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We've Come a Long Way....

But.....

think...



The active year past has shown many changes in Florida Wing. Our senior membership has increased over 7% with a growth in squadrons exceeding that of the past few years. The cadet program held steady in its membership, but activities increased many fold and Florida Wing is proud of the fact that we had more Spaatz Award recipients than any Wing or Region in the nation. This indicates a tremendous effort on the part of these Cadets and the senior members supporting them and giving them encouragement.

We anticipate being in the Top Ten Wings of the nation for 1976. This accomplishment reflects concerted activity of all members; from the new Cadet completing a first contract, through all the cadets and seniors actively supporting the three missions of the CAP program, to the Wing Staff members who put in untold hours trying to maintain an active program; for this, I wish to congratulate you all individually.

In 1977 I am looking forward to an even more progressive year in membership and training. I hope to see more Cadet first timers at the scheduled Summer Encampments, more participation in the Wing Drill Competition, at least 40% of this

CIVIL AIR PATROL FLEW OVER 24 MILLION MILES ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL AND SPOTTED 173 SUBS DURING W.W. II!

THESE SMALL PLANES WERE ARMED WITH BOMBS + DEPTH CHARGES

CAP VOLUNTEERS ALSO FLEW FOREST AND BORDER PATROL, TARGET TOWING, ETC.

TODAY CAP, AN AUXILIARY OF THE USAF, INSTRUCTS CAP CADETS, ASSISTS WITH AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE, OTHER EMERGENCIES, ETC!

MANY CAP CADETS HAVE BECOME AVIATION SPECIALISTS IN AMERICA'S AIR POWER AND SPACE-AGE EXPLORATIONS!

SALUTE TO CAP'S 35TH ANNIV. FROM YOUNG SMILIN' JACK + ZACK MOSLEY COL.-CAP. CHICAGO TRIB. N.Y. NEWS SYND. (R)

CAP--YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

years Mitchell Award winners obtain their Earhart Award. More members with improved and expanded mission capability. During the past year about 25% of the units carried the load to put Florida Wing in the Top Ten in the nation. If all units



take the initiative we collectively can put Florida Wing in the FIRST place. We can prove that one of the five largest wings in the nation can be best in the country. This hasn't been done in over ten years, but we can do it. All that is necessary is for each one of us, Senior, and Cadet members, pledge to be the outstanding member in the CAP program and then go about proving it by our activity, performance, training, and cooperation. The final ingredient that we must all add to our daily activity is safety. Anything accomplished in a safe manner is done well. We had a good safety record last year in our driving and flying activity, although I do believe some of it was pure luck. Unfortunately four of our cadets were injured in unit recreational activities; this has to stop.

Ladies and gentlemen, all CAP members in Florida Wing, this is our challenge. If all 3000 of us accept this challenge and prove our capability, there will be no doubt that Florida Wing will be best in the nation.

Henri P. Casenove, Col.
Commander, Florida Wing

1977 EVENTS

CDEX...Tallahassee, etc..April 2 & 3
 Drill Comp.....TBA..... May 28 & 29
 WING CONF...Don Cezar..June 3,4,&5
 St. Pete Beach
 NEC..... Maxwell.. June 4
 Ntl. Staff Col. .Maxwell..June 19-29
 IACE Begins....Wash..... July 22-27
 SER Conf.....Colonades.. July 29-31
 Riviera Beach
 IACE Fla. Phase.Cape Area Aug. 7-9
 SAR-EX.....Sebring.....TBA- Sept.
 3/4 Comm. Call..Ocala...Sept. 10-11
 Natl. Bd./Conf..Mariott.. Oct. 20-23
 Atlanta,Ga.
 CAP Sunday.....Dec. 4
 4/4 Comm. Call..Ft. Dec. 10,11
 Lauderdale

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Merry Christmas

Belated...

I wonder what I ought to wish
 At Christmas time for you.
 I hoped it would be different,
 A wish that's sort of new.
 Many things came to my mind
 Such as happiness and health,
 And home, and friends, and pleasure
 And, at least, a little wealth.

But none of these would quite suffice,
 You've heard them o'er and o'er.
 I wanted to wish a wish for you
 That had not been used before.
 Then I recalled a Spanish phrase
 That's used in Mexico;
 "Via con Dios", I think it is.
 Or "Go with God"--you know?

So this then is my Christmas wish
 From the Chaplain's pen to you;
 May every day you go with God
 In every thing you do.
 For I know you'll find happiness,
 Your heart be filled with song,
 Whatever happens, if you'll be sure
 That you have God along.

F.E. Ockert

This issue of Capers is long overdue, I know. The reasons go on and on so just bear with us. We hope from now on we can publish every two months. We would like it to be monthly but until my staff grows and our experience makes it easier, and our pay is raised...it will have to be BI-Monthly. This is the Jan./Feb. issue. You should receive it the first of March. The deadline for the next issue is April 5. You should get it in the mail by April 25. The following issue deadline will be June 6, the next August 9. We hope that the paper will be partially self supporting. So see the notices in this issue about advertising policies and cost.

The Gator Capers is your paper to let you know what other parts of the Wing are doing, coming events, etc. It will not be used as a STAFF BULLETIN. Not that they aren't important, because they ARE. But we want news and information you won't see in a bulletin. We need pictures. Black and white snapshot size is fine. No *8 X 10 please.

EDITOR GATOR CAPERS
 Diane Kittendorf, Capt.



What is it?

If you have a QUICKY news item jot it down on a post card. Send it to GATOR CAPERS, P.O. Box 20091. Orlando 32814



NEW BUILDING FOR SQUADRON

The Central Brevard Composite Squadron of Group 21 dedicated their new hanger at the Merritt Island airport on December 7, 1976 as an appropriate tribute to the fighting men of Pearl Harbor, according to Lt. Virginia Greer, chairman of the event. Dedication exercises were led by Chaplain William Fisackerly.

The Central Brevard Squadron is equipped with a Cessna 150 which is used for pilot training as well as search and rescue. The squadron was chosen as the Outstanding Composite Squadron in Florida Wing in 1975 and they are looking forward to receiving other honors with a brand new building and a host of fine people backing them up.

Squadrons Aid UCP

On Saturday 13 Nov 76 elements of University Cadet, West Miami Cadet and Homestead Cadet Squadrons, Group 10, participated in a group communications exercise.

Under the direction of Robert Flanagan, 2Lt. Comm. Off. for University Cadet Squadron, attending personnel set up and operated all communications for the United Cerebral Palsy walk-a-thon.

The UCP walk-a-thon is a twenty mile circular route through downtown areas of Miami and was attended by some 3,800 civilian walkers. Communications for the walk consisted of passing traffic between five stationary check points and seven mobile patrol units pertaining to the movement of the crowd.

The primary purpose of the exercise was to ascertain the readiness of the group to set up and operate an emergency communications center with the secondary purpose of giving the cadets a practical communications training exercise.



SE. REGION CONFERENCE

JULY 29-31

THE COLONADES HOTEL - RIVIERA BCH.

SHORT SHORTS

The November Commanders Call in Ocala had a good attendance. Among the VIP visitors we saw Capt. Hackert, USAF-LO from Mc Dill AFB. We were especially glad to see an old friend Col. Gordon Weir, Director of Administration, National Headquarters. He brought the good news that CAP NEWS will be back to a monthly publication after a year as a Bi-monthly. He had a lot to do with the change.

If your unit needs speakers on the Space Program or any part of Aerospace ... Contact Speakers Bureau
J.F. Kennedy Space Center
Orlando, Fla. 32809

or call: (305) 867-2050- TWA Group Tours

This helpful word from our new Wing I.O. Capt. Al Seeschaaf. See more about him on page 7.

Congrats to Sarasota Squadron... Your local paper really gave you a beautiful Anniversary coverage! Front page COLOR photo, article and more inside with another photo. That took a lot of planning. Did you send it to the I.O. for credit?

After sending greetings to Great Britain this Christmas I recieved a letter from an Officer Peter L. Abbott. He is the commanding Officer for the Air Training Corp. Squadron No. 296 (London Wing.) He requests that he would like to "Link up" with a CAP Squadron in Florida. " with the express purpose of extending the hand of friendship and exchanging ideas on training methods etc., which we feel would be of great interest to our cadets."

If you or your unit would like to know more or want the address write to me in care of GATOR CAPERS, P.O. Box 20091, Orlando, Fla. 32814.....D. Kittendorf.

For those of you who don't already know, Major Ed Boedenheimer has left Florida. He has been re-assigned. We do not have a replacement L.O. yet but Sgt. Ulrich will be doing his best to hold down the fort. A farewell party was held in Orlando. Look for more on the party and the Major in our next issue of GATOR CAPERS.

CADETS CORNER...

This is it CADETS... This page is all yours. You will even have your own editor. You can use cartoons, advise column, Activities, news...it's up to you. See the classified section for more information on WHO your editor will be. It may be YOU!

CAC Elects New Chairman

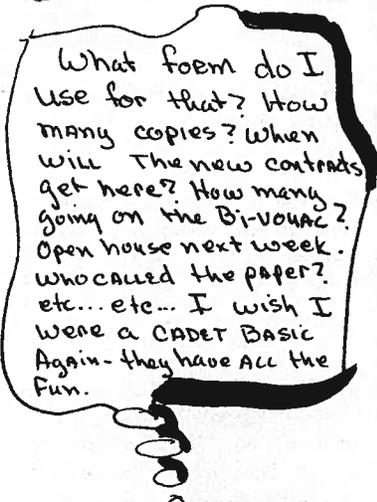
At the November Commander's Call the cadets of the Wing chose C/LCol. Ed McLuckie as the new CAC Chairman. In an attempt to get to know the new chairman, we asked C/LCol. McLuckie to tell us something about himself. We hope this will help you become more familiar with him.

Cadet McLuckie is the cadet commander of the East Duval Optimist Composite Squadron in Jacksonville. He has been active in CAP for seven years and has won several awards. In 1975 and 1976, he was chosen as the Outstanding Cadet for the East Duval Squadron and in 1976 he was also designated the Outstanding Cadet for Group 31. He has attended three type A encampments. During the 1976 encampment while serving as the Deputy Cadet Commander, he received trophies as the Outstanding Cadet and the Outstanding Cadet Officer of the Encampment. Cadet McLuckie was also a participant in the 1976 IACE program and traveled to Great Britain.

As he sees it, C/LCol. McLuckie says he will have two problems to tackle in the Cadet Advisory Council. The first is what he feels is a lack of acceptance of the council by Group and Squadron Commanders. He says, "I believe part of the problem is because the past few administrations have kept the commanders in the dark by not communicating with them." The other problem is that seniors feel that the council is run by a band of political rebels who are out to overthrow the corporation. He and his staff have resolved to ensure that the mission of the council is strictly advisory. "It's our council and it's our responsibility to make it work, so I encourage senior and cadet support."

Aside from CAP, Ed McLuckie is a sophomore at Jacksonville University majoring in Biology. His hobbies include stamp collecting, tennis and bowling.

Good Luck to C/LCol. McLuckie and his staff for a prosperous term in the CAC.



COUNCIL NOTES--

Just a quick reminder from the CAC Chairman about topics to be discussed at the February council meeting. Among others, such items as Area Coordinators and mandatory closed book testing will be covered. Also, Group Chairman are asked to please submit form 59's to the Wing Council Recorder along with their monthly minutes. C/LCol. McLuckie has informed us that a reporting form is being prepared for the Group Chairman to report the number of cadets, the achievements completed per squadron and other pertinent information not usually found in their monthly minutes. All representatives are encouraged to submit items for the agenda to the council staff.

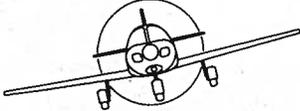
We hope this will be a successful and profitable meeting for all.

ACTIVE? OR Passive?

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER??
(Courtesy Illinois VFW News)

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER, THE KIND THAT WOULD BE MISSED, OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENTED THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST? DO YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND MINGLE WITH THE FLOCK, OR DO YOU MEET IN PRIVATE AND CRITIZE AND KNOCK? DO YOU TAKE AN ACTIVE PART TO HELP THE WORK ALONG, OR ARE YOU SATISFIED TO BE THE KIND WHO JUST BELONGS? DO YOU WORK ON COMMITTEES, TO THIS THERE IS NO TRICK, OR LEAVE THE WORK TO JUST A FEW, AND TALK ABOUT THE CLIQUE? SO COME TO THE MEETINGS OFTEN, AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER, BUT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART. THINK THIS OVER FOLKS, YOU KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG. ARE YOU JUST A MEMBER. . . OR DO YOU REALLY BELONG?

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Marriott Hotel (Downtown)
OCT. 20, 22, 23 & 24
ATLANTA, GA.





CAP's role in ROTC

L. J. Samelson, Maj. USAF

Commanders of all CAP units were recently requested by Brigadier General Carl S. Miller, CAP Executive Director, to assist Air Force ROTC in identifying and counseling CAP cadets who are potentially qualified for the Senior AFROTC program and eventually commissions as US AF officers. General Miller recognizes that CAP has a great potential in assisting the Air Force "in the selection of tomorrow's officers and leaders," and he has called upon CAP for full support of the AFROTC program.

Here in Florida, there are five schools which have AFROTC detachments: University of Florida, Gainesville; Florida State University, Tallahassee; Florida Technological University, Orlando; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach; and the University of Miami. Scholarships for qualified cadets are available which pay for up to four full years of tuition, fees, and textbooks, plus a \$100 per month subsistence. AFROTC is particularly seeking students majoring in technical and scientific fields, and also has specific needs for quality minority students.

CAP students who enroll in AFROTC may receive special credit for their CAP training. For example, recipients of the Carl A. Spaatz award may be credited with up to three semesters of ROTC credit. Similarly, an Amelia Earhart Award winner may receive credit for two semesters, and a Billy Mitchell Award recipient may have one semester credited. Information on the AFROTC programs was provided to all CAP commanders at the 7 November 76 Commanders call in Ocala, and additional information may be obtained directly from any of the AFROTC detachments listed in this column.

Worth Repeating...



For the benefit of all members of Civil Air Patrol, the latest statistics of search and rescue activities throughout the organization are shown below.

These are unofficial figures compiled by Directorate of Operations at CAP National Headquarters.

(As of 12 Dec. 76)

Saves	33
Finds	363
Number of Missions ..	647
Number of Sorties	8479
Flying Hours	16,731.7
Personnel	24,365
Number of Aircraft ..	4365
Mobile Radios	5917
Fixed Radios	4305



FLA REPLACES NY-- IACE

The 1977 IACE (International Air Cadet Exchange) is making a major change this year. If you've been wondering who will the host escorts be for Florida this year put it out of your mind. It has been the practice for Florida to host the largest of the groups (25-30) that go to each state for a period of two weeks each summer. The IACE cadets usually arrive in New York for four or five days then break into smaller groups and go to host states for ten days to two weeks, then to Washington D.C. for the last three days. The New York phase is the most expensive. It is estimated to run \$27,500 for just three days.

That is the whole problem. The funding this year has been cut drastically. So National Board decided in December that the elimination of the New York phase would save the most. They checked costs and decided the cadets could see more for on quarter the cost by coming to our GREAT STATE of FLORIDA.

The cadets will ALL come to Florida for the final phase of their U. S. visit. They will arrive in Florida August 7 and depart on August 9. A Bar-B-Q that will be co-hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a day at Disney and a tour of Kennedy Space Center will more than fill their three days. Florida will not host a separate smaller group this year as it is planned now.

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Are you going to Atlanta in Oct.?



CHRISSE HUTCHINSON, SQUADRON
MASCOT-PINELLAS SR. SQ.

WHY I WANT TO BE AN AIRPLANE PILOT !

(Taken from an essay by a 6th grade boy
in Montana)

I want to be a pilot when I grow up because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying today. Pilots don't need much school. They just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read road maps so they won't get lost. Pilots should be brave so they won't be scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off they should stay calm so they know what to do.

Pilots have to have good eyes to see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they're closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They have more money than they can spend. This is because most people think plane flying is dangerous, Except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

There isn't much I don't like except Girls like pilots and all the stewardesses want to marry pilots so they always have to chase them away so they don't bother them.

I hope I don't get air sick because I get car sick and if I get a ir sick I couldn't be a pilot and then I'd have to go to work.



AWARDS

Spaceflight 6, Order of Daedalians has named CAP Capt. Al E. Seeschaaf of Cocoa, Fla. as the outstanding CAP Senior Member of 1976. CAP C/Capt. Richard Lynch of Indialantic was named as the outstanding Cadet of 1976. Two other cadets, C/1st Lt. James Choss of Satellite Beach, and C/2ndLt. Robert Whalen of Melbourne were designated as the outstanding cadets in the Jr. Air Force ROTC program at their schools.

Cpt. Al Seeschaaf is the Director of Information for the Florida Wing. He is also the Public Relations Specialist for the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Cadets Lynch and Choss are members of Patrick Cadet Sq. and Cadet Whalen is a member of South Brevard Composite Squadron at Melbourne.

Each year Spaceflight 6, Order of Daedalians selects one adult member from either CAP or the Jr. ROTC, one cadet from each of the AF Jr. ROTC units, and one CAP cadet as its outstanding member. This selection is made from the central east coast area of Fla.

The Order of Daedalians was founded in 1932 by a group of W.W. I Pilots to continue the patriotic motivation of military pilots who exemplify the aims and goals of the order.

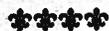
1972 IACE ...anyone remember Pual Sankey...From England? He will be coming for a visit to Florida this summer, with his fam



Have you seen the new poster in Sgt. Ulriches office? A going away gift from Maj. Bodenheimer.



GEN. EDWARD WHITE, MAJ. JOE LILL AND CONGRESSMAN C.W. (BILL) YOUNG AT A RECENT AIRSHOW AT PINELLAS AIRPORT PHOTO: E. VAN DYKE



CAP Powder Puff Queen? See next issue of CAPERS.....



Dear Editor,
No one in my unit seems to know...
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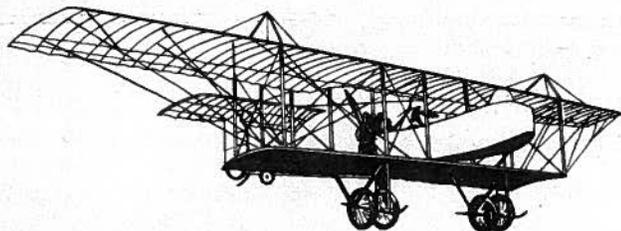
Got a Gripe? A Compliment? A question you can't find an answer to? Write to Gator Capers... .



GROUP 17- CHANGE OF COMMAND. MAJ. JOE LILL, NEW GROUP COMMANDER CONGRATULATES OUTGOING COMMANDER, LCOL JOHN HAGAN ON HIS PROMOTION. PHOTO BY ELLEN VAN DYKE

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# WOMEN WEAR..... PANTS ?

A welcome addition to the uniforms for women is the eye-catching, softly tailored pants suit. The combination is made of a textured polyester suitable for comfortable year round wear.

The coat is the classic single breast-ed blazer design with a press collar, notched lapel, and two patch pockets. the semi-fitted jacket has a row of 25-line buttons and 3/8 inch machine stitched edges. The tailored slacks are full and hang straight, long enough to rest on the front of the shoe, without a break in the crease. The overblouse has the same fly front, quarter-length sleeves, and crescent collar as the standard blouse, but is longer in length. The pants suit is worn with plain black pumps with closed toe and heel, black bag and beret.

This new uniform is not currently available through the bookstore, but when it is we will publish all the details.

# IACE (cont. From pg 6)....

Further details will be passed on to you as we get them. Three days is not much time to really show them real Florida hospitality but we can really try. They have often said they never found they got to know the PEOPLE in New York. That may have been due to the Rush and the lack of time. Lets see if we can overcome that handicap. We are Florida Not the attractions.



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