



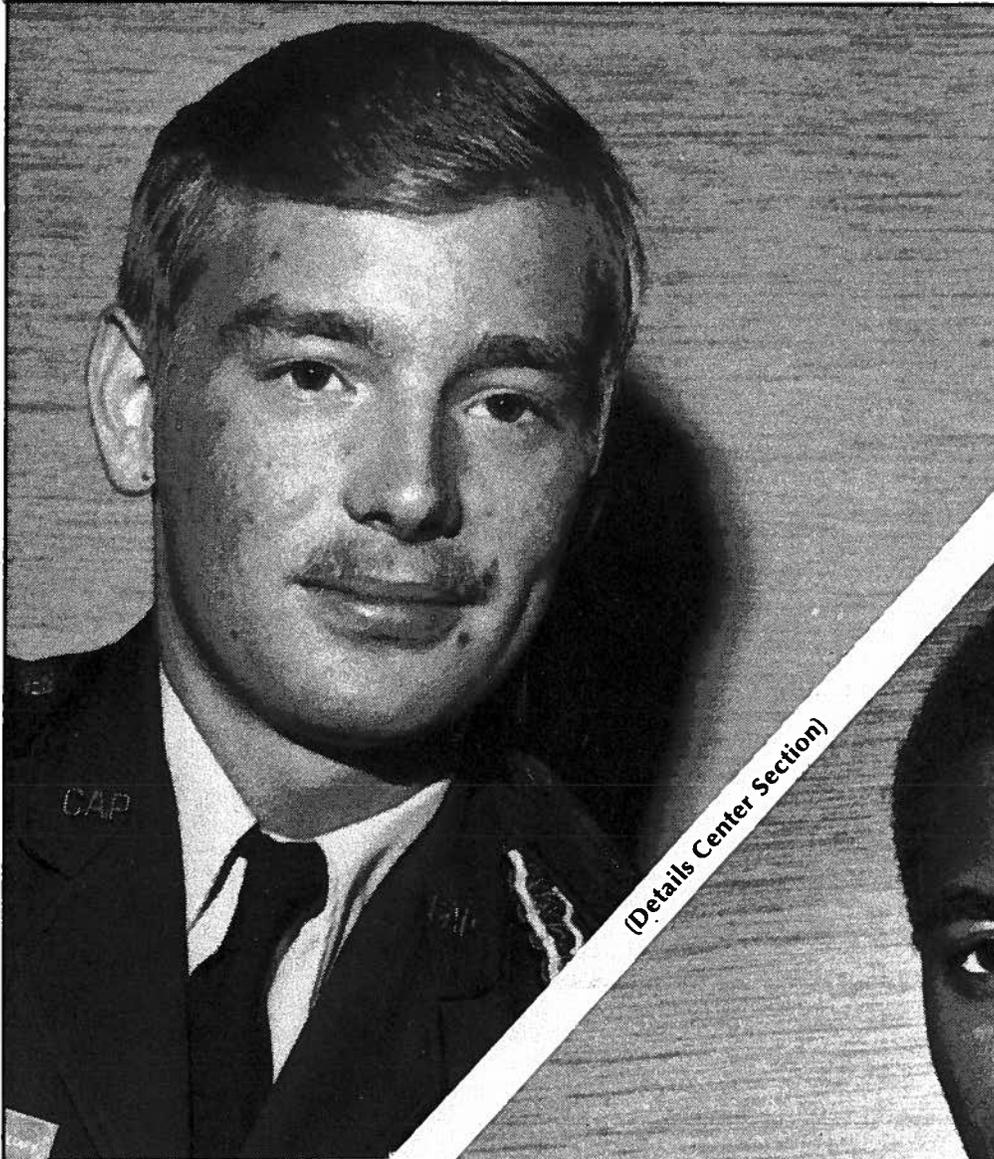
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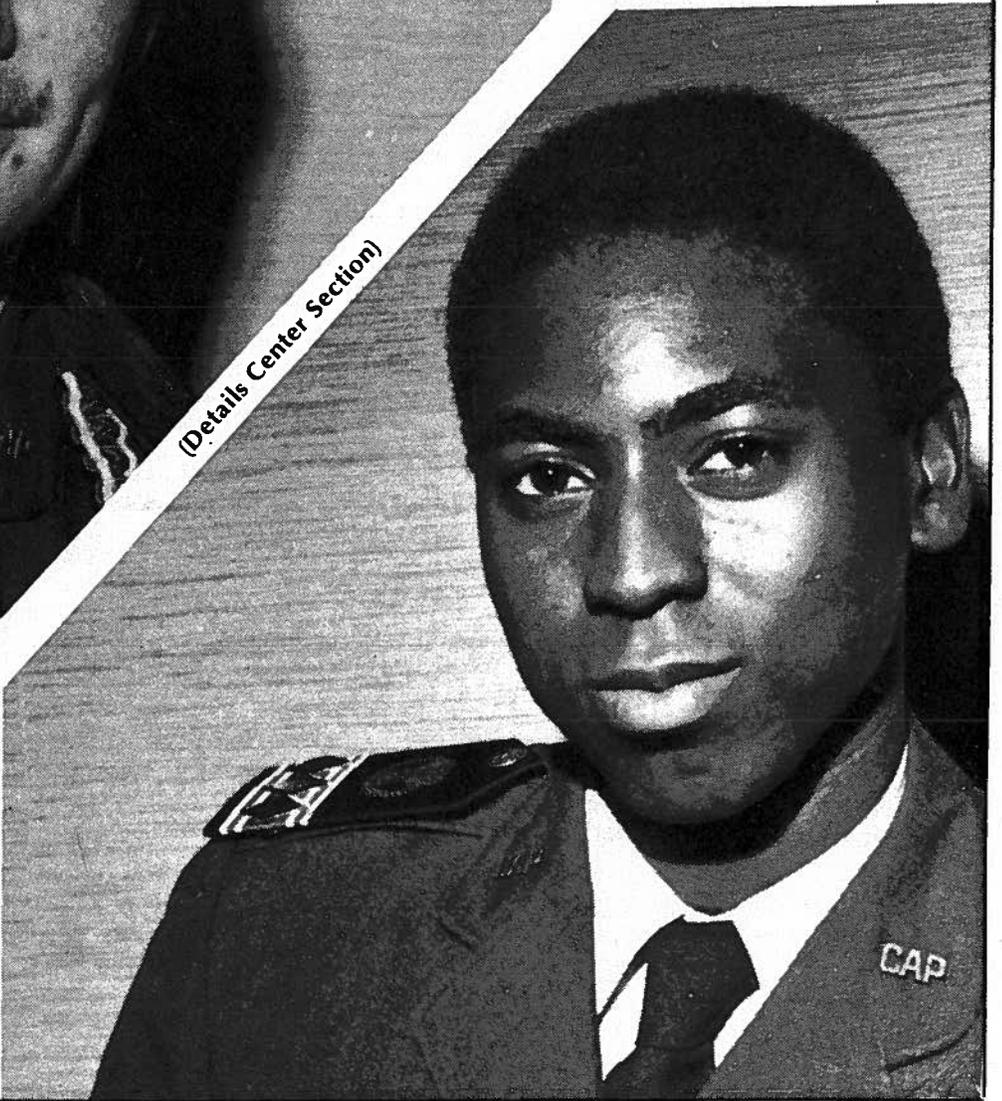
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SPAATZ AWARD



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COMMAND COMMENT



Col. Howard Cumler

Let me take this opportunity to wish one and all, a very healthy and happy New Year.

At the Commanders' call held in Jacksonville, our theme for the new year came to light . . . "MORE IN '84" and that is what we must do.

1983 was a productive year, our plans and programs, our activities fell into place like a well-oiled machine. Everyone throughout the Wing has done an outstanding job. BUT . . . that is now a thing of the past and we cannot live in the past.

Florida Wing is looking forward to 1984. Plans are already underway for new activities, equipment acquisitions, and training to make our mission accomplishment effort more effective.

- Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members seminars are being planned for various locations throughout the Wing.
- The new Senior Programs "Corporate Learning Course", required for completion of Level III, will be presented in at least three locations in the Wing.
- The Corporate airfleet is scheduled for one new 172 and replacement/upgrade of two 150's to four-place aircraft.

These plans can be carried out only with the continued dedicated service of each member of the Florida Wing. It is through your effort that the Wing has maintained its services in the mission areas of emergency service, aerospace education, and the cadet program during 1983.

This new year presents a challenge to all of us in the form of increasing our ranks . . . cadets and seniors. I look to each and everyone for new ideas, new and better ways to fly safer, new and better ways to bring the image of Civil Air Patrol up to a standard of acceptance beyond our initial expectation. Our grooming standards have risen, yet there is

much room for improvement and I look to each commander to monitor his people. The Air Force has commended us on the improvement in our grooming and wearing of the uniform . . . now I would like to see them use US as the example for their people to follow and from my own past experience, **that can be done.**

At this writing, our CAPMAP standing is so, so. If each of us will give 5% more effort in all categories, there isn't any reason why we can't be number one in the country, is there?

"Once again, I repeat . . . remember, **MORE IN '84.**"

## Lantana-Lake Worth Hosts Bivouac

Story & Photos By:  
Denese Wolfson,  
PAO, Lantana Squadron

As most South Florida residents slept peacefully in bed early one Sunday morning, Civil Air Patrol cadets were up and ready for a briefing on the day's mission; to locate and rescue survivors of a midair collision between a twin engine aircraft and a Cessna 152.

Fortunately, the whole event was only a mock plane crash with professionally trained actors playing the parts of the victims, but to any curious onlookers, the entire incident seemed quite real.

The entire scenario was a training exercise designed to rate the CAP cadets on the skills that they had learned in the past few days. Both cadets and seniors from a variety of Group Five squadrons (including Pompano, Ft. Pierce, and Palm Beach Cadet Squadrons) had been participating that weekend in a large scale group bivouac hosted by the Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron, 08054. The main purpose of such a bivouac was to coordinate and train members of squadrons throughout the Palm Beach County and Group Five area in Emergency Services and rescue skills, many of which would be retained and utilized in a variety of situations, such as hurricanes, floods, or other local crisis.

The cadet staff for the bivouac, formed with members from all squadrons participating, met early at the designated Juno Beach site to set up camp and get to know one another. The cadets arrived later in the afternoon, and, after forming squadrons and flights, were briefed on the upcoming classes and activities. After setting up their campsites, the cadets were given free time for the rest of the evening.

Saturday began early, with P.T. and breakfast. Cadets then prepared themselves for the many classes and activities that were planned. A survival food class followed by a navigations class and exercise took up most of the morning. Cadet competition between flights was also started on the navigations course, with the top flight of the weekend to be named at the closing of the bivouac.

Dennis Conway of the Palm Beach County Herpetology Society and his snake

handling team paid a visit to the bivouac site and brought with them several varieties of venomous snakes and their look-alikes and gave a class on snake identification. The afternoon brought instruction in Air-to-Ground coordination and Ground Operations, followed by a visit from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and their rescue helicopter. They followed up the air-ground classes with demonstration and operation of the equipment on-board the helicopter. The afternoon was wrapped up with a visit from Palm Beach County Civil Defense and a class on basic RADEF procedures and radiological monitoring. Many cadets signed up for further classes in RADEF which, when completed, would enable them to wear the radiological monitoring patch on their uniforms as well as to perform useful functions to Palm Beach County in the event of a radiation threat.

The day was finished off with a trip to the beach for some rest and relaxation in preparation for the mock disaster the next day.

Sunday, of course, was the important day. All of the equipment was readied, and the cadets were briefed. Ground teams were formed and were marched off in search of the crash site. The local news media had been previously transported to the site, and were able to cover the event from beginning to end. The drill was so realistic, that small planes circled from time to time to make sure it wasn't an actual crash. The site itself was very authentic, with the victims looking and acting quite real. One of the actors pretended to be "unhinged" by shock after the crash and lurched around the site with his fake broken leg. He was very convincing; it took six cadets to hold him down for treatment.

The cadets continued with their rescue work and did a very good job of patching up their "victims". The scenario was ended, and a critique was prepared. **Captain James Lusk**, commander of the bivouac was very satisfied with the results and the entire bivouac as a whole.



Cadets participate in a compass and map reading class.



Karen Conway from the Palm Beach County Herpetology Society presents a class on venomous snake identification.

# ANNUAL FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE

4, 5, 6 May 1984

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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- \$20.00 All Conference Activities Seniors  \$15.00 Extra Banquet Tickets
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### ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST

MAIL TO: Ramada Inn - North Tampa — ATTN: Convention Sales Coordinator  
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ROOM: \$34.50/Single \_\_\_\_\_ \$42.50/Double \_\_\_\_\_ Each additional person in room \$5.00. Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

**Wing Public Affairs Office needs administrative assistant badly. The successful applicant must be from Orlando.**

... and that's what our "affairs" are, so let's make them do the job they are supposed to do ... tell it like it is and like it happened.

A suggestion if you haven't already done something like this. Take the CAP calendar, put your name, address, home and business phone number in it on the inside front cover, along with your headquarters address and phone and meeting night. Then send one to the news assignment editor of all your local TV and radio stations and newspapers. Along with it, if your unit has planned its activities for the next six months, send a copy of that, along with the calendar. Invite them to either attend any of your activities or send any of their representatives, reporters, camera person, etc., and to contact you, so that you personally will take care of any requests they might have.

### PAO's PLEASE NOTE:

1. If you want specific information or help from Wing PAO, please **do not, repeat, do not** send your request for help in the same envelope that you send your monthly/quarterly reports to Wing. Send them in a separate envelope, directed to me personally. I sometimes do not get to opening the report envelopes immediately and would therefore miss your request for help.
2. It is not necessary to send a copy of your monthly/quarterly reports to National HQ. When you do, they just send them back to me. All you have done is wasted postage and time.
3. All news letters/or flyers with news of your unit **MUST** be sent to National HQ. This lets them know that your unit is "alive" and working. Continue to send a copy to Wing HQ. POINTS for the Wing.
4. Requests for films/slides/recruiting literature or information, should be directed to National PA. We do not have any of the above, at Wing HQ. However, this does not stop you from creating your own,

recruiting, advertising signs, or anything else that will help promote your unit.

**HELP:** I need input from past mission PAO's, and, from anyone who feels he/she can give me questions and answers that you feel are pertinent to actual mission reporting. How you have handled delicate situations when being questioned by the media ... how you have handled phone in stories ... what you did to expedite gathering and submitting news and photos to media. All this info will be put together into a form so that future mission PAO's will have a "guide form" to follow. We are trying to simplify the mission PAO's job and standardize it at the same time.

If you would like help in understanding how to take better pictures, technically or aesthetically, or you have questions in general about Public Affairs and your role in it, send your requests directly to me at Wing HQ ... use my name on the envelope and I will know it's not a normal report form. If there is time, I will answer the question in the next Gator CAPers, if not I will get the answer back to you soonest. Also, if the question is relevant to all PAO's, I will answer it in the next issue of Gator CAPers.

Would also like to know if you think the PA corner will be a helpful column to be published in succeeding issues ... let's hear from you.

**REMEMBER** ... a good PAO, not only has to know the CAP story, he/she has to look it and live it and that's where the credibility comes in.

Please note new phone numbers: Home: (305) 886-4928  
Bus: (305) 331-7449

## Wing SAR Provides a "First"

By Maj. Wm. G. Warner

The old adage "There is a first time for everything" became reality during the Florida Wing annual SAR-TEST on Oct. 22, 1983 at Naples Airport.

At the beginning of the exercise three cadets were selected for a secret assignment, however, they were assigned to other duties so three senior replacements were hastily recruited by Lt/C Richard Read, USAF/LO to assist in a FIRST for a Florida SAR-TEST. Their duty was to serve as "victims" of a simulated crash. These casualties were a FIRST for this type of problem placed before ground teams that actually required the use of First Aid skills. This activity was not included in the Evaluation list but was critiqued by SM Bill Boettcher, a local paramedic and Maj. Bill Warner who also applied the MOULAGE (cosmetic injuries). It did point up several areas where more training should be concentrated and was not intended to point fingers, but to make ground teams aware of improper or negligent procedures and equipment.

The scenario called for three injured persons to be at the "crash" site and Lt. Nancy Freisen, SM Linda Bright and Capt. Blair volunteered. Two were to be found at the site with the third wandering away to seek help. The aircrew was to locate the site visually and by wing signals guide the ground team in for the rescue effort.

Extra team members fanned out from the crash site in an effort to locate Linda Bright, the third victim, who was located about 1/4-mile away in some high underbrush and had a lacerated face and badly lacerated left forearm.

Lt/C Read accompanied by three other USAF Officers appeared and were impressed with the activity and results. Read stated that more tests of this type would be forthcoming.

A total of 129 personnel participated in the practice SAR along with 16 aircraft and 18 vehicles.

Lt. Col. Dodd USAF gave Florida Wing a rating of Excellent.



Ground team members Ivan Suarez and Jeff Milges attend to "victim" Capt. Blair.



Lts. Al Thomas and Van Inwagen check in with Air Operations Officer Lt. Col. Frances Dorough.



Crew members are shown being briefed by Maj. Jim Webster prior to takeoff.



# Cadet Programs

Lt. Col. Tom Welch  
Director



1. Cadet programs are over for this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the cadets and senior members who put so much time and effort into making this past year a most successful one. I would like to list each one, but time and space will not permit it, so I will at least list the activity and the Project Officers.

## A. National Activities

- 1a. International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) ..... 11 Cadets
- 2a. Air Training Command Familiarization Course ..... 7 Cadets
- 3a. Cadet Officers' School ..... 16 Cadets
- 4a. Para-rescue Orientation Course ..... 7 Cadets

## B. Florida Wing Activities

- 1b. Special Activities Selection Board  
173 Cadets and 35 Senior Members ..... Lt/C Robert J. Miller
- 2b. Cadet Competition  
4 teams — 62 Cadets ..... Maj. Dennis McCoy
- 3b. Encampment Cadet Command & Staff School  
43 Cadets and 11 Senior Members ..... Lt/C Linda Eddy
- 4b. NTC/RTC Summer Encampment  
233 Cadets (155 first-timers) 35 Senior Members ..... Maj. Henry Prine
- 5b. Space Flight Orientation Course ..... Capt. Astrid Johnson
- 9 Cadets and 2 Senior Members ..... Capt. Bate Blair, USAFR
- 6b. Fly Day ..... Maj. Larry Upham
- 197 Cadets flown - 67 first-timers - Many Senior Members
- 7b. Tyndall Encampment  
30 Cadets - 5 Senior Members ..... Lt/C John Reymer
- 8b. Solo Encampment  
7 Cadets and 4 Senior Members ..... Lt/C Robert Pinney
- 9b. On-the-job Training MacDill AFB  
9 Cadets and 2 Senior Members ..... Lt/C's Ben & Stephanie Gray
- 10b. On-the-job Training Homestead AFB  
25 Cadets and 10 Senior Members ..... SM Sue & Robert Moore
- 11b. Water Survival Course HAFB  
9 Cadets and 2 Senior Members ..... SM Sue & Robert Moore

A Special thanks to the Florida Wing Liaison Office, Lt/C Richard Read and M/Sgt. Larry McGlashen, for the hard work they did in setting up our military base activities, without their cooperation and coordination activities on these bases would not be possible.

A total of 830 cadets participated, some in more than one activity and nearly 100 senior members helped to make this one of the most successful years the Cadet Program has had in a long time. Again thank you all, it was a pleasure working with you.



Charlene Herried, sponsor of the Children of the American Revolution, presents Cadet Lt. Col. David Horowitz of Tamiami Cadet

Squadron 08355 with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The award recognizes Cadet Horowitz's achievements in community service.

Gentlemen:

I wish it were possible for me to meet and greet each one of you personally, but, since this is not feasible, I wish to take this means to introduce myself to you, my fellow spiritual advisors and leaders in the Florida Wing of the CAP.

My name is S. Edward Johnson (Ed), Chaplain Major, CAP. My home address is 461 Hacienda Village, Winter Springs, Florida 32708. My church address is First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1607 S. Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771.

As newly appointed Wing Chaplain, it is my desire to serve you well. I will need your support and prayers. Please feel free to call, area code (305) 327-0387 (Home), 322-7727 (Church), or write. I will make every effort to answer promptly all communications.

Together, let us uphold, support, and serve our Florida CAP.

## 1984 ACTIVITIES

### February

- 11-12 CLC (Sr. Training) ..... Orlando
- 17-19 Wing SAR Comp.
- 23-26 ARM ..... McDill AFB

### March

- 3- 4 Special Acts ..... RTC, Orlando
- 3- 4 SER SAR School
- 5- 9 Nuclear Exercise ..... St. Lucie
- 17-18 CLC (Sr. Training) ..... Miami  
& Tampa
- 24-25 SAR Exercise (USAF Funded)

### April

- 7- 8 FEMA Ex. "Friendship"
- 5- 8 Nat'l Aerospace Congress
- 27-29 SER SAR Comp.

### May

- 4- 6 Wing Conference
- 12-13 Cadet Comp.
- 19-20 SAR Exercise (USAF Funded)

### June

- 16-21 CCSS ..... RTC, Orlando
- 23-Jul. 1 Cadet Encampment ..... RTC,  
Orlando

### July

- 28-Aug. 7 IACE
- 23-Aug. 1 Nat'l Staff College

### August

- 31-Sep. 2 Nat'l SAR Comp. ... Whiteman  
AFB
- 3-4-5 Nat'l Board ..... Atlanta  
(transportation by chartered bus)

### October

- 5-6-7 Wing Commanders' Call ... Fort  
Lauderdale

- 20-21 SAR Evaluation

### November

- 14-16 Florida Survey Audit ... Orlando

### December

- 28-29 Nat'l Cadet Comp.



**Cadet Col. Lester E. Preston**  
 McDill Cadet Squadron  
 Carl E. Spaatz Award No. 650  
 18 July 1983

# '84 The Year Of More . . .

Wing Commanders Call  
 Jacksonville, FL - Oct. 83

Keynote speaker **Brig. General David L. Patton** said, "For an off-year meeting, your attendance is higher than some of the wing's annual conference." He also said in his address to over 200 members of Florida Wing's Commanders' Call, held in Jacksonville, "Your members show their support of Civil Air Patrol, by coming from as far away as the southernmost tip and from the extreme west of the Florida Pan Handle."

Spirits were high, attitudes were positive,

the weather was beautiful, what more could one ask for a successful conference. And, **Col. Howard Cumler**, Commander Florida Wing, did ask in his greetings at the general assembly, he said, "Let's start the year of '84, now, so that '84 will be the best year that Florida will ever have."

There were many senior awards given and one of the highlights of the evening's festivities were the two Spaatz awards back to back. Recipient, **Cadet Col. Janon D. Ellis** of

Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron remarked that, "My days as a cadet are numbered. Soon I will face that moment every cadet dreads, and that is . . . becoming a senior member." And the other recipient of the Spaatz award, **Cadet Col. Lester E. Preston** of MacDill Cadet Squadron, had this to say, "It is important in life that when we accomplish one goal, we immediately set another higher one, for ourselves." And so will Florida Wing set its goal for more in 1984.



**Cadet Col. Janon D. Ellis**  
 Miami Optimist Cadet Squadron  
 Carl E. Spaatz Award No. 661  
 8 September 1983



**Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, Executive Director, National HQ, CAP, addresses members of Florida Wing at Commanders Call, held in Jacksonville. "I'm very impressed with the attendance here and the quality of your uniform appearance at this Commanders Call", so stated the General. Looking on at right is **Col. Howard Cumler**, Florida Wing Commander.



The past and the present get together at the Florida Wings Commanders Call. Shown talking over "new times" are left to right: **C/Amn. Daniel Skinner**, A 'one year veteran', of Group 2, Jacksonville; **Cadet WO Kimberly Gray**, a member of four years, Group 3, McDill and **Capt. Barbara Goddard**, 79 years young, Group 6 PAO.



**Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, Executive Director, National HQ, CAP, presents the General Carl A. Spaatz award to **Cadet Col. Lester E. Preston** of McDill Cadet Squadron. Looking on proudly are his parents, **Captains Susan and Lester Preston**.



**Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, Executive Director National HQ, CAP presents the General Carl A. Spaatz award, #661, to **Cadet Col. Janon D. Ellis** of Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron. Looking on with pride are his parents, **JoAn and Johnny Ellis**.



For service to Florida Wing CAP and celebrating his retirement, **Florida LNCO M/Sgt. Larry A. McGlashan** receives a Certificate of Appreciation from **Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, Executive Director, National HQ, CAP.



The **Paul E. Garber Award** is given in recognition for completion of Level IV of the CAP senior training program. Shown as they receive their awards from **Col. Howard Cumler**, Commander Florida Wing, are: **Maj. Daniel B. Glissin** (center) and **Major Samuel G. Spieker**.



At Florida Wing's Commanders Call, **Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, presents the Silver Medal of Valor to **Capt. Frederick W. Jones**. Looking on at right is **Col. Howard Cumler**, Florida Wing Commander.



**LTC. Joe Lill**, Corporate Aircraft Coordinator, Florida Wing, right, presents a book on Corporate aircraft to **Brig. Gen. David L. Patton**, USAF, Executive Director National HQ, CAP.



**Lt. Col. Frances Dorough**  
Flight Operations

# TO ALL CAP PILOTS

- 08210 - John Mott
- 08020 - Ben Myers
- 08328 - Charles Myers
- 08372 - Seymour Orgel
- 08182 - Cheryl Paulhus
- 08001 - Glenn Pena
- 08182 - M. Powell
- 08013 - Robert Powell
- 08372 - F. Prelliss
- 08259 - David Rankin
- 08370 - Anson Raymond
- 08381 - Marilyn Russell
- 08344 - Frederick Sake
- 08060 - William Scovell
- 08182 - Marcia Shannon
- 08382 - Ronald Ward
- 08130 - Edward Wolff
- 08249 - Helen Zanyk
- 08346 - N. Zeldenryk

1. READ YOUR CAPR 60-1 AND BELIEVE IT. THE REGS WILL BE FOLLOWED.
2. PILOTS MUST HAVE ANNUAL FORM 5 ✓ RIDE BY CFI ✓ PILOT ON ORDERS SIGNED BY WING COMMANDER.
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4. COPY OF ALL FORM 5's WILL BE SENT TO WING FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
5. FLIGHT ✓ RIDE MUST INCLUDE ALL ASTERISK ITEMS.
6. FORM 5 NOT VALID WITHOUT CURRENT MEDICAL.

### PHASE II

- 08352 - William Almsteadt
- 08328 - Ralph Bengston
- 08346 - Gary Cox
- 08060 - Maxine Hunt
- 07272 - Kurt Jadassohn
- 08001 - Gary Kullack
- 08259 - Thomas Locke
- 08346 - Waldense Malouf
- 08372 - Peter Mevorah
- 08025 - Randall Miner
- 08182 - Eugene Olson
- 08328 - Joseph Scruggs
- 08060 - Harold Teeples
- 08328 - Richard Westmoreland
- 08026 - Walter Winkelman

### PHASE III

- 08060 - Hugh Ash
- 08001 - N. Brittingham
- 08060 - Charles Burkey
- 08051 - Nancy Cadorette
- 08272 - David Correa
- 08375 - Mary Fletcher
- 08213 - Joseph Gallo
- 08182 - J. Haberman
- 08166 - Jay Hakerem
- 08060 - Kenneth Jackson
- 08060 - Clayton Miller
- 08182 - Alma Parker
- 08344 - Louis Schwarrootz
- 08351 - William Van Inwagen

### PHASE IV

- 08060 - Robert Gregory
- 08060 - Vicki Sherman
- 08060 - Harry Singleton

## FAA Pilot Proficiency Program Participation

Any Civil Air Patrol member completing any phase of the FAA Pilot Proficiency Program is able to wear the Pilot Proficiency Program patch ½" down from the shoulder seam of the right sleeve of the utility uniform or jumpsuit. A copy of each certificate of completion should be forwarded to Headquarters, Florida Wing/SE. Congratulations to those members of the Florida Wing who have completed phases of this difficult program.

### PHASE I

- 08076 - Robert Acuna
- 08259 - Barbara Annen
- 08122 - William Bagwell
- 08159 - Ideal Baldoni
- 08372 - Joseph Barcia
- 08381 - Victor Barton
- 08263 - William Bass
- 08372 - Samuel Berkowitz
- 08182 - Ron Bingham

- 08310 - Walter Black
- 08078 - Bay Bloomer
- 08259 - David Boivin
- 08060 - James Cason
- 08060 - Susan Cason
- 08060 - Kenneth Chellis
- 08060 - James Crenshaw
- 08372 - Rudolph Cusson
- 08368 - Joseph Day
- 08328 - George Driggers
- 08336 - Douglas Epperson
- 08025 - James Farris
- 08122 - Ronald Fennell
- 08328 - Warren Fox
- 08153 - Thomas Fuger
- 08122 - John Geil, Jr.
- 08122 - Henry Graham
- 08182 - Ruth Hubert
- 08038 - Robert Isburgh
- 08328 - Roger James, Jr.
- 08013 - Fred Kain
- 08001 - Fred Karl
- 08259 - Richard Kinney
- 08060 - William Lathan
- 08130 - Jacqueline Mancinelli
- 08259 - Peter Mason, Jr.
- 08319 - Paul Mayhew
- 08040 - Sheldon Minnich

**Too Many Newspapers  
At Your House?  
Leave This One  
In A Public Place  
As A Recruiting Aid.**



USAF Liaison Office  
Lt. Col. Richard Read

## Golden Gate Pilot Rescues Two Off Vanderbilt Beach

by Capt. Patrice Campeau,  
Group 20 PAO

Receiving the **General Carl A. Spaatz Award** is the highest and most rewarding achievement in the Civil Air Patrol. It is the result of many years hard work, dedication and preparation for the exam. The reward is that you and you alone have ac-

complished this task on your own **individual** effort. During the testing for this award this office takes many precautions in protecting the contents of this test to avoid compromising the test material. As a matter of fact, we are tasked by CAP-

USAF HQ to protect it as privileged material and must certify that there was no compromise of the testing material. Likewise, all cadets being administered the exam are briefed and cautioned by this office that they are **not** to discuss the contents of

the exam with **anyone**. The only thing that can be discussed is what has been published in the Wing Bulletin. Remember, you have earned the right to take the Spaatz exam and the unassisted, successful completion is your reward. Let's not degrade the Spaatz Award by compromising the test material and lowering the standards that have been set.

The Air Force Liaison Office would like to extend to all members of the Florida Wing congratulations on the 42nd Anniversary of Civil Air Patrol. December 1st, 1983 ended 42 years of many accomplishments you can be very proud of and it is

the beginning of many more years for you to serve mankind through unselfish devotion and dedication. This office and the United States Air Force is honored to have you as the Official Auxiliary of the Air Force and proud to say you're part of the Air Force team. Keep up the good work.

The Florida Wing has completed another Spring and Summer of many rewarding cadet programs and activities. This office would like to congratulate **Lt/C Tom Welch**, his staff and all the members of the Florida Wing that assisted in these activities.

We know that there are many people that deserve a special pat on the back for their contribution to these activities but space does not allow me to do so. How-

ever, I'm sure you've had your own reward by seeing the cadets that participated mature and develop a sense of responsibility and value. Again, congratulations for a job well done!

**Lt. Wilbur Cain** recently was involved in a thrilling rescue while he was aloft in the Naples Senior Squadron's Cessna 172 "Sundown Patrol" nightly search along the coastline and inland waterways.

**Lt. Edith Cain** was the ground radio operator on this particular flight, and as she was monitoring the Naples plane she heard the Marco Island Civil Air Patrol radio communicator intercepting a message being given to the Naples Coast Guard Flotilla 93 boat that was patrolling in the inland waterways. The report concerned two women in a small powerless boat south of Vanderbilt Beach, unable to bring their boat to shore and helplessly being carried out in the Gulf.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was asked if they needed help as the Naples Senior Squadron plane was nearing the area where the women were. Flotilla 93 answered "affirmative" and the pilot, **Lt. Wilbur Cain** and his observer **C/Sgt. Stacey Koszty** of the Naples Cadets diverted the "Sundown Patrol" flight and located the distressed boat in a few minutes. The Civil Air Patrol plane then began a slow circle

around the disabled craft. The two women knew there would soon be a rescue vessel as they could see the large blue letters on the wing of the plane, reading CAP.

Cadet Koszty was on her first "search and rescue" operation, as was a brand new member, **S/M Andy Bridevaux**. Koszty operated the radio. **Lt. Cain** said "she was cool and calm, and evidently she has been well trained in the Naples Cadet Squadron."

There was a four-way radio contact going on constantly between the Civil Air Patrol plane and ground station, Flotilla 93 base station and the Coast Guard Auxiliary's rescue vessel, "The Sea Dancer" with **John Lauinger**, as skipper, and his crew, **Francelli Lauinger, Dick & Josephine Wozniak**.

"The Sea Dancer" soon arrived on the scene, took the two ladies aboard and towed their boat back to the Flotilla 93 headquarters on Naples Bay.

This was a classic example of two of Collier County's "search and rescue" organizations cooperating fully.



Pictured above piloting his personal Beech T-34 is Command Pilot Capt. Conrad "Connie" K. Weiffenbach of Cape Coral Squadron 08040.

This aircraft has been used by the squadron for the last six SAR missions and has participated in many practice missions in the Southwest Florida area. It is also used for Tuesday evening shore patrol for boaters.

The T-34 was purchased 5 years ago through Air Force auction and remains in its original markings and configuration with the exception of its full IFR package.

Weiffenbach is also a member of the Valiant Air Command based in Titusville, FL and participates in air shows throughout the state.

## Elsasser Attends Coast Guard Academy

C/MSgt. Kathy Elsasser, of the Naples Cadet Squadron, was recently chosen from a field of five candidates, by Flotilla



93 of the Naples Coast Guard Auxiliary, to attend a week's classes at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.

The 16 year old girl was one of hundreds of High School Students experiencing first hand, this summer, what the Academy holds for a freshman, swab as they are called by upper classmen. This program is the 27th and is called AIM (Academy Introduction Mission). The "swabs" marched everywhere, sometimes they "double timed" their marches. They had to sit rigidly, with eyes straight ahead at meal time, barely having time to finish the meal. If a youth is accepted at this Academy, it will eventually cost the Coast Guard \$78,000 for them to take a 4-year course.

Elsasser is extremely interested in flying and as most Search & Rescue operations are now from the air, she thought the opportunity to participate in this week-long activity might help her decide on her future career. She has not ruled out the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which is also attractive to her.

Elsasser is a member of the **Naples Cadet Squadron, 08373**. She is the Deputy Commander and the Public Affairs Officer. She has been awarded a Flight Scholarship from the Naples Senior Squadron, is a straight "A" student, has great athletic ability (excellent in track, volleyball and basketball.) She flies regularly as an Observer on the Naples Senior Squadron's "Sundown Patrol". She was also president of her Sophomore class.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Officers were impressed with her knowledge of things military. They feel that her Civil Air Patrol training had a lot to do with it.

## Tamiami Conducts Project X

By 2nd Lt. Theresa Willingham

On September 17 and 18, Tamiami Cadet Squadron held its "back-to-school/end-of-summer" bivouac, and, as always, the challenge and highlight of the week-end was Project X. This particular Project X, however, was such a success that it will be implemented in future unit training activities.

Project X tested every aspect of cadet training, from leadership to first aid. It was the brainchild of Senior Member **Lynn Turano** and Cadet **Jay Faltin**. Together, they organized a roughly circular course

with checkpoints manned by cadet staff and senior members. The cadets were released onto the course in pairs, five minutes or more apart to prevent bottlenecks at the various exercises they would encounter along the way. Each pair was given an evaluation sheet to present to the appropriate observer at each checkpoint, and then sent down along a rough hewn coral path, leading from the Everglades bivouac site.

The first aspect of Project X encountered was an obstacle course with a coordination run, a rope swing, balance beam and another rope for climbing. Cadet **Jay Faltin** supervised the course, aiding cadets when necessary, and completing the evaluation sheet when they were finished. The cadet teams were then advised that there had been an aircraft ditching in the woods and that it was up to them to locate the victims using tracking and interrogation skills.

The tracking portion of the course consisted of trampled underbrush, broken branches and other clues. If the clues were followed, the cadets came upon Senior Member **Alex Curbelo**. To get any further information, the cadets needed to interrogate Senior Member Curbelo, as they would any possible witness to an accident to obtain important search and rescue information. If the proper questions were asked, the answers would lead the cadets to the "victim", lying prostrate in a grassy field. As soon as the injuries had been established and corrective measures described to Senior Member Turano, this information was relayed via CAP radio to **Captain Robert Pfeiffenberger**, who was monitoring line search progress at the next checkpoint.

Then the "injured" cadets went on to the next position, while the "rescue" team became the victims for the next pair of cadets, and with their own variety of injuries. Knowledge of first aid procedures and radio communications skills were evaluated at first aid checkpoint before the cadets were sent to the line search area, at the end of the Project X course.

Here, the cadets were detained until there were enough of them to perform a line search for "aircraft wreckage" in the tall grass (a football and a volleyball!). On the line search activity, cadets were evaluated on organization, leadership skills, cooperation and search accuracy. In addition, before leaving, they were each asked, individually, what they read as the compass heading back to the last checkpoint.

All the evaluation sheets were turned in at the end of the course and the results were discussed at a staff meeting after Project X was completed. Areas of poor achievement were reviewed and additional training scheduled to improve those skills, and areas of high achievement were lauded. Not only were the cadets evaluated, but the project itself was evaluated by all the participants who shared suggestions on improving the project course and activities.

Overall, however, Project X was rated a huge success and plans are already in the works for more complex project courses and more involved activities, as well as for more complete evaluating systems.

## West Orange Member Provides First Aid

A Civil Air Patrol member from **West Orange Composite Squadron, 08053** got a chance to use his first aid training a little sooner than he expected recently. While on his way home from an advanced first aid class this past September, **1st Lt. Danny Wallace** of Apopka encountered an automobile accident that had occurred just minutes before he arrived.

Wallace reported the accident to authorities via radio and made sure that Orlando fire rescue was on the way before leaving his vehicle to give aid. One person was trapped inside a small sports car which was badly damaged and sitting at the edge of a pond near a sharp turn on Oak Ridge Road near the Factory Outlet Mall.

He questioned bystanders there to find out what had happened and then began examining the occupant of the car for injuries. As luck would have it, both instructors of the first aid class who give EMT training at Mid-Florida Tech arrived on the scene and assisted Wallace. Instructor **Bob Love** praised Wallace's actions and used the incident at the next class held two nights later as an example of how to properly handle an accident situation.

## Gator Seniors Hold Open House and Blood Drive

**Gator Senior Squadron, Group 17**, in conjunction with City Wrecker Co., which is located in St. Petersburg, Florida, and owned by **2nd Lt. Rick Dorittie**, a member of Gator Senior Squadron and Mr. Bruce Ziegler, recently held an open house and blood drive. Mr. Ziegler and **2nd Lt. Dorittie** have donated a large portion of the building to serve as a Squadron Headquarters. A cold buffet was served to all who attended.

The community Blood Bank had its mobile blood unit on the premises and several pints of blood were donated to Group 17's account.

Gator Senior Squadron, along with City Wrecker wish to extend their thanks to all who donated and to those who tried to donate their life saving blood.



## The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

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I want to thank the following personnel for the support you have given me to date for your contributions of memorabilia to the Florida Wing History Project. Without the help of all personnel, my job becomes an impossible one so please keep looking and sending any and all items to me.

If I have left out anyone it is certainly an oversight — please accept my apology.

Please keep looking for Dec. 1943 copy of National Geographic Magazine and cadet booklet "Aviation and You".

Harleigh Allen - SW Region, Joe Arlt, Ted A. Anthony, Ann Archer, Bill Archer, Doris Anderson, Don Anderson, Judy Anderson, Don Altpeter, Tammy Altpeter, Angela Artemik, Robert Bowling, Mary Lou Brittingham, Nat Brittingham, Robert Broderick, Bill Breeze - SE Region, Sid Birns, Henry Boerner, H. H. Brugman, Arvilla Clarke, Bill Clarke - SE Region.

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Here, in a nutshell, are the causes of most accidents —

Only two sources, unsafe conditions and unsafe acts. Unsafe conditions can be identified and corrected before accidents occur, resulting in outstanding safety performance. These are: 1. Poor housekeeping; 2. Lack of machine guards; 3. Lack of personal guards; 4. Fire hazards; 5. Improper wiring.

Unsafe acts arise out of: 1. Lack of teaching or training; 2. Lax Supervision; 3. Horseplay; 4. Drinking or drugs; 5. Emotional upset.

Look for these deficiencies. Take action to correct them and we will have a zero defects program the envy of National Headquarters.

**Fire Extinguishers** — The Aviation Consumer Magazine reports that dry powder extinguishers when used in airplanes gives off a cloud of white powder which can restrict vision in the cockpit, making normal flight difficult or impossible. The FAA has reported as finding that Halon 1301 or 1211 is a colorless extinguishing agent that eliminates this hazard, as well as extinguishing fires under certain conditions without leaving a residue of powder.

## 1984 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	LOCATION	PROJECT OFFICER
28 Jan.	Squadron Leadership School	Naples	Lt. Col. Campeau
11 Feb.	Corporate Learning Course	Orlando	Capt. Hotchkiss
17 Mar.	Corporate Learning Course	Miami	Maj. C. Fresneda
17 Mar.	Corporate Learning Course	Tampa	Capt. L. Preston
7 Apr.	Squadron Leadership School	Tampa	TBA
14 Apr.	Squadron Leadership School	Homestead	Capt. L. Puglise
9 Jun.	Squadron Leadership School	Jacksonville	TBA
16 Jun.	Corporate Learning Course	Panhandle	Maj. Cecelia Hartline
14 Jul.	Corporate Learning Course	Jacksonville	Lt. Col. Schwartz
TBA Jul.	Squadron Staff School	W. Palm Beach	TBA
25 Aug.	Squadron Staff School	Homestead	Capt. L. Puglise
TBA Aug.	Corporate Learning Course	Orlando	TBA
TBA Sep.	Corporate Learning Course	W. Palm Beach	TBA
20 Oct.	Corporate Learning Course	Naples	TBA
27 Oct.	Squadron Leadership School	Panhandle	TBA
TBA Nov.	Squadron Staff School	Tampa	TBA
8 Dec.	Squadron Leadership School	Patrick	TBA



(Breeze photo by Bob Kay)

In observance of the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol) Mayor Joseph Mazurkiewicz of Cape Coral signed a proclamation declaring "Civil Air Patrol Week" in the city, Dec. 1-8. From left are Cape Coral squadron officials Col. Melvin Weiser, Capt. Carl Peltzer, Senior Squadron Commander; Mazurkiewicz, and Lt. Richard Clifford, Cadet Squadron Commander.

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to the Mayor for his support of CAP.

Special activities that week included a memorial service for members who died "that others might live." Cadets also wore their uniforms to school.

# Homestead Cadets Support Air Force Open House

November 5, 1983, at Homestead AFB, Florida was a big day for the Air Force, it was their Open House. They expected 150,000 people and requested 216 Civil Air

Patrol personnel to assist with vehicle parking and crowd control. Four Groups pulled resources of man-power and produced 218 CAP personnel. Well Done CAP!! The groups working together were: Group

5, Group 10, Group 15, Group 20. There were 170 cadets and 48 seniors.

There were 21 squadrons who helped. They were: 08054, 08159, 08227, 08047, 08372, 08279, 08117, 08090, 08249, 08166, 08026, 08349, 08125, 08319, 08104, 08318, 08344, 08130, 08076, 08045, 08373.

Everyone worked hard. CAP got the best seats for the Air Show. (Open House-Thunderbirds). The Air Force was pleased and said we contributed greatly to the success of their Open House.

Thanks to all CAP personnel who participated, we, Homestead Cadet Squadron couldn't have done it without you.



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TO: 3831 ARTCS Commander  
1Lt Susan C. Moore  
IN TURN

1. Please accept my appreciation for a job well done in your position as Project Officer for Homestead Air Force Base Open House '83. You rendered invaluable assistance through the application of personal knowledge, professional skills and sound judgment.
2. The highly successful Open House for 1983 was a superb reflection of the professionalism and dedication of all involved. Its success was due, in large measure, to your leadership, initiative and plain hard work.
3. Many thanks for your contribution to an outstanding team effort!

*Robert H. Baxter*  
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