



# WINGSPAN

FALL 2011 FLORIDA WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL U.S. Air Force Auxiliary



NASA

*...but we remain ready*

Hurricane Irene's path wound up making a distant brush with Florida, though up north, the storm took a toll. Florida Wing offered assistance to northern units, and remained at the ready in case Irene said hello to us. **Page 5**

## PLANNING AHEAD - NEXT QUARTER'S EVENTS

<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>	Wing Wide	Oct. 23 - 31	<b>Squadron Leadership School</b>	Marco Island	Nov 19-20
<b>Training Leaders of Cadets</b>	Group 5	Oct 29-30	<b>Winter Encampment</b>	Tyndall AFB	Dec 27-Jan 2
<b>McDill Air Show</b>	McDill AFB	Nov 5-6	<b>Special Activities Selection</b>	Patrick AFB	Jan 13-15
<b>Florida Wing SAREVAL</b>	Marco Island	Nov 5-6	<b>Wing Staff Meeting</b>	McDill AFB	Jan 21
<b>Wing Cadet Competition</b>	Patrick AFB	Nov 11-13			

# *A long way in a short time - a measure of our success*



**I**t has been five months since I assumed command of the largest and best Wing in Civil Air Patrol. During this short time you have accomplished a great deal.

The wing held a very successful cadet summer encampment that also included an advanced training squadron to train the leaders needed for future encampments. This encampment set a milestone as the safest encampment in recent history with no accidents or injuries. This was achieved because of the commitment of the senior and cadet staffs to make safety their fulltime job. Congratulations to all who participated in the encampment.

We also conducted a color guard academy and hosted a very successful Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School at Patrick Air Force Base. And we have two new Spaatz cadets in the wing.

Professional Development has continued to host Squadron Leadership Schools, Corporate Learning Courses, Training Leaders of Cadets courses and Unit Commanders Courses throughout the wing. These courses help prepare our members to perform their jobs and meet requirements for promotion. The wing also had several members attend Southeast Region Staff College and National Staff College, where they learned skills to prepare for assignments of greater responsibility.

Our aerospace education members continue to exceed the requirements of existing programs and to create new programs that receive national recognition. Our AE efforts were recognized when the wing received the National Aerospace Education Award at the CAP national conference.

Operations has done their part by meeting all the tasking

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the wing received. Our members have been very active supporting AFRCC missions, counterdrug missions and several Fertile Keynote homeland-security missions.

After we exhausted our initial allowance for cadet orientation flights, the region commander augmented our budget several times, allowing Florida Wing to have a very successful summer of orientation flights.

You have expended all of our training funds during a very active and successful spring and summer. This ongoing training will enable Florida Wing to continue to accept and perform all the tasking we receive.

Florida is the only wing in the region to exceed the national usage goals of 200 hours per aircraft.

We have been successful in all the logistics and communications inspections that have been conducted in association with the financial assistance visits.

As we bring this fiscal year to a close, we can look back on our achievements with pride. The membership of Florida Wing has once again set the bar in Southeast Region. We have an aggressive training and mission schedule set for the next fiscal year, which begins in October. My goal -- and I hope, yours -- is for this wing to receive all the national awards next year. ●

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## WINGSPAN

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Online News Coordinator

# Wing's top chaplain delivers sermon at annual AF religious tradition

*He delivers main sermon at Keesler's gospel service*

**By Florida Wing Public Affairs**

Florida Wing's chaplain recently participated as the main speaker for one of the Air Force's oldest religious traditions - the Keesler Gospel Service at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

The Keesler Gospel Service community celebrated its 40th anniversary in late June as the oldest continuously running gospel service in the Air Force, Florida Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Marcus Taylor said.

"The service has seen many military personnel and civilians take part since the inception of the service in 1971," Taylor said. "The service is also well known for cultivating a community where 'everybody is somebody.'"

Festivities commenced June 23 and ran through June 26, the chaplain said. The theme for this year's celebration was "Pressing Towards The Mark," which comes from Philippians 3:14: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The event culminated with a massive Sunday morning worship service in the Bay Breeze Events Center, a service attended by many of the base personnel, the base commander, and many from the

Biloxi community.

Chaplain Taylor's keynote message was based squarely on the event's theme, and was titled "Keesler Gospel Service Community: What Are You Pressing For?"



Florida Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Marcus Taylor receives a plaque and words of appreciation for his services from the commander of the 81st Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Brig. Gen. Andrew M. Mueller.

Characterized as a "rousing message," the chaplain said it "was well received and enjoyed."

The Keesler service started in 1971, when a group of black Air Force members on the base felt the need for a service on the base that was based on their heritage and religious experience. The service began with eight people in a building called the "Holy Hut," and led by the base chaplain.

The service has grown over the years to include sign language, praise dance teams, in-reach and outreach, Christian education, music, evangelism, new converts, confinement, fellowship, worship committees, children's church, scripture readers and lay ministers.

Twenty-five chaplains have led the annual service. ●

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# Man on a mission

*Group 6 aviator  
insists on training  
and readiness*

**BY MAJ. RICK STRUL**

Coral Springs Cadet Squadron, Group 6

**CORAL SPRINGS:** He looks at his audience intensely as he delivers his morning briefing to a dozen or so aircrew members.

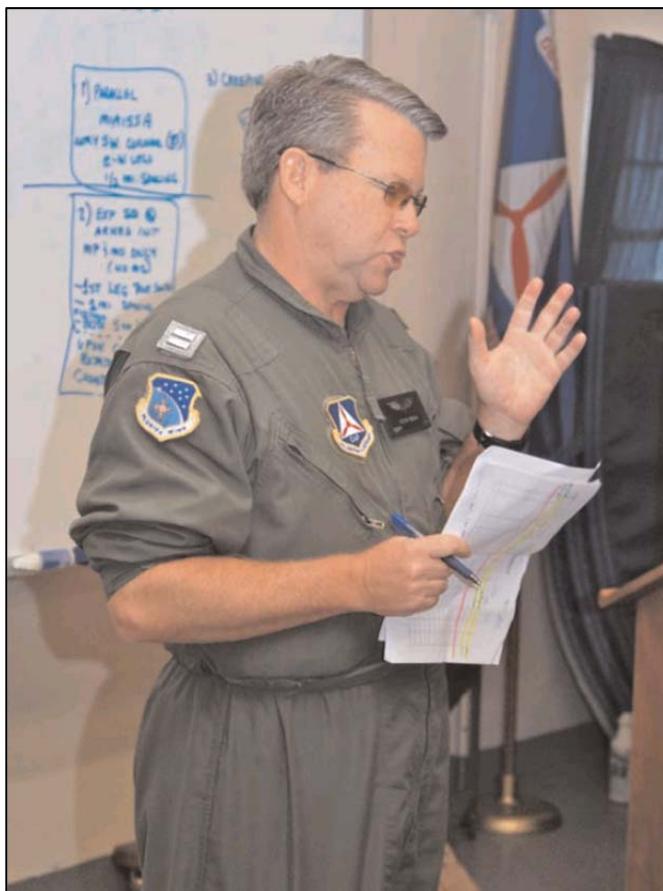
He addressed them with a sense of urgency in his voice, a passion that welds his audience to his every word, his every movement. Then, he turns away, he can't speak, he tries to regain his composure.

"This is very serious business, deadly serious," Capt. Kevin Burr said.

The story comes out haltingly as Burr fights for control over his emotions.

"Just last week, two foreign teenage tourists out on a pleasure flight died and their parents have had to take them home to another country in boxes," he said. "We don't know if they might have been saved had we been able to find and get to them sooner."

"But everybody in this room needs to get better at what we do," he asserted. "Group 6 aircrews need to be as good as any aircrews in the state, in the nation for that matter, and it begins here with your dedication."



CADET MICHAEL SIMON/FLORIDA WING GROUP 6

Capt. Kevin Burr tells aircrews in Group 6 they need to be ready for when they're needed.

He is driven by a vision - Group 6 aircrews need to be as good as any aircrews in the state, and people rely on CAP in

"When help is needed," he said, "we want to be called on to do the job without any hesitation or second thoughts."

You could say Burr is a man on a mission, maybe even a man obsessed. Following his experience on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response last year, he has worked solidly for the past six months to build and train aircrews for Group 6 --- holding ground school training sessions for mission aircrew members, advertising training opportunities, sending potential trainees roadmaps to accomplish their emergency services training goals, working diligently with a planning committee of five or six other CAP emergency services specialists to design and execute a series of search and rescue field training exercises, and talking to other highly experienced CAP personnel across the state to develop a series of advanced scenarios.

their hour of need. CAP needs to be there for them, fully trained and ready to go when needed.

A May 2011 field training exercise provided basic training, allowing aircrew, mission base and ground team neophytes to obtain their first qualifications and more experienced personnel to tackle higher ratings.

Capt. Jaime Lichi, who commanded the exercise, expected about 35 members to show up, but nearly 100 arrived. To his credit, Lichi and his staff were able to quickly regroup and make the weekend productive for all concerned.

Lichi later said that "true to the CAP spirit, several experienced staff members sacrificed their own training priorities to make this work out well for the newer people. I'm

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# As Irene bears down, Florida CAP assists its northern counterparts

By 2ND Lt. TYLER LAHNEN  
Florida Wing Group 2

**JACKSONVILLE:** As Hurricane Irene bore down on the Northeast in late August, Florida Wing was engaged.

Leadership and senior staff of Florida Wing conferred with their Northeast Region counterparts to ensure personnel and equipment safety.

With hurricanes a more common occurrence in the southeast, the knowledge and expertise of Florida's Volunteer Airmen helped leaders in the path of the storm to quickly jump into action in the aftermath.

Civil Air Patrol squadrons scrambled aircraft and vehicles out of harm's way.

"A hangar has to be able to withstand the winds of the storm, but must also be clear of flood tide and storm

surge zones," Florida Wing Commander Col. Mike Cook told Northeast Region commander Col. Christopher Hayden.

One thing noted was that once the storm hits, Volunteer Airmen in that area are now the victims. With families and houses to tend, they will likely not be available for missions and crews from non-affected parts of the state should be put on alert to respond.

Florida's four-stage hurricane readiness scale was explained, including the preparations made at each stage.

Mutual aid agreements were discussed and Northeast Region staff requested the assistance of Florida's crews. Plans were made to pre-position resources such as aerial photography units which provide real-time downlink to commanders on the ground to assess damage following the storm. ●

## Late news: Personnel changes made at HQ Florida Wing

**OPA LOCKA:** As this issue was under way, personnel changes were announced at Headquarters Florida Wing.

There's a new wing chaplain, Lt. Col. Robert W. Atchley of Polk County. Atchley replaces Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marcus Taylor, of Mobile, Ala., who became the assistant Southeast Region chaplain.

Col. Mike Cook, the wing's commander, announced Atchley's appointment Sept. 24, four days after this newsletter's content deadline.

A few days earlier, the wing's director of public affairs and marketing, Maj. Douglas E. Jessmer of Clearwater, stood down from the position. Jessmer notified his counterparts at wing and region

level, as well as the wing's group public affairs officers, but no announcement has been made and no replacement has been selected.

In the meantime, Group 5's public affairs officer, Capt. Jeff Carlson, is administering the wing's online news service. ●

## His mission: To prepare, ready Group 6 responders

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proud of the job that we did and the fact that everybody came away with accomplishments."

The June 2011 exercise was by invitation only - qualified aircrew members, mission base staff, and ground team members attended to work more advanced problems that are typical of real-life missions.

These included mid-air changes in taskings and working with ground teams to direct them to specific sites. Over three weekend days, members learned about the differences in perspective between air and ground, understood the need for contact between crews and teams before wheels go up, saw the need for crisper and better thought-out communications, and worked to improve their communication skills.

Burr has been pleased with the results thus far, and particularly complimented the mission base and ground team staff on the exercise.

Talking to his aircrews, whom he had also complimented for their efforts to train and learn, he said: "These people gave up their time and effort to help you get better at what you do. They didn't do this to get many things done for themselves. They deserve a lot of thanks."

But Burr isn't yet finished. In addition to alerting crews for missions and flying them himself, as well as taking time out to schedule cadet orientation flights, he has big plans. The July 2011 exercise will be another general qualifications activity. ●

## *Leaders make difference in every part of a unit*

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE  
TAMPA

Every organization, squadron, flight, section or detail takes on the personality of its leader. Today's leaders are responsible for ensuring leaders of tomorrow are developed the right way.

Most of us memorize leadership quotes such as “lead by example,” “leaders are responsible and accountable” or “effective leadership.” But what does leading mean to you?

Leaders ensure readiness by equipping, organizing and training to meet mission requirements. This simply means equipping with the right tools, screws, stethoscopes, serving spoons, holsters, boots, vehicles, computers or fully mission capable aircraft.

Effective leaders must ensure Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines are equipped, while organizing for efficient and effective use of resources. In doing so, leaders are also being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. This balancing act is challenging at times, but leaders must continually seek out efficiencies and opportunities while conserving resources.

Leaders identify training gaps ahead of time. Effective on-time training promotes readiness and confidence of those ultimately executing the mission. Leaders must provide targeted, precise training, then follow-up. Training does not have to be expensive or formally directed.

Training could be provided in the form of mini-exercises within a section or unit, or it could be providing continuation on-the-job training for tasks that are accomplished only periodically.

Regardless the mission or task, when Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and

Marines are properly trained they execute the mission with confidence --- training removes the guesswork.

Unclear standards within an organization or unit will result in floundering. Change is the new norm. Outsourcing, technological advances, downsizing, deployments and joint footprints change how we do business on a daily basis. Lack of support for necessary change creates environments that breed unclear goals and standards.

When change is directed, leaders must be flexible and be the visionary for followers. Some changes are subtle, while other changes are volatile and significantly impact organizations or units. Such a change can cross organizational or unit barriers. These changes could be viewed as disruptive by those resistant to change, but it is during these times that leaders must provide clear direction, vision and support.

Like birds in a tree during a wind storm, some Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines would hang on, adjust and go with the ebb and flow of change. Others will fail; some will fall off, while others perform at lower than set or expected standards. It is during these transitional times that leaders must step in and motivate those who are floundering.

When leaders, motivate, enable, or influence Service members they are leading by providing feedback. An effective leader should always aim for positive changes in behavior when providing feedback. There are times when leaders must provide negative feedback when warranted.

When providing negative feedback, always remember to keep the big picture at the forefront. Although it might appear difficult and time consuming for some, when

providing negative feedback always follow legal instructions and policies. Be honest, clear, and credible 100 percent of the time. In addition to documenting behaviors, the goal of feedback is to change behaviors – negative feedback should not be used with the intent to embarrass or simply to build a case against Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

The true “reflection” of leaders are “mirrored” through the successes or failures of an organization, unit, or detail. Leaders must be bold – bold enough to stand out in front, yet humble enough to shoulder negative consequences and responsibilities.

A leader is also accountable when followers under their charge fall short of the mark. Yes! There are times, due to unforeseen circumstances, or perhaps lack of motivation, followers perform at sub-par levels. This is the time for leaders to engage and motivate their subordinates - because they make the mission happen.

Motivating could be as simple as saying “thank you,” showing sincere concern for their well-being, a nod of acknowledgement or just plain ole tough love.

Anyone may be called to lead in an instant. This leader could be a lower ranking member placed in charge to meet a particular goal or mission. At that moment, armed with positional authority, that leader paves the way for our success and mission accomplishment. When they take the helm, leaders and followers alike must rally and support their decisions.

Although many may believe leading is a right, I believe leading is a privilege that is earned. Lead or be led ... making a positive difference every day. ●



1ST LT. DAVID BELLIS/FLORIDA WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAP members from across Florida posed Aug. 13 for a group picture with 927th Air Refueling Wing Commander Col. David Pavey at the Florida Wing Public Affairs Seminar, at the 927th headquarters on MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

## Wing’s public affairs seminar intended to be hands-on

*Public Affairs specialists learn at wing course on MacDill Air Force Base*

**By Florida Wing Public Affairs**

**CLEARWATER:** An all-star cast produced Florida Wing’s first public affairs seminar in years Aug. 13 at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

The wing’s public affairs director, Maj. Douglas E. Jessmer, and the wing public affairs staff - Capt. Bill Weiler and 1st Lt. David Bellis - saw a pressing need to train and develop public affairs officers across the wing. What started as discussion at the annual wing conference became a group effort. 1st Lt. Stuart Brownstein, the Group 3 public affairs officer, was enlisted as the project officer.

As a result of their organization, about 25 Florida Wing members from all but one group of the wing gathered at MacDill. They enjoyed base billeting and the mess hall, did

advance homework and listened to presenters foremost in the wing’s public affairs efforts.

They learned about writing for the media from Jessmer and from Maj. Steven Solomon, the national public affairs team leader and former Southeast Region public affairs director. Jessmer is a journalist at the *St. Petersburg Times* and Solomon writes for *The Tampa Tribune’s* editorial pages.

They heard about making connections from Group 5’s public affairs officer, Capt. Jeff Carlson. Weiler, the wing’s lead public information officer and no stranger to corporate communications, discussed the need for more public information officers, and Bellis, a military public affairs specialist, spent an afternoon session on photography. Brownstein presented social media.

Col. David Pavey, who commands the 927th Air Refueling

Wing, spoke to the attendees, and stressed the importance of strategic information. Florida Wing’s vice commander, Lt. Col. Phil Zedonek, spoke to the students and presented their certificates.

Headquarters Civil Air Patrol provided support through publications and through the contribution of two door prizes, copies of *From Maine To Mexico* which were drawn by random numbers.

Senior members who attended included Maj. Chris Latocki, who helped facilitate the event; Capts. Jose Herrera and James Peto, 1st Lts. Hector Infante, Ernest Lee, Maurice de Montozon, M.J. Ricketts and Gary Stalnaker, 2nd Lts. Dennis Maloney, Mary McAdams, William McCombie, Caroline Sloat, and Flight Officer Caitlin Reynolds. Cadets Casey Marguriet and Patrick Russo also attended. ●

## Training Leaders of Cadets course scheduled

A Training Leaders of Cadets course is slated for Oct. 29-30 in southwest Florida.

Group 5 will play host to the course, at Naples Municipal Airport, 380 Aviation Drive S., Naples.

All Florida Wing members may participate. The cost is \$5, and covers course materials and a light morning breakfast. The course runs from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

For more information:  
[www.flcadet.com/tlcgroup5.aspx](http://www.flcadet.com/tlcgroup5.aspx)

## Volunteers sought for SAREVAL

Members are needed to help with the wing's Air Force-graded search and rescue evaluation in Marco Island Nov. 4-6.

Mission staff assistants, flight line marshallers, aircrews, ground teams and security personnel are sought.

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/3u26d94](http://tinyurl.com/3u26d94) or contact the deputy incident commander, Maj. Willard Garman, at 941-448-3401.

## Encampment commander named

Maj. Jutin McElvaney was recently announced as the 2011-12 winter encampment commander.

"He brings 10 years of encampment experience throughout various wings that is sure to keep with the highest of standards that our cadet program strives for," said Lt. Col. Margarita Mesones-Mori, the wing's director of cadet programs.

More encampment information is at [www.flcadet.com](http://www.flcadet.com).

## Commanders' tenures to be time-limited

A recent command memorandum from Florida Wing Commander Col. Mike Cook outlines that the tenure of group and squadron commanders will be time-limited.

"The terms of service for group and squadron commanders are not to exceed a period of five years," the memo says. A commander may reassume command after a break in service of at least three years.

Extensions may be granted, but only with justification, and only for a year. ●

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## Wing command staff attends Group 3 banquet!

By C/2Lt. ELENA LEE and C/Capt. MELANIE LEE  
Group 3, Florida Wing



C/2LT. ELENA LEE, GROUP 3

**Head table:** Group 3 Chaplain - Chpln. Capt. Robert Rector, Lynn Zedonek, Lt. Col. Phil Zedonek - wing vice commander, Col. Michael Cook - wing commander, Maj. David Leach wing chief of staff, Capt. Joyce Lampasona - commander of FL-458, C/Maj. Alec Lampasona - Group 3 CAC recorder, C/Lt. Col. Matthew Campbell - Group 5 CAC chairman

**TAMPA, Fla.** - For the first time in Florida Wing since Group 3 and Group 8 combined, nearly a hundred cadets, senior members, and guests gathered for the Annual Group 3 Banquet held at the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club. The event, initiated by the Group 3 Cadet Advisory Council, was planned and organized by C/Capt. Melanie Lee of the Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron.

Attendees were greeted by the Wesley Chapel Honor Guard. After guests found their seats, the head table was announced.

Lt. Col. Zedonek was the special guest speaker, the topic being "Behind the Scenes at the White House: The President's Communicator." He told the guests of his military duty assignment while working for the Office of the President.

Lt. Col. Zedonek spoke about his opportunity to work with both the Carter and Reagan administrations during his assignment lasting four years.

While with the communications section of the Office of the President, his duties included forward logistics setup whenever the president was traveling overseas, filming and recording presidential speeches and weekly broadcasts, and providing outgoing president Carter

with communications capabilities to the White House from his home in Plains, Georgia.

The Group 3 year in review was presented by Maj. Len Goellner. Maj. Goellner shared that Group 3 has increased milestone achievements by 10% and more cadets have received their private pilot's license than the previous year. Two cadets were also presented with milestone achievement awards. C/SrA. David Levy and C/Capt. Robert B Fahey of the Clearwater Composite Squadron received their Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart awards respectively. C/Capt. Fahey was not present to receive his award because he was away for Air Force Basic Training, but his squadron commander, Capt. Yvonne Rodriguez, was present and received the award on his behalf.

The most anticipated event of the evening was the presentation of the "...Of The Year" awards which were presented by C/Capt. Lee and Maj. Len

Goellner. Cadet of the Year award recipients included, C/SrA. David Levy from the Clearwater Composite Squadron for Phase 1, C/TSgt. David Brown from Polk County Cadet Squadron for Phase 2, C/1Lt. David George from Hernando Composite Squadron for Phase 3, and C/Maj. Alec Lampasona from Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron for Phase 4. Senior Member of the Year was presented to Lt. Col. Laurance Fernald. Squadron of the year was given to Pinellas Squadron.

Other awards included a Commander's Commendation awarded to Capt. Joyce Lampasona, Command Service awarded to Capt. Yvonne Rodriguez, C/SrA David Levy and

C/ SrA Robert Foley were both presented with the Earhart award, and Achievement awards presented to C/Maj. Alec Lampasona and C/Capt. Melanie Lee. ●



C/2LT. ELENA LEE, GROUP 3

Group 3 Commander Maj. Len Goellner presenting Senior of the Year Award to Lt. Col. Laurance Fernald

## Group 1 Squadron named for local prisoner of war

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** - A Group 1 squadron was recently named for a former prisoner of war, the name and charter having been unveiled Sept. 15.

During a base wide POW/MIA remembrance at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, retired Navy Capt. Collins Haines spoke, and afterward was honored by the naming of the CAP unit.

"Capt. Collins Haines is a true American hero," said Group 1 Commander Lt. Col. Richard Dean. "He was shot down over North Vietnam and spent over five years as a POW at the 'Hanoi Hilton.' After being released he went back to the fleet and served as the commander of two warships before retiring from the navy as a captain."

"After Vietnam he continued to serve by flying contract missions in Kosovo during the conflict in the 90s," Dean continued. "Then he earned a commercial ship's license so he could command the gambling ship that was supposed to come to Pensacola. Now he serves as an instructor pilot, check pilot, and mission pilot with CAP. He is also a CFI and a member of the Pensacola Navy Flying Club. To truly tell his remarkable story it would require writing an entire book." ●

## Wing receives "outstanding" rating for annual Audit Survey

**MARCO ISLAND, Fla.** - The annual Survey Audit of the Florida Wing and subordinate units was conducted

in September. The inspection was conducted by MSgt Craig Beare, USAF, Superintendent of Logistics and Mr. Jerry Angley, Florida State Director. The overall Florida Wing rating for this year's Survey Audit was "Outstanding".

Scores from the audit included: Florida Wing Headquarters – Outstanding; Logistics – Outstanding; Communications – Outstanding; Vehicles – Excellent; Aircraft – Excellent; CAP Units- Outstanding

Beare said, "The Florida CAP Wing and Group 5 can be categorized as exemplary. All CAP personnel encountered and locations visited were top-notch. This survey audit encountered zero findings and likewise no response report is required. Let me be the first to congratulate the Florida Wing and Group 5 on a job well done!"

The previous Florida Wing Survey Audit was conducted in June 2010, with an overall rating of "Excellent."

When the USAF inspectors mentioned to Marco Island Composite Squadron commander Lt. Col. Ray Rosenberg that it was the best CAP Wing inspection he had participated in a long time Rosenberg replied, "The Group Commander threatened us within an inch of our lives if we didn't shine".

When the written report was published Group 5 commander, Lt. Col. Fran Gleokler responded by saying "Ray, you can relax...I've holstered my sidearm". Gleokler continued by giving "Special thanks to Jim Spieth and Bob Bayless" for their effort to make the inspection a success, "they're still running around trying to find their sanity". "I have the best commanders, and best group staff, in this wing" said Gloeckler. ●

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## Florida wing summer encampment attended by 244 members

**CAMP BLANDING, Fla.** - 244 cadets and senior members, some from as far as North Carolina and Kansas, participated in the annual Florida Wing Summer Encampment at Camp Blanding located near Starke, Florida.

As the home of the Florida Army and Air National Guard, Camp Blanding has been the location of Civil Air Patrol encampments for 11 years.

Encampments are week-long events consisting of classroom and field instruction that serve as a foundation for cadets from which to build their Civil Air Patrol experience. Providing orientation to the Civil Air Patrol and The United States Air Force, cadets were challenged both mentally and physically during the busy

and exciting week of hands-on leadership development training, aerospace education, and local site activities. Cadets also had the opportunity to develop time management skills, learn to overcome challenges, and enhance their leadership abilities. Field presentations were given by the St John's County Sheriff's Office (Florida) Special Operations aviation, crime scene investigation and EOD K-9 units, and by members of the Florida National Guard 3/20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and 221st EOD teams.

Encampment participation is just one of the required steps for cadets to advance into the cadet officer grade and to be eligible for many of the National Cadet Special Activities. ●

# Promotions

Grade	Name	Unit	Grade	Name	Unit	Grade	Name	Unit
CMSgt	Gary W Williamson	315	2d Lt	Juan Roman	051	Capt	Darrin J Guilbeau	310
2d Lt	Stanley B Andrews	051	2d Lt	Darrell A Samples	323	Capt	Brian S Hammontree	242
2d Lt	Pagona D Brady	051	2d Lt	Benjamin T Saylor	142	Capt	Robert J Haskins	259
2d Lt	Jeremiah Robert Brown	023	2d Lt	Lindsey A Schultz	182	Capt	Harold J Hendricks	376
2d Lt	Christopher J Cannan	173	2d Lt	Jana L Smoker	822	Capt	Luke R Hensley	447
2d Lt	Jessica M Dudney	116	2d Lt	Kirk D Souder	123	Capt	Tyler H Hiatt	049
2d Lt	Gerald M Dunham	822	2d Lt	Lorena C Stagner	383	Capt	Gary M Hubbard	447
2d Lt	Tammye A Dunham	822	2d Lt	Neil A Stagner	383	Capt	Hector Infante	355
2d Lt	Jerry L Edwards	383	2d Lt	Theresa A Stalnaker	116	Capt	Robert M Joye	049
2d Lt	Joan Fitzsimons	376	1st Lt	Jason M Baran	259	Capt	Robin Y Kim	049
2d Lt	Andrew R Frame	060	1st Lt	Davide Chiericoni	049	Capt	Felix R Maymi	279
2d Lt	John A Franco	337	1st Lt	Kevin D Chism	084	Capt	Gregory W Meahl	445
2d Lt	Luis C Gamarra	355	1st Lt	Robert Corriveau	376	Capt	Aubrey E Melton	173
2d Lt	Stephen Joseph Gordon	054	1st Lt	John E Ford	274	Capt	Thomas O Miller	001
2d Lt	David J Herzfeld	122	1st Lt	Antonio Jurado	090	Capt	Adolfo Morales	361
2d Lt	Robert G Kline	182	1st Lt	Brian S Kirke	435	Capt	Hugo M Morales	173
2d Lt	Elaine Lague	051	1st Lt	Jonathan D Littell	049	Capt	Giorgio T Mugno	310
2d Lt	Tyler S Lahnen	383	1st Lt	Steven J Makky	049	Capt	Troy A Odierno	001
2d Lt	Lyndon J Lamott	457	1st Lt	Shawn T Mattox	176	Capt	Richard C Peritz	372
2d Lt	Daniel A Lang	444	1st Lt	Aaron T McCurdy	460	Capt	Sharon R Pitts	425
2d Lt	Jerry O Lewis	383	1st Lt	Ronald S McCurdy	460	Capt	Robert L Rector	032
2d Lt	Steven V Longdon	432	1st Lt	Gabriel H Parra	286	Capt	Yvonne Rodriguez	447
2d Lt	Mark B Lukac	274	1st Lt	Kenneth A Pena	355	Capt	Stephen P Smith	376
2d Lt	Dennis W Maloney	173	1st Lt	Jason O Raimondi	843	Capt	Roy H Trusty	049
2d Lt	Amy R McCabe	822	1st Lt	Helen E Sharp	301	Capt	Charles E Walker	435
2d Lt	Lyle T McGrath	040	1st Lt	Scott T Singletary	423	Capt	Jeffrey M Wood	445
2d Lt	Michael R Mitchell	051	1st Lt	Elliott C Smith	182	Maj	Cynthia C Dohm	376
2d Lt	Brandon S Neumann	051	1st Lt	Linda D Smith	376	Maj	William K Fiedler	423
2d Lt	Thomas L. Newton	323	1st Lt	Christopher J Szerbiak	237	Maj	Lawrence P Flory	438
2d Lt	Rosario M Palau	337	1st Lt	Isaiah J Tamblingson	361	Maj	Lazaro D Garcia	286
2d Lt	Carmen A Pena	044	1st Lt	Trung H Tran	242	Maj	Wayne F Henderson	173
2d Lt	Omar Pineda	355	Capt	Edward M Barros	044	Maj	Dean T McClure	152
2d Lt	Jose O Pinto-Gonzalez	337	Capt	David E Carter	809	Maj	Richard W Morrell	051
2d Lt	Anthony P Pitman	274	Capt	Mark S Copenhaver	843	Maj	Iris M Sadler	432
2d Lt	Steven K Powell	044	Capt	Douglas S Dobson	424	Maj	Richard D Terrelonge	355
2d Lt	Peter J Reehling	310	Capt	Oscar E Finol	355	Lt Col	Michael J Carney	376
2d Lt	Ryan A Rivera	447	Capt	Aaron M Fleming	843	Lt Col	Milton R Kaletta	051

## Top three senior member awards

Rank	Name	Unit	Award	Rank	Name	Unit	Award
1st Lt	David B Bellis	051	LOENING	Capt	Emil R Pagliari	424	LOENING
1st Lt	Stuart I Brownstein	237	LOENING	Maj	Iris M Sadler	432	LOENING
Capt	Wayne D Buchanan	237	LOENING	Capt	Robin M Sheaks	011	LOENING
Capt	Katharyn N Downing	025	LOENING	Maj	Gary E Cornell	424	GARBER
Capt	Jaime Lichi	286	LOENING	Maj	Douglas E Jessmer	447	GARBER
Capt	Richard J Mathieson	169	LOENING	Maj	Ramon L Nunez	010	GARBER
Maj	Dean T McClure	152	LOENING	Lt Col	Raymond H Rosenberg	376	GARBER
Capt	Andrew H Miller	435	LOENING	Lt Col	Larry E Wade	435	GARBER
				Lt Col	Phillip Zedonek	001	WILSON

## Five years of service

Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit
Capt	Charles S Anderson	315	Cadet	Joseph J Harb	383	Capt	Kenneth M Meyer	293
Capt	Ralph Aviles	173	Cadet	Chris M Hastings	286	Cadet	Brandon S Murphy	447
Lt Col	Matthew A Barker	435	1st Lt	James H Irby	434	Capt	James M Nash	076
Capt	Todd J Bayley	000	Cadet	Owen R Jago	044	Maj	Stephen P Nelson	361
Cadet	Jayson J Beck	040	Cadet	Tiffany E Jakowczuk	142	Capt	Emil R Pagliari	424
Cadet	Matthew S Beckwith	000	2d Lt	Craig S Johnson	182	Cadet	Christopher P Pannier	286
Maj	Daniel M Brown	286	Cadet	Scott A Kennedy	259	1st Lt	John R Riebel	000
Cadet	Kirby S Cole	447	Capt	Donald E Lacross	373	Cadet	Patrick J Russo	809
Capt	Robert G Crews	447	Cadet	Alec S Lampasona	458	Cadet	Jesenia J Silva	355
2d Lt	Wayne A Dunn	383	2d Lt	Graciela L Lockwood	310	Cadet	Troy M Singer	301
Cadet	Alejandro Falcon	286	2d Lt	James W Lockwood	310	Cadet	Carlos E Soto	011
1st Lt	Giancarlo Frittitta	182	1st Lt	Eddie G Lovins	293	1st Lt	Clausell A Stevens	432
Maj	Donald B Geldart	314	Capt	Robert S Mac Neill	376	Maj	Rick H Strul	016
Capt	Felix P Godoy	076	Capt	Chet Malanowski	361	Cadet	Charles Jefre Walker	142
2d Lt	Stephen Hanley	337	Cadet	Maegen Manis	293	Cadet	Benjamin R White	447
Maj	Kenneth M Hanson	049	1st Lt	Helen L McGuire	026	Cadet	William L Woodham	439

## Ten years of service

Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit
Lt Col	Antonio J Barroso	249	Maj	Joel E Kurasch	432	2d Lt	Phillip Mednick	439
Capt	Louis Cicalese	078	Capt	Stephen J Lampasona	032	Maj	Jon R Petersen	274
Lt Col	John R Edsall	025	Capt	John N Lawler	424	Maj	Lee A Powell	049
Capt	Ronald E Kilty	361						

## Fifteen years of service

Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit
Lt Col	P. Kreutzer Garman	122	Lt Col	Thomas A Kuznar	023	Maj	Charles R Menzel	383
Capt	Dennis Jordan	000	Capt	James F McManus	310	Maj	Marcos J Rodriguez	319
Lt Col	Gerald J Kawecki	323	1st Lt	Kathryn C McManus	310	Maj	Alan L Sneider	016

## Twenty years of service

Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit
Maj	Fernando R Corbacho	310	Lt Col	Wayne L Rasmussen	051	Maj	Herman E Steele	000
Lt Col	Arnold F Glauser	310	2d Lt	Howard M Sakolsky	182	1st Lt	Charles L Steinkamp	323

## Twenty-five years of service

Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit	Rank	Name	Unit
Capt	Kathleen T Patrick	000	Lt Col	Charles R Pirnat	060	Maj	Michael Woehlert	000

## Thirty years

Rank	Name	Unit
1st Lt	Gordon R Sohr	000

## Thirty-five years

Rank	Name	Unit
Lt Col	Charles R Costa	044
Lt Col	George F Williams	434

## Forty years

Rank	Name	Unit
Capt	Larue Earnest	051
Capt	Rae Earnest	051
Lt Col	Robert T Peake	019

## Wright Brothers Award

Name	Unit	Name	Unit	Name	Unit
Christopher B Andrews	084	Matthew R Frankel	301	Stefan L Ortiz	116
Andrew Armenis	104	Joshua Gallaher	432	Steven L Padillo	361
Dalton A Arrendale	084	Lisa M Gelano	425	Austin M Parham	293
Miguel A Arroyo-Green	458	Brittani F Giles	049	Paul Pita	458
Andrew A Atehortua	456	Devon W Giles	049	Andrew P Pitman	274
Daniel G Austin	049	Jakub S Gochneur	116	Koryn E Prophet	383
Brandon J Aviles	173	Emily E Hawkins	040	Richard Reed	444
Jonathan M Banks	044	Travis J Helton	444	Mitchell A W Roy	123
Quinton E Barrett	819	Rosemary B Hofstedt	383	Alexia V Samper	809
Matthew C Bartel	809	Jacob W Jones	021	Kyle J Sheppard	169
Sean L Berens	458	Tyler D Kelley	460	Nicholas O Soto	090
Nicholas D Birchmore	021	Christopher R Kersten	169	Alana C Stagner	383
Justin L Blocker	176	Michael L Kirke	435	Neil A Stagner	383
Ramey R Bomm	259	Damian E Lape	809	Analaura L Stewart	021
Brianna L Burt	809	David A Levy	447	Kevin C Tierney	049
Jeric N Cabalbag	011	Matt H Linscott	425	Reece P Tobianski	284
Matthew L Caballero	456	Andres F Machado	104	Robert T Traitz	104
Marshall O Carpenter	425	Nicole Mangina	089	John M Trzinski	084
Francis R Cassin	435	Justin Marrero	286	Christian S Viereck	078
Kaitlynn M Davenport	104	Connor C McDaniel	361	Luis F Viloría	279
Justin W DeVasto	373	Nancy Rosario Mendoza	152	Jarod L Waters	301
Kevin F Dukes	423	Allen J Miller	169	Peter C Westerkamp	809
Andrew J Eads	049	Jake D Miller	044	Denzel A Young	104
Jerry L Edwards	383	Michael T Moody	169	Gail L Youngman	116
Cody J Favorite	078	Sierra S Moody	173	Tyler Musgrave	169
Andrew J Franek	439	Nicolas Mora	090	Jesse L Newhard	243

## General Billy Mitchell Award

Name	Unit	Name	Unit	Name	Unit
Jerome Budde	447	Miriam E Lee	458	Felipe I Santiago	090
Alex B Colthorp	423	Kati A Lichi	286	Joshua Simmons	044
John A Fields	355	Michael S Loff	021	Haley B Smith	425
William K Gregory	438	Zackery L Macdonald	372	Justin S Smith	335
Sabrina S Hamilton	456	Danny S McCurdy	460	Daniel L Spence	458
Katheryn Louise Harding	242	Nathan T McNicol	040	Timothy R Thompson	373
Christil K Hardtke	242	Gerren M Meahl	445	Chad S Tripp	383
Kyle L Hayes	425	Matthew S Medla	242	Travis Undestad	301
Michael Jenkins	438	Brenton L Muscott	315	Thiago B Valadares	438
Meghan Kramer	383	Jennifer Rodriguez	355		

## Amelia Earhart Award

Name	Unit	Name	Unit	Name	Unit
Austin S Bottorf	044	Michael J Garavuso	242	Andrew C Steinemann	361
Zachary S Dawson	243	Colton S Newton	293	Austin R Sutter	355
Joshua Dovi	315	Luisa Patino	016	Armando G Urena	286

## General Ira Eaker Award

Name	Unit	Number
Landon B Meahl	445	2359
Nicholas S Palczer	024	2346
Timothy J Pollock	237	2334
Ruben D Zapata	016	2340

## General Carl Spaatz Award

Name	Unit	Number
Joshua T Hinson	383	1802
Tiffany E Jakowczuk	142	1814

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## Hot off the press: the DDRx activity guide is here!

Announcing a new Drug Demand Reduction program for use by all squadrons: the DDR Excellence (DDR<sub>x</sub>) Activity Guide has been released online for download and viewing. The DDR<sub>x</sub> program rewards a CAP cadet for successfully completing activities related to making good choices, choosing good role models, avoiding substances that have a negative effect on human performance, and striving to live a drug-free lifestyle. The DDR<sub>x</sub> guides are currently being printed, and copies will be mailed out to all cadet squadrons before Christmas.

### DDR<sub>x</sub>: An Activity-based achievement program

A cadet who wants to enter the world of aviation must be willing to work toward goals that require excellence in human performance. For a Civil Air Patrol cadet to be successful in aerospace as a career, she must be prepared to meet the highest possible performance standards. This is expected by the military, the aviation industry, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Drug Demand Reduction mission is dedicated to helping Civil Air Patrol cadets achieve excellence in life by making good choices and remaining free of drugs and alcohol. This is especially important if the cadet wants to become a part of the military or the professional world of civilian aviation.

It is a known fact that drugs and alcohol can seriously compromise human performance. A young person who has a desire to become a professional in the world of aviation must start making good choices early and living a drug-free lifestyle. The world of aviation and aerospace has zero tolerance for anything less. ●

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# Why the core values are important

You've heard them repeatedly, and you should know them by heart.

*Integrity.*

*Service above self.*

*Excellence in all we do.*

They probably seem like buzz words. How often do we really contemplate them? How often do we consciously carry out our CAP duties with those values in mind?

Probably not as much as we should.

In public affairs, adherence to the core values is utmost. Here's where it's important, and how as public affairs officers, we must step up and set an example.

## Integrity

Put simply, integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when no one's watching.

Integrity means being honest and being respectful. It means that you take seriously the oath you swore to as a CAP member.

It means, for public affairs officers, ensuring we're always shooting straight. It means no BS. It means that we speak to what we know, and that we don't speculate, joke, exaggerate or overstate. It means that we ensure that other members are equipped with the knowledge they need to face the media beforehand.

It means defending the good name and reputation of Civil Air Patrol. It also means ensuring we use the name correctly - it's Civil Air Patrol, no "the" beforehand, and not to be substituted for "U.S. Air Force Auxiliary," since there is no such name nor organization. (That's misrepresentation, which might as well be lying.)

It means expecting from colleagues, from leaders and followers, that we all live by the same rules, and expect that each of us will perform professionally. It means, for all of us, that we set an example for others, and that we lead by example.

And it also means, for public affairs folks, no surprises - not for commanders, nor for public affairs officers up and down the chain. That not only assures no one is left in the dark, but it ensures and builds mutual respect for one another, a vital trait for an organization that desires a "team" ethic.

Incidentally, while Civil Air Patrol uses "respect" as a fourth core value, it's already covered in the Air Force's core value of integrity. It may be repeated to ensure our members understand the vitality of mutual respect. It's that important.

## Service above self

As Volunteer Airmen (incidentally, feel free to use that phrase to describe ourselves, capital letters included), when we sign the application and take the oath, we pledge to put

service above self. Personal benefits and concerns play second fiddle to the tasks at hand.

We pledge to be team players, and that the mission comes first. We pledge that office politics and friendships and dislikes are set aside with the best interests of the organization and its missions in mind.

It means, for PAs, keeping open lines of communication, so when a team member can't make it to an event, someone else can cover it.

It means not letting egos get in the way of the task at hand, not allowing interpersonal conflicts to erode mission effectiveness. It means ensuring the best people are in the best positions, and that, with mutual respect, you can dislike someone and still work as a team with that person.

It means, again, and this can't be stressed enough, that pride should be set aside and teamwork be paramount. It means the message we share with the world must be correct, proper and focused on facts.

## Excellence in all we do

Cut and dried, it means putting your total self, wholeheartedly, into the task of building CAP's image and representing the organization.

It means seeking out advice from mentors and superiors, to ensure the job you do is the best you can do. Especially in a time when everyone's fighting to get the same eyeballs and ears on their news, we must find ways to improve our game at every turn.

It means not cutting corners. It means that while we may make honest mistakes, we forgive and work through them, but it means we don't use shortcuts to get the desired results.

It means a good-faith effort, every time.

It means training and development, learning new skills, be it an online writing workshop, a photo course at the local community college, whatever.

I strongly urge you to dig up the core values. Heck, look up the Air Force policy and doctrine that gave Ma Blue and CAP, by connection, the core values. When those ethics are instilled in the ranks, they're lived by and upheld every day, just think how much easier it will be to market the organization. Think of how much more disciplined our overall message will be. And, when that 3 a.m. call comes to shut down an ELT, search for an airplane or respond to a hurricane mission, you can ensure that you're on message, that the people around you trust that you know your job, that you're trustworthy and that you have CAP's and members' interests in mind. ●

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# Wing safety leader steps aside, announces staff

By Lt. Col. CRIST FELLMAN  
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ST. PETE BEACH: For the past six years, I have served as either your deputy director or director of safety. It has been a fun and exciting challenge, and probably the most enjoyable position I have held while in CAP.

Time comes though when change is imminent and for reasons beyond my control, I must leave Florida Wing and move back to Pennsylvania to care for my aging father. I truly appreciate everything that you all have done over the past six years to make Florida Wing the leader in safety throughout all of CAP. This is a huge undertaking and it was not without its growing pains. But as the large family that we are, we worked through the issues and overcame the challenges thrown our way by the multitude of changing regulations from CAP National, and in the end we became stronger.

Our squadron safety officers are to be commended. Florida Wing has the toughest regulations of any wing in CAP for the training that our safety officers have to accomplish. To be a safety officer in Florida Wing, they must complete all three operational risk management online courses, all three online safety officer courses, the Introduction to Safety course and the Aircraft Ground Handling course. The next time you see your unit safety officer, thank them for their efforts to help make CAP a safer place for each of you.

For activities, Florida Wing requires that any overnight activity or any activity that involves 25 or more members, must submit the safety portion of their OPs plan to Group and Wing safety at least two weeks in advance for review. This has allowed us to prevent many

potential injuries to our members. This, too, goes beyond the national requirements.

These are just a couple examples of where Florida Wing has gone above and beyond to keep you the member safe. one and this year the actual encampment was mishap free. Overall, the wing has experienced a nearly 48 percent decrease in the number of mishaps. Not bad for the largest wing in CAP.

I recently introduced the new Florida Wing safety team to the group commanders and wing staff. Now I would like to introduce them to you.

Serving as your new director of safety is Major Greg Thompson. Thompson is a safety professional in his real world job and brings much experience with ORM to the table as well as a degree in Safety.

Serving as deputy directors, Lt. Charlene Tyler is returning to Florida Wing duty after an extended absence. She too has a significant safety background and just graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a degree in Safety. She will serve as the deputy for air safety. Capt. Dave Armbrust will be the deputy director of ground safety. He has much experience in safety as well as emergency services within the wing.

Serving as assistant directors of safety, Lt. Scott Brown will remain as the IT person for safety. He works in safety at NASA and works with the solid rocket fuel program. Capt. Will Sussman will remain as the assistant to air safety. He currently teaches flying. Both of these assistants have served under me for the past three years.

I too will remain with the wing safety team until around March sometime, as the advisor to the team. Please extend all the courtesy to this new wing team as you have me over the years. ●



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