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Change of Command Ceremony Takes Place in Orlando (Details Page 3)

Lt. Col. Larry Upham
Chief of Staff

Sitting on a mountain top recently in North Carolina looking at the colors of late October brings to mind the symbolism of a change in command in the affairs of Florida Wing.

In a sense it is sad to see the seasons change, the bright colors of autumn fading to brown followed by barren trees on the mountainside. Memories of the carefree summer fade with the colors on the hillsides and the serious work of winter begins.

So it is with the change in command, the relationships change, a new season is upon us and the hard work begins. Many of us face the new season with uncertainties not knowing what lies ahead. But we take hope that in the spring comes new life, new color, and most of all new challenges and opportunities for all of us.

What I'm trying to say to all of you is we are facing a new chapter in the history of Florida Wing. Don't be fearful of our future. Be a part of it. Find others who want to be a part of it too. Be "Always Vigilant" to people who want to join. Be "Always Vigilant" to the needs of those who serve with us. In other words, be sensitive, support our new commander, support one another, don't be critical, look for the bright side of the autumn leaf and remember the magnificence of it.

When we run down each other, we run down CAP. We're human, sometimes we forget, sometimes we're tired, but let's all try to show our best and do our best. Our cause and missions are right, and we have a proud tradition to build upon in this new chapter in Florida Civil Air Patrol.

Having said all that, I would like to add that my job as Chief of Staff is difficult one. It requires the toughness of "Mr. T" and the wisdom of "King Solomon." I possess neither and so I need the collective help of all of you. I will depend on the assistance of each staff director and your expertise in your particular area. My job is NOT to tinker with your shop. You know what you're doing and how to do it, you're the best in the business! My job, like yours, is that of a helper, a servant to those in the field who work in the day to day job of saving lives, communicating, teaching, training and working with the youth who are our leaders of tomorrow.

Sure, we've got to push paper, we get frustrated with the things that are not right when it comes through, but it's up to us to deal with each other in an understanding and kind way so as to fulfill our role as a SUPPORT UNIT to those in the "trenches."

And finally, the new chapter has begun, we can build to what has gone before, and make no mistake, it WAS a good chapter, or we can sit back and let the clouds roll by and wait for something better to come along.

My friends, that won't happen in this quarter, I expect every member will understand this because as leaders of the Wing we all will set the example. If we stumble every once in a while, okay, but the important thing is, we will try, and we need your support, not only for us, but for each other.

Theodore Roosevelt's visionary words described best my feelings. He said:

> "The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena — whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood . . . who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spends themselves in a worthy cause — who, at best if they win, knows the thrill of high achievement and if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly — so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Group 4 Locates Downed Aircraft

by **Cathy Clay**

Florida's Group 4 can now take credit for one find and two saves for the Civil Air Patrol.

On Sunday, 4 November, the Pensacola and Eglin Squadrons joined forces to locate a missing Beechcraft single engine airplane reported down with four people aboard near Crestview, Florida.

Scott AFB called the squadrons to service shortly after midnight Saturday to locate an activated emergency transmitter locater (ELT). At the same time, FAA officials reported a plane overdue at Crestview. The last reported communication from the plane was at 12:22 a.m. Central time.

CAP activated the mission and both ground teams and air support were at the scene by 2:15 a.m. Two ground teams composed of **Major Wm. Heinrich, Capt. Larry Zentner,** and **1st/Lt. Dana Dulabone**, all from the Eglin Squadron, joined Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputies in the search.

An air search was launched, but due to darkness and fog, returned to base. The ground teams continued the search. A second air search with **Capt. Sandy Rouden** as pilot, and **William Jones** as observer (both of Pensacola), was launched shortly after dawn.

The downed aircraft was located at 8:22 a.m. by the second air search team which led ground teams to the wooded site.

Two persons aboard the downed craft were dead and a third seriously injured. **Lifeflight,** a helicopter rescue service of **Baptist Hospital** in **Pensacola**, was called to air lift the survivor from the crash site.

A fourth person aboard had walked out of the woods about one hour before the crash was located.

Others involved in this mission were mission coordinator **Maj. George Brewer**, Group 4 Commander; **Capt. William T. Smathers**, Commander of the Pensacola Composite Squadron; **Capt. Don Lockhart**, Group 4, who coordinated communications; and **Cathy Clay**, PAO for the Pensacola Composite Squadron.

Blue Eagle Cadets Build "Nest Egg"

by **C/Sgt. Era Wakes,** PAO

Dressed in fatigues and carrying small buckets, 14 cadets from Group 15's Blue Eagle Cadet Squadron headed for the four corners of one of Miami's busy intersections in an effort to raise additional funds for the Squadron's varied activities.

Under the direction of **Cadet 1st Lt. Glenn**, the Squadron Cadet Commander, two cadets were assigned to each corner where they approached motorists waiting for the traffic light to change. As the motorists dropped coins and bills into the buckets, the cadets told them about the CAP Cadet Program.

"This is more than just a fund drive," **Lt. Sippio**, Deputy Commander of the Squadron instructed the cadets, "it is also a way to get the general public to know about us. So be on your toes . . . show everyone you meet how proud you are to be a member of Civil Air Patrol."

The cadets made the most of the opportunity, not only to raise badly needed funds and to inform the public, but also to recruit new members to the squadron.

New Commander for Florida Wing

Photos & Story *By:*
Ltc. Sid Birns,
Florida Wing PAO

The change of command took place at Florida Wing Headquarters in Orlando this past August.

Col. William Tallent, Southeast Region Commander, conducted the ceremonies and in his address to the Wing Staff, said:

"Although you now have a new commander, your dedication and desire to serve your Wing and your Country, should take on new heights of achievement, under **Lt. Col. Spieker**'s command."

Spieker, in his address to the Wing Staff said:

"Being Wing Commander is a difficult job, but it takes everyone out there in the field to make it work.

"And to you **Col. Cumler**, we are going to try to do an equally good job, as you have done and . . . we hope to make you proud.

"A very important part of CAP, is communications in all its forms. Communications will be the byword to this organization and as Col. Cumler did, I too will maintain an open door policy. We will be a team and work as one . . . together.

"1984 is in its last quarter and Florida Wing has conducted 130 missions to date. Our senior membership numbers 2,166 and we have 1,379 cadets. The Wing has 543 current pilots and 702 non-active pilots. In order for us to achieve our goals, we must increase all areas 30% across the board."

In closing, **Lt. Col. Spieker** asked for ideas to help in increasing the retention rate of new members . . . "we can use all the help we can get."

Wing Commander
Lt. Col. Sam Spieker

All smiles, Col. Howard Cumler, outgoing Florida Wing Commander, addresses staff at change of command ceremonies held at Florida Wing Hq. Seated, left to right, are: Ltc. Sam Spieker, incoming Florida Wing Commander; Col. Henri Casinove; Ltc. Richard Read, Wing L/O and Col. William Tallent, Southeast Region Commander.

Col. William Tallent, left, Southeast Region Commander, receives salute from Col. Howard Cumler, outgoing Florida Wing Commander, at ceremonies held at the Wing's Headquarters.

Accepting command, right, is Ltc. Sam Spieker, incoming Florida Wing Commander. Presenting command at left is Col. William Tallent, Southeast Region Commander. Ceremonies were held at Florida Wing Headquarters.

"THREE UNITED IN COMMON BOND"
Shown left to right after completing "Change of Command" ceremonies held at Florida Wing Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, are: Col. William Tallent of Knoxville, TN, Commander of Southeast Region HQ; Col. Howard Cumler, outgoing Florida Wing Commander, of Oldsmar, Florida and Ltc. Sam Spieker, incoming Florida Wing Commander, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

It's 1985 here at Florida Wing . . . so, what's new?

What's new is our Wing Commander. What's new are PAO's. They are new to CAP and they are new to the job of Public Affairs. Like any other new person to CAP . . . "someone out there," please take this new person under your wing and help them to learn about CAP, how it works, why there is a cadet corps, why there are senior members in CAP. Help them to tie everything together. In other words, give them a crash course in CAP. By doing this, you can help them cut their learning time in half thereby enabling them to start doing their job more effectively.

Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we will have a PAO school put together, so that new PAO's will have a place to go and to learn how to do their job and become an effective member of the team.

From National Headquarters

"CAP STORY" . . . slide presentation with script. This 44 slide set is an excellent communications tool. Can be given to any audience, adult or young adult group. If you want support from the community, are interested in growing and want to spread the word about CAP, this is one of the best communications tools to help get the job done.

"SUGGESTED REMARKS" . . . CAPP-191. This is a prepared suggested script for cadets to use with student audiences or anyone interested in CAP. POSTERS, 16x22, two new recruiting posters are available in limited quantities.

"PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS" . . . are available in the following formats, station call sign must accompany request:

30 second 16mm (TV)
(4) 30 second; (1) 10 second
¾" video tape (TV)
35mm slide (TV)
¼" reel to reel audio tape (radio)
¼" cassette audio (radio)

These audio and video tapes are done by **Brig. Gen. "Chuck" Yeager**, USAF/Ret. Please note: For information and requests for the above-mentioned material, request same from: Public Affairs, CAP National HQ, Maxwell AFB, Alabama . . . . **not** from Wing Headquarters.

ATTENTION ALL PAO's and those doing the PAO job without the title: National HQ wants you all to know that PA quarterly reports are very important to their office (those reports come from me, the Wing PAO). When your reports come into my office, I incorporate your information, ideas and suggestions, into my report to National. This helps them decide in which direction to place their efforts. Also, be aware that National would like to receive a copy of all material that has been used by the media . . . not a xerox copy, but the actual newspaper with the banner name of the paper attached . . . one copy to National and one copy to Wing. I am talking about newspaper or magazine clippings. The same applies to tape footage of news or activity events. If you need a blank tape, let National know and they will get one to you immediately. With all this information at National's disposal, they can show the strength and positive position of CAP to its community when they have to make a congressional presentation. It's an opportunity for you and your unit to receive recognition.

Last, but not least, from National . . . they request you use common sense when asking them to send material to you for whatever activity you are planning. Just like you, they too need lead time. They too, do not have everything in stock or they may only have limited quantities.

Therefore, when requesting material:

1. Give them enough lead time. You know when your event is to take place, so plan ahead.
2. Ask for specific quantities . . . within reason. If you think you need 100 copies, ask for 100 . . . not 500 just to play it safe. (Most people ask for "as many as you can send" . . . that doesn't cut the mustard . . . be specific)
3. Don't call or write and give them a two-day delivery date or shorter. You know you can't do that, so don't ask them to do it. Remember you're dealing with the mails, not personal delivery.
4. When using request form #8 for your PA materials, don't just put a check in the box . . . write in the number amount. A check mark will get you nothing in return.
5. As a PAO, you are a communicator . . . SOOOooo . . . COMMUNICATE.

ACCOLADES . . . ACCOLADES. You will probably see it in the next Gator, but remember you saw it here first.

Major Cheryl Miller, wearing her PAO hat on the SAR Evaluation exercise, did one super job of getting coverage of the event. TV stations, news media and radio . . . she hit them all. In fact, almost a week after it was all over, requests for story information were still coming in to her. Helping her to achieve this high visibility was **Capt. Patricia Campeau** and **Lt. Ron Gilbert. Lt. Gilbert** flew Channel 40's Photographer, **Elizabeth Draper**, around the search area, giving her an opportunity to get a good overall view and understanding of just what was taking place.

Well, that's a wrap for now, but remember, all of us have a job to do and that is to make sure we keep our positive side to the public, AT ALL TIMES.

USAF Liaison Office
Lt. Col. Richard Read

The Air Force Liaison Office wishes to extend its congratulations to **LTC Sam Spieker** on his selection as the Florida Wing Commander. We pledge our full support to **Col. Spieker**, his staff and the Florida Wing as we have done in the past and we know that the Florida Wing will continue to excel under his leadership. Congratulations again.

Another congratulations goes to **LTC Don Cunningham** and his staff for the "very high excellent rating" on the Annual SAR Evaluation conducted at Stuart, FL on 17 Nov 1984. Additional kudoes go to the MacDill Cadet Squadron Ground Team that handled an actual emergency while participating in the SARTEST. Congratulations to **Lt. Ellis** and his team for a job "well done."

As most of you know by now the Wing is off "logistics freeze" and supplies and equipment are flowing through the Logistics Officer's control. This office must use the "want list" to screen and freeze excess equipment for the CAP so if you have a change or new requirements send in your new/revised "want list" to the Wing Logistics Officer.

Reminder to Unit Commanders — if you have a death of a CAP member in your unit this office needs to be notified as soon as possible so CAP-USAF HQs can send out a letter of condolence to the family. You may contact us at Area 305 859-5915. If you get our recorder just leave your name, number and that it is a death notice and we will return your call as soon as we return to the office. The information we need is:

a. Name and Serial Number
b. Cause and Date of Death
c. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin
d. If death was CAP related or not

In closing the Liaison Office would like to extend our wishes that all of you will have a prosperous New Year.

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Successful Candidates AEPSM Exam

The individual achievement of the senior member named below has been recognized by the Civil Air Patrol through the granting of the prestigious Aerospace Education Achievement Award.

Satisfactory completion of the AEPSM by the below named person not only represents a personal honor for this individual but also reflects highly on the individual's unit and its leadership in aerospace education.

NAME	RANK	CHARTER NUMBER
Betty J. Richards	Lt.	08375
Stephanie M. Robbins		08375
Glenn V. Sprague	Capt.	08375
Alfred N. Taylor	Maj.	08375
Timothy A. Williams	Lt.	08375
Glen L. Chase	Maj.	08301
James S. Driscoll	Lt.	08301
Preston W. Foote, III	Maj.	08301
Ruth C. Hubert		08382
Lloyd D. Valentine		08182
George D. Brewer	Maj.	08434
Shellie Fountain, Jr.		08310
William F. Herlihy, Jr.	Capt.	08349
Frederick R. Swearingen	Maj.	08333
Andres F. Rodriguez	2nd Lt.	08133
Gwendolyn C. Williams	Capt.	08357
Wilbert J. Williams	Maj.	08032
James D. Zerrip		08368
Victor A. Meyer	Maj.	08001
Dorothy A. Wolff	Capt.	08001
Edward C. Wolff	Maj.	08001
Howard T. Moody	Maj.	08020
Shirley P. Tulacz	Capt.	08033
Roy M. Antigua	2nd Lt.	08076
Pamela J. Archer	Capt.	08090
Carl V. Rongo	S/M	08090
Ruth E. Beekman	S/M	08104
Marion A. Hain	Capt.	08347
Carol L. Brinson	2nd. Lt	08347
John Burokas, Jr.	1st Lt.	08328
William E. Dean	Maj.	08375
Mary P. Fletcher	Capt.	08375
Noella M. Davidson	S/M	08104
William E. Davidson	2nd Lt.	08104
Nancy F. G. Gallipo	2nd Lt.	08104
Jeff L. Hosler	S/M	08104
Carla M. Porter	Capt.	08104
George L. Jackman	Maj.	08166
Lynne A. Puglise	Maj.	08166
James D. Puglise	Maj.	08249
Julian C. Arenburg	Maj.	08263
Henry C. Boerner, Jr.	Capt.	08263
Joel Katz	1st Lt.	08263
Edward C. Wolff	Capt.	08263
A. C. Gonzalez	2nd Lt.	08279
Edward R. Sellner	S/M	08279
Wayne S. Roshaven	Maj.	08318
Frank Handler	Lt.Col.	08337
Samuel H. Morrow	Lt.Col.	08337
Brian B. Eggleston	Capt.	08344
James A. Marshall	Capt.	08344
Bonnie J. Straw	Capt.	08344
Jeffrey A. Straw	Maj.	08344
Roger H. Zimmerman	1st Lt.	08344
Jay S. Estern	S/M	08372
Ward G. VanOrman	2nd Lt.	08337
John D. Kiger, III	Capt.	08423
William F. Herlihy, Jr.	Capt.	08349
Gregory V. Garrison		08375
Harold C. Petersen	Capt.	08375
Wilson L. Davis	1st Lt.	08328
Sara L. Edwards	2nd Lt.	08328
Rober A. James, Sr.	2nd Lt.	08328
Jack E. Mars	2nd Lt.	08328
Joseph T. Barron	Capt.	08043
Merlyn E. Franck	Maj.	08043
Donald C. Hendrix	1st Lt.	08043
Paul R. Ingold	2nd Lt.	08043
Patricia A. Ingold	2nd Lt.	08043
Jack Kovitz	1st Lt.	08043
Maria R. Saunders	2nd Lt.	08043
George J. Stettner	1st Lt.	08043
Frank E. Hensel	Maj.	08346
Marion B. Holland	Capt.	08043
Thomas G. Liuzzo	2nd Lt.	31357*
Lance Lobo	2nd Lt.	08310
Michael B. Scholin	1st Lt.	08310
James R. Hedrick	S/M	08368
Charles Oubina	S/M	08368
Etta Spieker	Capt.	94001
Samuel G. Spieker	Maj.	94001
Arthur J. Giles	Maj.	08090
Warren H. Bernstein	Maj.	08047
Carolyn L. Fresneda	Maj.	08263
F. E. Harlow	Maj.	08329

*Winter resident of Florida

Members of the Cedar Key Senior Squadron 08352 and its AEO hear Capt. John Weidensall, Wing Director of Aerospace Education, tell them about the fascination and the challenge of Aerospace. Weidensall reviewed the text and work books and explained how the squadron should study for the test at its regular meetings. (L to R) Capt. Weidensall, Lt. Pete Clark, AEO, Lt. Sylvia Clark, Capts. Anne Almsteadt, David Kidd, Frank Small and Bill Almsteadt, squadron commander.

Sarasota Cadets Assist In Survey

By: **Maj. Dorothy R. McCoy**

Cadets from the **Sarasota Composite Squadron** participated in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Survey, 17/18 August 1984, at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport.

Teams worked from Dolphin Aviation collecting the required data on aircraft and pilot activity.

Those participating were **C/MSgt Paula Cervia**, Team Leader; **C/Sgt. Ronald Fredericks, C/1C Jon Carter, C/1C Hector Rojas, C/1C Peter Kamay** and **C/Amn. Eugene Becker**.

C/MSgt. Paula Cervia is pictured recording incoming aircraft before interviewing pilot at Dolphin Aviation, Sarasota-Bradenton.

Silhouetted against the early morning sun as he gets his orders for the day, is C/Ltc. Tom Niemeyer, Deputy encampment commander (left) of the West Broward Composite Squadron. At right is C/Ltc. Jorge L. Martinez, Encampment commander of the W. Orange Composite Squadron.

To Fly . . .

By: **Lt. Col. Sid Birns,**
PAO, Florida Wing

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies
on laughter-silvered wings . . ."

So wrote John Gillespie Magee, Jr., in his poem, High Flight. And each Civil Air Patrol cadet, male and female, has their thought about their first flight in a single engine light aircraft.

That's where it's at . . . the culmination of nine days of spit and polish military training, highlighted in the cadets' first flight. Thirty minutes in the air, hands on the wheel, feet on the rudder pedals, making the airplane respond to your every movement . . . some smooth, some rough, but that's okay, because "I'm flying this airplane."

Converging on the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida, 300 CAP cadets from all parts of the State of Florida, started nine days of intensive training in military courtesy and discipline, aerospace education, water survival, taught by Navy instructors, Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command briefings by Air Force officers.

On the mundane side of military life, beds had to be made every morning and that's after getting up at 0530 hours (5:30 a.m.) and make them with hospital corners, no less. Then they had to clean up their areas and when that was finished, they all teamed up to clean the entire bay to get ready for inspection.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Stacey Koszty of the Naples Cadet Squadron, said, "as far as I am concerned, the encampment went well and all the cadet instructors on the encampment were well informed." Then she said, "there was this female cadet, her first time on an encampment, thought there would be parties galore and immediately found out this was not the case. She was quite disappointed. But, by the third or fourth day into the encampment, she realized why she was there and her attitude changed . . . suddenly she found she was actually enjoying it. She also felt that her Cadet Commanders were tough, but, they were 'human'. She even liked the friendly competition between the cadets."

Cadet Airman 1st Class, Martin Guerra, of the North Miami Cadet Squadron, also a first timer, said, "The meals were great and there was plenty of food, but we were always hungry, so we stuffed our pockets with crackers and cookies for later.

"I also learned how to drill better and the Air Force lectures on the Strategic Air Command and the Tactical Air Command gave me a better understanding of the overall mission of the Air Force.

"But, for me, the first and second day was terrible, I had to get used to getting up at 0530 hours in the morning and worse than that was having to make my bed . . . UGH! The rest of the training was easy. I especially liked the water survival course given by the Navy. We learned how to make use of our clothes to survive in a water disaster. The military courtesy and discipline was high and by the end of the encampment I was already looking forward to returning next year and maybe even as a staff member."

Cadet Airman 1st Class Matt Sterling of the Manatee Composite Squadron, Bradenton, received the "Outstanding Doolie" award. (That's a cadet attending the encampment for the first time.) Although Matt is confined to a wheelchair, he managed to participate in all the activities throughout the nine day encampment. He asked no quarter and gave no quarter . . . he worked hard, studied hard and distinguished himself. And therein lies the rest of the story. The mission of Civil Air Patrol, CAP's mission is to voluntarily use its resources to meet emergencies, to encourage aerospace education of the general public and to motivate young men and women to ideals of leadership and service through aerospace education and training.

During 1983, CAP volunteers flew 16,725 hours performing search and rescue or other emergency services missions. CAP was credited with finding their search objectives, 1,074 times and saving 154 lives.

And as **Cadet Matt Sterling** might reflect in the poem High Flight, with his hands on the controls of the plane:

"Sunward I've climbed and joined the
rumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a
hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and
soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along,
And flung my eager craft through footless
halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights
with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And while with silent, lifting mind
I've trod the high, untrespassed sanctity
of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face
of God."

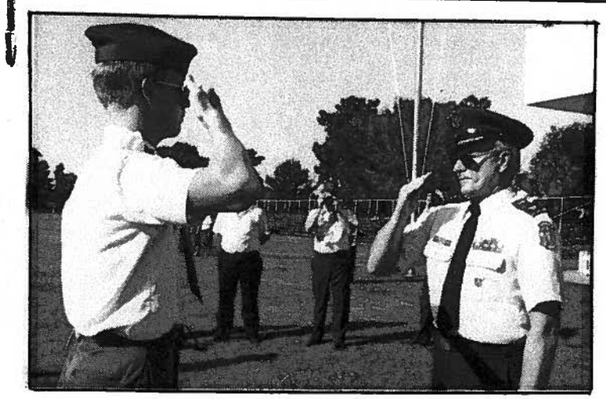
At stand-by inspection, Cadet Frank Bisono is "measured" for proper distance of Wing patch from seam of shoulder. Cadet Bisono's patch was right on the mark as C/Ltc. Jorge L. Martinez, encampment commander found out. Cadet Bisono is from the West Broward Composite Squadron and C/Ltc. Martinez is from the West Orange Composite Squadron.

Outstanding Cadet Officer at the Florida Wing Summer encampment, C/2nd Lt. Daniel Holland of Daytona Beach Composite Squadron, receives his award from Col. Howard Cumler, Commander of Florida Wing, CAP.

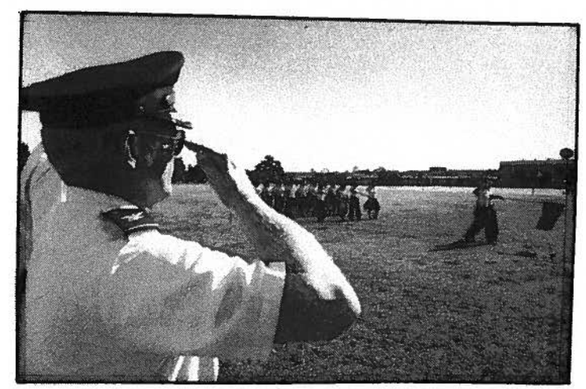
Outstanding "Doolie" of this year's Florida Wing, CAP summer encampment, held at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida is Cadet Airman First Class Mathew Sterling, of Manatee Composite Squadron, Bradenton. (Doolie is the term used for first time attendees at an encampment). Cadet Sterling is shown as he reports to Florida Wing Commander Col. Howard Cumler.

Ltc. Irene Wirtshafter (left) of the Central Brevard Composite Squadron and pilot in command, briefs cadets as to what they will be experiencing when they are airborne. Second from left is Capt. Ted Hammen, co-pilot and Commander of the Senior Squadron, Merrit Island. Second from right is Cadet Airman Tammie Perkins of W. Broward Composite Squadron, Hollywood, Florida and Cadet Sgt. Era Wakes (right) of Westview Cadet Squadron, Miami, Florida.

"Thumbs up flight". "I was really excited and nervous, but what was really great, was flying over Disney World and Epcot Center," says Cadet Mathew Sterling of the Manatee Composite Squadron. At left is pilot, Ltc. Frank White of the Lakeland Senior Squadrón, CAP.



Outstanding Cadet non-commissioned officer for the Florida Wing Summer Encampment is Cadet Staff Sgt. Sean Cooper of the MacDill Cadet Squadron. He is shown as he reports to Wing Commander Col. Howard Cumler, to receive his award.



Eyes right . . . as the Cadet Corps passes Col. Howard Cumler, Florida Wing Commander, in the final Pass in Review Parade ending the Wing's summer encampment held at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida.

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The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

The following is a list of publications carrying Civil Air Patrol articles that would be helpful to me:

Newsweek - Jan. 5, 1942; April 27, 1942; March 1, 1943; Aug. 15, 1949; May 29, 1950.
Aviation - Feb. 1942, Mar. 1942, Apr. 1942, May 1942, Aug. 1942, June 1943, July 1943.
Time - Feb. 2, 1942; May 4, 1942; Jan. 25, 1943; June 2, 1958.
Life - April 27, 1942.
Sci. Am. - April 1942.
Am. Mag. - June, 1942.
Business Week - July 25, 1942; Dec. 12, 1942.
Colliers - April 24, 1943; April 1, 1944.
Sat. Eve. Post - May 15, 1943.
Radio N. - June 1943, Dec. 1944.
Radio & TV N. - Aug. 1957.
Aviation W. - Dec. 17, 1956.
Aerospace History - Winter, 1972.
Airman - June 1975, April 1976, Feb. 1977.
Flying - July 1942, Oct. 1942, July 1943, Aug. 1943, June 1944, Feb. 1949, Sept. 1950, Jan. 1951, March 1951, May 1952, Oct. 1952, Aug. 1953, Aug. 1954, Oct. 1954, Aug. 1955, Oct. 1955, Jan. 1958, April 1962, Aug. 1965, April 1966, Mar. 1967, Jan. 1973, Feb. 1980.

If you are not willing to give up the magazine — all I really need is a copy of the article on Civil Air Patrol. Loan me the magazine or copy the article and send it to me. Thanks again for the help that I receive from the Florida Wing members and may each of you have a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Commander Field Leads Tour of SAC

Lt. Col. Alexander Field, Group 20 commander, recently led a hand-picked group on a tour of Strategic Air Command.

Field, a Marco Island resident, was selected by **General Bennie Davis**, commander of the **Air Force Strategic Command** in Omaha.

Included in the party were the mayors of Cape Coral and Orlando and the past commander of Florida Wing, **Col. Howard Cumler**.

Also in the group was the Catholic bishop of Southwest Florida as well as three members of the Naples Pilot Association, **Capt. Stan Sowa, Ed Bettaglio** and **Jack Miller.**

Cadet Lt. Col. Wayne Kostzy, commander of the **Naples Cadet Squadron 08373** and **Cadet Col. Lester Preston** also were along.

Florida Wing Cadet Programs Activities for 1985

A. **SPECIAL ACTS**
1. WHERE: NTC, Orlando, Florida
2. WHEN: 1, 2, 3 March 1985
3. HOW MUCH: $25.00 per cadet
4. WHO MAY APPLY: Any cadet in the Florida Wing
5. HOW TO APPLY: Three (3) CAPF 31's complete — both sides
6. DEADLINE: 10 February 1985 — NO HANDCARRIES
7. MAIL TO: FLWG/DCP, 3010 N.E. 12th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33064

B. **CADET COMPETITION**
1. WHERE: NTC, Orlando, Florida
2. WHEN: 26, 27, 28 April 1985
3. HOW MUCH: $25.00 Registration Fee — $20.00 per cadet
4. WHO MAY APPLY: Any squadron or Group with 16 cadets
5. DEADLINE: 1 April 1985
6. MAIL TO: FLWG/DCP, 3010 N.E. 12th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33064

C. **ENCAMPMENT CADET COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL (ECCSS)**
1. WHERE: NTC, Orlando, Florida
2. WHEN: 15 through 21 June 1985
3. HOW TO APPLY: See ECCSS and Encampment details

D. **SUMMER ENCAMPMENT**
1. WHERE: NTC, Orlando, Florida
2. WHEN: 22 through 30 June 1985
3. HOW TO APPLY: See ECCSS and Encampment details

E. **ON THE JOB TRAINING — WATER SURVIVAL SCHOOL — HAFB and MacDill**
Details will be forthcoming on these activities as soon as we get the time frames and costs. Apply for them at Special Acts in March.

F. **SPACE FLIGHT ORIENTATION COURSE**
Same as above.

G. **FLIGHT ATTENDANT SCHOOL: EASTERN AIR LINES**
We are working on this activity and it may become a reality this year.

H. **SOLO ENCAMPMENT**
This activity will be eliminated this year.

I. In addition to the above there will be the National Activities, check your CAP News for December and apply for them through Special Acts.
NOTE: A new system will be initiated this year for accepting the activities. Read all the instructions when you are awarded an activity or you may lose out on something you want.

Guideline for the 1985 ECCSS and Encampment

A. **BASIC REQUIREMENTS**
1. YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD
2. YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE APRIL MEMBERSHIP LISTING
3. YOU MUST MEET THE GROOMING STANDARD

B. **HOW TO APPLY: ENCAMPMENT CADETS**
1. Complete three (3) CAPF 54's — front and back
2. Complete two (2) CAPF 60's
3. A check for $45.00 made payable to Florida Wing/CAP
4. Meet the DEADLINE: 25 MAY 1985 — NO HANDCARRIES!!!!!
5. Mail the CAOF 54's, the CAPF 60's and check to:
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Pompano Beach, FL 33064

C. **ECCSS CADETS**
1. In addition to the above — A copy of your CAPF 59-2 or 3
2. A military style letter stating qualifications and position you desire — please type if possible
3. You must be at least a Staff Sergeant
4. You must have had a prior encampment
5. You must have a desire to learn
6. Accept any position assigned
7. MEET THE DEADLINE — 2 MAY 1985 — NO HANDCARRIES!!!!!
8. Mail all the above to: FLWG/DCP, 3010 N.E. 12th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33064

D. **ALL CADETS WILL NEED:**
1. Pen and 18" ruler or equivalent
2. Laundry bag, toilet articles, soap, shower shoes, etc.
3. Towels and washcloths — at least two of each
4. Socks and undergarments — fresh each day
5. Gym clothes — shorts, socks, sneakers — NO CUTOFFS
6. Swim suit — NO BIKINIS!!!!!
7. A small locker will be provided — bring a lock — preferably a combination lock
8. UNIFORMS: 1550's — at least two (2) sets
Utilities — at least one (1) set
Low quarter shoes — boots if you have them however, they are not required
New shoes or corfam are not recommended
Canvas boots or jumpsuits are not acceptable
9. DO NOT bring candy, gum, cookies, tobacco, radios, TVs or weapons of any kind. Do not bring any non-related reading material — these will be taken at check-in
10. Do not bring large sums of money — neither the encampment commander or his staff will be responsible for any lost items
11. Travel light — bring only those items recommended

"The Bond That Ties Us Together . . ."

By Lt. Col. Sid Birns
Florida Wing PAO

The Sheraton Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, was the scene of the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol Commanders Call, October 5-7.

Well over three hundred members from all parts of the state were in attendance at the general assembly, when **Lt. Col. Sam Spieker**, of Ft. Lauderdale, the new Wing Commander, made his formal welcome address.

As he looked out at the faces of the dedicated people of the Wing, he said:

"It is indeed an honor to stand before such a distinguished group.

"Although we are from all walks of life and professions, we have one common bond . . . dedication. Dedication to serve in an organization that has a 43-year history in serving this wonderful country we live in. Plus, helping mold young men and women into responsible and proud adults, along with promoting aerospace education.

"It is your unselfish dedication to serve in many capacities in the Civil Air Patrol, as demonstrated by the large turnout for this conference, that makes me extremely proud to have been chosen as your Commander.

"Although we have a lot of work ahead of us, as I'll outline later this morning, we as individuals, all pulling together in the same direction, as a team, cannot help but make Florida Wing #1 in the nation.

"Florida Wing is what you make it. From the newest member on the team to those of you that have been in CAP since its inception, if you are given a task to do, 'give it your best'. If you are given a staff position, learn what is required of you and 'give it your best'. If you are given a Command position, then command . . . as you would like to be commanded.

"Each and every one of you have the same opportunities to become a Wing Commander and, I hope that is the goal of many of you.

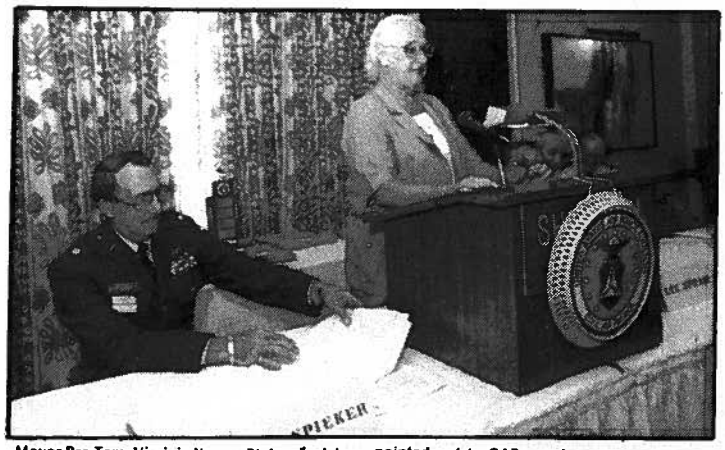
"After I was appointed Wing Commander by **Col. Tallent**, the Southeast Region Commander, many well wishers said they didn't know whether to offer me congratulations or condolences.

"I think condolences would be appropriate had there been some misfortune befall me. But I feel congratulations are more suitable because it gives me an opportunity to prove something to the other 51 wings that I already know . . . that you, the people of Florida Wing, CAP, are the best.

"As stated in CAPM 39-2, 'Senior membership in CAP is a **privilege** reserved for those individuals who conscientiously desire to promote the objectives and purposes of CAP.' This is true of our cadets also.

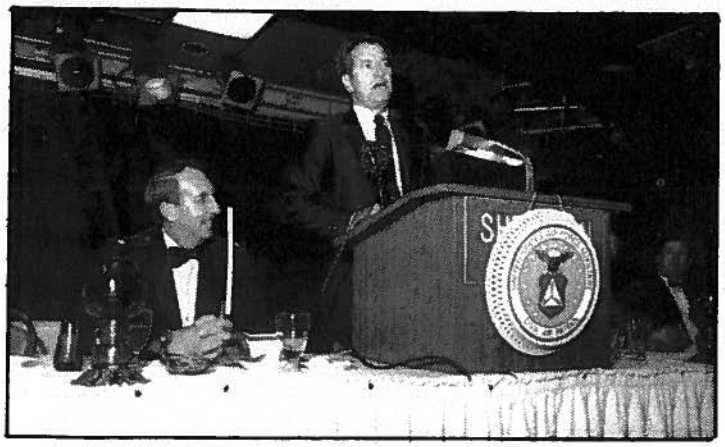
"We must never forget that it is a privilege to belong to this organization and all I ask of each and every one of you, is, to do your job to the best of your abilities and wear your uniform proudly and properly."

The applause at the end of the Commander's speech, indicated that all the members of the Wing stand together with the Wing Commander to make Florida Wing #1.



Mayor Pro Tem, Virginia Young, Ft. Lauderdale, was the early morning guest speaker. Ms. Young pointed out to CAP members, "I support you, especially in your youth program."

Four more Florida Wing members achieve the Gill Robb Wilson award. Presenting the award at left is, Lt. Col. Sam Spieker, Florida Wing Commander; receiving awards left to right are: Ltc. Russ Holdren, Florida Wing Director of Safety; Major Florence Stootman, Tampa Cadet Squadron; Major Geraldine Thompson, Hq. Group 17, St. Petersburg and Major John Stootman, Hq. Group 17, St. Petersburg.



Key note speaker at Florida Wing Commanders Call Banquet is Col. Ed Wycoff, Commander Florida USAF Reserve Assistance program. In his address he said, "We in the Air Force are very, very proud of you in Civil Air Patrol. We are both civilians and we are both committed to aerospace awareness."

A heavy discussion in progress at the Florida Wing Commanders Call Banquet. Left to right are: Ltc. Sam Spieker, Florida Wing Commander; Col. James Withers, SER L/O; Brig. General John Hill, Aviation Commander, Virginia State Guard and Capt. Steve Duca, Chief of Operations 7th Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida.

★CADET CORNER★

John Younkin and **Phil Kerr** of **Seminole Cadet Squadron 08116** recently earned their Mitchell Award.

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Cadets from **Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron 08054** once again gave assistance to the March of Dimes by providing crowd control and first aid for the annual Walk-a-Thon. A complete communications net was set up along with a mobile first aid vehicle throughout the route.

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In Brandon, **Cadet Squadron 08237, Billie Waldo** was promoted to A/2C and **Dave McKenny** to Sgt. **McKenny** earned, along with his promotion, a 1½-hour stint of "stick time" in the MacDill F-16 Flight Simulator.

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Fort Myers Shores Composite Squadron 08048 recently announced the following promotions. To **C/Amn: Bortoff, Cook, Kallas, Kallas, Perkins, Nader**. To **C/Sgt.: Cook** and **Nader.**

This past summer the squadron went on a compass training course. Included in the training was, how to shoot an azmuth, chart your course, triangulation and first aid.

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The following cadets from **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** recently received promotions. **C/FO Ruth Brisbin, C/FO Rachael Brisbin, C/FO Rick Trinkle, C/Capt. Michael Woehlert, C/Sgt. Scott Mead, C/SSgt. Robert Snow, C/MSgt. Sean Cooper. C/1C Sergio Figueroa, C/1C Chad Starling. C/2C Anthony Gallo, C/2C Harold Sanders, C/2C John Bradley.**

C/Lt. Col. John McDermott attended IACE this past summer and was in Norway for 14 days.

C/MSgt. Thomas Dusold attended "On The Job Training" recently at MacDill AFB. **Dusold** worked along with U.S. Air Force personnel.

C/MSgt. Thomas Dusold and **C/MSgt. Sean Cooper** attended the Water Survival Training held last August at Homestead AFB.

MacDill Cadet Squad 08089 recently had three cadets successfully pass the Billy Mitchell Award and one cadet successfully pass the Earhart Award. The cadets passing the Mitchell were two sisters, **Ruth Brisbin** received hers under the Cadet Warrant Officer program prior to 1 July and **Rachael Brisbin** was the first Flight Officer under the new program. Also receiving the Mitchell was **C/FO Rick Trinkle. C/Capt. Michael Woehlert** received his Earhart Award.

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Ronnie Jones, Jr., of **Pensacola Composite Squadron 08425,** recently received the Mitchell Award. **Jones**, 17, has been a member of the Pensacola Squadron for three years and has served as Cadet Commander for the last year.

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Cadet Commander Frederick W. Sublette, Jr., of **Eglin Composite Squadron 08423,** completed Pararescue training this past summer at the George Washington National Park.

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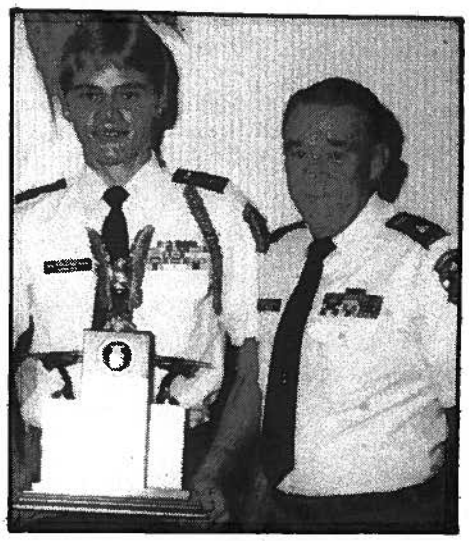
Cadets from **Sarasota Composite Squadron 08033** provided The Color Guard for the Sarasota Sailor Circus at their annual performance. Those who participated were **C/MSgt. Paula Cervia, C/MSgt. Loretta Farrell, C/1C Jon Carter** and **C/1C Hector Rojas.**



C/Lt. Col. Thomas A. Niemeyer was presented the Holmes Memorial Award at a recent banquet held by the West Broward Composite Squadron, 08104. The James O. Holmes Memorial Award was designed and built by **Lt. Col. Tom Welch** when he was DCP of Group 16 in 1973 and was presented to the Outstanding Cadet in Broward County. The cadet selected kept the trophy for one year and then it went on to the next cadet. In addition, the cadet was given a plaque to keep.

Niemeyer was the last cadet to receive this trophy, he being the last in a long line, ten to be exact, of outstanding cadets in the Broward County area.

Cadet Earns High Honors

By: **Capt. Pat Campeau,** *PAO*

Cadet T/Sgt. Stacey Kostzy, Deputy Commander of the **Naples Cadet Squadron 08370**, had a rewarding and busy summer last year.

In June, after the Cadet Squadrons annual summer trip to Disney World, Stacey really got busy. She went to the Naval Training Station in Orlando for a Civil Air Patrol Officers Training School for the summer Encampment. She was trained in Communications and as a Mail Clerk Officer and worked in those two capacities during the Encampment the next week.

In July, Stacey was picked to attend the Civil Air Patrol Solo Flight Training Course at Lakeland Municipal Airport for one week. At the end of this period, after eight hours of flight time in a Cessna 152, completion of tests following the Federal Aviation Authority Film Series and ten hours of Ground School, the fledgling pilots were honored with an afternoon Brunch and an Award Ceremony where they received their Solo wings. There were seven cadets attending, from Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee, and Naples. Of the seven cadets, two were females.

Next, Stacey attended a course at Ft. Knox, KY in August. There were two Para-Rescue Orientation Schools. One in Virginia, and one in Ft. Knox. Of a large number of cadets attending, only seven were females. This is a very tough course. They were instructed in rugged outdoor training. They were divided into two flights, and were trained on a remote site on the Ft. Knox Reservation. Para-Rescue Instructors for Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, plus four Air Force Reserve Officers, provided and monitored all training and related activities. They had four days of intensive training in (1) Orienteering, (2) Survival Tactics, and (3) Rappeling. The Course Graduation Ceremonies were held on the last evening.

C/TSgt. Stacey Kostzy, Deputy Commander Naples Cadet Squadron, prepares to go aloft on a cadet orientation flight. (Photo by Capt. Pat Campeau, PAO.)

German IACE Cadets Visit Florida

By: **1/Lt. Patrick Mirk**

Cadets from **West Germany's Aero Club Der Luftfahrt,** visited Tampa, Florida as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange from 28 July - 7 August 1984.

The visit began at Tampa International Airport where the IACE Cadets and their escort were met by their host families, USAF/CAP Liaison Officer **LTC Richard Reed**, MacDill AFB German Liaison Officer **Captain Wolfgang Marr**, Tampa Chamber of Commerce Representative **Eric Wieler**, and **IACE** Project Officers **Captains Lester** and **Susan Preston.** After meeting with their assigned host families, the IACE Cadets and their host families participated in an air show held at MacDill AFB in conjunction with the **Air Force Association Convention.**

On their second day in Florida the IACE Cadets were guests at a barbecue hosted by **Col. Howard Cumler**, then Florida Wing Commander, and his wife **Captain Karen Cumler**. The cadets and their escort were instructed in Water Skiing by **Captian Les Preston, LTC Reed** and **Col. Cumler.** Although this was their first time on skis, they only took a few bruises back to Germany.

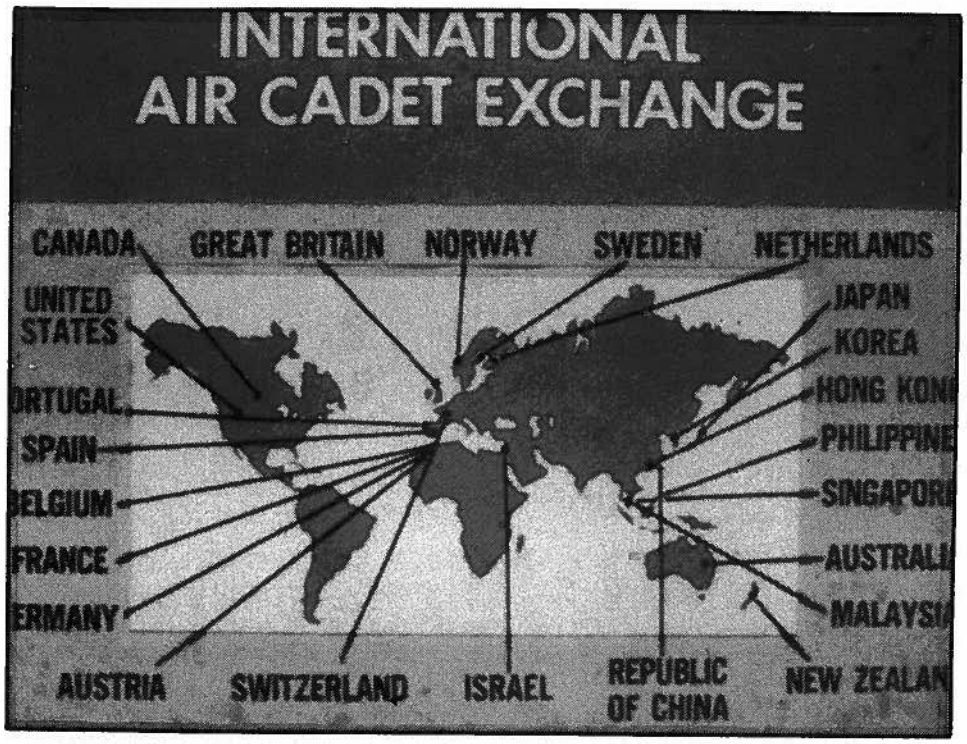
The 13 cadets and their escort visited Downtown Tampa, Busch Gardens, Disney World, Silver Springs, and Florida Beaches on the Gulf of Mexico where they enjoyed a Beach Party put on by the host families and the cadets from **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089**. They also met with city and county officials and toured MacDill AFB. While on the base, the German cadets visited a variety of different units in order to get an idea of what the U.S. military life is all about. Some of the areas visited included the U.S. Central Command, the U.S. Readiness Command, the flight line, altitude chamber, the life support facility and the base dining facilities. Later that evening they attended MacDill Cadet Squadron's regular weekly meeting, where they were joined by the **Brandon Cadet Squadron** for an evening of fun, conversation and getting to know other cadets their own age. The cadets enjoyed a flight orientation ride from Tampa to Lakeland, where they toured the Piper Aircraft Plant and then flew back to Tampa. They also had a ride in a DC9 simluator at **Reflectone Incorporated**, located in Tampa, along with a walk through orientation of other simulators.

At the Farewell Banquet, on the evening prior to departure, each told of their feelings about their stay here in Tampa. Everyone expressed their sadness in leaving and the wish that they could stay longer.

MacDill Cadet Squadron was the host squadron during their stay in Florida. The IACE Cadets stayed in the homes of the cadets from the squadron and in the homes of personnel stationed at MacDill AFB.

Cadet Frank Schummertz gets fitted with helmet at MacDill Air Force Base at the 62nd TFS LIfe Support Squadron.

Cadet Willy Digel trys on a parachute during the tour of the 62nd TFS Life Support Squadron.



German IACE cadets pause for a group picture at City Hall Plaza after visit with city officials. Front row (l to r): Cadets Gunther Partenfelder, Frank Schummertz, Capt. Rainer Beck (Escort), Cadets Joens-Oliver Stratee and Willy Digel. Second row: Cadets Gunter Lauven, Olaf Stark, Sean Cooper (MacDill Cadet Squadron), Craig Ginereux (MacDill Cadet Squadron), Armin Augene Muller, Richard Macias (MacDill Cadet Squadron), Thomas Deffner, Olaf Horlak, Zens Volker, Martin Boehm, Marcus Auweiler, 1st Lt. Patrick Mirk (MacDill), Karsten Schulz and Robert Snow.

ACROSS THE WING

Group 5

Capt. Dennis Davis has again assumed command of **Palm Beach Senior Squadron 08047.**

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Group 6

The following promotions were recently announced by the Group 6 commander: To **1st Lt.: Miguel Iglesias, Robert Mercer, James Crenshaw, Edwin Brooker and William Bateman.** To **2nd Lt.: Scott Manning and Molly Schmidt.** Also **David Wedell** and **Robin Abrahamson** were promoted to Flight Officer.

Members of the **143rd Composite Squadron 08143** recently responded to a request from Governor Bob Graham and were present at the opening ceremonies of the Sunshine State Games — the state Olympics for Florida — in Orlando.

Capt. Richard Brinkman, Group 6 commander, recently announced the appointment of **Jerry Walter** as commander of the **132nd Composite Squadron**. He also announced the promotion of **John A. Krol** to Flight Officer.

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Group 12

Central Brevard Composite Squadron 08122 recently welcomed four new members. They are: **Louis Satterlee, A. J. Knight, T. B. McGrew** and **Tom Hennesy.**

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Group 15

West Broward Composite Squadron 08104 recently had eight members pass the Aerospace Education Course. They were: **Capt. Porter, Capt. Anderson, 2nd Lt. B. Davidson, 2nd Lt. Gallipo, 2nd Lt. Hogue, 2nd Lt. N. Davidson** and **2nd Lt. Beekman.**

Capt. Larry Anderson and **Cadet Lt. Col. Thomas Niemeyer** recently were selected to attend the Florida Wing solo encampment. Both earned their solo wings at the week-long encampment.

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Group 18

Sam Hopewell, of **Lakeland Senior Squadron**, recently received the Lake Region Chapter of the Air Force Association annual CAP senior award.

Don Ferris recently received his Private Pilots Certificate. He successfully completed his check ride at LAL.

North Dade Senior Squadron 08076 recently participated in a general aviation Fly-In at Homestead Air Force Base in their Cessna 150. Pilots were **1st Lt. Robert Acuna** and **2nd Lt. Roy Antigua.**

Capt. Paul Vandiver, formerly commander of **Suncoast Composite Squadron 08368** recently was appointed Group Commander of Polk, Pasco and Hernando counties. **Vandiver** has appointed **Major Daniel Glisson** as his deputy commander.

Maj. Ray S. Taylor accepts congratulations from Brig. Gen. Howard L. Brookfield former National Commander, upon receiving the Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award; Senior Member Category. Mr. Frank G. Brewer, Jr., presented the award.

THREE IS NOT A CROWD . . .

. . . and these three Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol members have shown their mettle for all the time and effort they have put into making the CAP program, cadet and senior, a total success. Shown left to right with the "Exceptional Service Award" certificate, given to each of them for Exceptional Service in a duty of great responsibility during the period of 1 January 1983 to 1 January 1984, are: Lt. Col. Lib Sedita of Cocoa, Lt. Col. Mary Douglas, of Orlando, and Major Cheryl Miller of Ft. Pierce.

Pensacola Participates In Mock SAR

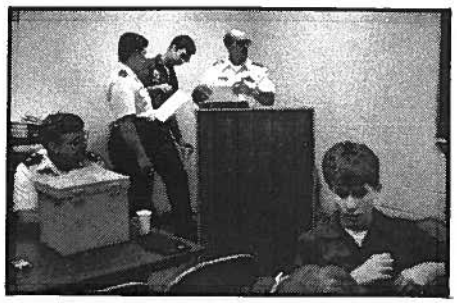
by **Cathy Clay**, PAO

The **Pensacola Composite Squadron** participated in a mock SAR mission in Crestview, FL last month as part of the regular training schedule for Gruop 4.

The mission, coordinated by the Group, was to find an F-16 Test Plane which had taken off from Eglin Air Force Base early that morning and had not been heard from or seen since takeoff.

Other squadrons participating in the one-day training exercise were from Eglin and Chipley. Fourteen members of the Pensacola squadron, including six cadets attended.

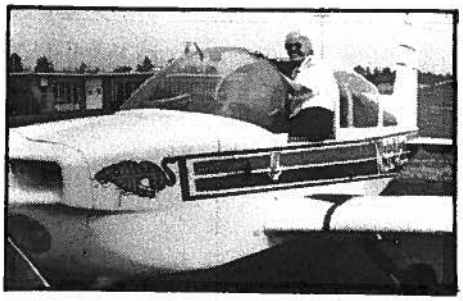
Two search planes were sent into the suspected area of the mock crash followed by one ground team. Unfortunately, none of the teams found the crash site marked by an Air Force parachute. A third search plane was forced back to base by inclement weather.



Maj. Will Heinrich, Eglin Squadron and Mission Coordinator and Maj. George Brewer, Group 4 commander prepare to brief members on the mock mission.

Capt. W. T. Smathers, commander of the Pensacola Squadron 08425 prepares to begin the search mission. Already in the plane are Senior Members Becky Langford and Jean Pratt who are training to be observers.

A communications post is set up at every mission. Here Jean Pratt is reporting ground team preparations as Maj. Heinrich monitors the search progress of the air teams.



Lt. Col. Betty McNabb, Region Safety Officer prepares to leave the training mission at Crestview. While at the training mission McNabb gave a lecture on safety and inspected all aircraft.

Major William Bailey, Group 18 commander, Lt. Col. Ross Sedita, Southeast Region DCS/Comm., Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Wing Historian, Maj. Wayne Rosehaven, commander Florida International Cadet Squadron and Lt. Col. Alexander Field are shown in front of National Headquarters. They attended National Staff College from 22 July to 1 August 1984.

C/Capt. Joseph Lupo recipient of Amelia Earhart Award with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lizo Lupo along with Congessman Mike Bilirakis 9th District who made the presentation. (Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Day, PAO Group 18.)

S/M Janice M. Shine, a Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff, is shown with a "Certificate of Appreciation" presented by Major "Bill" Warner (l). Pinellas County Sheriff R. Gerry Coleman (r) also offers his congratulations.

Shine, a member of AFRES donated several hundred dollars worth of Air Force uniforms to female members of CAP. She is currently assigned to Golden Eagles Cadet Squadron 08084 and her stated aim is to work with young cadets. (Photo courtesy Pinellas County Sheriffs Dept.)

A Dream Come True!

By: **Maj. William G. Warner**

Pre-construction commenced on 11 August for the acquisition by Headquarters, Group 17, Florida Wing, of its very own Emergency Operations Center, Headquarters Building at Albert Whitted Airport in St. Petersburg, Florida,

The local unit of Navy SeaBees are volunteering all labor for this project as part of their on-going training program. Essential equipment and material have been either rented, purchased or donated by the Building Committee headed by **Major Arthur Trinque**, Chairman. Trinque and his committee have worked hard and long to reach the current stage of fulfillment of a long-standing dream.

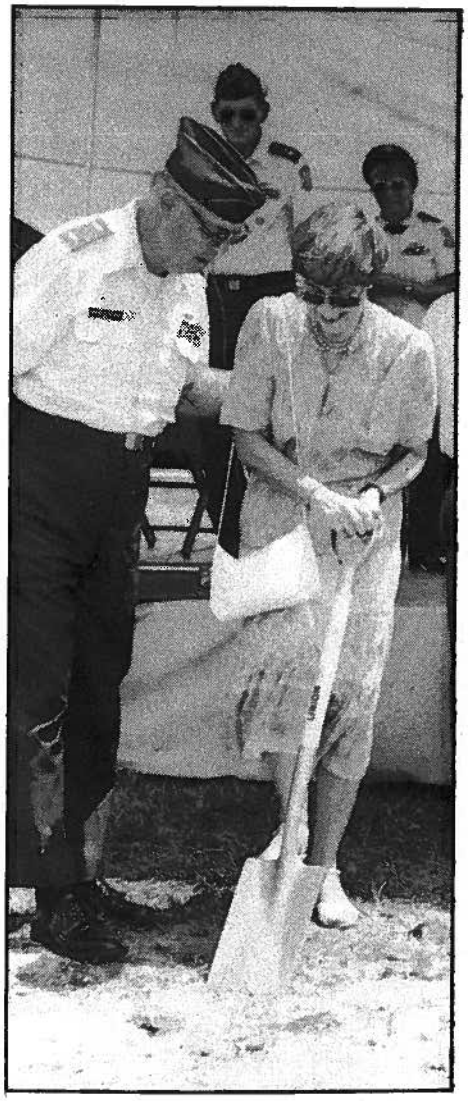
On 18 August an official ground-breaking was held at the site and an estimated 300-plus attendees made the ceremony a complete success.

Honorable **Corinne Freeman**, Mayor, City of St. Petersburg, presented the opening address stating that most of the city, including herself, welcomed the opportunity to cooperate with Civil Air Patrol in this worthy endeavor. **Col. Vick**, MacDill AFB, **Col. Howard Cumler**, Florida Wing Commander, **Tim Travis**, Airport Manager and several past and present Group Commanders all followed with short addresses.

Catered snack trays, a special commemorative cake and soft drinks were provided to complete the day.

This EOC, when complete, will contain a small kitchen, library, a couple of small offices and an assembly room suitable for meetings and the conduct of any and all missions to which we are committed.

A tip of the hat to **Major Trinque** and his Committee for perseverance and dedication.



Corinne Freeman, mayor of St. Petersburg, turns first shovel of dirt. Assisting is Lt. Jim Powell. (Photo by Maj. William Warner)

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