

# DUPONT MOVES UP!



Florida Wing Commander, Col. S. H. DuPont, was appointed vice chairman of the National Board. Colonel DuPont originally joined CAP in Delaware and then transferred to Florida Wing in 1955 where he was a member of Miami Squadron 1.

As a cadet he completed all phases of CAP to earning his COP.

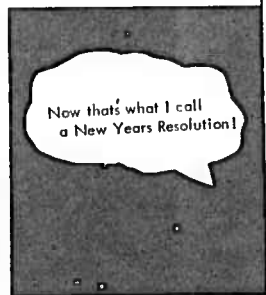
He came up through the ranks as a senior member from staff sergeant to full Colonel. His duties in CAP have ranged from assistant to having the responsibility of the job. He was appointed Florida Wing Commander in 1963.

The colonel holds numerous Federal Aviation Agency aeronautical ratings, including commercial pilot, flight instructor, (airplane and glider), group instructor, free balloon pilot, and a United Kingdom private pilot's license. He has logged more than 7,900 hours flying time which gives him more than 316 days spent in the air.

The energetic CAP veteran has attended the Space Age Orientation Course, Federal Aviation Agency Cadet Orientation Course, Jet Orientation Course, Southeast Region Girl's Exchange (escort officer), Eastern Airlines Stewardess School, National Flying Encampment, National Drill Competition (escort officer), International Drill Competition (escort officer) and 21 CAP summer encampments (six as encampment commander).

His CAP career has not been limited to wing or region activities. He has served on the National Commander's Training Committee, National Scholarship Committee, National Scholarship Selection Board and the National Uniform Committee.

When asked what his profession is, Colonel DuPont says, "Full time membership in CAP".

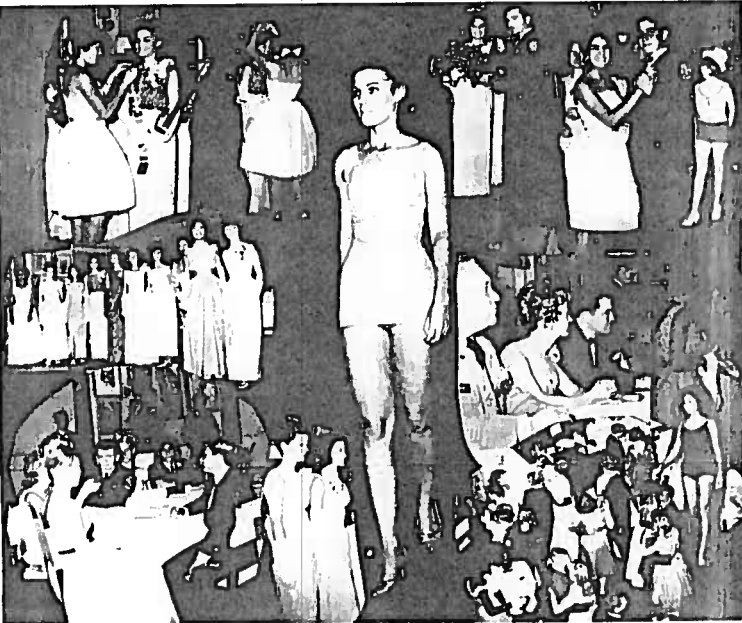


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## KOI QUEEN PICKED AT SECTOR A CADET BALL

Miami... More than 300 CAP member, families and guests attended the Annual Sector A Ball held 20 November 1965 in Miami. It was a gala formal event taking place on the fourth floor of the Miami Womens' Club.

The Ball, sponsored by the Ben Franklin Cadet Squadron, started out just to be a party in someone's back yard. But with a request by C/Major Fred Swearingen, Cadet Commander, and hard work by Captain & Mrs. Ware, Squadron Commander, it became a Sector A Annual Ball.

The Ball served three purposes, (1) to get all the Cadets together in an organized event, (2) to help promote the concept of Sector, and (3) to select the Queen and Princess for the 1966 King Orange Bowl Jamboree. KOI is the second largest airplane meet in the United States.

Crowned Miss Miami Model Aviation was Cadette Anne McCr-

acken of Florida City Cadet Squadron. She was crowned by last years Queen Deborah Stienberg, of North Dade Cadette Squadron. Cadette Marsha Rhines, of Ben Franklin Cadet Squadron was named Princess. All selections were made by a honor board, which consisted of Honored Guests, Lt. Col. and Mrs. William R. Bass, DCS/ Cadets, Lt. Col. John Doyle, and Capt. Harold Tobias, US Army.

Uncle Kurt Falk, an old time CAP member and worker in the Miami Model Aviation picture asked the ten participating Cadettes all sorts of questions on CAP and flying. They were judged on beauty, shape and conversational ability in bathing suits, and full length formals. Other honored guest were Thomas Sutor, Contest Director of KOI, Major Ben Wakes, Florida Wing IO, and Major Walter Leach, Commander of Group 22.

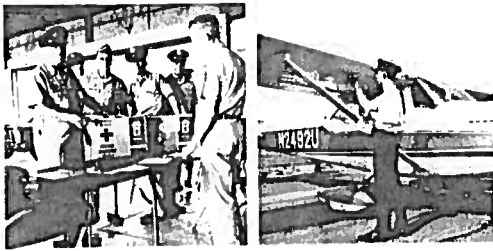
Along with the Senior VIP's and for reason number one for having the Ball several high ranking Cadets from Wing and Sector were present: C/Col. Kenneth Kelly, Chairman of the Spaatz Awards Society, & Florida Wing Council Chairman, C/Lt. Col. Jay Spencer Group B Chairman, C/Lt. Col. Bert Medlin Group 22 Chairman, and C/Lt. Col. Tony Bucholtz, Sector A Chairman.

This was probably the second largest gathering of CAP personnel for this type of activity in the Wing. The largest being the Annual Wing Ball in January. From everyone who attended, high praise was given the Ben Franklin Cadet Squadron, for the Ball's success. And to ten lucky winners went the valuable door prizes. Even Colonel Doyle won one, but C/Maj. Mary Ruzyccki won two!

A hand of thanks goes out to all that attended and an expression of hope that next year many more will be able to attend.



## CD SARCAP



Orlando's Herndon-Showalter Airport was the scene of much activity Saturday, November 13, as approximately 150 CAP, Civil Defense and Federal Aeronautics Administration personnel and more than 125 corporate and private-owned CAP aircraft throughout Florida took part in an annual joint exercise to test the effectiveness of these groups to act together in time of a national emergency.

In this year's test, the entire area of the United States, east of the Mississippi River, not to include Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana was considered to have suffered a nuclear attack. It was assumed that the level of radio-activity has diminished sufficiently to permit the Governor of the State of Florida to institute recovery plans and request airlift support.

During the Saturday exercise, Herndon Airport was designated as the key "Receiving Base" for all of Central Florida.

CAP aircraft of all types, including the J-3, retired Air Force P-51 and the larger, twin engine Convoir flew needed medical teams and supplies into

the area. A certain number of these aircraft were designated as "hot" aircraft and was checked for radio-activity and then cleaned and subjected to decontamination.

The CD-CAP drill began early Saturday morning and continued throughout the remaining daylight hours.

Lt. Col. Richard C. Lockman, CAP of Orlando was designated the Wing Mission Coordinator for the entire state of Florida and Major Henri Casenove, CAP, also of Orlando was named "Receiving Base Mission Coordinator" at Herndon Airport.

The entire exercise was evaluated by a USAF team from the USAF-CAP Region Liaison Office, Southeast Region, CAP, Berry Field, Nashville, Tennessee.



Cadet Mary Sapp is receiving the General Curry Ribbon from Major Leech.

## REDCAP

New Smyrna...The CAP was alerted at 0900 Monday to assist the Coast Guard in a search of a private aircraft which was a Cessna 172 flying from Charleston, S.C. to Titusville, Florida. Major Henri P. Casenove, Mission Coordinator, set up Mission Headquarters at the New Smyrna Beach Airport. Search Areas were set up from Jacksonville to South of Titusville Airport.

The aircraft was found by U. S. Coast Guard North West of St. Mary's Ga. before noon.

Aircraft responded from Orlando, Kissimmee, Jacksonville, and Ocala for the mission.

Jacksonville...A Cadet group staff took over family night of the Oceanway Cadet Squadron, Group 19, and made presentation of ribbons to the cadets who just completed Phase 1 & 2.

## A Proud Entry

St. Augustine...St. Augustine was pleased to have a CAP float in their annual Christmas Parade. A snappy red tractor pulled a float with a missile aboard. On the missile were the letters of the CAP, and an emblem of the CAP.

Red, white and blue were the colors of the decorations, and the missile was gleaming silver, with a red nose and a blue tail. The national flag and the CAP flag adorned the front, with a dozen cadets standing guard. A hug sign commemorating CAP's birthday and Christmas greeting to the city adorned the rear. Much applause was given this CAP entry.

## CD Presents Award

West Palm Beach...Col. DuPont was present at the Forest Hill Cadet Squadron's, Sector A, Parents Night during the presentations of awards to the Cadets who passed their nine weeks examinations, and for the presentation to the entire Squadron, from the State of Florida Civil Defense Agency, for the excellent cooperation and assistance in communications during Hurricane "Betsy", 7 Sept. 1965 signed by the County Director Col. Ellis F. Altman, and the State Director, Col. H. W. Tarkington.

Col. DuPont spoke to the squadron on their achievements and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Col. DuPont commented that he was pleased to see the growing success of the Squadron, and the turn out of parents which shows the interest they have in their children belonging to CAP.

Forest Hill Cadet Squadron now has 30 active Cadets, and hopes to recruit more during the new year of 1966.



Hialeah...On 11 November the Hialeah Cadet Squadron, Group 22 of Sector A took an active part in both Miami and Hialeah Parades.

Transportation for the Gold Star Mothers was furnished by our Hialeah Cadet Squadron Station wagon with Commander Joe Olson at the wheel. CWO Hultberg marched with Group 22 and the Cadets in Hialeah.

To manage it all we had to split our forces, but it was well worth the effort.

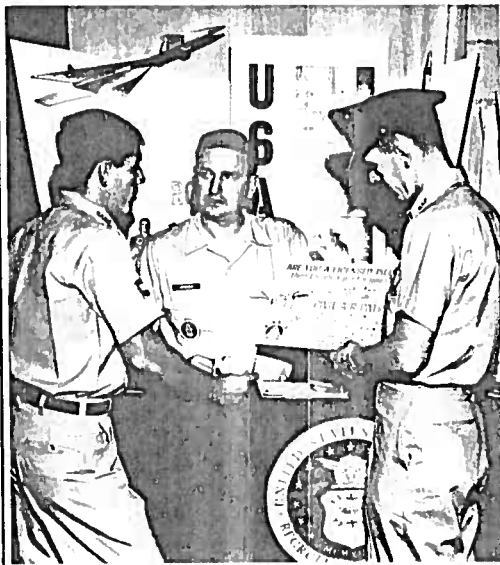
## PTA Pleased

Miami...Cadets Rafael Lopez, Johnny Blair, and Theodore Blue members of Central Miami Cadet Squadron Exhibition Drill Team selected to serve at the invitation of Miami Springs Junior High PTA, as a color guard during opening ceremonies.

The cadets were praised later by the school principal and PTA president on their elite performance.

During the course of the meeting Captain Buholtz, CMCS squadron commander, spoke to the parents and teachers about the opportunities and training available to students in the CAP Program.

Titusville...The Titusville Composite Squadron held its awards night and presented the ribbons, certificates and clasps to their cadets for the different phases.



Cadets of the Corry Field Squadron at Pensacola are helping in the Armed Forces Building at the Pensacola Interstate Fair during the week of Oct. 18 thru 24. Sgt. Larry B. Johnson USAF Recruiter requested the assistance of the cadets to aid him in various capacities. The cadets are supervising the use of the Air Forces simulated space capsule ride. They are also passing out USAF and CAP literature to interested parties.

## Fire Arms Safety

Palm Beach...Sgt. Warren Stork, from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Dept., was kind enough to take out time to come down and teach the Forest Hill Cadet Squadron of Sector A the safe use of the firearms and care of them in the home.

There were two nights on this course, and then the cadets along with the senior members took a test on what was taught. Everyone passed the course.

The following week, Palm Beach County's Sheriff, Martin A. Kellenberger was present and presented the certificates given by the National Rifle Association.

Channel 5-TV was on hand to run off film of the event, and it was shown over television that evening on the eleven o'clock news.

Sheriff Kellenberger was very pleased to see what CAP has to offer the youth of today.



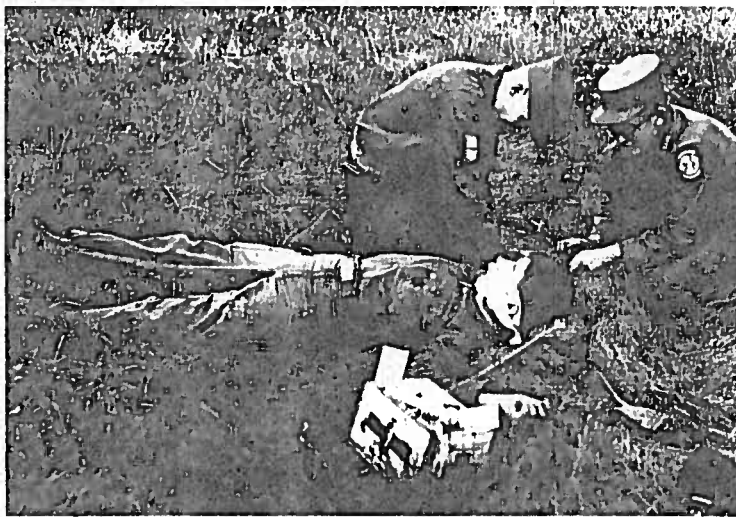
Jacksonville...On Sunday, December 12, 1965, the CAP again, for the fifth consecutive year cooperated with the Florida Tubercular Association. Mrs. Marie Kelley, Public Relation Chairwoman of the Florida State Tubercular Association arrived at Craig Field, Jacksonville, Florida and delivered to Major Joseph M. Heape, Northeast Florida Group 2 of Sector C Commander, the box of gifts for the TB patients at the Tallahassee Hospital. Major Heape was accompanied by M/Sgt. Ron Bryant, pilot, Captains Betty and Carl Schaeffer, then boarded the Cessna 150 Twin Engine Aircraft owned by M/Sgt. Bryant and flew the gifts to Tallahassee Airport where they were met by Captain John Miller, Group 7 Commander, and his staff members, along with Mrs. Juanita Stokes, Director of Special Services at the W. T. Edwards TB Hospital located in Tallahassee.

Major Heape then presented the box of gifts to Mrs. Stokes for the TB patients on behalf of Mrs. Kelley.

This Christmas Gift Flight in one of the many special public services that members of CAP perform along with the duties of search and rescue and aviation promotion.

Hialeah...At the home of C/AIC Richard Lindsey in November the Hialeah Cadet Squadron of Sector A had another recruiting party attended by 22 cadets, two seniors and seven guests. There was plenty of food, cold drinks, dancing and CAP talk to keep everyone happy. The Cadets had a ball and recruiting was a big success.





## Diary of a SARCAP

Pensacola... On Saturday, Oct. 23, the personnel of the CAP participated in a simulated search and rescue mission.

The search Groups were presented with a hypothetical lost aircraft problem. Parachutes were placed to simulate the wreckage of a plane and two crew members who parachuted from the plane.

A Military plane left Mississippi heading East to Dothan, Ala. It made a mandatory report to the Pensacola Flight Service Station just outside of Pensacola. Three minutes later the pilot reported to Pensacola he had a fire aboard and was losing altitude. At this time he advised ground control that his two crew members were evacuating the plane and that he and the co-pilot were going to try to make it into Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. The plane never reached Whiting.

With this information available the CAP Group and Air Rescue Units assembled at Santa Rosa Navy Field and organized a search operation.

Going on the information available plane altitude, winds etc. ground teams were dispatched to the Bagdad and Harold area to await actual target spotting by search aircraft. These areas were picked as being central locations in the primary search areas.

Planes were then dispatched to systematic search areas that the aircraft would have been in and also to search for the downed crew members.

Search operations began at 10:30 AM when two planes were dispatched to search the area to the North and South of Victor 22. The lost plane was last flying on this airway. These planes reported in they were unable to make a sighting.

At 11:30 AM a third plane left Santa Rosa Field for a concentrated search from Escambia Bay to the Santa Rosa Field.

This aircraft returned to headquarters at 1:00 reporting that a target had been sighted just south of Bagdad. (This was number two target, an injured crewman.) The aircraft led a ground rescue team into the victim and at this time dropped a message telling the groups to return to Home Base.

At 1:30 the ground team returned with the injured victim. The man's simulated injuries had consisted of a broken wrist and leg. These both had been given emergency First Aid. The cadet ground teams had then utilized the parachute as a stretcher to move him.

Using the information gained by the locating of the first crewman the mission staff members dispatched

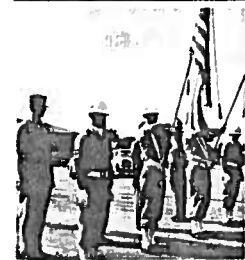
two planes at 1:30. The planes were sent to search the Bagdad Peninsula for the second crew member. The second man and chute were sighted Southeast of American Cynamid at 2:15.

With further facts supplied by the crewman aircraft were then sighted search the Harold area. At 3:30 the last plane was found three miles North of Harold and just South of the Blackwater River.

Having found the three targets the personnel were then assembled for a final debriefing.

These search procedures were practice only and as such more time was spent in preparation and planning for each flight. Had this been an actual mission the number of aircraft and personnel would have been greatly increased. With the presence of more aircraft and staff the procedures would have been carried out with much greater speed.

Since the CAP Search and Rescue Units work with local units the search would have been of much greater scope in an actual emergency. However, by setting up a simulated situation the CAP is able to get valuable practice and experience. In this way they will be fully prepared for actual use. To this end the SARCAP was considered a success.



Getting ready to lead the parade for the homecoming parade for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.

West Palm Beach... The Forest Hill Cadet Squadron of Sector A had a G.I. Party at Stuart Squadron building and premises so that they could use the area as a bivouac.

The Commander of the Stuart Squadron, Major Leech, was very pleased with the work of the Cadets, and commented on their good work.

## ESCORTS

St. Augustine, Florida... The Santa Rosa Squadron, Sector C, cadets were most happy to serve as escorts to the lovely Queen of the Florida State School for the Deaf and the Blind Homecoming Events. After escorting the ladies to their pavilion, the cadets presented the colors while the band played the national anthem.

The also, formed a color guard for the annual Kiwanis Football Game. This game is played for the benefit of the underprivileged children of St. Augustine.

Hialeah... Two Cadets from Hialeah Cadet Squadron, Group 22 of Sector A have recently joined the United States Air Force. Both C/2Lt. Ronald Smith and C/Sgt William Sampson were upon enlistment given the rank of A/3C through their COP and CAP backgrounds. They are taking their basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.



Hialeah... The Hialeah Cadet Squadron of Sector A had a Christmas Party that was a big success. Each cadet and senior brought a toy gift wrapped so pretty they decided not to unwrap a single one, but instead to spread their own happiness and Christmas cheer to some not quite as fortunate as themselves. So on December 23 the gifts were taken by four cadettes and W/O Mortana to the children's ward at Jackson Memorial Hospital and there distributed along with some Christmas candy to the little patients.

## Count on CAP

## UFO SPOTTED

Margate... "Donation of Groceries for Viet Nam" reads a sign over one of the city of Margate's local stores. Fort Lauderdale Executive Squadron of Sector A was helping on a drive to get food clothing, medical supplies to the people and our soldiers of South Viet Nam. The drive was sponsored by the Young Republicans, Young Democrats and J.C., on December 11. It had become common with the people of Margate when they did anything for their Community, State, or Nation to call on CAP, and this is what they did.

Saturday morning John Colman a member of the J.C., called upon Joel Epstein to see if he could get some cadets to help get donations. Almost before he hung up there were uniformed cadets waiting to do their share for our men in Viet Nam.

By the time the Cadets were through a real answer was found for the "Peace Corps", over three cartons of food and their contributions were collected.

Zuber... Members of the North Florida Ground Observer Corp made two sightings that were classified as Unidentified Flying Objects. The CAP team of C/Col. Andy Andrews, Hal Samuels, and W/O Van Ness, were manning their post atop the Florida State University Stadium at Gainesville, when the objects were sighted to the South. The first UFO was heading on a West-North-West heading while the second went straight up. The first UFO was the first identified by the hard working team, but the keen eyed observers. The speed of the first object was estimated to be slow while the second went rather fast. According to Samuels, we later discovered that the passages on the first UFO were clogged.

As the day closed down positive identification was made, UFO was described as a large black suitcase filled with sinuses on its way to Arizona, while the second was the top of a Miami Colonel when he found Florida Wing in second place in I.O. points.

## THE BEST

Miami... The veteran's Day Parade served a dual purpose for cadets of Group 22 of Sector A. It gave them an opportunity to pay homage to our war dead and a way to display their skill as a marching unit. The many months of training paid off when they were declared the best in the Military Units Division. The standings are:

Civil Air Patrol	77.5
Coast Guard	71.0
Miami Military Academy	70.5
Sea Cadets	50.0
University of Miami ROTC	42.0

The parade, biggest ever, had over fifty units with more than 3000 participating. It took one and a half hours to pass the reviewing stand. Two major television stations carried the parade.

## Cookies for Vietnam

Jacksonville... The cadettes of the Oceanway Squadron of Sector C made colorful Christmas cookies and also added to each container a Christmas card for our boys in Viet Nam.

They were sent to USO clubs in Saigon, Bien Hoa, Cholon and Da Nang to make some lonely servicemen happy who would otherwise not be getting a package from home.

This the girls thought of as their Christmas project seeing what Christmas really stands for.

TV viewing public is estimated, at half million.

It was the first public appearance of the North Dade Girl Squadron's Drum File. They performed in a professional manner.



Receiving the reward for their Veteran's Day effort, cadets watch as the trophy is presented. Front row: Maj. Leech, Group 22 Commander, receiving the first place trophy from Parade Marshall Capt. H. Tobias.

Back row: C/Maj. Richards, C/Commander Central Miami Cadet Sq., C/1Lt. Tierny, Miami All Girl Sq., C/1Lt. Jones, North Dade Cadet Sq., C/Maj. Ruzycki, C/Commander North Dade Girl Sq., C/1Lt. Freeman Ben Franklin Cadet Sq.

Participating but not shown in photo, Carol City Sq., Miami Springs Sq., and J. F. Kennedy Cadet Sq.



Left to right: Group 5 Information Officer Joseph M. Leveillee, Mayor Paul Potter, Town of Palm Beach Shores Mayor William Brant, Town of Lake Park, CWO Milton Goldkin. Seated: Mayor Tom Lewis, Town of North Palm Beach.



Chairman of Lake Loyal of the Palm Beach County Commission and Group 5 Information Officer Joseph M. Leveillee reading "Civil Air Patrol Week" proclamation.

## THANK YOU Palm Beaches

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The commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the mayors of West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Lake Park, Palm Beach Shores, North Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens joined together in proclaiming the week of December 1st as "Civil Air Patrol Week", and asked all residents of the county and of these communities to honor the men, women and cadets of the CAP.

In an outstanding display of knowledge about the CAP Chairman Lake Kytal of the Palm Beach County Commission related on television the tremendous amount of help and assistance the CAP has in the past and is now rendering to the youth of this area and of the county with the cadet program and also with the search and rescue program. He also recalled that the CAP has been in the Palm Beaches ever since the founding of this organization in 1941.

We of Group 5, Sector A, are very fortunate to have the recognition and the support of these public officials. The CAP quarters at Palm Beach International Airport and those at Lantana are furnished by the Palm Beach County Commission, and those at Lake Park are made available by the City Officials of that town.

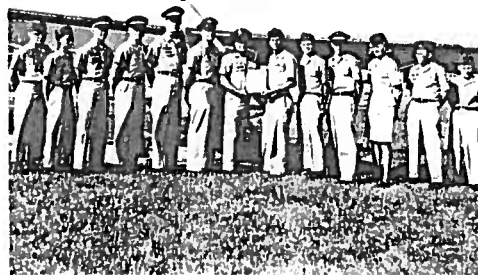
We wish to take this opportunity to publicly express our sincere gratitude to these officials for their support and assure them that the CAP will always be ready to render assistance whenever it is needed.

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Jacksonville... Captain Karl M. Nordall (left), Commander of the Jacksonville Search and Rescue Squadron of Sector C, is shown presenting a CAP Certificate of Merit issued by National Headquarters at Ellington AFB to James F. Bailey, Editor of The Financial News and Daily Record, a daily financial and business newspaper published in Jacksonville, in recognition of the cooperation

given the CAP information program by the daily paper. The news paper inaugurated a special "CAP NEWS" column several months ago in which it publishes local news items of CAP activities under a special column heading bearing the CAP insignia. The presentation was made at a special ceremony held at Inverness Airport in Jacksonville, where the Jax S & R Squadron conducts its meetings.



Titusville... Titusville Composite Squadron members of Sector B display the CAP Week Proclamation signed by Titusville Mayor Wendell Sease on the propeller of the Aeronca Chief in the background. From left to right: CT/Sgt. Tim Feeney; Cadet Robert Duncan; C2/Lt. Pete McLean; C2/Lt. Rick Davis; C1/Lt. John

Duncan, Cadet Commander; 2/Lt. Robert N. Wallace, I.O.; Capt. George W. Fisel, Squadron Commander; 2/Lt. Robert B. Duncan, Deputy for Cadets; CT/Sgt. Mike Hammon; C2/Lt. Kent Blankenship; Cadet Janette Larson; C/2C Don McLean; and CT/Sgt. Larry Feeney.

## THE END

Titusville... The cadet members of the Titusville Composite Squadron of Sector B hosted a dance to culminate the activities of the 24th Anniversary Week. The Cadets decorated the building in a "Night Club" atmosphere, complete with a "bar" and "bartenders", who served the punch and refreshments.

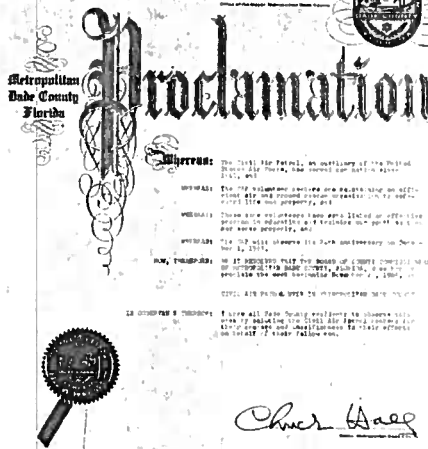
The dance, which started at 2000 hours and ended at 2400 hours, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Palm Beach... Forest Hill Cadet of Sector A has started a CAP Marching Band.

The Commander has visited different squadrons recruiting band members.

Mr. Wagner, who teaches and conducts bands at various schools in Palm Beach, has offered his services to train these cadets.

Palm Beach... The Palm Beach Girl Cadet Squadron of Sector A recently celebrated their anniversary by a Halloween Party on the 29th of October.



Miami... CAP high command watched the signing of a Proclamation. Concerning President Johnson's and Governor Haydon Burns action, Mayor Chuck Hall signed the Proclamation designating the week of 1 December as

Wildwood... Lt. N. L. Boggs, Commander and Mary Mazza, Information Officer of the Wildwood Cadet Squadron made an appearance on the "Bill Herson Show" Channel 9 TV December 30.

Civil Air Patrol Week. A former Air Force Officer, the Mayor had kind words for the work of CAP. As Mayor of Dade County, Sector A, Chuck Hall represents a municipal government of over a million people.

Cutler Ridge... C/WO John Heldebrand of the Cutler Ridge Cadet Squadron was transferred to Viet Nam. His presence at the meetings will be missed by all.

## Proclamation



Left to right-Sector A Commander Lt. Col. Norman Fisher, Mayor Hall, C/Col. Ken Kelly, Spatz award holder and C/Maj. Mary Ruzycski, Gen. Agce Scholarship winner.

Lake Worth... A plane crash in Lake Worth on December 13 brought the Lantana-Lake Worth Composite Squadron to the scene.

The single-engine aircraft, carrying the pilot and two young passengers, landed on a highway but struck a light pole with the right wing tip. The remaining pieces of the plane ended up in a vacant lot where it caught fire shortly after stopping. All three persons escaped death.