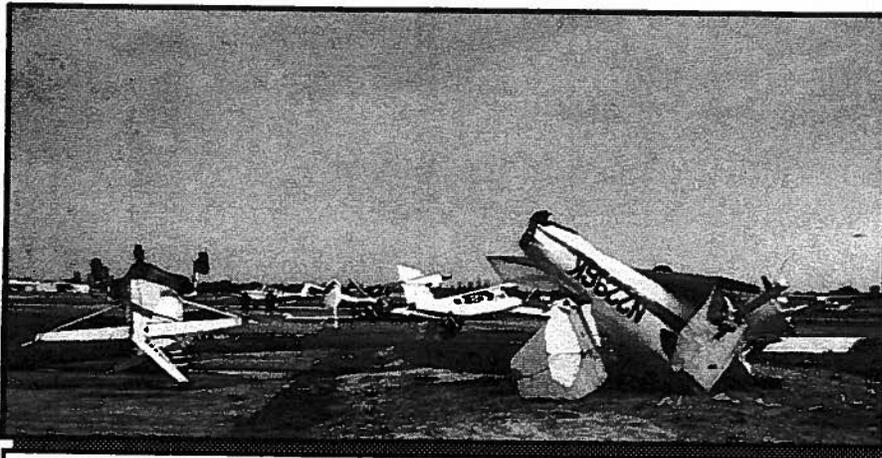


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DOZENS OF EL NINO MISSIONS COMPLETED

Numerous squadrons were on search and rescue alert for 87 continuous hours during the El Nino storm which started on 3 February and was described as the worst disaster to hit Florida since Hurricane Andrew.



Some of the fifty-four planes that were demolished by the El Nino Tornado at the North Perry Airport
-Photo Submitted by 2 Lt. Tom Baldwin

During combined CAP operations throughout the state, SAR mission teams succeeded in 'silencing' nearly 200 Emergency Locator Transmitter [ELT] signals that had been activated by the severe weather.

Fierce winds, gusts in excess of 50 knots, lightning, hail and twisters caused the overturning of planes, as well as hangar roofs being blown off, and boats slamming against seawalls and docks. Many boats were torn from their moorings and set adrift in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

These incidents set off a scourge of ELT signals and each was picked up by either a Russian satellite known as COPSAT or an American satellite known as SARSAT. Each signal and its location coordinates was transmi-

tted to NOAA at Suitland, Md. and relayed to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center [AFRCC] at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Nearly all the search missions were then assigned, by the Air Force, to CAP to locate and silence the ELT's.

Upon assignment through Wing Alerting Officers, Mission Coordinators, flight crews and ground teams were immediately mobilized and the MC's launched individual search missions. Four days later on 6 February, the last ELT's - two on the north end of Estero Island in the Gulf - were silenced. The CAP is assigned nearly 84% of all Air Force search and rescue missions, and responds to each as a life threatening situation. "In the four days, nearly 200 ELT's were

located and silenced and not a single life was found to be at risk," said Lt. Col. Gary Nelson, FLWG Director of Emergency Services.

At North Perry Airport, where a tornado touched down, 54 signals were set off, advised Mission Coordinator, Lt. Col. Mike Brown. Ten oc-

curred at the Opalocka Airport and numerous alarms emanated from locations in Lee and Collier Counties.

More than ten squadrons from Groups 8, 9 & 10 were on mission status for four days around the clock. "Thousands of man hours were expended and we were all pretty exhausted when the mission was officially closed," said Mission Coordinator Maj. Buddy Harris.

Comander Skiba said, "Our personnel worked tirelessly during this state-wide, four day emergency response. Not a single CAP plane was damaged due to faulty tie-down nor were any vehicles dented or scratched during searches through wreckage and downed trees. Our members performed in an outstanding, professional and dedicated fashion."

VIEW FROM THE PERCH

COL. ANDREW SKIBA

Florida Wing Commander



By the time you read this, the majority of the information will be old news. It is obviously an exciting time in our organization for many reasons. The first issue I would like to address is the resignation of our national commander, Br. Gen. Paul M. Bergman. General Bergman chose to resign for a variety of personal reasons which are stated in his letter of resignation to the National Board of Directors. I'm sure that decision must have been a very difficult one to reach. General Bergman cited the successes that he felt were accomplished under his command, and that he felt this was the appropriate time for him to step down and turn over the leadership of this great organization to Colonel Bobick.

I would like to explain the process that will take place under the Civil Air Patrol's Constitution and By-Laws for the election and selection of our national officers under these circumstances. Colonel James C. Bobick [Jay], our National Vice Commander becomes the acting National Commander until the National Board of Directors meeting in August of this year. With his assumption of this position of acting National Commander, Col. Bobick is promoted to the grade of temporary Brigadier General. This action was completed at the March Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

The first order of business at the board meeting in August will be the election of both a new National Commander and Vice Commander. The reason that this action must wait until the August Board of Directors meeting is to allow

any Civil Air Patrol member in good standing, who wishes to be considered for either position, to announce his/her candidacy. Additionally, candidates may be nominated from the floor prior to the election. After the National Commander election is concluded, there will be an election for the position of National Vice Commander. With the current Vice Commander position vacant due to Gen. Bobick's move up, there will probably be a large slate of candidates for the Vice Commander position. Once the election for both national offices is completed, the new National Commander will name his selections for appointment as the National Chief of Staff, Legal Officer, Finance Officer, and Controller prior to the adjournment of the Board meeting, to allow the Board of Directors [Region and Wing/CC's] the opportunity to confirm the appointments. As an interesting note, the normal term of office for the National Commander is three years. The normal term of office for the National Vice Commander is one year with an election held each year for this position. All other national officers are appointed by the National Commander and confirmed by the Board, as stated previously.

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I'm sure that most of you can see that the August Board meeting in Atlanta, Ga. should be very interesting. I urge all of you to make an effort to attend this meeting.

The **second issue** I would like to address is our recently concluded *Quality Air Force Assessment* by the Headquarters CAP Inspector General. We affectionately refer to this as the I.G. Inspection. The Florida Wing was the first wing to be inspected under the new QAFAs criteria. While much of the inspection is subjective in nature, every department of the wing is subject to verification of all required documentation, records, and other important evidence that your wing is in compliance with all regulations, national directives, and objectives. I am extremely proud of the effort put together by all the staff and directors of the Florida Wing achieving an overall rating of **Excellent**. We had three **Outstanding** ratings, numerous **Excellent** ratings and **Zero Unsatisfactory** assignments by the IG team. When we consider that the headquarter's staff had to do a major rebuilding of each department over the last year and half, I consider this an outstanding accomplishment by all the staff members and I thank them sincerely for their efforts and dedication.

What is important to you, the membership in the field, is that this rating validates that we are trying to provide the best, dedicated professional service to each and every one of you. Yes,, we still have some areas that require improvement. When I first became your wing commander I made it clear to the headquarter's staff that our number one obligation was to provide the best service to you, our customers,

and the community that we serve. We must continue to be professional in all we do.

The **third issue** is the schedule of Commander Calls for the remainder of the year. Commander Calls are open to all members but several of these calls are specific for either Group or Group and Squadron/Unit Commanders due to the agenda items being covered. I normally schedule Commander Calls quarterly. The next scheduled Commanders Call will be held on Saturday, 4 April '98 at 1000 hrs. Location: Wing Headquarters, MacDill AFB. **This meeting is mandatory** for each Group Commander or his/ her representative. A full meeting agenda will be distributed to each Group Commander prior to the meeting. There will be a briefing on several significant operational issues so I recommend that each Group have their Operations Officer in attendance at this meeting. Additional Commander Calls are scheduled for the Wing Conference on 6-7 June '98, Wing Headquarters on 5 September '98, and 5 December '98.

As a **final note**, members of the Florida Wing continue to damage vehicles, aircraft, and each other on a regular basis. I have made it absolutely clear to all our members, both senior and cadet, that the Florida Wing has a zero tolerance for abuse of our limited resources. **Effective 1 April '98, I will consider disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership for any Florida CAP member involved in any accident or accident resulting in injury to any member, or damage to any corporate asset if such damage or injury is attributed to, or the result of, negligence on the part of that member.**

PROP WASH

by Major S. Buddy Harris

For those who may be in the area, Pacific Region CAP extends an invitation to attend their Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska from 1 to 3 May. Contact Lt. Col. Mary Chamberlin 907 345 2166 or E-Mail kenmar@juno.com. The Kenai National Moose Range, sea life of Prince Williams Sound, fishing bears of Katmai National Park are all natural marvels worth seeing.

National Commander, General Paul Bergman advises that the Air Force Association will distribute 190,000 inserts for CAP in monthly credit card statements and membership renewal notices sent to AFA members. Upon receiving response cards, National CAP Membership Development [DPM] will send a welcome package of CAP info and name of CAP units in the individual's home area. A personal letter from Gen. Bergman will thank them for their interest. Copies will be sent to you by Wing for personal follow-up and invitation to attend your meetings. The AFA offers an outstanding pool from which you can recruit quality CAP members. Our National Headquarters Marketing Staff [PA] deserve a loud

Be sure to mark 6 & 7 June on your calendar for the Florida Wing Annual Conference to be held at Cocoa Beach. Vice Commander, Lt. Col. Larry Durham has already expended nearly six months of effort on the arrangements. It will be a good one!

NHQ is issuing new format ID cards which are plastic, credit card size, graphically printed. A new feature will be the integration of a barcode that represents your CAPSN [Social Security number].

14 December marked the first anniversary of Col. Skiba's command of Florida Wing. A newly organized corporate structure has emerged and additions and modifications have been completed to enhance an outstanding coterie of Wing Staff Officers. Their primary goal is to readily provide the various activities which units cannot accomplish on their own...and they excel in fulfilling that goal.

Two months of sleepless nights and active days were the norm for all FLWG Staff Officers in preparation for the 21 February Air Force Quality Assessment inspec-

tion. They have done Florida Wing proud.

Several of you have advised that you have not received membership renewal notices from NHQ. Be advised there is an emergency renewal form on the web at http://www.cap.af.mil/nhq/dp/dpm/renew_now.html. You can also renew by calling 334 953 5191.

To stay on the leading edge of SAR news from NASA, FEMA, etc., access StoneFly News Bulletins at <http://stonefly.arc.nasa.gov> and look for the new membership form...it's free and very worthwhile.

The Washington National Cathedral is assembling a "NATIONAL ROLL OF HONOR" to be preserved in the War Memorial Chapel. The name of anyone who has ever served in the Armed Forces is eligible for inclusion. Phone for "Honor Roll" requests to Mimi McNamara, Coordinator at 202 537 5700 or tours@cathedral.org. You can register all members of your family from 1775 to present including blues and grays from 1860 to 1865.

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COLONEL JERRY C. ANGLEY APPOINTED AS CAP-USAF FLORIDA LIAISON OFFICER

by Major Skip Hunter



Colonel Jerry Angley, USAF, Ret. was appointed to the position of CAP-USAF Florida Liaison Officer on 3 January 1998.

Colonel Angley was born 2 April 1946 at Langley AFB, Virginia. He was graduated from the Florida State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. In 1978, he earned a Master of Science degree in Psychological Counseling from George Peabody College. His professional military education includes the

Air Command and Staff College [1979] and the War College [1987].

Colonel Angley completed Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, USAF, in February 1969. After completion of pilot training at Moody AFB, Georgia in March 1970, he was assigned to KC-135 combat crew training at Castle AFB, California. His first operational assignment took him to the 46th Air Refueling Squadron, K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan as a co-pilot, aircraft commander and flight examiner. While assigned there, he completed two three-months tours of duty at Utaphao Royal Thai Airbase, Thailand, supporting combat operations in Southeast Asia.

In May 1975, Col. Angley became Chief of Training and Wing Life Support Officer for the 10th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, RAF Mindenhall, England. His next assignment took him to the 4th Airborne Command and Control Squadron at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, where he became an EC-135 Instructor Pilot in May 1978. Following a brief separation from service, Colonel Angley was assigned to the 7th Air Refueling Squadron, Carswell

AFB, Texas with duties as Wing Scheduling Officer, Flying Safety Officer, and Training Flight Instructor, Pilot. He left Texas in July 1982 to become the Chief, Standardization and Evaluation Division and then Operations Officer of the 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia.

Colonel Angley departed Langley AFB for Hawaii in April 1987, to become the Operations Officer of the 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. He assumed command of that squadron on 17 February 1989. In April 1991, he moved to the 15th Air Base Wing and became the Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, becoming Deputy Commander for Operations in June 1991. Col. Angley assumed command of the 15th Operations Group, 15th Air Base Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii on 13 April 1992

In September, 1992 Colonel Angley was reassigned to the position of Director, Operations and Plans, National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol-USAF at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He was later appointed to the position of Director of Emergency Services at that command.

Col. Angley is a USAF Command Pilot with more than 6,500 flying hours. He served from 2 Aug. 1990 to 31 July 1995 in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Col. Angley retired from active duty on 31 July 1995.

His military awards and decorations include the Air Medal, Legion of Merit and numerous other national and International recognitions. Col. Angley is married to the former Patricia Bassett and they have two children, Tom and Natalie. Col. Angley is assigned to the CAP-USAF Liaison Office for Florida, U.S. Naval Training Center, Orlando.

FLORIDA WING'S HUGH STEWART IS AWARDED 1997 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING CADET.

Every button on Florida Wing member's uniforms should pop with pride at one of Florida's cadets receiving the highest national award of **1997 National Outstanding Cadet**.

What does it take to be judged the best of 24,312 cadets in the nation? The standards set by National CAP are extremely high and a candidate has to excel in many various areas of capability, accomplishment, involvement and attitude.

Many of us have reviewed personal vitae in our current and past professional involvements and certain of us have spent many a day researching individual bio-data from numerous volumes of Marquis' Who's Who, in various subject categories. But few of us, I'm sure, have ever perused an individual's performance record equal to that of C/Col. Hugh Stewart...truly a new threshold.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE:

University of Miami, College of Engineering - President AE's, Honor Roll, Grade Point Average 4.0. North Miami Senior High School - Valedictorian, GPA wtd-5.771, International Baccalaureate diploma, Cadet Captain/Adjutant US Army JROTC, Vice President-International Club, Na-

tional Honor Society, International Ambassador's Club, Badminton Team, Swimming Team, Diploma of Distinction, Academic Award, USAF Technology Education Award, USMC Scholastic Excellence Award, Tandy Technology Scholars "Champion of the Classroom", John Smith Awards, Class of 1997- Most Intelligent, WBFS, UPN33 "Best of the Class", Honorary McKnight Achiever, Golden Drum Award for Engineering.

CIVIL AIR PATROL:

Member - Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron, Cadet Colonel, Vice Chairman-Florida Wing Advisory Council, Commander - Southeast Region, Florida Wing and Squadron Drill Team [SER team placed second in National Cadet Competition], Squadron Aerospace Officer, SER. Attended FLWG Cadet Conference and National Search & Rescue School, National Flight Encampment, FLWG Conference, Placed first FLWG Cadet Competition Tyndall AFB and MacDill AFB, Drill Team Commander, Vice Chairman FLWG Group 10 Cadet Advisory Council,



Squadron Cadet Executive Officer, Carl A. Spaatz Award, General Ira C. Eaker Award, CAP Pilot Solo Wings, AOPA Solo Flight Certificate, FLWG 1996 Cadet of the Year and Squadron 1996 Cadet of the Year.

Cadet Colonel Stewart, WE SALUTE YOU.

CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS LEARN FUN OF FLYING

by Mark Oswald,
Reprinted from NEW MEXICAN

Editor's Note: This was a story written by a local newspaper reporter and 'picked up' by Associated Press for wider distribution. Congrats to the CAPIPAO who worked with the media on this story

SANTE FE {AP} - It's not exactly hanging out at the mall. Every Tuesday night, a group of Santa Fe youth - some as young as 12 - meets for lectures in an old Quonset hut at the Santa Fe Airport. They perform military drills and they're dressed in uniform and undergo inspections that check the shine on their military boots.

What brings these kids together is the lure of flying and other fun stuff that goes along with the lectures and drills. They are members of the Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program, open to young people from sixth grade through age 17.

Ask them what's the best part of the program and the answer is unanimous: "The flights."

Cadets go on nine training orientation flights in the CAP's Cessna, preparation for seeking a Private Pilot's license in the future. The CAP, the Air Force auxiliary best known for search and rescue efforts, also can help with scholarship money for license training.

The program is about a year old in Santa Fe but really has taken off since July when Jan Lamm, a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital, became commander.

"I'm a real aggressive recruiter," Lamm says. Lamm

became interested in the Civil Air Patrol through her son's participation in an Albuquerque unit of the cadet program. "I just think something like this is so important in Santa Fe, with things like our high dropout rate," she says.

Twelve-year-old John Vigil says, "It's fun. And it keeps you out of trouble." He doesn't mind the lectures on aircraft or special topics such as ballooning. "If you want to go up in a balloon, you need to listen to the lectures," he says.

Several teens in the program say they see it as preparation for joining the Air Force or another branch of the service, although Lamm, who's never been in the military herself, says she doesn't push that idea on cadets.

Cadets orientation flights are tied to chapters in their text books. "They are learning to fly and they actually do take the controls and fly," Lamm says.

Cadets also receive training in other aspects of the Civil Air Patrol's work. They participate in weekend search and rescue exercises and are trained in radio work, hand signals used to direct aircraft on a landing strip and how to pinpoint locations of downed aircraft. Lamm cuts the cadets considerable slack when it comes to some of the program's military aspects such as drills and inspections.

submitted by PAO Michael Marek

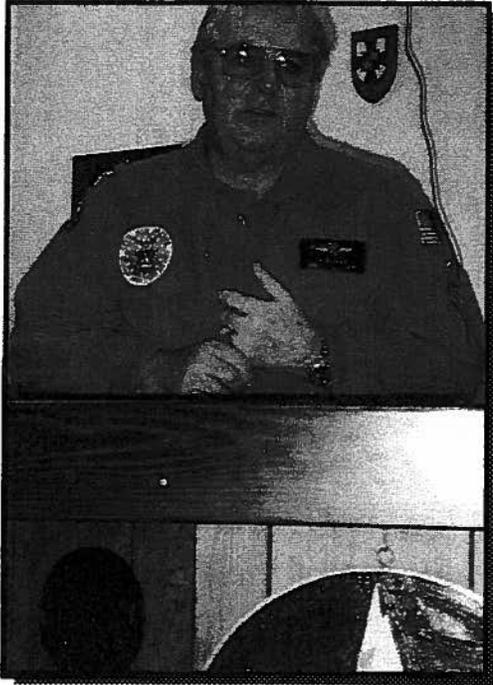
PROFESSIONALISM IS KEY TO EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

BY C/Major Shane Turner

Cadets and senior members should never forget that there is more to CAP than just their own personal grudge matches. It is about learning how to work with, how to learn from, and how to teach others. CAP has so many wonderful programs and opportunities for people of all ages to interact with each other. I am glad to see that Florida Wing is making progress in cadet/senior relations. Cadets are no longer given meaningless tasks in ES and other activities, and are now taking upon themselves greater and greater responsibilities. What we are experiencing now is the threshold to a new era of both the Cadet and Senior Programs, and no matter what incidents come along, progress marches on.

The Cadet Conference reminded us all that professionalism is the key to effective leadership.

I would like to challenge Florida Wing members, seniors and cadets, to at least listen to each other's point of view when you have a dispute. Remember, that to say "I'm sorry" will have many more positive results, than will all the blame games we could play. We are all in this together, so we need to know how to work with each other. Remember our core values: "Integrity first", "Service before self", "Excellence in all we do."



Commander Skiba introduces FAA Teleconferencing Program

At 1300 hours, audio check-in from CAP groups coast-to coast, including Hawaii, via a teleconferenced FAA Airport Drop-In Training Program, was completed and the full day session began. Three sites were operative in Florida - MacDill AFB, Jacksonville International Airport-125th Fighter Wing, and Tyndall AFB.

The MacDill session was opened with a welcome from Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba. He thanked all attendees for waking before sun-up and provided a brief overview of the days agenda.

Each teleconferencing facility throughout the nation was connected with a two-way speaker phone to central control. The program was televised from a central control studio by Ernie Bilotto, CAP

FAA AIRPORT DROP-IN TRAINING PROGRAM TELECONFERENCED

Asst. Southeast Region Deputy Director/Counter Drug; Howard Bailey, National Coordinator, FAA Operation Drop-in; and Norman Edwards, pilot with US Customs Service.

The program was extremely comprehensive and addressed Program Orientation, Program Purpose, Techniques and Conduct of Mission, Required Documentation, and Review of Memorandum of Understanding.

1Lt. Robert Thomas of the Marco Island Senior Squadron stated that the two way teleconferencing program, though technologically demanding, was conducted without a hitch. "The ability of all attendees, from all parts of the nation, to communicate questions to central base and obtain immediate responses was very beneficial," continued Thomas.

Col. Gus Ehrman was extremely pleased with the turnout. He said, "The majority of the attendees found the program to be very worthwhile and enormously informative. The nation-wide teleconferencing technique was well received." Lt. Col. Ehrman expressed his thanks to the National Guard for availing their facilities to CAP and for their well orchestrated arrangements.

Commander Skiba concluded the MacDill session. He told the assemblage, "Last year we flew 974 hours of CD missions. This year I want to see that flight time at least doubled. This CD program has produced excellent results and we have received commendations from the Coast Guard and US Customs."

For additional information, contact Lt. Col. Gus Ehrman at: Phone 914 394 8777 or E-Mail rgjb54a@prodigy.com.



Attendees at MacDill AFB Teleconferencing Center verbally interchange with other centers throughout the fifty states

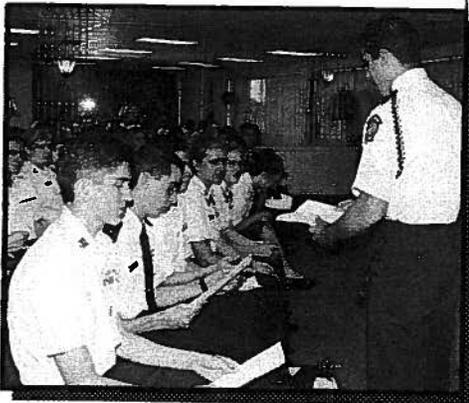
Record Attendance at Third Annual Cadet Conference

By 1Lt. Trish Turner

Guests at the Holiday Inn Express in Clearwater may have wondered why there were so many polite young people walking around in blue uniforms. This was the Third Annual Florida Wing Conference attended by 75 cadets and 17 senior members.....an all time record.

CAP members arrived Friday evening and joined in a social held in the ICOT Conference Room. Many of the cadets were pleased with renewing acquaintanceships with members they had met at previous summer encampments and national activities.

Seminars were conducted by and for cadets with topics including: Test Taking Tactics; Speaking Effectively; CPFT-Are You Doing Sit-ups?; Core Values of the Air Force; and Encampments.



C/2Lt. Mike Hanna distributes seminar material prior to his class.

Seminar speakers were C/Col. Billy Westcott, C/LtC. Greg Moore, C/Major Shane Turner, C/2Lt. Michael Hanna and C/FO

Christian Collamore. A seminar on Hazing was taught by Florida Wing Chief of Staff LtC. Valerie Brown and Florida Wing Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, Maj. Greg Winquist. Maj. Winquist also presided over a seminar on Leadership Theory and Principles.

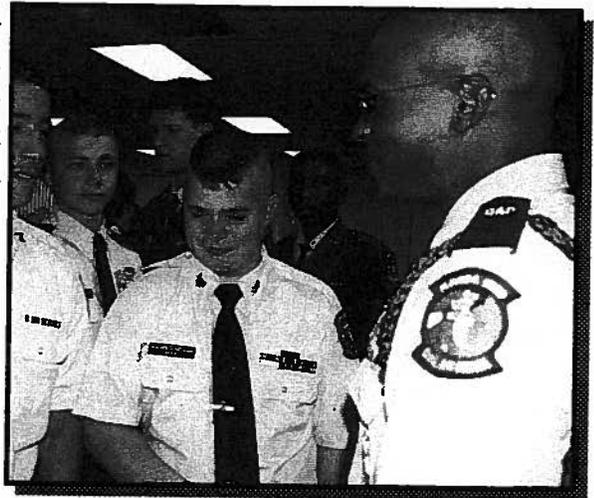
A highlight of the conference occurred for C/Col. Hugh Stewart from the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron when he received the Spaatz Award from LtC. Valerie Brown. C/Col. Stewart was also the Florida Wing Cadet of the Year and the Florida Wing CAC Vice Chairman.

A banquet concluded the Cadet Conference. C/2Lt. Mike Hanna, C/FO Shawn-tai Westcott and C/FO Christian Collamore received their Mitchell Awards and C/LtC. Greg Moore and C/1Lt. Mike Barron were awarded Certificates for outstanding impromptu speeches following the Speaking Effectively seminar.

C/LtC. Billy Westcott delivered an interesting speech about achievements and interjected comments from the audience about what their greatest achievements have been thus far.

The banquet was followed by dancing to the musical strains provided by DJ Rockin' Dave Rocca.

The evening was so enjoyable that cadets stayed up way into the night to socialize to the very last minute they could. The senior members were all tuckered out from overlooking all participants until the wee hours.



New Spaatz Cadet C/Col. Hugh Stewart, right, accepts well deserved congratulations from cadets representing squadrons from all over the State of Florida.

According to the post-conference survey conducted, this was considered to be the very best Florida wing Cadet Conference and particular kudos rightfully go to C/LtC. Richard Martin, Florida Wing CAC Chairman and 1997 Cadet Conference Project Officer, and to Major Greg Winquist. Together they conducted an outstanding annual conference.

All Florida Wing is looking forward to the next annual Cadet Conference.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

Commander Skiba advises that training funds are readily available for **multi-group** programs. The ultimate goal is to conduct a wing-wide training exercise. Single, isolated group training activities must be expanded so that members all gain expertise in performing together at a similar level of competence.

All Group Commanders will now be attending quarterly Command Calls at MacDill AFB. These meetings will coincide with FLWG Staff Officers meetings. Another methodology toward working together.

The stats are in! Florida has completed more Search & Rescue missions than any other wing. Florida comes very close to completing more SAR missions than all other regions combined....and we successfully achieved more finds.

Lt. Col. Mathew Sharkey, Director/Cadet Programs advises we have 1870 cadets in the Florida Wing. One of our cadet squadrons has more members than the cadet rolls in eleven wings in our nation. Another cadet squadron is bigger than nine wings. This increase in cadets is dramatic but it requires a parallel increase for Cadet Squadron Leaders.

Finance Officer, Capt. Sharon Kingsley has implemented the last of the major components of her Finance Control Plan. Whereas a six month delay in reimbursements used to be the norm, now if you don't receive a check within eight weeks, call Capt. Kingsley immediately..... something is amiss!!!

Lt. Col. Amy Boxwell, Director/Aerospace Education reminds every Group and Squadron Commander of the availability of Air Force Association Education Training Grants of \$250.

Attention all Pilots: You are required to take a check flight before being able to pilot wing's new Cessna 172.

Your receiving this issue of FLORIDA FACTS at your home is a quantum leap toward wider dissemination of information to our members.

1Lt. Arnold "Jay" Jasen, Director/Senior Training states that Squadron Leadership School [SLS] and Corporate Learning Course [CRC] curriculum is now standardized with updated materials provided by National Headquarters. These materials shall be provided to course instructors.

Risk Management increases levels of safety, is restated by Lt. Col. David Fuller, Florida Wing Safety Officer. Officers in authority, be they Mission Coordinators, Encampment Leaders, or Commanders must recognize that they bear responsibility for their official actions. "We must be sure that we do the right thing for the right reason. Safety must never be taken for granted," he emphasized.

Capt. Darwin J. Culbertson, Director/Logistics has pledged that 1998 will be the year when FLWG can once again requisition supplies from the Air Force. He works vigorously and tirelessly to accomplish this turn-around and implores assistance from all Group Commanders.

It can't be repeated too often. Your Wing Staff Officers are dedicated volunteers working for the benefit of all the members in the state. These stalwarts expend untold hours and energies in support of and helping members needs.

It is anticipated that a record breaking turn-out will be attending the '98 Florida Wing Conference on June 5 - 7 at Cocoa Beach. Lt. Col. Larry Durham and Capt. Joanne Durham have been working on these arrangements since '97.



**NEW
MESSAGE FROM YOUR ^ EDITOR**

This is a reprint from the previous issue of FLORIDA FACTS, which was the first issue I wrote and edited. It has subsequently become apparent that some of you were not receiving photocopies of this newsletter from your group or squadron commander. Thanks to FLWG Commander Skiba, that unwieldy and partial distribution system has been abandoned. You will now be receiving your personal quarterly copy of FLORIDA FACTS directly through the mail.

To assure that you are aware of my methodologies and journalistic policies, I am reprinting this page...with apologies for the redundancy to those who read it previously.

I totally agree with Commander Skiba that we all owe a loud "well done" to former Editor, 1 Lt. Trish Turner for an outstanding job in reviving this newsletter. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Trish in providing her with news stories for each edition and I will now enjoy receiving stories she will be providing to me. Trish did, and will continue to do, CAP proud.

Now that you the reader have gotten to this page, you have just

completed reading one-half of the December Issue of **FLORIDA FACTS**.

This is your newsletter and it is singularly intended to inform, educate and please the reading membership.

I intend to provide you with National Headquarters, Florida Wing and other wing's news - good and bad - in the belief that a well informed membership will tend to decimate rumors, grumbling and unrest.

I would like to provide you with Group and Squadron happenings for a two-fold purpose; first, to deservedly recognize your accomplishments and dedicated service and, second, to inform you of other member's successes and failures as a guide to your plans and programs. First and foremost, it is a proven fact that we learn best and quickest from the experiences of others.

These goals can only be accomplished for you by your providing me with reports as to what you have scheduled, what you have achieved and any other group/squadron news. Photos will also be truly appreciated.

TO ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER's, please include me on

your mailing list for copies of all your news releases, PR releases, and newsletters that you produce.

TO ALL MEMBERS, please send me your ideas, thoughts, promotions, experiences, and, if you wish, a **signed** Letter to the Editor. No, it doesn't have to be typed or in journalistic style. Handwritten notes that are readable and provide only factual content will be gladly rewritten by me for publication. Credit by-lines will be provided to all who submit stories, so please provide your rank.

No anonymous submittals will ever be an inclusion of Florida Facts.

Remember, an Editor should report the news, never create it.

See you again in Volume 3, Issue 1 dated March '98.

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SUCCESSFUL AREA-WIDE SAREX CONDUCTED BY GROUP 6

by 1Lt. Trish Turner

A most successful joint Group 6 SAREX was conducted with members of the DMAT [Disaster Medical Assistance Team], Red Cross, Seminole County, Orlando and Osceola Fire Department Rescue Units, Seminole County Sheriff's Department and Orange County Radio Communications Unit.

The SAREX scenario was based on a Category Three Hurricane hitting the east coast near Satellite Beach and forcing hordes of evacuees to seek shelter in the Orlando area. Due to the freak weather, a tornado was spawned in the St. Cloud area which caused a planeload of Red Cross volunteers to crash near the Orlando International Airport at Moss Park.

The mock exercise began when a civilian worker reported seeing an aircraft crash in the vicinity of Moss Park. A CAP ground team was immediately launched to search the area where smoke was spewing from the forest. When the ground team arrived, they found victims lying on the ground in close proximity to the crash site

The search team initiated a line search to find all the victims and to ascertain the extent of their injuries. As soon as the team radioed to mission base the number and severity of the wounded, OPS

by Channel 13 TV News and was shown on the 6 o'clock News Show.

More than 30 CAP'ers joined with city and county agencies in the performance of this comprehensive training session.



Firemen, EMT's and Group 6 CAP'ers help to transport 'victims' for medical treatment

requested the IC [Incident Commander] Frank Kirk to activate the EMS units. A second ground team was launched to assist the EMT's in locating, extricating and transporting the victims.

The sheriff's helicopter was marshaled in by CAP Major Jorge Del Rio, Group 6 Commander and SM Ben Coleman boarded the chopper to help locate crash victims from the air and to radio the sitings to the ground personnel. The exercise was videotaped

Florida Wing Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba expressed his thanks to all the scenario creators and directors for their contribution of time and energy in the planning and implementation of this most valuable hands-on training exercise. "Though these

types of comprehensive training sessions are extremely demanding of all participants, the knowledge gained cannot be duplicated in a classroom setting," Col. Skiba stated.

At the SAREX debriefing session, all those who participated agreed that in spite of the demands of such a training mission, the next SAREX will be broader and more involved with technical response. IC Kirk pledged his organization's total cooperation.

CAP PARTICIPANTS SURVIVE TWO DAY TERRORIST ATTACK

by 1Lt. Trish Turner

In the pre-dawn hours of the coldest day of 1997, 20 members of Group 6, gathered at the U.S. Post Office at the Orlando International Airport anticipating portraying 'victims' of terrorism. The participants were part of the state-wide emergency preparedness exercise, **Focus '97 ESF 8**. The goal of the exercise was to effectively implement an emergency response action plan which requires a field and air operations deployment as well as coordination of multiple DMAT [Disaster Medical Assistance Team] operations from two widely separated locations during a domestic terrorism event involving a weapon of mass destruction.

The **Focus '97** exercise began at the Withlacoochee Forest where the 'terrorist attack' was to have taken place. The several agencies involved arrived at sun-up and they quickly set up the MSU command area, Salvation Army Base Camp Operations and CAP Communications Base.

By the second day, everything was set up in base camp while DMAT units arrived. By evening, classes were held and the scenario was explained...a terrorism event occurred involving nuclear, biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction.

At 0600 hours on the third day, the training exercise began at the Withlacoochee Base with DMAT's deployed and CAP Communications in full operation.

The remote location sites for the exercise were the Orlando International Airport and MacDill AFB in Tampa. Cadets and a few senior members from the Tampa and Orlando areas were transformed into gruesome victims for the DMAT units at both sites to treat. 'Victims' from the Group 6 Orlando area, Central Florida Composite Squadron were: Cadets Amber and Jason Lee, Ashlei Hamada, Ivan Lawyer, Michael Mejia, Joseph Brumm, Antonio Mercado, Joel Flores, Adam Bee and Shane Turner plus senior members Sherman and Michelle Hamada and Stacy Joiner. Squadron PAO 1Lt. Trish Turner took still photos and videotaped some of the highlight activities. The Seminole Cadet Squadron 'victims' included Cadets Justin Nichols, Matt Finochio, Josh Stanley and Tyler Manion plus senior members Steve Cohn and Howard Stroker.

The Orlando 'victims' arrived at a remote area off the runway at 1000 hours where they were met by DMAT personnel, triaged and stabilized while they awaited the medical transport C-130's arrival from MacDill AFB. More 'victims' from Group 6 were added when it was decided there was a need for more bodies to transport. Members from the Deland Composite Squadron who quickly became 'victims' were Cadets Richard Johnston,

Steven Hyde and Shane Hendricks plus senior members Andy Ferrari and Heather and Rich Taracka. In preparation for the C-130 transport flight, all participants were issued ear plugs and about six 'victims' were secured on stretchers. When the C-130 landed, the 'victims' from the Tampa area were off-loaded and DMAT was busy triaging them while the Orlando 'victims' were led to the plane, single file, hand on the shoulder of the person ahead of them, and face shielded from the backwash of the C-130 engines.

The flight to Tampa was so brief the cadets barely had time to get excited about being airborne on a real C-130 before they landed at MacDill AFB. A remote section of the field was set up for the operation where the triaged 'victims' were treated in the DMAT tents and the Air Force Reservists were the primary personnel.

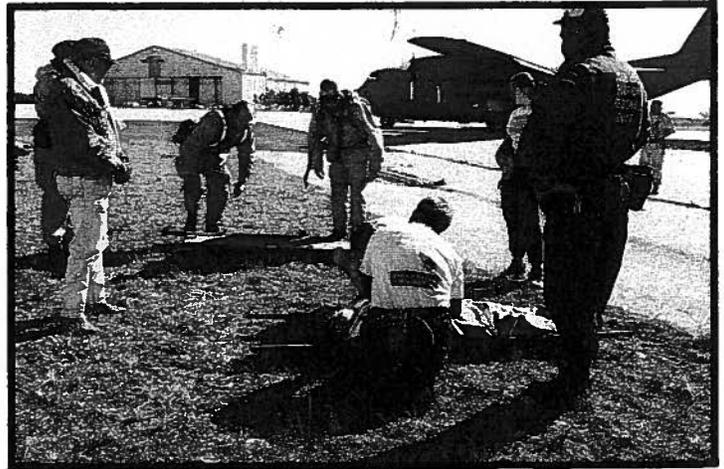
The flight crew aboard the C-130 were stationed in Pittsburgh and were very attentive to informing the CAP participants about what was happening during the flight. Some of the cadets listened on earphones to the pilot's communications. Many more CAP members were involved and those especially credited for coordinating CAP's part in the exercise were LtC. Bob Gray, Maj. Robert Smith and Maj. Jorge Del Rio.

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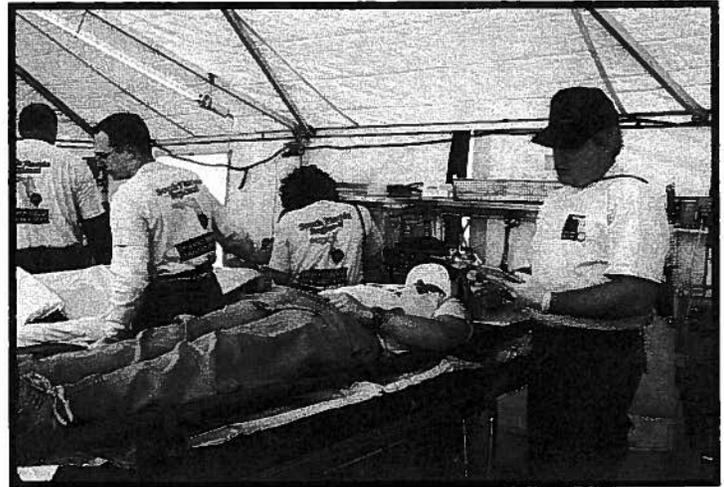
DMAT personnel triage cadets at kick-off of exercise.



C-130 personnel preparing to move 'victims' to aircraft.



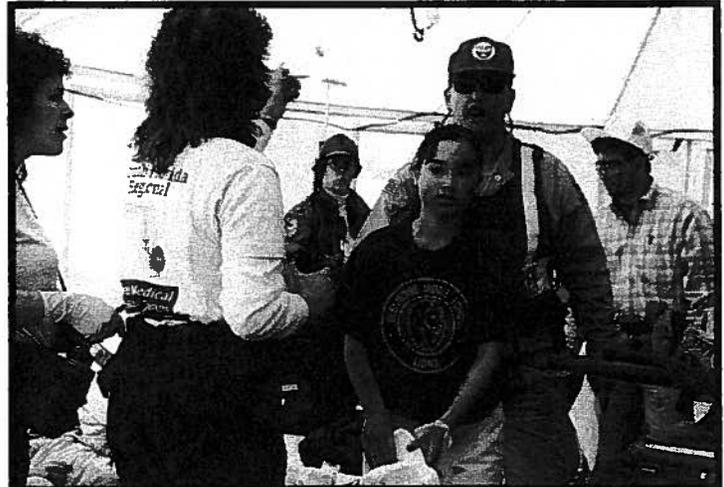
Firemen, EMT's and CAP transport 'victims' to runway.



DMAT treat 'victims' in mobile field unit.



'Victims' being secured on stretchers in preparation for airlift.



Treated 'victims' undergo final check before being released.



From The **MAILBAG**

My thanks and compliments to all who responded and took time in helping me learn the condition of Mike and Teresa Nichols. I just received word they are fine, and had no damage from this past week's storm. This news is a prayer answered for my church and pastor. The Nichols are former members of our church here in Huntington.

Again, thanks for your time and efforts. As for those that want to trash Florida Wing, while they may have problems, they do have a true spirit of compassion and brotherhood to help others in need. With that spirit intact, Florida can survive any problems that come up. Thanks doesn't seem enough but please accept it. May God continue to bless all.

Gregg Hendry
West Virginia Wing

We have three CAP members in the household and none of us have seen a wing newsletter in years. Who do you have to know to get a newsletter??? Do you mail it to the squadron or to members or both or is it electronic only??? I look forward to seeing your efforts soon. Wing newsletters have been inconsistent for too long. I hope you can stand it to stay with it.

Capt. Jim LaFollette
Skyline Senior Squadron

Congratulations to the entire Florida Wing staff. Your efforts and teamwork finally paid off with the overall rating of EXCELLENT [the Inspector General's evaluation of FLWG-Ed.]. Thank you.

Col. Tony Pineda
Florida Wing Vice Commander

I am a snowbird from Kansas and am interested in the activities of Florida. What Florida does, might help our squadron be better at home. Therefore can you tell me how to receive copies of your newsletter? Thanks.

Major Blaine Schoolcraft
CAP, Kansas Wing

One way to eliminate the negative is to stress the positive and continue to use this medium to spread the word of all the good things that are taking place at the local units. One weakness of our system is that we don't get enough information to our own members.

E-Mail can be a great way to pass information to Buddy Harris for the FLORIDA FACTS which will now be published quarterly and sent to all members. Keep in mind....local units with cadets keep the organization alive

Lt. Col. David Mikelson
CAP

I came on the E-Mail to send off a note and found the mention about FLORIDA FACTS being revived. I was born in a little community called Dinnsmore. I don't even know whether it still exists. Just out of curiosity, is there a squadron at Jacksonville?

Now that my curiosity has been piqued, could I see a copy of FLORIDA FACTS? I happen to be the PAO of the Tucson Composite Squadron 105. Also the Administration Officer and the alternate Testing Officer.

Major Barbara Mathews
Arizona Wing

I was fortunate to have participated in the Headquarters inspection and watched a bunch of dedicated volunteers work together and try to make things better for us and for America. During the week we had our people in Orlando helping out after the tornadoes. We had air crews ferrying weather experts around, seniors and cadets helping out on the ground, etc. While all that was going on we had law enforcement personnel in our aircraft, flight crews were conducting training in Miami, and we were conducting missions-on the ground and in the air.

I don't know about you, but I am proud to be a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Capt. John Tuszl
Miami Senior Squadron #1

AIR FORCE INSPECTION'S OVERALL RATING IS 'EXCELLENT'

Florida Wing Headquarters located at MacDill Air Force Base, under the command of Col. Andrew Skiba, underwent a Quality Air Force Assessment [QAFA] on two days in February.

The inspection team, headed by Lt. Col. Jim Farris, the Inspector General of Headquarters, CAP-USAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, inspected and rated the Florida Wing Headquarters in compliance with the QAFA Inspection Guide.

The Florida Wing Commander and Wing Directors learned of the following inspection results as assigned by Lt. Col. Farris during the inspection out-briefing;

Command Administration	Excellent
Aerospace Education	Satisfactory
Cadet Programs	Satisfactory
Chaplain	Excellent
Communications	Excellent
Counter Drug Ops	Outstanding
Emergency Services	Outstanding
Finance	Excellent
Inspections	Excellent
Logistics	Satisfactory
Aircraft Management	Satisfactory
Operations	Excellent
Personnel	Satisfactory
Public Affairs	Excellent
Safety	Excellent
Senior Programs	Excellent
Supply	Satisfactory
Transportation	Satisfactory
Drug Demand Reduction	- not rated
LO/LNCO	Excellent

OVERALL RATING - EXCELLENT

Wing Commander, Col. Skiba congratulated all of the Wing's staff officers for the outstanding performance which earned the Wing Headquarters this rating recognition.



Retiring Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Valerie Brown is overjoyed reading the US Air Force Quality Assessment report.

Florida's Inspector General staff were rated as having the best inspector program as compared to the last twenty Wing inspector units that the QAFA has evaluated.

Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Brown was elated with the overall rating. She expressed her gratitude to all the staff officers who worked long and hard for more than a year to get their units into peak operational mode. Each director produced a management plan and each element was evaluated during the year as to adequacy of implementation. Each

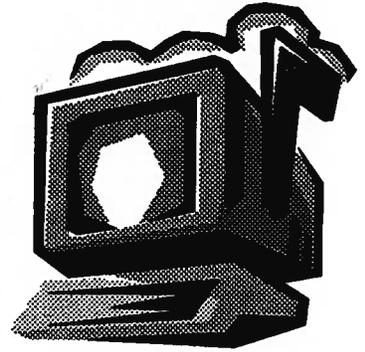
of these plans will now be modified and refined to reflect the findings and suggestions of the quality assessment.

The new Chief of Staff, Major Robert Smith will benefit significantly from the foundation established for each of the headquarters' units. It is from this base that he intends to build an even stronger, more decisive, prioritized program to implement the many changes and refinements that have been set forth by Commander Skiba.

Staff Directors have been adding officers to their staff and are already initiating the assignment of areas of responsibility. Many of the units are implementing computerized programs which were designed, tested and refined last year. Once these programs become fully operational, the accomplishment level and flexibility to implement change will be dramatic. The principal objective is the enhancement of response to member's needs and requests. This is a high priority goal set forth by Col. Skiba.

"There is now a well deserved sense and feeling of major accomplishment. It took effort, determination, confidence and dedication on everyone's part. To have attained this evaluation rating of 'excellent' makes me very proud of all my staff," concluded Skiba.

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



Our very own Wing Administrator, Major Skip Munger has been named Vice-President, Veteran's Affairs of the Jerry Waterman Chapter 316 of the Air Force Association.

Lt. Col. David Mikelson sends tidings that his wife, Sharon is completing her last class for her Doctorate in Education and has agreed to become an Aerospace Education Officer in the fall, just when Dave gets the Boca Raton Cadet Squadron up and running.

Lt. Col. Jack Kern, Commander of the Naples Senior Squadron deserves the "DETERMINATION AWARD" of the year. Jack recently suffered a stroke and is weakening his two nursing assistants and therapists with his relentless demands for more exercise and increase in attendance at his squadron's functions.

Lest we forget, the first successful flight was made by Orville Wright 94 years ago. On that eventful occasion, he sent the following cable.

>KITTY HAWK NC DEC 17 — SUCCESS
FOUR FLIGHTS THURSDAY MORNING; ALL
AGAINST TWENTY ONE MILE WIND; STARTED
FROM LEVEL WITH ENGINE POWER ALONE; AV-
ERAGE SPEED THROUGH AIR THIRTY ONE
MILES; LONGEST 57 SECONDS; INFORM PRESS.
HOME CHRISTMAS.

ORVILLE WRIGHT

The Florida Wing Cadet Programs Office has conducted a Cadet Leader's Course for Senior Members.. Lt. Col. Valerie Brown and Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey were the

primary instructors. It is Director Sharkey's intention to take this course 'on the road' to various Groups and Units and make this the standard to which we educate and inform those members who work with, or intend to work with, cadets.

Col. Ernie Lewis has agreed to teach an Executive Management Course to all Florida Wing Staff Officers at no charge. His consulting fee for this service to private industry is five figures.

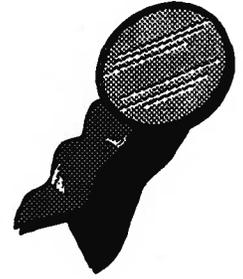
Col. Skiba is a lifetime member of the Air Force Association and is the State of Florida Liaison Member. AFA has initiated their interactive program intended to nurture increased membership for the Civil Air Patrol.

Lt. Col. Gus Ehrman, Director/ Counter Drug Program needs to know if you own or have access to a twin engine aircraft. Please provide him with the type of aircraft and the tail number via,Phone:941-394-8777,or E-Mail: rgib54@prodigy.com , or FAX 941-394-6223.

Just a reminder! This is your newsletter. It can only report the news about you if you provide it to me.

See page 11 for my home address and E-Mail address. If you prefer Fax, my number is 941 642 5501.

IN RECOGNITION



Meritorious Service Award

Major Luis Garcia
Major Donald S. Hopkins III
Captain Sharon K. Kingsley

Paul E Garber Award

Major Alexander Kaplan
Captain Harvey Bennett

Grover Loening Award

Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Persons	Maj. Harold L. Taylor
Major Jan B. Ferguson	Capt. Robert D. Brandt
Major Anthony J. Petrillo	Capt. Bill Passinos
Major Russell R. Reichmann	1Lt. Darwin Culbertson

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Lt. Col. Gary E. Nelson

Certificate of Proficiency

1 Lt. William T. Rankin

Amelia Earhart Award

Cadet Hector Bauza

Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

C/LtC Nadia Saxman
C/LtC Bruce Mitchell

Scott Crossfield Award

National Aerospace Teacher of the Year
AEM Steven A. Bachmeyer

Order of Daedalian Flight Scholarship

C/2Lt. Alex Acevedo

Cadet of the Year

C/Major James Drake III, Florida Wing - 1997
C/1Lt. Greg Auerbach, Florida Wing Phase III
C/LtC Scott Walters, Group VII

Cadet Honor Society

C/FO Paul Wisniewski
C/LtC Nadia Saxman
C/Sgt Bodhi Rader
C/Sgt Kevin Merrick
C/Lt Nathan Hill
C/Lt Adrian Cooper
Christopher Rispoli
C/Sgt Hunter Williams

Colonel Robert Owens Award

C/Col William Westcott

General Carl A. Spaatz Award



C/Col Brian R. Lau

C/Col Brian Lau of the Oakhurst Cadet Squadron has earned the coveted General Carl A. Spaatz Award. Brian has a stellar list of accomplishments. He was the Cadet DCC of the MacDill Encampment 1996, C/Squadron Commander Eglin III, C/Flight Commander Eglin II, and a Doolie at NTC Encampment 1993. Brian wears solo wings earned at the National Flight Encampment, was Florida Cadet of the Year, attended COS and IACE. He graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade average from the Center for Advanced Technologies in St. Petersburg and is now a freshman at Georgia Tech.

CHIEF OF STAFF STEPS DOWN, BUT NOT OUT.

At midnight of 21 February, the coach hitched to white horses didn't turn into a pumpkin pulled by mice, but Lt. Col. Valerie Brown did step out of her position as Chief of Staff of Florida Wing.

Lt. Col. Brown has served two Wing Commanders as Chief of Staff since 1996. Her service culminated with a visit from the National Headquarters Inspector General Staff - CAP/USAF, Maxwell AFB for a Quality Air Force Assessment of the Florida Wing Headquarters and Staff.

Since her first day assuming the role of responsibility, Valorie has introduced management systems, strategic plans and procedures to optimize the Wing Director's output...which are all principally directed to providing services to the units and members in those areas where they are unable to provide adequately for themselves. This interactive philosophy is now ingrained in all department personnel and Florida Wing has had triggered a broader vision for the near term, mid term and long term.

Does Lt. Col. Brown stepping down mean that she is stepping out? Hardly. On the final day of her service as Chief of Staff, she was deeply immersed in, not only the evaluation inspection, but assisting Lt. Col. Jay Jeffries in the creation of a new FLWG Web page.

Lt. Col. Brown fondly indicated that while it will be a relief to have less responsibility and fewer demands on her time, she will miss travelling throughout the state and meeting members from all the Groups and Squadrons. "They are the backbone of CAP and they have been most gracious and supportive of my guidance and requests." She continued, "I will be glad to be able to give my family the time and attention they deserve and to return to Training, which I enjoy."

Valorie advised that she will be conducting the first Cadet Leader Course for

FLWG at MacDill AFB on 14 March. She is hoping to conduct another Com-



LtC Valerie Brown

mander's Course in April or May at Patrick AFB. "So I won't be resting much, just redirecting my energies toward the hopeful production of long term improvement," concluded LtC Brown.

Major Robert Smith has been serving as Assistant Chief of Staff for the past few months and has been intensively briefed.. He is well prepared to assume his new responsibilities.

Major Smith has already proved his abilities to 'step up to the plate and hit home runs'. The Emergency Services program has made major strides forward since Smith took up the Director's reins. Now those reins are well in the hands of LtC. Gary Nelson and his staff, and further advancements are in the formulative stages.

Major Smith will conduct his first Florida Wing Staff Meeting at MacDill AFB on 14 March.

Florida Wing Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba summarized the transition by expressing, "I have been very lucky to have had Valorie as my Chief of Staff from the day I took command about one year ago. She has excelled in professionalism, proficiency, demeanor and attitude. Valorie's efforts, time availability and energies have always exceeded the norm. As outstanding as Florida Wing is, I know that with a continued concerted effort we can make it even better." Skiba continued, "I shall always be grateful for Valorie's assist in achieving the dramatic new heading that the Florida Wing is now pursuing. I look forward to Major Robert Smith working toward a continuance of all that has been accomplished and of that which has yet to be assimilated. Florida wing shall achieve its potential recognition as the outstanding wing in the nation."

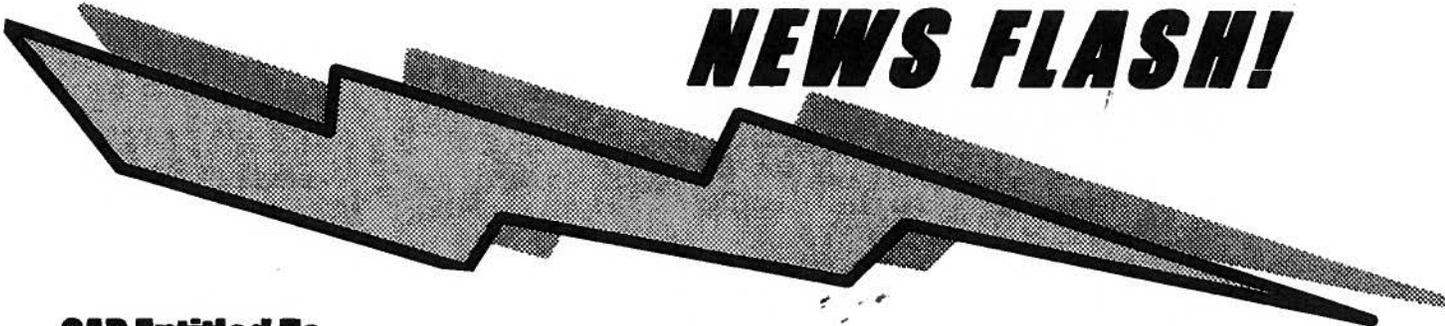
BASEBALL STAR TOUTS CAP

Baseball great, Wade Boggs has performed as spokesman for CAP on a public service video recently filmed at MacDill AFB.

Boggs is the former third baseman for the Boston Red Sox and more recently, for the New York Yankees. Presently he will be playing for the new Tampa Bay Devil Rays, an expansion team that will be playing its first season this year.

Boggs, one of the most consistent .300+ hitters in the majors, will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame upon his retirement. His CAP video will be distributed to television stations from coast-to coast.

NEWS FLASH!



CAP Entitled To Reduced Rates At Disney World's Newest Hotel

The SHADES OF GREEN is one of the newest hotels at Disney World in Orlando and is military-run.

Major Munger investigated and learned that CAP members would be eligible to use the facility and its services.

The main number is 407 824 3400. To make a reservation, press 1. Reservations can also be made by calling MacDill AFB Attractions Booking Office at 813 828 2478, Monday to Friday from 0900 to 1700 and Saturdays from 1000 to 1500.



Senior Members Can Take Flying Lessons

Here's your chance to fly as well as earn college credits.

The Embrey-Riddle Aeronautical University Orientation Course will

accept Senior Members as flight students. Now you can participate in the same course that our cadets have so successfully used on a national basis. If interested, call NHQ/Cadet Programs Office



ATTENTION ALL PAO's:

"Get The Point" is an excellent publication of NHQ/PA and is available on an experimental basis on the World Wide Web. This publication is full of great information for PAO's. The web address is: <http://www.usd.edu/~marek/pao/point.html>.

Thanks is solely due Director Mary Nell Crowe and Amy Fellhoelter.



CAP MAP Program Is Back!

The CAP-MAP Program, now formally known as CAP-MAP 2000 is back.

CAP-MAP, a management tool that awarded points for wing's accomplishing organizational goals, was used by CAP for many years. It was abandoned in the early 90's after many Board members became dissatisfied with the criteria and record keeping burden incurred by wings.

The current CAP-MAP 2000 criteria will be based on five evaluative areas; cadet programs, senior programs, membership, operations and administration. Wings will be ranked as National 1, 2, and 3 and Regional as 1st only. Awards will be presented at the 14-15 August '98 National Board Meeting and Convention in Atlanta, Ga. [Ed. Note to Commander Skiba: leave room in your suitcase to return with the award for Florida!]



Flying in Central Florida?

A new and uncharted antenna is located at St. Cloud, 3-4 miles east of Odell intersection on V441. It is 1549agl/1631msl. The MEA on this sector is 2000 feet!!

FLORIDA WING SAR MISSIONS EXCEED ALL OTHER WINGS

Florida Wing flew a total of 312 missions, with 410 sorties for a total flight hours of 538 in FY '97. This SAR effort resulted in 245 search and rescue 'finds' which resulted in the saving of one life.

California Wing with 312 missions was the next highest in the nation. The Civil Air Patrol, nationwide, flew 2,813 missions and 4,294 sorties. This accrued 8,993 flying hours, 2,073 total search and rescue 'finds' that resulted in 77 lives actually saved.

All missions are responded to entirely by our professional volunteer senior and cadet members who leave their homes, jobs and families to help whenever an emergency occurs.

Two State SAR Mission Results in First Air-To-Air Find

by Lt. Col. Gerald Kaweck, CC

A two day, two state SAR was underway when aircrew Major Andy Curtin and LtC. Jerry Kaweck of the Fernandina Senior Squadron took off at sun-up to find a missing Cessna 185 flying from New York with 2 POB's.

The crew completed numerous ramp checks and landed at St. Augustine Airport. They learned from the FOB personnel that they were familiar with the missing aircraft and that it is sometimes pontoon equipped.

Airborne once again and flying at 1500 feet altitude along the Jacksonville Beach coastline, the crew spotted a white, high wing aircraft with pontoons at 2000 agl. A query to Jacksonville Approach Control to see if they were working N78TA received a negative. Navy Mayport Tower gave a similar response which was immediately followed by a radio message from the pilot of N78TA identifying himself and confirming that he was the 'missing' aircraft!

After a confirmation debriefing with the pilot, Mission Base was notified of the 'find' and the mission was closed.



[l] Lt. Col. Jerry Kaweck, Observer and [r] Major Andy Curtin, Pilot

CAP MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

National membership-cadets and seniors-increased to 57,597 as of year end 1997 from 53,539 in 1996. Florida Wing membership

reached 4,258 during that same period.

President Clinton Visits Disaster Relief Area

Submitted by Capt. John Rayno

Nearly every TV station in Florida showed video clips of President Clinton during his visit to an Orlando site which was devastated by tornadoes. Pictured behind the president were CAP members from the MacDill Squadron providing mission relief services.

New Emergency Services Director Appoints Staff

LtC. Gary Nelson, recently appointed Director/Emergency Services, wasted no time and immediately announced the appointment of the following staff members:
Chief, ES Training-Maj. Jay Jefferies
Chief, ES Resources-LtC Richard Valone
Chief, ES Administration-LtC Mike Brown
Chief, ES Technology-Capt. John Tuszl

This is just a hint of the programmatic changes that can be anticipated.

Director Nelson can be reached at GaryJSO@aol.com.

FLWG/LO Makes Career Move

LtC. Mark Lee, USAF, Ret. departed the Liaison Office for a flying position with private industry. Mark contributed a great deal to FLWG and we are grateful for his many dedicated years to CAP.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



28 - 29 March	USAF Thunderbirds Air Demonstration - Punta Gorda, Fl.
4 April	Wing Staff Meeting - MacDill AFB
4-5 April	Group 6 Squadron Leadership School
5 April	Daylight Savings Time Begins, Palm Sunday
10 April	Good Friday, Passover Begins at Sundown
11 April	First Day Passover
12 April	Easter Sunday
18-19 April	AIR FEST '98 - MacDill AFB
18-25 April	SUN 'N' FUN Fly-In - Lakeland, Fl.
22 April	Professional Secretaries Day
2 May	Florida Wing Cadet Competition - MacDill AFB
9 May	PAO Workshop - Robins AFB, Ga.
16 May	Corporate Learning Course - MacDill AFB
16-17 May	Southeast Region Mission Coordinators Training Course
23 May	Check Pilot Mid-Year Refresher Meeting
21-27 June	Florida Wing Summer Encampment - Eglin AFB
25-28 June	SAR/Disaster Response Conference and Expo - Nashville, Tn.
22-29 August	'98 National Staff College



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