



# Happy New Year



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# HAPPY 26<sup>th</sup>

In celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol, units from all over the Florida Wing approached their local Mayors and Air Force Base Commanders to proclaim the first week of December as "CAP Week".



Presenting the Proclamation to CAP members, is the Mayor of Valparaiso, the Honorable John B. Arnold. (1 to r) 1Lt. Ellis A. Thompson, Commander Eglin Cadet Squadron; Cadets John Conrad and Diane Rouse, Mayor John B. Arnold and 1Lt. Oscar J. Mouton, Jr., Commander Eglin Senior Squadron.



In Jacksonville, the Proclamation was signed by the Honorable Hans G. Tanzler, Mayor of Jacksonville, (1 to r) Major Joseph A. St. Ana, Sector "C" Legal Officer; 1Lt. Mary J. Phillips, Sector "C" Information Officer; C/1Lt. Allen Leach, Paxon Cadet Squadron; C/3c Dianne Grey, West Jacksonville Cadet Squadron; C/TSgt. R.V. Lancaster, Paxon Cadet Squadron and C/B Sharon King, Paxon Cadet Squadron.



Colonel Thornton C. Peck, USAF, Base Commander, proclaims CAP Week at Eglin Air Force Base, (1 to r) 1Lt. Ellis Thompson, Commander, Eglin Cadet Squadron; Colonel Thornton C. Peck and 1Lt. Oscar J. Mouton, Jr., Commander, Eglin Senior Squadron.



Above a search aircraft is taking off to search for the missing aircraft being piloted by Mr. William Ours.



The communications van assigned to Gateway Senior Squadron was the mission control radio station during Saturday's search activities. During the whole mission the net control station was manned by Major Betty Scheufler from Group 24.

## EARC 79 MISSION

Members of the Florida Wing continued to work for an extended period after the busy week-end of the Annual Wing Meeting with the activation of EARC79 search mission.

Searchers and cadets both from all over Florida Wing concentrated their efforts in locating the missing aircraft that left Tallahassee, at 7:40 PM, Sunday, November 26, 1967.

The Mooney 21, single-engine aircraft was piloted by Mr. William Ours, 19 years old, FAA rated Private Pilot from Melbourne. Passengers aboard the aircraft were his step-father James Welch, his mother Pauline Welch and his sister Polly Lou Ours.

Mr. Ours had limited VFR clearance from Tallahassee Airport and was advised that it was hazardous to fly under these conditions. He took-off, cleared the run-way and advised the airport tower he was clear. This was the last that was from Ours.

Sunday night Eastern Air Rescue activated the mission and Florida Wing's Task Force Four Commander, Lt. Col. Raymond B. Mabry, of Apalachicola, was appointed mission coordinator.

Lt. Col. Joseph M. Heape, Task Force Three Commander from Jacksonville; Captain Leroy Barnett, Task Force Two Commander from New Smyrna Beach, were appointed sub-mission coordinators.

Monday through Friday units searched in their respective Task Force areas. Saturday morning all aircraft, personnel and mobile units converged on the airport at Perry, the Central Mission Headquarters for the Mission. Lt. Col. Joseph M. Heape, was appointed Mission Coordinator.

Extensive efforts were made to concentrate on the area from Tallahassee to Perry. Aircraft and mobile units were all dispatched to penetrate this swampy area.

After intensive search there was the "find". The missing aircraft was found by Captain George F. Thornberry of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron. It was located approximately seven miles from the Tallahassee Airport.

The CAP ground teams along with the Florida Highway Patrol and FAA Officials were dispatched to the area while the search aircraft remained airborne until the ground teams were in. Finding that there were no survivors the Highway Patrol made all the arrangements to have the bodies transferred from the site.

The successful CAP-SAR teams over the state utilized 145 aircraft, 490 personnel, 58 fixed radio stations, 32 mobile radio units, 3 airborne radio units and 19 vehicles to complete 212 sorties and 453 hours.

The end result further increased the efficiency of the Florida Wing Emergency Services Program.



## TRAINING CYCLES RETURN

Florida Wing will return to the thirteen week training cycle on 1 January 1968. Colonel S. H. duPont, Wing Commander, has announced.

Each unit having cadets will be mailed cyclic questionnaires that are to be returned to Wing Headquarters advising what Phase II Achievement will be taught during the cycle.

Col. duPont advised that there would be four - 13 week achievement cycles per year, the sixth week of the cycle being the date to order the achievement exams from National Headquarters. Each ninth week of the cycle, the exams will be administered. Parents night will be held on the 12th week.

He further advised that units could not double-up on achievements nor may a unit administer any make-up exams during the first cycle.

According to Col. duPont, it will take a cadet two years to complete the requirements for the receipt of the Billy Mitchell Award.

The North Dade Cadet Squadron of Group 18 has received permission from Charles M. Schulz, creator of the nationally famous comic strip "Peanuts" to use his little dog character "Snoopy" for their newly designed squadron patch.

Snoopy, donned with his familiar helmet and goggles, takes a break from his routine search for the Red Baron to join CAP.

After getting the A-OK from Mr. Schulz personally, the patch was designed by members of the North Dade Cadet Squadron. They have added to Snoopy's attire a pair of binoculars and first aid kit to symbolize Air Search and Rescue. The colors are red, blue, yellow, green, white and black.

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## Let's Think About...

This is the beginning of a new year for the new "Can Do" Florida Wing. We are entering the new year of the aerospace age with new personnel, ideas, units and goals.

As a first step in this new start, let's pause to examine the purposes and objectives of our organization. Most of us are completely aware of our two principle purposes; air search and rescue and the aerospace education of our youth. But behind this, we are to accomplish these two purposes through the use of volunteer talent exclusively.

Our purpose, then, is to organize this volunteer talent to accomplish our goals. Our military organization is the most effective means to this end, as long as we don't forget the fact that we are still volunteers.

CAP as a whole is extremely effective. We accomplish a great deal. We can do this only through cooperation; back to the old idea of each one doing his small part. It seems that the group's accomplishment is much greater than what each individual puts into it. An organization, with cooperation, usually does that.

What we end up with is that each one does enough to get by, and as a whole we don't look too bad.

Ever stop to think how great we could be if each of us really tried to do an outstanding job? If each unit with a radio checked into the net each morning...? (We not only would all know what was going on all over, we would become a closer part of it). If each unit f.o. told his unit and community about both wing and local CAP events...? (Each member, again, would feel a part of an organization, the community would know what we do and why, and incidentally, we would surpass our membership goals, not to mention First Place in I.O. Evaluation). If each of the 34 corporate aircraft in the wing was used its required ten hours a month...? (Not only would we have some very well trained pilots and observers to help us accomplish our search and rescue goals, we might even attract more pilots).

The list can go on. But as great as it sounds, it doesn't really take much. To start with, if each of us were to try just a little bit harder, the results would be amazing. (Cooperation between us will multiply, too, and make the "Can Do" wing.

We need one other thing... our individual efforts will multiply to greater achievement only if we are going in the same general direction. That, believe it or not, is the reason for our military type organization... to keep us going together. All our efforts will be wasted without cooperation.

In a strictly military organization, a command is to be obeyed. If you know it won't work, do it anyway. When it doesn't work, assuming you have done your best, it is your commander's fault. Of course you should explain to your commander why it won't work, but, the responsibility is his.

The only difference in CAP is that you can say "No, I don't feel like it." You have that option... It's a volunteer organization. But, you are a part of the Civil Air Patrol to help accomplish its goals, not to do what you feel like.

That doesn't say MUST! We know and your commander knows, that CAP does not come first in your life. You do... your job, your family. But, where you can, when you can, do the most you can.

CAP has rewards, sure. We have rank, which really only means added duties and responsibilities, and a few ribbons and awards. That isn't the reason we are here.

We are members of CAP to combine our talents, knowledge, experience and resources to accomplish our goals... so let's be great in '68.

# THE ANNUAL WING MEETING



Colonel S.H. duPont, Jr., Commander Florida Wing addresses the General Assembly of all members attending the Wing Annual Meeting.

The Annual Wing Meeting for Florida Wing was held at Orlando, November 24, 25, and 26, in the Robert Meyer Hotel.

Introducing the new Florida Wing Policies Manual was the main feature for the meeting. Col. S.H. duPont, Wing Commander, explained the purposes and concept of the manual, then each section was explained by the respective Deputy Chief of Staff.

Lt. Col. William R. Bass, Deputy Wing Commander, described the new procedures of the Cadet Program. This section according to Col. Bass, is so designed that there should be no problem in understanding and administering the Cadet Program on a squadron level.

The Administrative and Personnel section for seniors was reviewed by Lt. Col. Henri Casenove, DCS/Administration; Lt. Col. Ray Kramer, Director of Statistical Data Information and Major Betty Paxton Director of Senior Personnel. Areas covered included, the processing of membership's, promotions, transfers and the Wing IBM Personnel Records and other administrative procedures.

Major William G. Kobos, DCS/Information, introduced many of the new I.O. programs for Wing, from the Evaluation directed by Lt. Col. Robert D. Moore, to the News Release Center directed by Captain William R. Breeze. Displaying of the new Florida Wing publications, the new 'Gator CAPers, Wing Bulletin, Wing Commander's Bulletin, I.O. Newsletter, News Releases and Special Projects were highlights of the I.O. meeting.

Policies and procedures for communicators in Florida Wing, were reviewed by Lt. Col. James Paxton, DCS/Communications. Among items introduced was the new frequencies that will soon be extended to CAP.

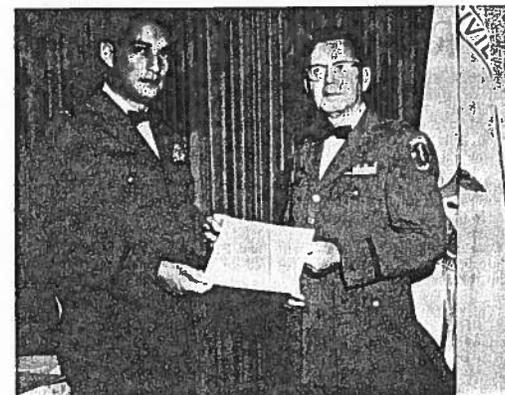
Operations, aircraft, Emergency Services and the Task Force concept were covered by Lt. Col. E.K. Johnson, DCS/Operations; Lt. Col. Sumner H. Cohen, DCS/Emergency Services and Major F.O. Rand, Wing Operations Officer. Information concerning procedures of



Lt. Colonel Robert H. Pinney, USAF, USAF-CAP Florida Wing Liaison Officer addresses the general meeting, advising of what the Liaison Office is doing and will do for the units in the wing. Colonel S.H. duPont, Jr., Commander Florida Wing smiles along with the other members at the humorous comment made by Colonel Pinney.



Explaining the Cadet Program in Florida Wing was Lt. Colonel William R. Bass, Deputy Commander Florida Wing.



Colonel S.H. duPont, Jr., Commander Florida Wing, (left) presents the CAP Meritorious Service Award to Major William T. Bristow, Sector "C" Deputy for Cadets (right). Major Bristow was presented the award for his outstanding service to Florida Wing as a Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Sector Deputy for Cadets and Summer Encampment Commander.



Cadet 2Lt. Theresa Fradette (right) is presented the CAP Meritorious Service Award by Colonel S.H. duPont, Jr., Commander Florida Wing. Cadet Fradette was presented this award for her outstanding contribution to Civil Air Patrol by maintaining the organization of her unit without senior assistance.

search, purchase of aircraft, utilization of present aircraft as well as aviation safety was given.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Saber, Wing Medical Officer, "Medic's Program in CAP", was introduced and it has been advised that pending National approval the program will become a national program.

The Chaplain's meeting that was held on Friday, was coordinated by Chaplain Driscoll, with the guest speaker being Lt. Col. George M. Hickey, USAF, National CAP Chaplain. The importance of the CAP Chaplain's Program was explained and it was further stressed that the CAP Cadet Program cannot be effectively administered without a Chaplain in the unit.

During the time the section meetings were being held, the Cadet Advisory Council held their annual meeting, which was conducted by Cadet Colonel George D. Nead, Wing Council Chairman. Among items discussed were the new Cadet Special Activities Programs, the responsibilities of the Cadet Council and its members.

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# SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SELECTION & AWARDS BALL



"Does the 'V' stand for Victory or Victor?" was the question asked when Colonel S.H. duPont, Commander Florida Wing, introduced Mr. John V. Sorenson, Assistant Director of Aerospace Education for National Headquarters—CAP. The Florida Wing Photo Officer will never be the same after "Smiling Jack" had his picture taken. Members who attended the Annual Awards Banquet will never be the same either after the speech given by Mr. Sorenson. He had them laughing, in tears, then to serious thoughts. It was expressed by many "Smiling Jack", should visit Florida Wing more often.



Cadet Colonel George Meade, Chairman Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council, addresses the members attending the Annual Cadet Advisory Council meeting.



At this year's Florida Wing Annual Meeting, held in Orlando, members of the National Honor Cadre, Florida Wing's General Carl A. Spaatz Award recipients, gathered to discuss the Cadet Program in Florida Wing. (l to r) Cadet Colonels Fred Martin, Kevin Frye, George Meade, Fred Winter and David Greeson. The two other Spaatz Award recipients not present are Cadet Colonels Mark Haffey and Kenneth Kelly.



Florida Wing Certificates of Merit were presented to the above during the Annual Awards Banquet. (l to r) 1Lt. Matteo Dlcandis, Norland Casquadron, First Place Squadron in Florida Wing; C/MSgt. William Adams for outstanding assistance during a Cadet Bivouac; 1Lt. Robert Cummings, assistance in coordinating the Class "B" Encampment for Sector "A"; 1Lt. David Borell, Second Place Squadron; 2Lt. Mattie Ware, assistance in the Class "B" Encampment; Lt. Col. Sumner H. Cohen, outstanding service to Florida Wing in the Emergency Services Program; Lt. Col. Dorothy Puffpaff, outstanding assistance to Florida Wing Cadet Program; and Major William Clark, assistance in coordinating the Class "B" Encampment for Sector "B".

## ANNUAL WING MEETING

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the Cadet Command Staff School Summer Encampment Program.

It was expressed by Col. duPont that the meeting was a success and that many of the problems and

questions were answered.

With all persons who attended well informed, they will now return to their units to operate and have a more effective CAP Program in the Florida Wing.

Florida Wing cadets converged on the Robert Meyer Hotel in Orlando on November 24 for the Annual Wing Cadet Special Activities Selection.

Upon arriving at the Hotel, each cadet registered in the Cadet Office where Lt. Col. William R. Bass and Capt. Bass processed each cadet. After being assigned rooms and reporting numbers, the cadets began the actual evaluation process.

This year had a record turnout for cadets competing for the CAP Cadet Special Activities. There were a total of 108 cadets being administered the 200 question written examination and the 100 point personal board evaluation.

The 200 question exam covered the aerospace education, leadership, CAP knowledge, current events and moral leadership programs that are taught the CAP Cadets. Major William T. Bristow and 1Lt. Dorothy Loyd were the senior officers in charge of administering the examination.

Cadets appearing before the five man Board were evaluated on military bearing, knowledge of CAP, current events, leadership and response to a controversial question. The members of the Board included Major William G. Kobos, Major Richard Leali, W/O Stephen Lappin, W/O Thomas Trammell and W/O Toni Bucolo.

Compiling and computing the cadet evaluation results for this year's activities were Lt. Col. Dorothy Puffpaff, Major Clark and 1Lt. Dorothy Loyd.

The top ten cadets selected in the Florida Wing to participate in the Cadet Special Activities for 1968 were: George D. Mead, Mark F. Loos, Janice L. Maxon, Robert B. Bachler, David Greeson, John R. Wise, John C. Kallnowski, Lily T. Howard, Glen R. Morris and Michael Murphy.

There are approximately 50 cadets who will be selected to participate in the Special Activities program. These cadets will be selected from the following who participated in the evaluation program:

Geraldine A. Biggs, John W. Blair, Jane P. Bowman, Dennis E. Bright, Michael W. Bristow, Montgomery M. Broward, Brian R. Brown, John Bryant, Gary E. Buker, A. Wayne Bulman, Donna L. Burriss, Robert Chappell, James H. Crutchfield, Richard L. Davis, James Decker, Lee B. Dehmilow, Mark F. DeLeon, Kathleen A. Doochack, Robert S. Duncan, Chris Dudewicz, R. J. Dyches, Sue C. Eakon, Linda J. Eddy, Robert B. Eldridge, Jr., Jose A. Fernandez, Joyce A. Fletcher, Charles H. Forbes, Theresa M. Fradette, George Frye, Kevin M. Frye, Kent L. Fuller, Jerry L. Gibson, Edward G. Girard, Patricia Greeson, Keith E. Hadden, Melissa E. Hardman, Barbara Halsan, Blair A. Hearth, Micheleue Hearth, Lynette Hieslet, Carin C. Hembree, James O. Holmes, Karen F. Houghton, James E. Hughes, Edward P. Janke, Alvis W. Jordan, Fred Y. Kafka, James R. Kendall, Janice L. King, Kathleen M. Karp, David E. Krack, Linda J. Koehler, Frank M. Kyle, Rodney V. Lancaster, Charles W. Langford, Marlene P. Larkin, Stephen C. Lawson, Jeff L. Lever, Michael A. Levitt, James C. Lewis, Patricia Loose, Alicia J. McFadden, Robert F. McGee, Jr., Charleen M. McMullen, Joseph E. Paquin, Jr., Carmen R. Pedrogo, John J. Petruff, Patricia A. Petruff, Joseph D. Ponce, Michael W. Rauls, Marc I. Rebhun, Barbara J. Reschke, Joyce L. Reschke, Linda C. Richards, Dan C. Rindour, Beverly L. Roper, Maryann J. Rothera, Dianne R. Rouse, Roberta L. Sears, Martha C. Sheetz, Cynthia T. Smith, Derek P. Smith, Kathleen L. Sochor, Thomas A. Stokes, Frederick R. Swearingen, Chester W. Tison, Bemita L. Tracy, Albert R. Trammell, Wayne A. Tyler, Charles W. VanOstrand, Tom P. Vilbas, James T. Walker, Alan P. Wick, Frederick Winter, Richard C. Wohlfarth, Angella K. Wooten and Patricia A. Zeller.

The cadets will be advised direct by mail from the Florida



"The Butchers", "The Cruellest", "The Toughest" were just a few of the names that the Florida Wing Selection Board for Cadet Special Activities were called after the cadets appeared before for personal evaluation. It was advised that all members of the Board were former cadets who participated in the Cadet Special Activities Program. A total of forty-two years experience in CAP, along with twenty-four Summer Encampments, two Certificates of Proficiency, and three Billy Mitchell Awards. The Board spent a total of 87 man hours from Friday morning to Saturday morning evaluating cadets. (l to r) W/O Steve Lappin, Major Richard Leali, Major William G. Kobos, Chairman; W/O Toni Bucolo and W/O Thomas B. Trammell



Above are the top ten cadets of the Florida Wing selected to participate in the 1968 CAP Cadet Special Activities. (back row l to r) C/1Lt Janice L. Maxon, C/1Lt Robert B. Bachler, C/Col George D. Mead, C/Capt Michael A. Murphy, C/1Lt Glen R. Morris. (front row l to r) C/2Lt Lily T. Howard, C/Major John R. Wise, C/Col. David Greeson, C/Capt Mark F. Loos and C/Capt John C. Kallnowski.



Pictured are twenty-five of the outstanding cadets selected to participate in the 1968 Cadet Special Activities Program. These cadets rank within the top forty of the 109 cadets who participated in the Annual Cadet Evaluation Program.

Wing Cadet Office as to what activity they have been selected for.

Cadets selected from Florida Wing will participate in the following Cadet Special Activities:  
INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE

A one month program to foster international understanding, goodwill and fellowship. The Exchange will be with 14 European and Near East countries as well as Canada and Great Britain. This activity will be for male and female cadets 17-19 years old.

POWER PILOT FLYING ENCAMPMENT

Approximately a four week course designed so that cadets who have completed their written FAA Private Pilot exam may obtain their Private Pilot License. This activity is for male and female cadets 16 years old.

GLIDER PILOT FLYING ENCAMPMENT

Approximately a three week

course designed so that cadets who have completed their written FAA Private Glider Pilot exam may obtain their Private Glider Pilot License. This activity is for male and female cadets 16 years old.

SPACE AGE ORIENTATION COURSE

A one week program planned and conducted by the Chanule Technical Training Center at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. The course is designed to further the aerospace education of the cadets and to motivate them toward careers in aerospace and allied sciences. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates, and must have successfully completed one year of high school chemistry or physics.

JET ORIENTATION COURSE

A one week program planned and conducted by the Air Defense

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# Local Recognition



The First Alliance Church of Winter Haven has been awarded a certificate of appreciation by the local CAP unit.

The certificate was signed by Col. Joe L. Mason, national commander, and was given to Rev. Arthur Lloyd Powell, pastor of the church, "in grateful recognition

of his service to the youth of the nation" through Rev. Powell's work as chaplain of the Winter Haven Composite Squadron.

Lt. Col. C. O. Bruce, squadron commander, presents the certificate to Rev. Powell, as Lt. Col. R. G. Koehler, commander of Group 13, looks on.

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Command, Perrin AFB, Texas. The course is to provide orientation in the basic elements of jet aviation and to stimulate interest in the USAF as a career. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

### FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY ORIENTATION COURSE

A one week program planned and conducted by the FAA Academy at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The course is designed to acquaint the cadets with the history and organization of the FAA and to develop an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of its various units. It also provides information on career opportunities in the FAA and entrance requirements. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

### NATIONAL CADET SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

A two week encampment to be held at Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada. The proposed encampment would be a CAP Cadet Academy to have Air Force Academy Cadets serve as tactical, training and flight officers. The training program is scheduled to provide leadership and aerospace education as well as a two day survival course.

### AEROSPACE AGE ORIENTATION COURSE

A one week course planned and conducted by the Air University, at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and is supervised by WAF personnel. The course is designed to provide information on career opportunities for women in the USAF and in aviation. This activity is for female cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

## Group 10 Military Ball

Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members of squadrons in Group 10 held their first formal Military Ball on Saturday night, October 28th, at the Homestead Air Force Base Officers' Club, and saluted outstanding members of both age groups.

Cadet 1st Lt. John Bryant of the Cutler Ridge Squadron was named Cadet of the Year. Bryant's outstanding record includes twice

winning the Cadet of the Month trophy.

Cadet Lt. Col. Robert Anton presented a trophy to Cadet Major Larry Vesco of Glades Squadron for his work as the outstanding group council member.

CWO Rudy Bawel of the Homestead Squadron was named Senior Member of the Year.

For Senior Member Richard McCann and Cadet Lt. Col. Anton it was a doubly memorable occasion—in a special ceremony, McCann was promoted to Warrant Officer and Anton's Cadet Major insignia were replaced with new Lt. Colonel's insignia.

WO George Zedonek of the Cutler Ridge Cadet Squadron received a unit training award for having satisfactorily completed more phases of CAP training than any other member.

News-caster Ken Taylor served as master of ceremonies, and Dade Mayor Chuck Hall was guest speaker and presented the awards.

G. F. Powell, commander of Cutler Ridge Memorial Post of the American Legion, presented to the Cutler Ridge Squadron a flag which Congressman Dante Fascell had arranged to have flown over the nation's capitol.

Rounding out the awards presentation, CAP certificates of Appreciation went to Col. John Linebaugh, Homestead Air Force Base Commander; Col. Wiltz Segura, Commander of the 4531st Tactical Fighter Wing; to the men of the 4531st who assisted CAP at a campout on the base; to the Cutler Ridge Memorial Legion Post, and to The News Leader.

More than 210 guests were welcomed to the ball by Capt. Robert H. Taylor, Commander of Group 10, which covers the South Dade County area.

### SPRITUAL LIFE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This one week course gives its participants a detailed conception of moral leadership. It is designed to further inform the cadets of the responsibilities of a chaplain and a career as a chaplain.

### SOUTHEAST REGION GIRLS EXCHANGE

A twelve day program to foster national understanding, goodwill and fellowship, and to afford an opportunity to learn more of the cultural and historical background of the United States.

### SOUTHEAST REGION ORIENTATION COURSE

A one week program to foster national understanding, goodwill and fellowship, and to afford an opportunity to learn more of our national military installations and their purposes.

### EASTERN AIRLINES STEWARDESS SCHOOL

A one week course planned and conducted by the Eastern Airlines In-Flight Training Section. The school is designed to orient the cadettes of what a future as an airline hostess entails and its advantages.

## Greeson Receives Spaatz



Florida Wing's latest General Carl A. Spaatz Award, was presented to Cadet Colonel David C. Greeson, at the Florida Wing's Annual Awards Ball held at Orlando. (l to r) Cadet Colonel David C. Greeson, Major General Albert Heegenberg, USAF retired, Mr. John V. Sorenson, Assistant Director of Aerospace Education, National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol and Lt. Colonel William R. Bass, Deputy Commander Florida Wing.

Major General Albert Heegenberg, USAF retired, recipient of the third Air Force Flying Cross and former Aircraft Instrument Specialist at the Pentagon presented

Florida Wing's seventh General Carl A. Spaatz Award to Cadet Colonel David C. Greeson at the recent Wing Meeting.

Cadet Greeson, age 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greeson. He joined the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program as a member of the Melbourne Cadet Squadron, in October of 1963. Since then he has advanced himself through the CAP Cadet Program to be awarded the second highest training award a cadet can receive.

During his cadet career he has attended one summer encampment and one Cadet Command Staff School. In 1966 he participated in the Alternate IACE and in 1967 he represented CAP and Florida Wing in the International Air Cadet Exchange as he visited Chile.

Serving in positions from Cadet Flight Commander to Cadet Commander, Cadet Greeson is now among the select cadets who are members of the National CAP Cadet Honor Cadre.

In 1966 he graduated from Melbourne High School and is presently attending Florida Institute of Technology, where he is majoring in physics.

Cadet Greeson, upon completion of college, plans to become as Air Force Pilot.

## Group 13 Commander

Lt. Col. Raymond G. Kohler of Lakeland was recently appointed Commander of Group 13, which has its headquarters at the Bartow Air Base.

He succeeds Lt. Col. H. Leo Van Drimmelen of Winter Haven, who has been the group's commander since 1965.

Col. Kohler, a Navy veteran and a member of the U.S. Army Reserve in Lakeland, has been a member of CAP for ten years, starting as an enlisted man and advanced through the ranks. He has held many squadron positions and has twice been executive Officer of Group 13, as well as its training officer, administrative officer and inspector.

## Haven C.O.

Lt. Col. Clyde O. Bruce has assumed command of the Winter Haven Composite Squadron, relieving Major Jesse Mehrlust.

Col. Bruce is returning to area CAP work after an absence of about one year. He had lived in the Southern California area for the past year, working in missionary projects in Mexico.

The new commander was active in CAP work in Winter Haven for some ten years before going to California. He has been a pilot since 1952 and is a Navy veteran. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean areas and holds the Gold Life Saver's Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and five battle stars.

He is with the Pentecostal Church of God, presently assigned to the South Florida District and lives with his family in Auburndale.

## North Dade Moves

The North Dade Cadet Squadron moved into their new headquarters at Opa-Locka Airport. The new facilities, donated by Mr. DeMato of the Danair Corporation, are located in building 411, and boasts three class rooms, a large assembly hall—big enough to hold formation during inclement weather, and areas for the squadron commander and his staff.

At the last's parents night there were 52 parents present, which gave the cadets the opportunity to show off their new facilities. The evening was highlighted by a tour of the quarters and cold refreshments at the closing.

We are publishing the poem "The Bridge Builder", in answer to many members requesting a copy who heard it read by Mr. John Sorenson, at the Annual Awards Banquet.

### The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim --  
That sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned, when he reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting strength in building here.  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

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## C/Council

A proposal for a Regional Cadet Advisory Council was introduced to the twenty-three Spaatz Award holders attending the National Board meeting held this month in Las Vegas.

The proposal, taken in part from the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council S.O.P., outlines the establishment of the council at Regional and Wing levels. While based on the Florida plan, the proposed regulation varies from the S.O.P. that has been in use in Florida Wing since 1959.

The purpose of the Cadet Advisory Council on a Regional level as stated in the regulation is to provide "organization whereby cadets may (1) Gain experience at a higher organizational level (2) Aid Deputies for Cadets at Region and Wing levels in monitoring the progress of the Cadet Program and (3) Provide assistance to both the Cadet Staff and Senior Staff, when needed."

The requirements for the Wing Advisory Council Chairman would be the same as is established in the Florida Wing.