dee Parrish is the new commander at Gainesville Comp Sqd. Replacing Lt Parrish as Deputy for Cadets is LTC Bill Breeze. LTC Breeze is a former Wing DCP, Group 6 Squadron Commander was very active in the 60's and 70's. C/2Lt Jarred Pollock of Gainesville Comp Sqd was awarded a Commander's Commendation Award; presented to him by the Wing Commander, Colonel Don Cunningham, Jr.

Under the leadership of GROUP 2 ES Officers, several CAP units along with a selection of FL Wing Staff came together to organize a search for a missing PA-28 from the Embry-Riddle Aviation School in Daytona Beach in late November. LTC Fred Swearingen was selected to serve as MC for the search.

GROUP 3's N. Tampa Cadet Squadron has taken on a massive letter-writing campaign to the Air Force men and women now serving with "Operation Desert Storm".

Cadet Bryant Dillard, N. Tampa Cadet Squadron, assisted a doctor in administering CPR to a heart attack victim. The combined efforts of the cadet and the doctor helped save the life of this heart attack victim.

Cadets and senior members of the N. Tampa Cadet Sqd conducted the General Aviation Pilot and Aircraft Activity Survey at the Top of Tampa Airport recently. These members assisted the FAA in gathering information regarding air traffic and safety.

GROUP 4's Commander, Maj James Cline, designated a new award - "The Extra Mile Award" to be displayed at Group 4's headquarters. The plaque's inscription comes from Matthew 5:41, and speaks of going the "extra mile". Members receiving this award to date are 1Lt. Eugene Olson, Capt Marian Welch, 1Lt. Eric Seville and 1Lt William Holcomb.

GROUP 4 senior members receiving special awards are Capt Frank Sportell and Maj David Millis both receiving the Paul E. Garber Award; and Maj Myron Powell received the Gil Robb Wilson Award.

Hernando County Comp Sqd PAO, James Brennan has been named national editor of the National Hibernian Digest published by the largest Irish-Catholic organization in North America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

GROUP 6 Commander, LTC David LaMontagne presented C/Capt Richard Greenwood his Amelia Earhart Award at a recent meeting of the Winter Park Cadet Sqd. Cadet Terri David was promoted to C/LTC. C/Capt Greenwood was also recognized for receiving his solo wings. Cadet Greenwood is a student at Embry-Riddle University.

LTC LaMontagne sent a thank-you to Mr. Tommy Harrison, Secretary of the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association, for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a presentation at a recent Commander's Call. During the past calendar year the Central Florida Chapter of the AFA has contributed several thousand dollars in support of GROUP 6 and their Cadets. They also contributed funds to be used for the Tyndall AFB 1990 Summer Encampment.



Nineteen energetic GROUP 6 CAP members spent six fun/work hours answering telephones, taking memberships pledges, and stuffing envelopes for the Orlando area Public Television Station (PBS) WMFE TV 24. Everyone enjoyed being "LIVE" and on camera during intermissions when WMFE personnel "pitched" for memberships and donations. When phones rang - CAP answered the call.

Cadets Mike Eccleston and Chris Barrett, GROUP 7, (Tico Comp Sqd) received their Amelia Earhart Awards. Cadet Barrett is a student at the Air Force Academy.



Pictured are members of GROUP 9, Maj Jim Marshall, LTC Frank Ventimiglia, Capt Roman Kolody, and Maj Guy Herlihy.



In mid-January, GROUP 9 members responded to multiple ELT signals from North Perry Airport. A strong tornado had touched down moments earlier ravaging two large hangars and a score of private aircraft. These members, under the watchful eye of Pembroke Pines Fire Department, climbed through the wrecked airplanes disarming the ELTs which had been set off due to the tornado.

Tamiami Composite Squadron, GROUP 10, members responded to an ELT signal which turned out to be an actual SAR. A Cessna 152 with two persons onboard suffered engine problems and force landed in an open field west of Tamiami Airport. Capt George Abrams and S/M James Watkins notified the Metro-Dade Police Department who responded with helicopters and ground units. Both occupants were shaken, but not hurt.

This was one of eight incidents in the area during a five-day period.

Maj James Puglise gave a quick and inpromptu lesson on ground tracking and locating ELTs to a member of the United States Coast Guard after receiving requestful assistance to locate the source of an ELT signal at Opa-locka Airport. Maj Puglise was assisted by Capt David Horowitz and 1Lt Steve Splawn. The ELT was located on a Unites States Coast Guard Falcon Jet.

SENIOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

SENIOR TRAINING HAS NEW DIRECTOR

LTC Frank E. White is the new director of Senior Programs, effective 1 Nov 1990. LTC White, USAR< has been an active member of Civil Air Patrol for the past 20 years - serving in various positions at the local level. He was most recently Assistant Director of Aerospace Education. Prior to that assignment, LTC White was Emergency Services Officer for Florida Wing.

LTC White has set several goals for Florida Wing to reach in the 1990-91 year.

Maj Charles (Chuck) Pirnat has accepted the position of Director of Aerospace Education for Florida Wing. Maj Pirnat has a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering, taught flight and aircraft maintenance at the University of Illinois, served one year as Dean of the College of Aviation Technology at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Presently he is a Principal Engineer with Litton Laser Systems. Maj Pirnat has been a member of C.A.P. for several years with the Deland Composite Sq. in Deland, FL.



Colonel Don Cunningham, Jr., FL WG Commander, shares the limelight with C/Maj David Orozco, the Cadet Commander at Tyndall AFB Encampment (Photo submitted by LTC Tom Welch)

Tyndall AFB was the setting for the August 1990 encampment for approximately 110 cadets and seniors. Basic classes in leadership, aerospace, customs and courtesies, etc. were conducted throughout the week. One of the highlights was a tour of Eglin AFB flight line and points of interest at Eglin, including the Armament Museum. The cadets were disappointed that the C-130 flights were canceled; maybe next year.

Tyndall AFB tours consisted of the F-15 Display, Weather Station, RAPCON, MU-2 Static Display. We also enjoyed watching the demonstration of the police working dogs and the fire department in action.

Tyndall's Outstanding NCO was Cadet Carol Willingham; the Outstanding Doolie was Cadet Eric Barden and the Outstanding Cadet Officers (who received special awards hand made by Major Jacque Prine) were Cadets Elizabeth Kendrick and Jared Pollock. LTC Tom Welch presented Cadet Jay McCowen with the Leadership Award. LTC Fred Swearingen received special recognition for his dedication to the cadet program for over 25 years.

Tyndall's Encampment Commander was Capt June Lawson. Capt Lawson was the first female to hold this position at Tyndall AFB in over 15 years. To quote Capt Lawson, "I never knew commanding an encampment was such hard work. Had it not been for the Cadet Officers such as Cadets Faircloth, Coggins, Perlman, Armstrong and Garrett who served on my support staff, I could not have performed all my duties. I am ready to take on this responsibility again in 1991." Tyndall 1990 graduated all its attendees. Special thanks to the Cadet Officers on staff for helping us to avoid heat stress and pay attention to other safety factors during the extremely hot and humid weather conditions.

SENIOR AWARDS

Gill Robb Wilson Awards

LTC David Lamontagne	08019
Maj James W. Giles	08425
Maj Charles Pirnat	08001
Maj Myron Powell	08182
Maj Wilma J. Stockton	08001
Maj Jesus S. Tirado	08272

Paul E. Garber Awards

Maj William Herlihy	08318	Maj David Millis	08318
Maj James Cline	08153	Maj Jesus Tirado	08272
Maj Robert Peake	08019	Maj Robert Berubee	08001
Maj Joseph Soares	08424	Maj Donald Ellsworth	08435
Maj Joseph Martin	08001	Maj Jerry Welch	08375
Cpt Frank Sportell	08182	Cpt Luca Bencini	08249
Cpt Roger Coutier	08334	Cpt Connie Cline	08153
Cpt Marian C. Welch	08375	Cpt David Horowitz	08117



Pictured are Maj Lynn Puglise, Maj Rodney Baker, Maj Deryl Barrineau, LTC Joe Barron, and Capt Don Wood.

MISSION COORDINATOR SCHOOL AT PATRICK AFB

What are a mission coordinator's primary tools"? Facts and clues! Forty-six CAP mission coordinators learned how to take facts, work through clues, coordinate and delegate through mission staff all their tools and skills into "finds" and "saves" at the mission coordinator trainee school held at Patrick AFB on 8-9 December 1990.

Sponsored by the Air Force Rescue and Recovery Center (AFRCC), the two-day intensive training period included such topics as state and agency agreements with CAP, "NTAP" radar tracking, mission public affairs, mission base selection, clue-finding techniques, closing a mission and mission reports.

Training was under the direction of Capt. David Newell, Chief of Training at AFRCC, and special attendees included: Alachua County Sheriff, J.L.Hensen; Reid "Skip" Dugger, Planning Manager for Bureau of Operations, Division of Emergency Preparedness, State of Florida; Air Force Cols. Mike Break and Victor Ogalvie from the AF National Security Emergency Preparedness office.

Participants separated into groups of four or five for a table-top practice mission problem given by the AFRCC, and this time the missing aircraft was a helicopter. In addition, the intended landings appeared to include three in Georgia, so it became a dual-wing mission! Techniques of coordination with agencies, mission staff and other wings became part of the ongoing training.

CADET PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

by LTC Linda J. Eddy, Director of Cadet Programs

It is indeed an honor to fulfill the responsibilities of the Director of Cadet Programs for Florida Wing.

I recently have been talking with some cadets about what they would like to see within the Cadet Program. Several have mentioned - ENTHUSIASM! I certainly agree that enthusiasm is a trait that can be displayed more. So let's all join together to make that one of our goals in the ensuing months. I would love to be remembered as the DCP who invoked more enthusiasm!

Our CAPM 50-3, Vol 2 within para. 158 defines enthusiasm as "...that quality (of a leader) which sparks and gives life to the other aspects of leadership and make them (the leader) more effective". As stated by several cadets at the recent Cadet Conference, it states that "Leaders develop enthusiasm from a firm faith in the value of their cause, from dedication to accomplish of their missions, and from confidence in themselves and their subordinates". There is a lot to that sentence--why not read it again! I for one, believe in the cause of the CAP Cadet Program; I dedicate myself to its mission accomplishment; I have confidence in myself, my staff, the seniors working in the cadet program, and the Florida Wing Cadets!

Say that last sentence as if it was you who said it--say it like you mean it. Say it enough times and you will believe it--in your attitude and actions. That in itself will produce more enthusiasm!

We are not going to wait. We will move forward by establishing goals and moving toward them. Speaking of goals, one of the first few Wing goals that each cadet should set is to apply to attend the Special Activity Selection Board, and cadet competition.

ECCSS/ENCAMPMENT NEWS

Encampment Cadet Command Staff School (ECCSS) has been scheduled for 13-19 July 1991 and the Summer Encampment is scheduled for 20-27 July, 1991; both at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL. The cost for ECCSS/RTC Encampment is \$75/cadet; the cost for non-staff cadets is \$55.

The requirements to attend ECCSS is that a cadet must have had an encampment and be at least a C/TSGT by the application deadline of 26 May 1991. To apply to ECCSS, complete and send the following to the Wing DCP: 4 CAPF 54's, a military-style letter requesting an encampment position; a copy of CAPF 54-1, 59-2, or 54-3, and \$75. The requirements to attend the RTC encampment is that a cadet's name must appear on the May National MML Membership Run.

For a non-staff cadet to apply to the RTC encampment, complete and send the following to the Wing DCP: 4 CAPF 54's and \$55.

There will be a Tyndall AFB encampment! The tentative dates will be 17-24 August. The final cost is to be announced.

RECRUITING INCENTIVE

A new incentive has been issued to all cadets. Any cadet that recruits five (5) new members (cadet and/or senior) between the dates of 1 Oct 1990 and 15 May 1991 will receive \$25 off of the cost of one of the 1991 summer encampments. Ask your unit commanders for details of how you can receive this \$25 encampment credit.

1990 NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Group 9 team that represented the Southeast Region at the 1990 National Cadet Competition (NCC)! They came in fourth overall; however, in my opinion, in terms of competitiveness and sportsmanship, they were the finest team that FL WING has sent to National in a very long time. Well done!

CADET COMPETITION

Cadet Competition is set for 19-21 April 1991 at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL.

Each team is to submit to the FL WING DCP a letter of registration and a registration fee of \$25 made payable to FL WING HQ, CAP. This information should be submitted no later than 28 Feb. 1991. Our goal this year is to have at least one team of 16 cadets per group.

I encourage any group of 13 to 16 cadets to register and to participate in the 1991 FL WING Cadet Competition! You may feel that your team is not good enough - believe me, every first time team feels that way! Bring your team and "get your feet wet". After the first year, you will want to "come back fighting"! And who knows, you may win! The FL winner will go on to the SE Region Cadet Competition which will take place on Aug 8-11 at Tyndall AFB. For detailed information about cadet competition, refer to the CAPM 50-16, Chapter 16.

SOUTHEAST REGION CADET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

This school is tentatively scheduled for 23-29 June at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Cadet Sergeants to Cadet Flight Officers may apply by submitting 3 CAPF 31's (No picture required) to the FL WING DCP by 24 March 1991. The cost is to be determined.

1990 FLORIDA WING CADET CONFERENCE

by C/Capt. Kevin M. Coggins

Once again, the cadets and seniors dedicated to Florida Wing's Cadet Program have successfully executed another cadet activity. On 21-23 September, the 1990 Florida Wing Cadet Conference was held at the St. Petersburg Hilton in St. Petersburg, Florida. The key planner and organizer of this activity was the Conference Director, C/LTC Robert Faircloth, 1989 Wing Cadet of the Year.

Cadets and Seniors arrived at the Hilton on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Opening ceremonies were held on Saturday morning, followed by a full day of seminars for cadets and seniors. The cadets participating were:

C/Col. David Burke, C/LTC Steven Runge, C/Capt Penny Hopton, C/Capt Todd Perlman, C/Capt Elizabeth Kendrick and C/FO Pete Darling.

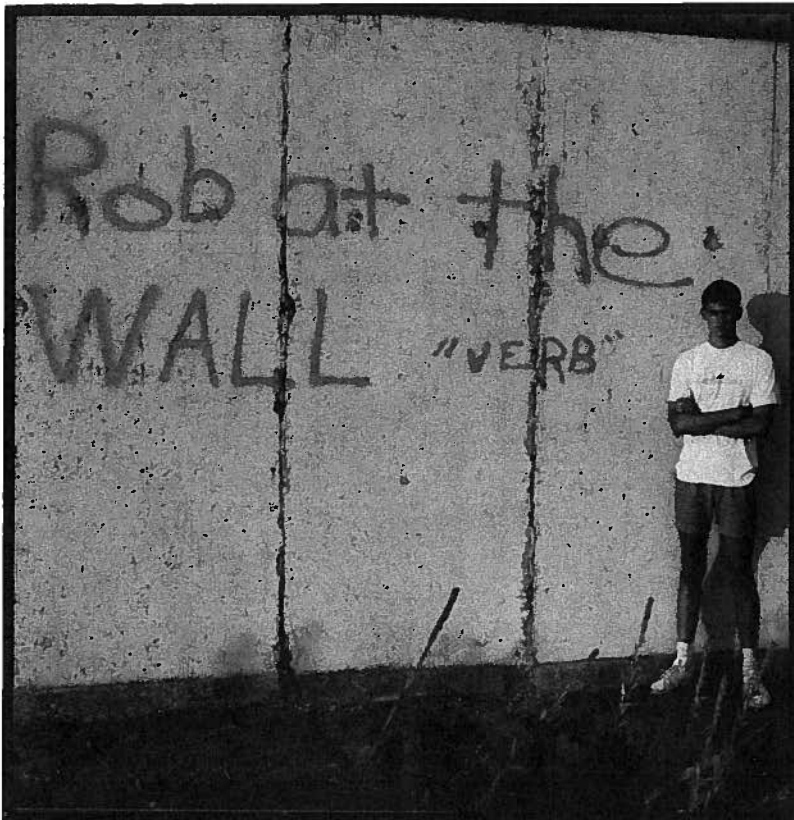
Seniors leading discussions in Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education and Emergency Services were LTC Henry Prine, LTC Linda J. Eddy, Maj Janet Deem and Capt June Lawson. The most discussed topic was future training for Senior Members who wish to participate in cadet activities such as encampments, special activities, etc.

On Saturday evening Cadets and Seniors (with their guests) enjoyed a delightful awards banquet which began with our guest speaker, Brigadier General Ronald Running (story on pg. 1). LTC Henry Prine was shown appreciation for all his work with the cadet program by accepting a plaque from Colonel Don Cunningham, Florida Wing Commander. LTC Prine was also presented with cards signed by all the Cadets and Senior Members and a remote controlled model aircraft kit as a "going away" gift.

C/LTC Robert Faircloth was presented with an Outstanding Cadet Award by the Air Force Association.

Colonel Don Cunningham and General Running presented Earhart Awards to Cadets Kevin Coggins, Todd Perlman and Elizabeth Kendrick.

Following the banquet, the Cadets (and some Seniors) enjoyed listening to music and a D.J., and dancing. The 1990 Cadet Conference was indeed a success; and another link in the chain that bonds together Florida Wing's Cadet Program.



C/LTC Robert Faircloth leaves his "mark" on the "Wall" only weeks before the Berlin Wall was completely torn down. (Photo submitted by C/Ltc Rob Faircloth)

The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) is the most exciting and thrilling activity that Civil Air Patrol has to offer, and those eligible should apply. If you are not familiar with IACE, you are (a) a brand new member or (b) an inactive member.

Every summer approximately 100 cadets and senior members travel to countries such as England, Germany, Israel, Turkey, Hong Kong, Japan, etc. Unlike many activities, IACE is funded by the United States Air Force and the participating countries. The only expenses incurred for the participant is his/her personal purchases (i.e. souvenirs, gifts, etc.).

On my exchange this summer, according to C/LTC Faircloth, I traveled to Germany with 14 other cadets and a senior member escort. On arrival we met with air cadets from Canada, England, Sweden, Norway, Turkey and Israel.

We toured Munich and Berlin and saw the major historical parts of both cities along with the modern metropolitan areas. In Berlin we saw the Berlin Wall, the symbol of communism in the world and the dividing line of the once and now again capital of a united Germany. In late 1989 the destruction of this symbol began and still continues. Some parts of the "wall" will remain standing in order to remind future generations of an age of divided families and a divided city. We also flew into the mountains of Bavaria and toured an explosives testing range that was inside a mountain.

IACE is the best activity available and those members interested should consult the CAPM 50-16 for eligibility requirements.

Other Florida Wing cadets chosen to participate in IACE 1990 were David Burke, James Gallipo, Cynthia Moredock, Monica Otero, Carol Peake, Bryan Pettigrew and David Sirmons.

Due to the current International situation, there will be changes and/or modifications for the International Air Cadet Exchange Program for 1991. Watch for further details in the National Civil Air Patrol News, your local bulletins, and Wing Newsletters for changes and updates.

"Coming Soon" CADETS! At Wing Conference May '91

FLORIDA WING C.A.C.

by C/Ltc David Leali
Florida Wing C.A.C. Chairman

The FL WING Cadet Advisory Council (C.A.C.) is extending an open invitation to all cadets to attend the 1991 May Florida Wing Conference. Activities and seminars will be held for cadets in all phases. I greatly encourage every cadet to attend. Look for details for cadet registration in the January 1991 Cadet Bulletin. Ask your unit commander for more details!!!!

OPERATION "DESERT STORM"

The staff at Florida Wing Headquarters received a special Holiday Card from one of "our own" serving in Saudi Arabia. Civil Air Patrol is obviously important to us all. We show it by the hard work and dedication. We want to ask as many of our members as will, to write to this young man to let him and others know that we do care about what they are doing for us.

Lima, Antonio Octavio
HHC 3/8 Cavalry
Box #279
APO New York 09091

Let's give this CAP Member our support. If any of you have friends or relatives that are away from home at this time, send their names and addresses to us at FL WING HQ and we will publish them.

WING STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PERSONNEL ASSISTANTS, to support the FL WING Personnel Department. Persons may serve as Wing Staff or additional duty. Any male/female interested in learning the CAP Personnel function and the related activities therein, i.e. research personnel data, monitor and record staff and organizational changes, update records, maintain personnel files, etc. are requested to apply. Ability to use typewriter and computer would be very helpful. Have no objections to working with two. Interested Cadets or S/M may apply. Members applying must be available Tuesday night and one other night (6-8 hrs per week). Contact Maj Pettigrew at 407/851-4782 on Tuesdays or 407/352-1338 (home) other days.

INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS, to support the FL WING Inspection Department. Need two (2) individuals who will be available 15+ weekends a year for inspections. Please send letter of qualifications to LTC Kay Cunningham at FL WING HQ.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

by Maj Calvin Lowrie, Jr.
Director of Emergency Services

DREVAL 91

The FL WING DREVAL for 1991 will be held on the 20th of April Overall command and control of CAP forces will be from the EOC at Tallahassee. As staging points for personnel, the airports are DeFuniak Springs, Ocala, Naples, and Lantana. The Project Officer is LTC Al Field, FL WING DOSC. All CAP units are invited to participate. More information will follow in March. Any questions should be directed to LTC Field or FL WING HQ ES Dept at 407/851-4782. This is a funded exercise.

FL WING USAF AFRCC SAR

Recently, FL WING hosted the USAF AFRCC SAR Management Course at Patrick AFB. Attendance at the activity included MC's from throughout the state, MC Trainee's, Air Force personnel and representatives from the State and County Emergency Management employees.

Capt. Newell and Kelly from the RCC presented topics in SAR Organization, Command and Control, Legal Aspects of SAR and Types of Missions. S/Sgt. Ray and Airman Morgan discussed SAR Resources, Strategy, Public Affairs, Reports and Safety. Other topics covered a wide range of important issues to consider while conducting SAR missions.

Capt. Newell commented that the importance of CAP to the overall National SAR Plan is under-estimated. He mentioned that we now provide 80% of all inland SAR, while we also are the primary agent for all missions. Our response to the course was better than some Regions in CAP. Everyone who attended the course learned the importance of proper training and response of SAR units to the overall success of the mission.

SAR AT ROBINS AFB

The AFRCC will conduct a SAR Management Course at Warner Robins AFB, GA on the weekend of 22-24 March. At the present time FL WING has 10 primary and 10 alternate slots allocated. Personnel wanting to attend should submit their CAFF 17 to FL WING/DOS no later than 15 February 1991. Anyone with questions should call Maj. Lowrie at FL WING HQ or 407/275-1336.

101 CARDS

Units requesting 101 cards should fill out all necessary information of the FL WING Form 7. Send only 1 copy to WING HQ. Please expect 2-3 week timeframe for turnaround for your request. Personnel wanting to have their card mailed to them should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Regular mailout of cards will occur with the WING mailout to the units.

ES AWARDS FOR WING CONFERENCE

All units should submit in writing their nominations for awards to be presented at the Wing Conference concerning ES. The different categories which awards will be given include the following:

- Mission Coordinator of the Year
- Outstanding Aircrew Member (1-Pilot, 1-Observer)
- Outstanding Ground Team Member
- Outstanding Mission Support Member
- Outstanding Unit Award for ES Training
- Outstanding Group Award for ES Training

Applications should be submitted on CAFF 120 and should be filled in its entirety. Award nominations due Wing no later than 1 April 1991. Personnel should give supporting documentation for their recommendations. Send recommendations to FL WING/DDOS.

MISSION COORDINATOR REMINDER

Mission Coordinators are reminded that all missions require a mission log to be kept. Paperwork is of upmost importance when filing for reimbursement. Personnel should file ASAP to ensure that funds are set aside for proper payment of individuals.

AIRCREW TOPICS

by Capt. Michael J. McCormick
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As most are aware, CAPR 60-1 has been revised. Only a few have seen the final results, but you can rest assured that it requires much higher standards of airmanship than ever before.

The new Form 5 IS in effect and I recommend that each and every pilot in Florida Wing become familiar with it. Added items include basic attitude instrument flight and ground reference maneuvers. Pilots with instrument ratings are now required to demonstrate instrument competence in all procedures ANNUALLY if they desire to fly CAP aircraft on an IFR Flight Plan or in IMC.

Attention to the top of the form is also essential. Pilots MUST demonstrate private pilot proficiency as specified in the FAA Practical Test Standards. NO INSTRUMENT IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. The Form 5 is strictly an evaluation flight.

Finally, each individual is evaluated on his/her ability to act as a Cadet Orientation Pilot, the basis of which is their overall performance during the Form 5 check flight.

Being prepared is the answer. Go to your Form 5 flight check as if you were going to the FAA for a flight test. This means having current charts, all required certificates on your person, and having both the aircraft and your personal logbooks available to show that everything and everyone is legal for flight.

We must all face the fact; things have changed, hopefully for the better. The end result should be a safer, more proficient member pilot of the CAP. SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!!!

UNIFORM CHANGES

by Maj Robert Pettigrew
Director of Personnel

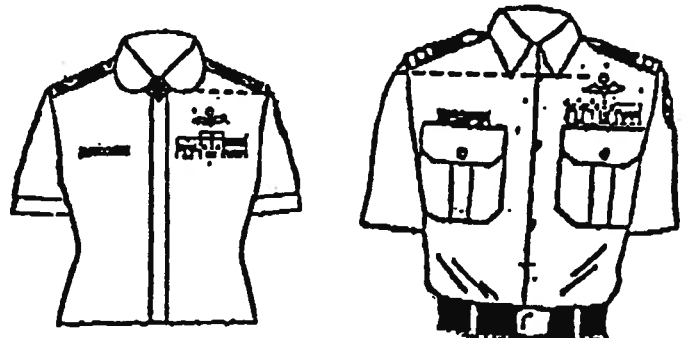
ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST APPROVED CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIFORM WEAR CHANGES?

MAROON EPAULETS - On all AF-style epaulet shirts, service coat, raincoat, AF blue jacket, AF-style topcoat, etc., no metal grade insignia will be worn. (Except plastic encased on flight suit). This new change affects Sr. Members only.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - Phase out date for the shade OG507 green fatigues is 1 Jan 1995.

BDU's (Woodland Green) authorized for CAP members. Orange Safety vest mandatory when BDU's worn in woods.

Please note picture of authorized ribbon and device wear requirements on AF-style shirt and blouse. The notch in this lapel will be the height limit on service coats of ribbons.





FLORIDA WING

VOLUNTEERS, GOD BLESS THEM

	JANUARY	YTD
SAVES.....	0	0
FINDS.....	12	12
SAR MISSIONS.....	27	27
DR MISSIONS.....	0	0
RC (Red Cross) MISSIONS.....	0	0
SUNDOWN PATROL.....	22	22
OTHER MISSIONS.....	0	0
TOTAL FLIGHT SORTIES.....	41	41
TOTAL FLYING HOURS.....	61.5	61.5

Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgement nears That there's a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers..

Furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools. Where there's no committee chairman, no group leaders or car pools.

No eager team that needs a couch, no bazaar and no bake sale, There will be nothing to staple, not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed, but a snap of a finger will bring Cool drinks and gourmet dinners and treats fit for a king. You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few and work for all they're worth?"

Why, all those who reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on Earth.

NUMBER OF:



JANUARY

Senior Members (National)	22134
Cadet Members (National)	23048
FLORIDA Senior Members	2348
FLORIDA Cadet Memhers	1558
FLORIDA Squadrons/Flights	92
FLORIDA Group Headquarters	12
FLORIDA Pilots	170
FLORIDA Aircraft Owners	55
FLORIDA CAP/Corp. Aircraft	22
FLORIDA Radio Stations (Fixed) 225 (Licensed Mobile) 444 (Air Mobile) 135 (Repeaters) 12 (SAR) 57	

ALWAYS VIGILANT

SAFETY

by Capt Richard Caplinger
FLORIDA WING SAFETY OFFICER

Brigadier General Warren J. Barry is now our new National commander. His attitude about safety is quite apparent in his first article (as Commander) for the CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS (September, 1990, p.4) If you have not read his article yet, I urge you to do so. If you have read it, then please read it again.

As your Florida Wing Director of Safety, it is my assigned task to cultivate "Safety Awareness" in the Wing. This is not an easy job: Safety is an area for which the need it not evident--until onw of us has a mishap. Why didn't "someone" do something to prevent this mishap? Why didn't "someone" ensure that this individual had a safety briefing? Surely, it could have been avoided if.....

The primary task of your Safety Officer, from CAP-USAF to each Region, Wing, Group, Squadron, Flight, and individual member, it: to instill an awareness of the need for safety and the means to be safe. We, as individuals, must choose to conduct ourselves in a safe manner. While the commander has the overall responsibility for safety, we still are responsible for our own actions (or ommissions). While it is an individual who usually causes a midhap, others are affected by the pain and expense of the midhap. This alone should be enough to make us want to improve our own "Safety Awareness". We must accept General Barry's challenge to make Florida Wing and Civil Air Patrol safer. With each member's commitment to that goal, we can achieve it.

Your CAP Safety Officers are charged with the task of administering their Commander's Safety Program. Each member can assist by contributing ideas, articles, safety materials, etc. But most of all you can help by promoting "Safety Awareness" among your fello members. Become more "Safety Aware"!

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