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Commander's Message

By: Col Patrick O'Key, Commander, FL Wing

I hope that the holiday season was happy, healthy, and successful for each and every member of the Florida Wing. I would also like to thank every member who participated in our response to the AFRCC with the never ending request for mission support. We had seven missions including one on Christmas Day as well as New Year's Day. Thank you for leaving your families to complete the missions.

The overall grade received for the wing was "Excellent". This is an awesome achievement. The hard work, dedication, and commitment from the wing staff have been validated. To effectively manage and run a wing of this size takes a team of dedicated people to pull this off. My hat is off to each member of the staff and a heartfelt "Thank You" for everything you do.

I anticipate 2007 to be another busy year for Florida Wing. Activities in the next few months include the Cadet Special Activities Selection Boards at Patrick AFB 27th and 28th of January. This will rank the cadets competing for any National Summer Activities. There is also the Civic Leadership Academy and Winter Board meeting in Washington DC at the end of February. The MacDill AFB "Airfest" air show featuring the Navy Blue Angels is on March 31st and April 1st. "Sun n Fun" is in Lakeland in April, the Wing Conference is in May, and the Summer Encampment is at the end of June or first part of July. Each of these activities is open to all. If you add all the training in Emergency Services and the offered Professional Development training, there is much to do if you have the time to participate.

Please remember that with the tempo we operate, think "Safety in ALL we do". If you are flying, driving, working a mission base, or prosecuting a mission in the field, use common sense and Operational Risk Management (ORM) before you act.

Best wishes for 2007!



Florida Wing Graded EXCELLENT!

Air Force Compliance Inspection Results - January 2007

Communications - Outstanding
Public Affairs - Outstanding

Administration - Excellent
Aerospace Education - Excellent
Cadet Programs - Excellent
Chaplain - Excellent
Emergency Services - Excellent
Mission Support - Excellent
Professional Development - Excellent

Counter Drug - Successful
Drug Demand Reduction - Successful
Finance - Successful
Inspections - Successful
Legal Officer - Successful
Operations - Successful
Personnel - Successful
Safety - Successful
Supply / Logistics - Successful
Transportation - Successful



2006 Florida Wing Cadet Competition Results

Color Guard Overall

1st Place: South Brevard Composite
2nd Place: Gainesville Squadron
3rd Place: Coral Springs Cadet
4th Place: Gainesville Squadron
4th Place: Ft. Lauderdale Composite

Outdoor Practical

1st Place: Gainesville Squadron
2nd Place: South Brevard Composite
3rd Place: Ft. Lauderdale Composite
4th Place: Pembroke Pines #2

Written Test

1st Place: Gainesville Squadron
2nd Place: South Brevard Composite
3rd Place: Coral Springs Cadet
4th Place: Pembroke Pines #1

Mile Run

1st Place: South Brevard Composite
2nd Place: Coral Springs Cadet
3rd Place: Ft. Lauderdale Composite
4th Place: Central Florida Composite

Panel Quiz

1st Place: Gainesville Squadron
2nd Place: Pembroke Pines #1
3rd Place: Central Florida Composite
4th Place: North Tampa #2

A big **THANK YOU** to the Liaison Officers, the event marshallers, and judges for their participation in addition to 1st Lt Sacco, 1st Lt Ceasar Carbana, 1st Lt. Joanne Carbana, C/2nd John Samonas, and C/2d Lt Jenna McCord for their outstanding assistance over the weekend.

Individual Awards:

Male Fleet Foot Color Guard: Cadet John Gramke (5:41) - South Brevard
Female Fleet Foot Color Guard: Cadet Cassie Rosolowski (6:40) - South Brevard
Highest Written Test Color Guard: Cadet Evan Stanley

Drill Team Overall

1st Place: Group 9
2nd Place: Tamiami Composite

In-Ranks Inspection, Innovative Drill, Panel Quiz, Volleyball, & Mile Run results:

1st Place: Group 9
2nd Place: Tamiami Composite

Written Exam & Standard Drill results:

1st Place: Tamiami Composite
2nd Place: Group 9

Special Team Award:

Suwannee Valley

Individual Awards:

Male Fleet Foot Drill Team: Cadet Cristhian Mora (5:48) - Tamiami Composite
Female Fleet Foot Drill Team: Cadet Celeste Brewer (6:23) - Group 9
Highest Written Test Drill Team: Cadet Celeste Brewer (85)

Alternate Competition

1st Place: Cadet Kevin Siggins
2nd Place: Cadet Drew Dedon
3rd Place: Cadet Vernon Harrison

Alternates In-Ranks Inspection:

1st Place: Cadet Drew Dedon
2nd Place: Cadet Kevin Siggins
3rd Place: Cadet Johnathan Johnston

Standard Drill

1st Place: Cadet Kevin Siggins
2nd Place: Cadet Drew Dedon

Individual Awards:

Outstanding Cadet: Cadet Evan Torres
Male Fleet Foot Alternates Comp: Cadet Kevin Siggins (6:32) - Wellington Cadet
Highest Written Test
Alternate Comp: Cadet Vernon Harrison, Cadet Austine Kimble Hartle



Aerospace Educator Receives National Recognition

CAP Aerospace Education member Ricardo Soria, along with another CAP member from Michigan, have each been awarded a 2007 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation's Educator Achievement Award. Soria, a teacher at Choctawhatchee High School's Aviation Institute in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., will be recognized at the Aerospace Spotlight Gala on May 15, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

The Educator Achievement Award is presented to AIAA pre-college (K-12) educators who have demonstrated exemplary efforts in facilitating continued study of mathematics, science and other technical subjects among America's youth. The award has honored 28 K-12 teachers since its inception in 1997.

Also, Soria recently attended the 2006 CAP-hosted National Conference on Aviation and Space Education, where he won the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award.

Leadership School Educates, Motivates New Cadets

By: Matthew Congrove, Technical Flight Officer, Group 4 Public Affairs Officer

Cadets from the South Brevard Composite, Patrick Composite and Florida Air Academy Cadet squadrons all took part in Cadet Leadership School (CLS). The curriculum included classes on leadership and followership, moral leadership, physical training, inspections, drill and testing. "The cadets learned the information needed to become future leaders," said Cadet Master Sergeant Ben Freelin, the First Sergeant at the activity.

All cadets passed the written test for their first achievement. Cadet Airman Basic Silas Tetens, one of the youngest cadets present, was recognized as the CLS Outstanding Cadet, as voted by the entire Academy staff.

"This was an incredible weekend for both cadets and staff," said Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Cassie Rosolowski, the Academy Cadet Commander and person most responsible for the leadership school. "All cadets left this weekend with self-confidence, and a general knowledge of the CAP program," said Rosolowski. She continued, adding that "All staff left with a better understanding of leadership and followership." Rosolowski's Deputy Commander, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Jessica Femia, was impressed with the outcome. "I think the cadets tremendously advanced in their motivation and education through this event," said Femia.

The final day of the academy concluded with an awards ceremony that was attended by Group 4 Commander Captain Scott Martin as well as the Commanders of all three participating units. South Brevard Composite Squadron Commander Captain Kevin McSparron was the Academy Commander.

Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Brian Bell, the Academy Executive Officer, was very pleased with the result of the leadership school. "I fully believe that this academy works," he said. "I recommend it to all cadets who are new and wish to learn how to follow and how to lead!"

See full article at

<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=438>



The Academy Executive Staff stand in formation. From left to right, Academy First Sergeant Ben Freelin (C/MSgt), Academy Deputy Commander Jessica Femia (C/MSgt), Academy Commander Cassie Rosolowski (C/MSgt), and Executive Officer Brian Bell (C/SMSgt)

Cadets Present Flag at Orlando Magic Game

By: Richard T Perry, Senior Member, Central Florida Composite Squadron



Members of the Central Florida Composite Squadron Color Guard take a break after the ceremony. From L to R – C/TSgt Holmgren, C/1st Lt Miller, Stuff (the Magic mascot), C/Capt Weiss, and C/2d Lt Eddy.

On November 22nd, the color guard from the Central Florida Composite Squadron did what they have done many times before – presented the United States and Florida flags for the singing of the National Anthem. But this time was special for the cadets – it was at an Orlando Magic basketball game in the Amway Arena and there was a sell-out crowd of 17,451 watching them. The detail, made up of C/Capt Weiss, C/2d Lt Eddy, C/1st Lt Miller, and C/TSgt Holmgren, handled the pressure well. "It was pretty routine," said C/Capt Weiss – "When you've worked together as long as we have, there's a trust that makes it easy." C/1st Lt Miller admitted to being a "bit nervous" before the ceremony, but "once it starts, you're concentrating on the routine and it's just like any other time." The cadets recently competed in the Florida Wing Cadet Competition, and provide color guard services when requested by members of the Orlando community.

See the full article at

<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=433>

Success at Camp Curry

By: Maj Steven M. Doyle, USAFR, Det 4, CAP-USAF, Reserve Assistance Officer

In October, cadets and seniors gathered in Wimauma, FL just south of Tampa for the annual Camp Curry. Members of Florida Wing Group 3 sponsored the event. Camp Curry is an encampment designed to indoctrinate brand new cadets into CAP and earn them their first achievement, the Curry Award. CAP Officers led by CAP Captain Jennie Parry from the Mac Dill Aeronautical Academy provided oversight and direction. CAP Cadet Major Jena McGovern from the Citrus County Composite Squadron directed the hands-on efforts of the cadet officer staff.

Approximately 68 cadets and ten seniors from literally all over the Florida Wing participated in this training weekend. The bivouac included three meals a day and accommodations in open-air barracks type cabins located on the property. CAP officers developed a compact curriculum which taught young cadets the necessary skills and knowledge to earn the Curry achievement award. The agenda covered important topics such as wear of the uniform and leadership. Cadets spent a considerable amount of time on drill and ceremonies and character development. Each morning cadets arose to conquer the physical fitness test and on Sunday they took the Curry Award Test.

My congratulations go out to the 23 cadets who earned their Curry Achievement! The dedication of the CAP officers and cadet officers resulted in an 83% pass rate! As an Air Force Officer assigned to CAP-USAF I was truly amazed at how far our young people came in under a 48 hour period. This year's success rate surpasses last year's rate of 75%! Again, kudos to all those who put their precious time and effort into this great success for the future leaders of CAP and thanks for making my first Camp Curry a memorable one.

Awards Available for Cadets

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD TO OUTSTANDING CAP CADETS

An annual award established by the Air Force Association (AFA) to recognize the outstanding CAP cadet in each squadron. Selections will be made by the unit commanders concerned not later than 15 April annually.

AF SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION AWARD TO CAP CADET NCOs OF THE YEAR

An annual award established by the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) to recognize the outstanding CAP cadet NCO in each squadron. Selections will be made by the unit commanders concerned not later than 15 April annually.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The VFW recognizes outstanding cadet NCOs and cadet officers through special awards.

THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

The U.S. Congress recognizes the initiative, achievement, and voluntary service of youth. Many of the activities cadets complete through CAP may be applied toward this award. The Congressional Award's highest honor, the Congressional Award Gold Medal, is typically awarded in Washington DC by senior leaders from the House and Senate.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CAP has partnered with the publishers of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* to provide an outstanding opportunity for cadets, making them eligible for additional college scholarships.

CAP COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON

Cadets who complete at least 60-hours of community service are eligible for the Community Service Ribbon.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

Because the cadet physical fitness test is aligned with the PCPFS fitness test, cadets may be eligible for awards sponsored by the President's Council.

See details on these awards at <http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5360>

CAP Members Spend Four Days at Pensacola NAS

By: 1st Lt John Clark, Group 4 Public Affairs Officer



2LT Joseph Ragon in F14.

The U.S. Navy's elite flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, closed out its 60th-anniversary 2006 season with a grand finale Veterans Day celebration in Pensacola, and Okeechobee 453rd Composite Squadron members were on hand to view the show and visit the National Naval Aviation Museum over the weekend.

During their four-day stay at Naval Air Station Pensacola, the Okeechobee squadron cadets and senior members were guests at the Navy's Officer Candidate School. Members got the opportunity to live and learn the indoctrination that naval officers go through, living without day-to-day items most take for granted.

At the JetPort Dining Facility, where hundreds of sailors, Marines and airmen gathered for chow, many service members recognized the CAP uniforms and ranks and started up conversations with the cadets about military life. The squadron members also visited the Naval Aviation Museum, where they experienced the actual "Top Gun" cockpit stimulation of an F14 Tomcat or F18 Hornet. The carrier landings with an actual moving aircraft carrier made things challenging.

The weekend finished out with the Saturday air show, which drew an estimated 120,000 onlookers. The squadron members had a spectacular front-row view of not only the Blue Angels' aerial acrobatics but also:

- Fat Albert, the Blue Angel C-130 sued for jet-assisted takeoffs.
- the Army's Cobra demonstration team, with sky soldiers displaying precision moves with their Cobra helicopters.
- the Gene Soucy Biplane Air show featuring Teresa Stokes' wingwalk.
- Dale Snodgrass' F-86 Sabre flight.
- the Air Force F-15 Strike Eagle flyby.
- the A-10 Warhog demonstration with simulated ground explosions.

See full article at <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=429>

CAP Participates in Wreaths Across America

By: 1st Lt Melody Clancy, Florida Wing Assistant Editor

2006 marked the 15th anniversary of the Worcester Wreath Company's *Wreaths Across America*, a donation of holiday wreaths for the graves of fallen troops in Arlington National Cemetery. This year Mr. Worcester, the owner of *Worcester Wreath Company*, committed himself and his company to doing more, by reaching out across America and asked Civil Air Patrol to help expand the project by placing wreaths in over 230 selected state, national and private cemeteries and veterans monuments across America.

Veterans and active duty service members came together across the nation, simultaneously, and began laying wreaths at over 200 cemeteries, monuments and memorials. Some were in uniform, some were in wheelchairs, some were emotional, and many shed tears and remembered. They were joined by local, state and national officials along with the general public. All were present to honor the fallen, the prisoners of war, the missing in action and those who have served and are serving in this great nation's armed services.

At several of the sites there were helicopter flybys and the county commissioners asked us to come again next year to repeat the event. The Florida Wing locations and CAP leaders were -

- o City of Miami Memorial Cemetery, Lt Col George Navarini
- o WWI Memorial at Lake County Courthouse at Tavares, Lt Col David Moseley
- o Bay Pines Cemetery, Gen William Cass, Former National Commander
- o Kanapha Park Veteran's Memorial, Gainesville, 2Lt Mark Sweitzer
- o St. Augustine National Cemetery, Maj Mike Goblet
- o Columbia County Veterans Memorial, Capt. Rick Peters
- o Evergreen Cemetery, Ch Lt Col Dewey E. Painter, Sr.



To learn more about this event, visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

MAYDAY! And Then What?

By: 2nd Lt Jeffrey Maturo, Group 5 Public Affairs Officer

On 17 January 2007, members of the CAP in conjunction with the FAA held a seminar dealing with the topic of Search and Rescue Operations that can save the lives of those who survive a crash landing event. Speakers included Major Lee Wedlake, Florida Wing Air Operations Safety Officer, Lt Col Dave Moruzzi, Commander of the Naples Senior Squadron, Amy Laboda, editor of *Aviation for Women* magazine, Capt Jim Kaletta, Commander of the Charlotte County Composite Squadron, Lt Jim McClain, Commander of the Lee County Composite Squadron and Lt Col Jim Speith, Commander of the Lee County School Squadron.

This often overlooked topic taught pilots how to prepare passengers for an unplanned landing, what to expect after the landing and insights into how the search and rescue (SAR) system works. Lt McClain and Lt Col Speith demonstrated how CAP Urban Direction Finding teams locate an Emergency Locator Transponder. The event was sponsored by the Lee County Port Authority and the Lee County Composite Squadron. Over 40 pilots attended the Ft. Myers event. Pilots participating in the FAA Wings safety program earned seminar credit for their next phase, as several of the speakers are also FAA FFAST Team members (formerly known as Aviation Safety Counselors).

Ranger School Communications Encampment

By: Capt Gene Floyd, Project Officer, North FL Ranger School

The North Florida Ranger School is planning a Communications Encampment the first week of Summer Break (May 25-Jun 3) at Ft McGee near Tallahassee to work with both cadets and adult officers on their advanced communications skills. The plan is to have one day of CAP communications training, two and a half days of Amateur Radio Technician training, two and a half days of EMCOMM level 1 training, a day of FEMA ICS training, and a day of exercising and evaluating using HF, VHF, and ISR radios. Free time will be filled in playing with antennas and radios, including satellite communications gear.

Volunteer civilians (mainly ham radio operators) will participate as instructors for the technical and Emergency Communications portions as well as perhaps some of the ICS training. Ideally, classes will each be team-taught by a ham instructor and a CAP communicator, and certain critical classes will be taught by ham-licensed CAP instructors to avoid confusion.

Anyone who is interested in coordinating attendance or volunteering to assist or instruct, please contact Capt Gene Floyd, FL CAP 1019 / ham callsign AI4KK, <mailto:floridacyclist@aol.com> or call (850)284-3677.

Gear Up for Airfest 2007

By: 1st Lt David L. Leich, AirFest 2007 Project Officer

MacDill AFB in Tampa will again host their annual open house and airshow at Airfest 2007 on Saturday, March 31st and Sunday, April 1st. The event is the largest military air event on the west coast of Florida.



The Blue Angels, will be on hand again this year to the delight of the thousands of fans who have either seen them in the past or have heard of their flying prowess. There will be various military and civilian aircraft airborne demonstrations as well as static aircraft displays for public viewing during these two days.

The last AirFest, which was held in 2005 and attracted over 350,000 spectators, made the job for the Air Force personnel and the various other support organizations very demanding due to the popularity of the event.

MacDill AFB has again asked for the Civil Air Patrol Florida Wing's support and assistance during this outstanding activity. Group 3 Commander Lt Col Billy Westcott, as well as staff from Groups 3, 5 and 8, are gearing up and taking the lead to ensure Civil Air Patrol's involvement meets and exceeds the requirements of the Air Force while providing an exciting, enjoyable and safe event for all.

AirFest 2007 will be open to all Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol members wishing to participate. Cadet and Senior Members should contact their unit commanders if they have an interest in being involved with this outstanding event. Units sending Cadets to AirFest 2007 will need to insure that they send a sufficient number of Senior Members to oversee their own Cadets for the entire event.

See the full article at <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=441&category=>. AirFest 2007 Project Officer Lt David Leach may be reached by email at <mailto:airfest2007@earthlink.net>.

Squadron's TV Show Inspires Rocket Donation

By: 2nd Lt Jeff Maturo, Public Affairs Officer, Naples Senior Squadron

Lt Col Dave Moruzzi, commander of the Naples Senior Squadron, recently accepted an unusual donation to the squadron's aerospace education program -- model rocket kits. Ann Petrocelli of Naples, a regular viewer of "We Serve to Save", a squadron-produced monthly television show that airs on the government channel, had featured a segment on model rockets as part of one recent episode. That inspired Petrocelli, who thought that the local cadets would enjoy building and firing the rockets as much as she did watching them on TV.

She sent the rockets to 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Maturo, who hosts We Serve to Save and presented them to Moruzzi to pass on to the Naples Cadet Squadron. The rockets should provide the cadets with valuable insight into the physics of rocketry as well good old-fashioned outdoor fun.

See full article at

<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=354>



Lt Col Moruzzi with part of donation

Ranger School Trains for Emergencies

By: 1st Lt Mark Sweitzer and Capt Gene Floyd, Information & Project Officers, N FL Ranger School

The Florida Wing held the North Florida Ranger School in the Tallahassee area over the long Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend. In the 3 days of living in conditions that are best described as "austere", the CAP members from Florida and Georgia studied, practiced, and were evaluated on various topics ranging from Wilderness First Aid and Land Navigation to Survival Skills and Radio Communications. The more experienced cadets and officers received additional instruction and practice on leading, teaching, and evaluating students. While several adults provided oversight and mentoring, much of the school was operated by senior cadets.

The students started off Saturday morning with a pre-dawn van ride from the staging area to the actual training area that they called home for the next three days. As the vans unexpectedly pulled to the side of the road, everyone was quickly hustled off and into formation in order to run the last mile into camp. Physical Training was next and the rest of their day only got tougher as their instructors and cadre moved them quickly from class to class.

The illusion of a peaceful Sunday morning snuggled inside sleeping bags was shattered as they were jolted awake at 6:00 AM and told to fall in with all their gear. Stumbling into formation while rubbing the sleep from their eyes, they were briefed that a single-engine airplane was missing just west of Tallahassee. Dawn broke as they dismounted their vehicles several miles out in the National Forest and begin their 5mi hike to where the Air Force Search and Rescue Satellites had picked up a faint distress signal.

After breaking trail for 4 or 5 miles through dense underbrush and crossing several creeks swollen by the past week's rains, the Search and Rescue Team Members were finally rewarded with a faint warbling sound in their radio direction-finding gear. Following the distress signal, they found the small Cessna nose-down in a gulley with the critically-injured pilot entrapped in the airplane and the passenger nearby. The searchers performed first aid to keep them alive until firefighters, guided in by a



second CAP ground team responded to the scene with more advanced medical training and equipment. Together, they began preparing to transport the injured victims to the EMTs and paramedics. Strapping them securely onto backboards, they began the trek back through the deep gulley and over many downed trees to the landing zone with their loaded backboards. At the medical staging area, cadets ensured a safe landing zone for the helicopter and guided the pilot down with hand signals. The helicopter rapidly took off as soon as the flight paramedic was onboard, circled once, landed and shut it's engines down completely. The exercise was halted and the cadets were given a tour of the ambulance and helicopter. Exercise? Yes...the Cessna airplane was from the junkyard and the "victims" were made up with moulage to resemble injured crash victims.

See the full article at

<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=445&category=>

Understanding Influenza

By: Maj Sergio B. Seoane, M.D., Florida Wing Medical Officer

Influenza (commonly called the flu) is a highly contagious viral illness that can occur in children or adults of any age. It is responsible for illness in up to 20 percent of people worldwide each year. It occurs most frequently in the winter months as individuals spend more time in close contact with one another. In the United States, the peak of flu season can occur anywhere from late December through March.



The influenza A or B virus causes most outbreaks of influenza. The virus is spread easily from person-to-person via infected respiratory secretions. As a result, attack rates can be particularly high among individuals living in an institutionalized setting such as schools or long term care facilities, including nursing homes.

Influenza usually begins abruptly with the onset of fever, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue; cough, and sore throat may also be present. Symptoms of the flu can vary from person to person. Some patients experience cold-like symptoms, while others may have fever and muscle aches. Symptoms usually improve over two to five days, although the illness may last for a week or more. Weakness and fatigue may persist for several weeks. Other upper respiratory viruses usually resolve after 24 to 48 hours.

Treatment of influenza mainly focuses on relieving symptoms. Rest until the flu is fully resolved, especially if the illness has been severe, drink fluids to maintain adequate hydration, take acetaminophen (such as Tylenol® and other brands) to relieve fever, headache, and muscle aches. Aspirin, and medicines that include aspirin, should be avoided, particularly in children under 18, because it has been associated with the development of Reye syndrome (a serious disease affecting the nervous system).

Rates of infection are highest among children, but rates of serious illness and death are highest among persons over 65 years, under 2 years, and persons of any age who have medical conditions that place them at increased risk for complications from influenza. It is impossible to acquire influenza from the inactive vaccine. Influenza vaccination is the primary method for preventing influenza and its severe complications. Annual influenza vaccination is now recommended for the following groups:



- A. Persons at high risk for influenza-related complications and severe disease, such as: children aged 6--59 months, pregnant women, persons aged >50 years, persons of any age with certain chronic medical conditions;
- B. Persons who live with or care for persons at high risk, such as: household contacts who have frequent contact with persons at high risk and who can transmit influenza to those persons at high risk and health-care workers.

The effectiveness of inactivated influenza vaccine depends primarily on the age and immunocompetence of the vaccine recipient, the degree of similarity between the viruses in the vaccine and those in circulation, and the outcome being measured. A recent study of children aged 6-24 months determined that 89% of children were protected once vaccinated. Another study among children aged 1-15 years also demonstrated that inactivated influenza vaccine was 77% and 91% effective against influenza. Generally speaking, the influenza vaccine is 58% effective persons greater than 60 years old. In adults under 60, the vaccine is effective in 70%-90% of cases.



CAP Day in Volusia County

By: By: 1st Lt Ken Ali, Government Relations Officer, 8049th Composite Squadron

The Volusia County Council proclaimed Dec 1-7, 2006 as Civil Air Patrol Week in Volusia County and presented three proclamations to each of the squadrons in Volusia County. Lt Col Joseph Wisniewski accepted the award on behalf of the Ormond Beach Senior Squadron, Capt Glenn Powers on behalf of the 8049th Squadron at Daytona Beach and Lt T. "Tac" Kong on behalf of the Deland Composite Squadron. All three squadrons are located at their respective airports.

The Chairman and members of the County Council thanked members of CAP for their service to the County, State and the Nation. Maj James Goblet, Group 2 Chief of Staff and Capt Lee Powers, Moral Leadership Officer, addressed the Council.

Cadet Awards

Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

- Matthew J Castriotta
- Michael Kugel
- Ryan C McCord
- Jena L McGovern
- Devon F Spencer

Amelia Earhart Award

- Jason W Fontenot
- Kevin L Ives
- Johnathan D Law
- Chelsea J Weiss

Gen Billy Mitchell Award

- Emily M Davidson
- Thomas B Giles
- Alex S Ramsbhag
- Giovanni A Silva
- Geoff M Simkin
- Justin A Story

Officer Awards

Gill Robb Wilson Award

- Lt Col Herbert L Schulman

Paul E Garber Award

- Maj Leon J Frank
- Maj John R Varsames
- Lt Col Rogers A Porter

Grover Loening Award

- Capt Douglas Eugene Porter
- Capt Peter P Strohl

Gen Benjamin O Davis Award

- 2nd Lt Wayne D Buchanan
- Sr Mbr Matthew J Congrove FL
- Capt Mike Doerhoefer
- 1st Lt Patricia W Lammersfeld
- Capt Joseph A Moldon
- Capt Kathleen T Patrick
- Capt Edward J Willoughby

In Memoriam

Col Alva R Appel, National Headquarters

Lt Col Chester A Blucher, Stuart Composite Squadron

Lt Col Robert A Rumbaugh, Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron

Two Join Cadet Honor Society

C/SRA Rohit Sharma and C/SRA John Poole from Jacksonville Composite are the 49th and 50th inductees into the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society.

Cadets Sharma and Poole have demonstrated an excellent academic record and are well-deserved of this award. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment.

Calendar

See Complete FL Wing Calendar at <http://flwg.us/database/calendar.asp>

8-11 Feb 07	Advanced Emergency Responders Bivouac
31 Mar-1 Apr 07	Airfest 2007 - MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL
16-23 Apr 07	Sun 'n Fun Precautionary Mission
25 May-3 Jun 07	FL Ranger School Communications Encampment, Ft McGee
8-10 Jun 07	FL Wing Conference, Orlando, FL
8-11 Aug 07	CAP National Board Meeting and Conference, Atlanta GA

Reports Due from Squadrons:
Aerospace Education Excellence - 2nd
Counterdrug Activity - 15th
Flight Release Log - 5th
Operations Activity - 15th
Professional Development - 5th
Safety - 10th
Officer Training - 5th
Vehicle - 5th

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