

“OUTSTANDING” SAREVAL ‘99

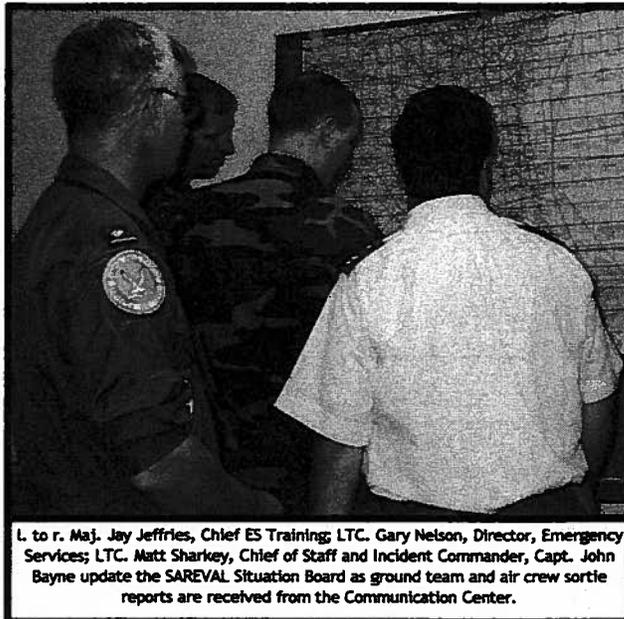
“This was the finest exercise that I have ever evaluated. We were unanimous in rating you an OUTSTANDING”, announced USAF/CAP-Liaison Officer Col. Mark O’Brien at 1518 hrs. on Saturday, 13 March.

It wasn’t until 1520 hrs. before the nearly 100 participants exhaled and rocked the building with bellows and applause. Eighteen months of planning, training, replanning, retraining and two SAREX’s were the principal ingredients of this successful evaluation mission.

SAREVAL ‘99 began with nearly one hundred alarm clocks going off around the state prior to 3 a.m.. Planes were airborne by 4:15 a.m. and mobile equipment began to roll along Florida’s highways by 4:30 a.m. The first air crew touched down at Leesburg Airport at 6:27 a.m. and was guided to the parking area by flight line personnel as the sun began to rise above the horizon. Thirteen other planes arrived in close sequence as 29 vans began to park at mission base. Sixty-five senior members, 20 cadets, and 12 Air Force Evaluators received the mission briefing at 8 a.m. from Incident Commander Capt. John Bayne.

The first Incident was a missing Aeronca Champ that never arrived at its planned destination in Kissimmee after taking off from Tallahassee. This incident was followed in staccato fashion by Disaster Relief missions, Counterdrug

missions, Damage Assessment missions, ELT alarm signals, and was overlaid by mid-sortie diversions, a ‘hysterical wife’ of the downed pilot barging into the mission base, and actual news reporters and photographers from four newspapers; TV news anchors and cameramen from two TV stations; and a telephone interview from a newspaper in Orlando. Previously approved CAPF 9’s were filled out and four sortie air crews were joined by four members of the news media.



L. to r. Maj. Jay Jeffries, Chief ES Training; LTC. Gary Nelson, Director, Emergency Services; LTC. Matt Sharkey, Chief of Staff and Incident Commander, Capt. John Bayne update the SAREVAL Situation Board as ground team and air crew sortie reports are received from the Communication Center.

All fifteen dispatched air and ground sorties located and photographed their assigned ‘targets’ and the Communication Center was logging nothing but “tallyho’s” [code word for Find].

The Evaluation Team found it difficult to have even a “coffee break”. They monitored all the activities of the computerized Check-in and Credentials Examination, uniform inspection, Incident Command, the Air Ops group, the Ground Ops group, the Communications group, Flight Line personnel, Safety controls, vehicle and aircraft inspections, Chaplain, pre-flight checks; and was a physical appendage to the Information Officer. Florida Wing Commander, Col. Tony Pineda said, “The hard work, training and team effort displayed by all participants of this SAREVAL proudly illustrates the caliber of members in our wing and their high level of dedication to Civil Air Patrol. I am proud to serve with you.”

See Page 24

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



COL. ANTONIO PINEDA
Florida Wing Commander

I recently spent an exciting week at the Wing and Region Commander's Course at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. It was a great chance to meet other commanders and see how we all face

the same challenges. Of course, due to our large membership and territory, Florida Wing faces them on a larger scale than most of the other 51 wings. This makes it even more critical to work "smarter".

During my breaks, I was able to visit with many of the National Headquarters Staff including Finance, Logistics, Human Relations, and Marketing/Public Affairs, all important areas for our success. Many people are working hard at the headquarters for all of us during this very challenging time of 'downsizing'. They seem to be meeting the challenge with determination and a sense of humor.

Mary Nell Crowe, Director of Marketing/Public Affairs, provided information about the wide variety of services that her department offers. PowerPoint presentations with scripts are now available. These can be used as transparencies with an overhead projector as well. The speeches can be geared to different audiences. I brought back recruiting posters, which will be posted in Publix Markets throughout Florida through the much appreciated arrangements made by a local member. The smaller postcard versions of these posters can be displayed by local businesses, especially at airports, to boost public awareness and recruit new members for your unit. Public Affairs materials can be ordered through the national WebSite at www.cap.af.mil. The value of an effective Public Affairs Officer in your unit

cannot be over stated. PAO's provide services that include highlighting the achievements of our members and keeping our members informed about changes and activities. Every commander's best friend is a Public Affairs Officer who develops good relationships in the community. Goodwill in your community leads to both financial support and new members to help get the job done. The Public Affairs Officer helps us all to work "smarter".

As many of you know, we are expanding our Marketing/Public Affairs Team at wing under the direction of Capt. Russ Vizzi. Russ was a CAP cadet in the 1940's. He returned to CAP in 1991 after successfully building several companies in the Health Care field. Capt. Sharon Kingsley will be moving over to the Marketing team. Her professional experience in this area as well as her knowledge of CAP finances make her an excellent addition.

Recently Lt. Col. Bob Kantor joined the PAO team from NYWG where he served as an Assistant PAO. Bob is also a former cadet and will be working with Capt. Al Ferraro in Public Affairs. Major Buddy Harris will continue to bring us the finest in CAP newsletters. Please provide information about your unit and its accomplishments so that he may share them with others. Buddy also provides our newsletter to a variety of State and Federal Government officials to showcase Florida Wing and our fine volunteers.

Public Affairs is a support for all of our missions but it can also be a rocket to launch your unit to levels of success you never thought possible. The Marketing/Public Affairs FLWG Team stands ready and is anxious to serve you.

National Headquarters' Marketing Division will be spending quite a bit of time in Florida this year, staffing three conferences. The Women In Aviation International Conference was held on March 18-20 in Orlando. Mary Nell Crowe and Benny Harris brought the new NHQ display for its

Commander
From Page 2

The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education will be in Orlando at the Omni Rosen Hotel from April 8-10. National PAO will be back for this premier event. Many FLWG members will be needed to support this annual event sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol.

Then again, from June 16-19, the new CAP display will return for the NASAR to be held at the Hyatt Orlando-Kissemme. For each exhibit, 2-3 volunteers are needed throughout the conferences. Members should be able to wear their uniforms properly as well as be knowledgeable about the CAP in general and the congress focus specifically. With all this recruiting and publicity here in Florida, we have a tremendous potential to increase our membership with well intentioned and qualified individuals.

I'm sure our members in the Orlando area will appreciate support from other volunteers throughout the state. If you can provide support for any of these activities, please call Capt. Frank Haas, the new Group 4 Commander.

On a different note, FLWG is working to increase our visibility and support in other arenas. We have enjoyed support from the State of Florida as a result of our Agreement with the State through the Department of Community Affairs., Division of Emergency Management. Our current financial support is \$55,000 each year. I would like to thank LTC. John Brennan for his role in the success we enjoy through his efforts. During the past ten years, this amounts to one-half million dollars provided to the Civil Air Patrol by the State of Florida. Many of our state senators and legislators have supported this appropriation. Please be sure to thank them for this funding every chance you have. These funds make it possible for us to provide one full time support person for the membership of FLWG in our daily business as well as enhance our training and support for Emergency Services. As we are able to expand our resources, we will be able to provide more professional tools and support throughout the state.

It is important to remember that we bring valuable resources as well. Our 19 aircraft are worth over one million dollars. Our trained pilots, observers,

ground personnel and communications capability offer an even greater value.

We have begun to work more closely with the state in coordinating our efforts. At a minimum, ALL Emergency Services personnel should understand the roles we play in the overall Emergency Management Services in Florida. The Department of Emergency Management website at www.dca.state.fl.us/fdem provides an extremely informative profile of their responsibilities and capabilities. Brochures and other printed materials are available from the State Emergency Operations Center which describe the various Emergency Services Functions and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. FLWG has participated during recent disasters, like the devastating tornadoes in the Orlando area last spring and the brush fires last June.

Our SAREVAL '99 at the Leesburg Airport was a most effective way to evidence to ourselves and others the new level of professionalism we have attained. This is a direct result of our never-ending training and planning. As our training expertise improves, so does our response capabilities.

Previous SAREVAL missions evidenced that there was a critical need for specific training for such specific evaluation programs. We recognize that in the 'real life' situation for an Emergency Services mission, the type of emergency is limited to one or two events that require a response. However, in a SAREVAL, the CAP/USAF Evaluation Team want to push the envelope in order to test our response ability and flexibility under the worst case scenario.

This year, we initiated an Emergency Response Team [ERT] of our most experienced personnel assembled from throughout the state. This team trained as a Mission Base Team and responded to a worst case scenario which included downed aircraft, missing aircraft, ELT alarms, Disaster Relief, Damage Assessment, Human Organ Transportation, vessel in distress, etc. Techniques utilized in the Incident Command System [ICS] were incorporated into our training program and positive results were readily apparent.

Professionalism is the key to expanding our search and rescue response role in Florida.

PROP WASH

7he Florida Wing Net on HF radio is logging on more and more check-ins each day. For those with HF radios, you can increase your information flow and interaction with other members by tuning in to 4469kHz Monday to Saturday at 7 a.m.. The Southeast Region Net is on the same frequency at 8 p.m. Monday to Friday. Check-in and you can speak with CAP members in Alabama, Puerto Rico, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Nat'l HQ., and out-of region.

All pilots should view the CAP's C 172R presentation. The graphics and visuals are outstanding and the do's and don'ts of flying the aircraft are extremely comprehensive. You can find this presentation at <http://www.cap.af.mil/nhq/dov/dov/index.html>

Lt. Col. Peter Mavorah was honored by the members of the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron for his 52 uninterrupted years as a member of the CAP. Major Virginia Montalvo,

Squadron Commander advised that this 87 year old pilot and aviation enthusiast has flown many search and rescue missions. Lt. Col. George Jackman, Commander of the Drug Interdiction Program for South Florida in the 80's recalled highlights of LTC. Mevorah's outstanding flying career in the CAP.

Senior member Karl Geng, Communications Officer of the Marco Island Senior Squadron astounded on-lookers with his "high wire act" atop a house roof while installing an HF antenna for a Florida Wing Staff Officer. His installation was so well done, the radio sends a clear signal all the way to Puerto Rico.

Capt. Ben Coleman, FLWG Maintenance Officer's highest priority is the upgrading of the wing's aircraft fleet. He has set forth three requisites: [a] Only those maintenance officers who have adequate training and keen motivation should be assigned the responsibility of caring for the 19 wing aircraft, [b] an

immediate turnaround to a forthcoming request of maintenance officers for detailed information about each of the aircraft, and [c] maintenance officers are to interact closely with Capt. Coleman to address and cure identified deficiencies with the aircraft as determined in various inspections conducted by FLWG Operations Staff. Capt. Coleman's credo is, "Treat these aircraft as if they were your own...as the wings support us and the powerplant propels us through the air, remember, it is your souls at risk and our reputation. Make us proud."

USAF F-15 Demonstration Team, US Navy Blue Angels, US Army Golden Knights will be featured at the AIR-FEST on 7, 8 and 9 May at MacDill AFB. A large gathering of P-51 Mustangs is also scheduled. This is one of the largest DoD air shows and FLWG CAP has been invited to participate in the planning and implementation. CAP personnel will bivouac at the recently completed training complex and the dining hall hours will be extended to coincide with the hours of various assigned duties.

FLORIDA FACTS is published quarterly for members and friends of Florida Wing - CIVIL AIR PATROL by Maj. S. Buddy Harris, Editor. E-Mail: bharris@naples.net Phone: 941 642 0613 Address: 192 Gulfport Ct. Marco Island, FL 34145

GROUP REALIGNMENTS AND NEW COMMANDERS ANNOUNCED BY WING COMMANDER, COL. PINEDA

As of 10 February, Group boundaries were modified, a new Group was created and certain new Group Commanders were appointed. "These boundary changes are reflective of long term comprehensive planning for Florida Wing. These boundaries more closely coincide with the Regional Operations Bureau areas of Florida State Service Agencies which we will be more closely interacting with in our Search & Rescue and Counter-Narcotics mission services", stated Col. Pineda. "Our Civil Air Patrol programs for the State of Florida will be dramatically expanding in the near term. Coordination with various state agencies will also expand and a more refined matchmating of areas of responsibility will achieve greater efficiencies and improved responsiveness".



FLORIDA WING

GROUP DIVISIONS GROUP COMMANDERS

- GROUP ONE - Major Eugene Carter**
- GROUP TWO - Major Randall Haney**
- GROUP THREE - Major Robert Ashman**
- GROUP FOUR - Captain Frank Haas**
- GROUP FIVE - Lt. Col. Larry Henderson**
- GROUP SIX - Major Jorge Del Rio**
- GROUP SEVEN - Major William Lynch**

MEET YOUR NEW APPOINTEES

GROUP FOUR COMMANDER



Capt. Frank Haas, replaces Major Jorge Del Rio as Commander of Group 4 and readily admits that he will be a tough act to follow. Major Del Rio assumes command of Group 6. Capt. Haas joined the CAP in 1992, is a pilot and most recently was the Commander of the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron.

Capt. Haas expressed his philosophy, "I firmly believe that the success of Group lies in the strength of its foundation-the Squadron. Every other level in CAP relies on the Squadron for its ultimate success. Therefore, all efforts of my Group shall be focussed on helping the Squadrons succeed. Group 4 Headquarters shall assure that [1] corporate assets are utilized to the fullest, [2] all operations are conducted in the safest manner possible and in accordance with CAP regulations, and [3] that all reports are filed complete and timely with higher headquarters. Courtesy, respect and a professionally positive attitude are the hallmarks of the successful CAP Officer. I will lead by example. I expect everyone connected with the Group to act in the same way." Haas continued, "In my first year as a Squadron Commander, my unit was awarded Squadron of the Year Award from Group and the Squadron of Merit Award from Wing. In my first year as Group Commander, I would like to see our Group achieve the same level of success."

GROUP SEVEN COMMANDER

Major William Lynch is the newly appointed Commander of the newly created Group 7. He will also continue as FLWG Director of Logistics, [ady] and Information Systems Manager. In that capacity he is in charge of development, implementation, purchasing, and maintenance of the computer systems network and



Major William Lynch

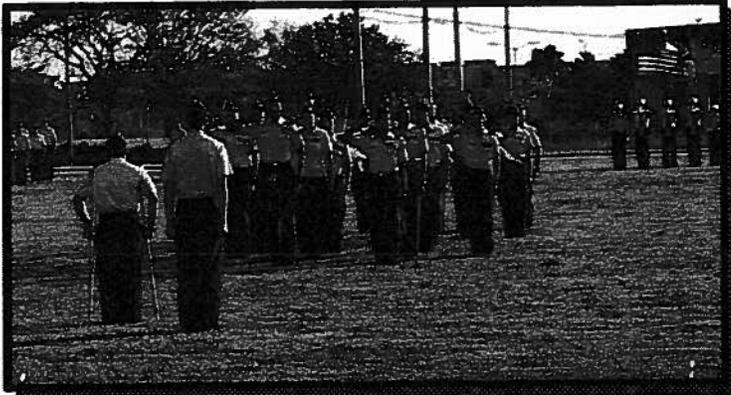
Internet web page design, accessibility and security. Maj. Lynch joined the CAP in 1981 as a cadet and earned the rank of Lt. Col. and received the Ira C. Eaker Award. He has served as Deputy Commander for cadets and then for seniors, Squadron Commander, and Group Administration Officer prior to joining Wing Staff. Maj. Lynch is the recipient of numerous awards and ribbons, one of which is the coveted Lifesaving Award.

WING MAINTENANCE OFFICER



Capt. Benjie Coleman is presently the Airworthiness Safety Program Manager for the Orlando Office of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. Capt. Coleman is a FAA Commercial Pilot and has a strong background in aviation safety, operations and maintenance. He has served as investigator of 300+ aviation accidents and is a recognized expert in his field.

PHOTO MAT



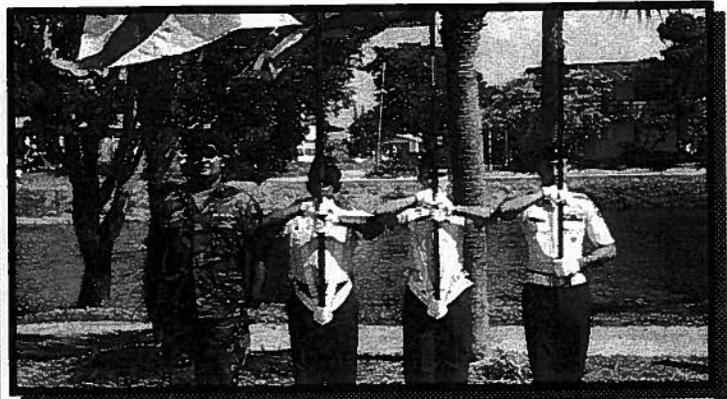
Morning parade at Winter Encampment at Homestead ARB. Encampment Commander, LTC. Robert Masliker said the encampment was a huge success and Cadet Commander, C/LTC. Michael Barron expressed pride in the accomplishments of the 104 attendees. *photo by Capt. Eileen Parker*



Thanks to the efforts of Group 3 Chaplain, LTC. Harold Johnson, several churches and numerous businesses displayed birthday wishes for CAP on their exterior signs. *photo by LTC. R. E. Snidow*



In the spirit of 'esprit de corps' [Spirit of Unity], FLWG Chief of Staff, LTC. Matt Sharkey presents Ponderosa [world's largest] Lemons to LTC. Amy Boxwell, Director Aerospace Education and Capt. Jay Jasen, Director Senior Programs for their consistent outstanding efforts. *photo by Maj. S. Buddy Harris*



North Miami Beach Vice Mayor, Jule Littman expressed thanks to the CAP Honor Guard for participating in the city's Veterans Day Service. He further expressed admiration for the community services and hard work frequently provided by the cadets. *photo by Capt. Beverley Clarke*



65 cadets and seniors from West Broward Composite Sq. and 14 from Broward Knights helped trap and referee the annual Super Bowl clay target shootout. A CAP display and recruiting booth was highly visible. The cadets received a standing ovation when they were leaving. *photo by CIAnn Jessica Hubbell*



Base "X" at MacDill AFB nears completion. This bivouac area will provide tents for 240, a mess hall building, two shower buildings and training facilities. The Base Command has made this facility available to the FLWG for various cadet and senior functions. *photo by Major S. Buddy Harris*



FINAL FLIGHT

● **Lt. Col. Elizabeth Dever**
19 March 1918 - 6 February 1999
Charlotte County Composite Squadron

● **1 Lt. Roy Hanson**
Died February 1999
Charlotte County Composite Squadron



NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE GRADUATES FLORIDA MEMBERS

The seven day, graduate-level, in-residence college was conducted at the Air Force's Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell AFB. The objective of the NSC is to provide CAP's field-grade officers with the type of experience necessary to manage complex CAP programs. The eight graduates from Florida Wing included: Maj. Richard Clifford, LTC. Larry Durham, LTC. Harre Jones, Maj. John Lynn, Maj. Marsha Pennington, Maj. Anthony Petrillo, Maj. Paul Sova, and Maj Thomas Trammell.



TUSKEGEE AIRMAN PROMOTES CAP

USAF LTC. [Ret.] Leo Gray, a former member of the Tuskegee Airmen-332nd Fighter Group, spoke recently at the Florida Gulf Coast University. After relating a stirring story of their WWII exploits, Col. Gray was approached by a number of students who expressed a keen desire to learn to fly. Gray advised, "Check into your local Civil Air Patrol Squadron, an auxiliary of the Air Force."



NEW COMMANDERS

The new commander of the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron is Capt. John Bayne. Capt. Bayne is well known and appreciated by FLWG for his service as Incident Commander during the fire-storm mission in

Major Jack Garlit, Chaplain of the Naples Senior Squadron had a stellar service record in the CAP. He regularly flew Sundown Patrol and counter drug flights as well as Search and Rescue missions. His sense of responsibility and willingness to accept any duty from sweeping the hangar to visiting members at home or in hospitals. He received many well-deserved awards, commendations and ribbons.



Major William "Jack" Garlit
1930 - 25 December 1998

It is with great sorrow that we note his passing and we will remember that he was young at heart, vital and active to the last.

Volusia County and for the SAREVAL '99. Capt. John C. McCullough, formerly commander of the Orlando Cadet Squadron and Deputy Commander of Cadets for the Central Florida Composite Squadron, is now the commander of the Central Florida Composite Squadron.



NEW APPOINTMENT/NEW PROGRAM

Col. Pineda recently appointed S/M Shawn Knickerbocker as Florida Wing's Glider Chief Check Pilot. Shawn is a pilot with US Customs and is a FAA DE and CFI in single, multi-engine aircraft, helicopter, and gliders.

Col. Pineda simultaneously endorsed the inclusion of glider training and flights for the wing. This program will be augmented with two gliders initially obtained by FLWG.

Shawn Knickerbocker will be the primary project officer overseeing all FLWG glider operations.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

CORRECTION!!

The procedures previously described in FLORIDA FACTS for submission for a CAPF 101 card are corrected as follows:

CAPF 101 **UPGRADES** do NOT need to include blank 101's. CAPF 100's forwarded to FLWG for information and filing **DO NOT** require supporting documentation. CAPF 100's submitted to FLWG for new 101 cards **MUST** have all required documentation and blank 101's attached.

DOV OUT OF STATE

Major Luis Garcia, FLWG DOV, is out of state for a few months taking the Army Officer Basic Course. Major Russ Reichmann, Assistant FLWG DOV will oversee all DOV issues during Major Garcia's absence. Major Reichmann's E-Mail address is ChiefChk6@aol.com or phone him at 954 942 9287.

CHECK RIDE SITES NEEDED

FLWG Stan/Eval wants to repeat the funded Form 5/91 check ride program that has been conducted at MacDill AFB, Homestead ARB, and Tallahassee. These check rides are available to pilots from throughout the state. Four sites are needed to

serve as hosts for the exercises in July, August and September '99. Contact FLWG if your area can provide a site.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 1999 National Check Pilot Standardization Course is scheduled for 23-24 October at Lakeland. Those pilots who wish to attend should review CAPR 60-1 and the Florida Wing Supplement to CAPR 60-1.

REMINDER!

Capt. Julia Diaz, FLWG Legal Officer reminds all units that they must have a Legal Officer on staff. Legal Officers are reminded that they must have in their possession a copy of "Legal Officer's Handbook." She further suggests a frequent review of the Handbook will prove to be most beneficial.

Major Russ Reichman informs all pilots ; [a] to have a copy of CAPR 60-1 in their pilot kit, [b] that check ride schedules will be blocked out by area. Every pilot in that area will be required to meet that schedule. Non-compliance will result in groundings. Proficiency is an imperative and all programs that assure pilot profi-

ciency will be enforced, and [c] Safety Standdown Days must be scheduled and observed. Safety is a paramount objective and shall be addressed to a maximum degree.

DID YOU KNOW?

How many of you know that CAP has a "business membership"??? It is strictly a fund raising tool for squadrons and groups. Mary Nell Crowe, National Director Marketing/Public Affairs advises that applications are available from NHQ. on request. The way the program works is that a member prepares an information package [brochure, letter from the commander, etc.], arranges meetings with local businesses, tells them about the CAP and the units services to the community, and asks for sponsorship. Sponsorships are listed on the application as follows:

Full Business Member \$5000

Associate Member \$2500

Friend of CAP \$1000

Contributor to CAP-any amt.

Once the business is signed up, a copy of the check and application is faxed to NHQ. A beautiful, gold embossed Business Member certificate is filled out and sent to the

continued on page 12



CADET CAP'ERS



Capt. Jayson Jenkins has been appointed by Wing Commander Tony Pineda to serve as Director of Cadet Programs. Capt. Jenkins joined CAP in 1987, has been named Cadet of the Year, received Col. Bob Owens Leadership Award, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, numerous certificates and commendations and attended the international cadet exchange in the Netherlands. Captain Jenkins' goal is to bring a level of prestige to Cadet Programs that it has never experienced. His focus is on training and 'doing it right the first time'. Having been a member of the Cadet Program for several years, he intends to continue in the direction that has been set by the former DCP, Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey.

The Eglin '99 Summer Encampment is scheduled for 11-18 July at Duke Field, Eglin AFB just east of Pensacola. Major Jennifer Wertz shall be Commander and Capt. Jayson Jenkins shall be Commandant of Cadets. First-time cadets, cadet staff and senior members can look forward to a well organized and professionally implemented training opportunity that will also be lots of fun. An experience not soon forgotten!

C/FO Daniel Killian, C/FO Dylan McVeigh, C/Sgt. Erin Killian and C/Amn 1st Class Tommy Miller of the Lantana Lake Worth Cadet Squadron were credited with significant participation on the recent missing Cessna aircraft mission. When the sighting of the crashed plane in Lake Okeechobee was radioed in, the cadets relayed the communication to the MC, and participating organizations which included the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

Brandon Cadet Squadron has an outstanding webpage. The first page has a photo of their honor guard and the waving flags are 'goose-bumpy'. Each of the pages are well designed and very informative. Visit the site at <http://members.aol.com/ImperialNet/08237.html>

Marion County Composite Squadron is conducting its Cadet Pilot Solo Training Program. Ron Towater instructs the pre-flight, flight and post flight

debrief training. Captain Paul Blystone teaches Communications and weather. The participating cadets are C/Commander John Helms, C/Amn Heather Day, M/Sgt. Justine Durden, C/Amn V. Guilfoil, and S/Sgt. Eric Kull.

submitted by Capt. Jerry Holloway, PAO

C/Major Robert Lee Johnson, Cadet Commander Pasco Cadet Squadron, traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program. He joined hundreds of high school students from across the country to take part in seminars presented by leaders in military, business, each branch of government and media. He met with Senators Mack and Graham and took a special tour of the White House. For more information about the Presidential Classroom Program, call 1-800-441-6533 or <http://www.presidentialclassroom.org>

submitted by 2Lt. Lee Selner

West Broward Composite Squadron began training in Basic First Aid and CPR. The attendance was overwhelming and there was standing room only! Three dummies were available for hands-on CPR training and all attendees learned how to resuscitate a person. After watching a series of First Aid videos, the group went outdoors to learn how to help people who had injured themselves. Role models added a level of realism to the training and the graduates feel that they now have a confidence level to be able to assist if they ever are needed by a person who is injured.

submitted by C/Amn Michael Carvalho

REMINDER! All Squadron Commanders are alerted to the essential need for back-up horns on all corporate vehicles. In the event that your CAP vehicle is not equipped with the back-up horn safety device or your back-up horn is non-operational, contact Florida Wing Safety Director, Lt. Col. David Fuller immediately.

continued from Page 10

squadron to present to the business. The business member is then mentioned in the next issue of Civil Air Patrol News.

Based on experience, this program has proved to be the easiest way of raising money for units. Try it, you'll like it!



SLS and CLC

The following are current course subjects for the Squadron Leadership School [SLS] and the Corporate Learning Course [CLC]:

CAP SLS

- Aerospace Education
- Cadet Programs
- Core Values
- Counter Drug
- Drug Demand Reduction
- Emergency Services
- Meeting Planning
- Professional Image
- Senior Programs
- Standards & Evaluation
- Briefings
- Communications
- Correspondence
- Customs and Courtesy
- Effective Listening
- Liaison Office
- CAP Organization
- Safety
- Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

CAP CLC

- Overview
- AFROTC/CAP Initiative
- Chaplain Service
- Communications
- Drug Demand Reduction
- Finance
- Inspection

- Logistics
- Member Services
- Administration
- Training
- Aerospace Education
- Cadet Programs
- Command
- Counter Drug
- Emergency Services
- Flight Operations
- Legal Issues
- Marketing/Public Affairs
- Safety

Capt. Arnold "Jay" Jasen
FLWG Director-Senior Programs



HOW CAN I SERVE ON MISSIONS??

Serving on ES or Sundown Patrol missions is not exclusively reserved for a 'Secret Society'. All that is required is you must have a 101 card. A frequent question is "How can I get my 101 card?"

The procedure has been set forth in this newsletter and in various wing bulletins. The process is simple but requires effort on your part.

[1] Attend a General Emergency Services Orientation lecture and take the written test ES Form 116-Part A.

[2] Attend classroom training in the specialty of your choice. Get practical hands on training in your specialty.

[3] Get a 101T card that allows you to participate in exercises and missions as a trainee in your specialty.

[4] Participate in at least two exercises or missions, perform your specialty duties in a satisfactory manner, and have your training supervisor sign your 101T card each time.

Everything up to this point is at the unit level. While you are completing the orientation, classroom, practical training and on the job experience, you have to complete

three other classes-CAP Blood borne Pathogens Training, First Aid, and Radio Operator training. An ROA card is required for advanced ES ratings.

Once you have completed all of the described steps, a CAPF 100, accompanied by documentary evidence of your completing all the required steps, is sent to wing where it is checked, recorded and a new CAPF 101 card is issued

Now you are ready to serve on a mission. Soon you might wonder why you aren't being called for an ES mission. You trained, you submitted documentation, you have a 101 card but you are never mobilized! The missing element is your notification to your unit commander and your ES Officer and the Incident Commanders in your Group that you have a 101 card and you are readily available for missions [clearly state if there are days or times of day or other when you are not available]. Continue this reminder procedure until you have proven your availability and capability.

Capt. Frank N. Haas
Group 4 Commander



Editor's note to all commanders:

I still receive frequent calls or messages that some member is not receiving a copy of FLORIDA FACTS!

Suggestion - Post this copy of FLORIDA FACTS on your Bulletin Board with your note, "If you aren't receiving this newsletter at your home, please advise me."

If you then send that information to me, I will assure that those names will be added to the FLORIDA FACTS mailing list. [I personally maintain this label list].

MISSION MEMOS



FLWG HAS FIRST SAVE IN '99

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, Capt. Gerald Glass, West Broward Composite Squadron was operating a Robinson R22 helicopter out of Hollywood-North Perry Airport.

The northwest corner of the airport is usually busy with banner towing aircraft. Glass was requesting permission to take off but the tower had him "hold position" for about ten minutes. It seems that a banner towing aircraft had just made a pickup of a banner. The aircraft pulled up, stalled and went west-erly before crashing. Other aircraft in the area could not locate the downed aircraft.

The tower requested that Capt. Glass takeoff and attempt to locate the crash location. When he accepted the assignment, a 911T mission number was assigned.

Capt. Glass flew at tree top level and finally located the aircraft under a wide canopied tree. He immediately set the helicopter down and walked over to the aircraft. Capt. Glass assisted the pilot to exit the cockpit and helped him walk away from the wreckage.

Capt. Glass apprised the tower of the situation and described the crash scene location so that police and rescue units could respond. Pembroke Pines Police arrived and helped the pilot into the back seat of the police cruiser awaiting arrival of paramedics.

Mission Controller, LTC. Mike Brown briefed Col. Pineda about the mission and he immediately called Capt. Glass at his home to express his appreciation. "This was a quick response mission for which we regularly train. Capt. Glass responded in accordance with ES procedures and performed in a most professional manner", said Wing Commander Antonio Pineda.

CADET PARTICIPATION IN ES MISSIONS

Col. Glen Atwell, Nat'l. Director of Operations advises: Due to recent changes in the structure of Cadet Program [achievement two and three now being part

of phase one], it is necessary to clarify current requirements until CAPR 50-15 can be issued.

Cadets having completed achievement one [not cadet phase one, as noted in CAPR 50-15, Change 2, paragraph 2-3b [2]] may apply for a CAPF 101 containing the General Emergency Services rating.

WHAT IS ICS AND WHY DO I NEED IT?

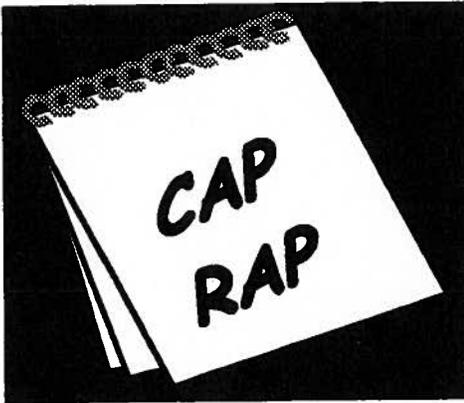
The Incident Command System [ICS] is coming to the Civil Air Patrol. With some knowledge of what ICS is, the transition should be quite smooth and will enhance our ability to work with other emergency services agencies that only use ICS.

ICS is a flexible and expandable system of management, it grows and shrinks to meet the needs of the operation at hand. In many ways it is similar to the system we have used in CAP. ICS has an Incident Commander [IC] in charge of a mission as we had a Mission Coordinator [MC]. Depending on the scope of the incident, the IC may have several people assisting. This is also similar to the MC who for an ELT search may have only a 3 person ground team. If the mission expands to search for a downed aircraft, the MC would have several mission base officers and search personnel.

One new concept for CAP is the span of control. This is the number of people that a supervisor can effectively supervise. Generally, this is 3 to 7, with 5 as the optimum. The IC, if the incident is large enough, may have a Command Staff and a General Staff to manage. The Command Staff may consist of an Information Officer, Liaison Officer, Safety Officer, and a Mission Chaplain. Only the Liaison Officer is new to CAP. The Liaison Officer is the point of contact for the other agencies that may be involved with the incident [Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.]

In the next issue of FLORIDA FACTS we will review the positions of the General Staff. In the meantime, get a copy of CAPR 55-1 [available from the Internet, or CAP NHQ, or the Bookstore]. This regulation has attachments that explain the ICS positions.

Lt. Col. Don Wood
FLWG SAR Training



“Shades of Green” UPDATE! This marvelous DOD resort facility at Disney World, Orlando is available for CAP members, but on a ‘Space Available Basis’ only. Col Jerry Angley, CAP/AF LO is trying to have this policy modified so that CAP members may obtain advance reservations as do members of the USAF. *Stay tuned!*



There is no adequate way to thank Capt. Sharon Kingsley for her having served as Wing Finance Officer. The job requirements are enormous. Receiving, reviewing, approving, rejecting, issuing checks, signing checks, making journal entries for at least 500 reimbursement and billing submissions each month, preparing for and submitting to annual audit, preparing and controlling the wing budget, etc. are only a few of the tasks. No, we are not losing Sharon’s capabilities and dedication. She will be serving as Wing Marketing and Conference Coordinator. Col. Pineda has appointed 2Lt. William Ferguson as the new Finance Officer. The transition

will be slow but sure. Let’s all be patient and cooperative during this extremely difficult and comprehensive change-over.



FLWG Assistant Medical Officer, LTC. Donald Wood has been re-assigned to the Emergency Services Directorate. Don’s expertise in Incident Command System [ICS] procedures will be invaluable to our statewide ES program.



In addition to all else, Chief of Staff, LTC. Matt Sharkey, is producing a monthly “Wing Bulletin” for distribution to all Wing Staff, Group and Squadron Commanders. This major effort is in furtherance of Wing Commander, Col. Pineda’s goal for maximizing communication and information transmission to all members of the wing.



MacDill Air Force Base has completed nearly a total physical facility rehabilitation. All buildings have been painted, many roads have been repaved, new landscaping and street lighting is installed, and new signage is in place. The base command has certainly done the Air Force proud!



Col. Pineda, Col. Angley, LTC. Valone, LTC. Sharkey and LTC. Valerie Brown recently met with the MacDill AFB command to discuss the Memorandum of Under-

standing agreement. All of the Air Force command staff expressed how impressed they are with the Civil Air Patrol and pleased that we are headquartered at their base. The Professional Military Education Building with its multi-media capability and auditorium will now be available to FLWG for training purposes and Air Force personnel were promised to assist in our Leadership School program.

Additionally, the newly developed “Base X” at the south end of MacDill with its air conditioned housing units for 280 personnel, shower buildings, mess halls, etc. will now be available for cadet encampments and other CAP programs. This entire construction project is under the supervision of AF/LTC. Cliff Johnson, 6thARW/CES.



Delivery of Florida Wing’s first glider aircraft is expected in the Fall of this year. The glider will be based at MacDill for the first 4 months and will then be rotated to all Groups.



Capt. Humbert Gressani, Deputy Commander, Naples Senior Squadron advises that they now have an extremely well designed, informative, action web page. Visit it at *Naples Free-Net* home page, then click *Clubs*, then click *Civic* and finally, click *Naples Senior Squadron*. It is well worth the visit.



From The **MAILBAG**

Excerpt from letter to Daytona Beach News Journal from a California firefighter who was in Central Florida during the June and July 98 firestorm:

This seems an appropriate time to tell the people of DeLand how much their support meant to us during Florida's fires of '98.

I particularly remember the members of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron who were ever ready to help through the whole long month. If you get a chance, those CAP youngsters deserve any support you can give. The Florida fires were the nastiest I've worked in the 10 years I've been in the business. Heat, humidity, low visibility and those TV towers that seem to grow everywhere made for difficult flying. That made the DeLand response all the more welcome. It was a tough way to learn about DeLand but the CAP was definitely the "silver lining".

Bob Downs

Grass Valley, California

Thanks to 2Lt. Heather Taracka, ES Officer, Deland Composite Sq. for the submission.

Thanks for FLORIDA FACTS

Capt. Linda J. Rose
Coral Springs Cadet Squadron

I would like to receive your newsletter.

Laura Morse
Florida Department of Transportation
Aviation Office, Tallahassee, FL

"Having been there, done that", I appreciate FLORIDA FACTS, our Florida Wing Newsletter immensely.

1Lt. Trish Turner
Former Editor of FLORIDA FACTS

I flew on Dec. 12th with Major Charles Henwrod and Capt. Earnie Diaz. We were CPF824. I have not heard that the missing aircraft was found, nor where it was found. We searched Grids 81 a, b, c and d. Can you provide some information.

2Lt. Robert Mason
Hillsborough One Senior Squadron
Editor's note: This was one of many such requests. See Page 27.

I just finished reading FLORIDA FACTS, vol.3 issue 4 Oct/Dec 98. I wish to compliment you on a very informative, well put together publication. Having worked on newsletters in the past I can appreciate the amount of time and effort put into this endeavor.

I am heartened to see the "E-Mail Emissions" page, even though e-mail is not yet an official communications method. It is only a matter of time until it happens, so this might be a good start.

Lt. Col. Howard Gelbman
279 Composite Squadron

Got FLORIDA FACTS today. Ex-

cellent information, very timely.

Lt. Col. James Splith
Group 5 Deputy Commander

Keep up the good work and thanks for your hard work. FLORIDA FACTS is a quality newsletter

2Lt. Lee Selner
Pasco County Cadet Squadron

The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education, often referred to as NCASE, is scheduled for 7-10 April at the Omni Rosen Hotel in Orlando. Florida is the host wing.

Hopefully all CAP members will be able to attend at least one day of this dynamic conference and return to your unit with a wealth of information and resources.

Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force are indeed proud to present the 32nd annual National Congress in Orlando.

James L Mallett
National Director,
CAP Aerospace Education and Training
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

NOTE: Lt. Col. Amy Boxwell, Florida Wing Director, Aerospace Education needs lots of volunteers for driving CAP vans to/from airport, crowd control, manning Information Center and Registration Desk, Honor Guard, Runners, Office Management, etc. For those CAP members who want to attend the NCASE for only one day, a special fee of \$40 has been arranged by LTC. Boxwell.

LO on the GO

Florida Wing's USAF/CAP Liaison Officer, Col. Jerry Angley just completed his first year of service as LO. Col. Angley's duties and responsibilities include monitoring the wing activities, advising the wing commander on organization, administration, operations, communications, public affairs, logistics, military procedures and aviation matters. The LO is to develop and maintain liaison with the units and with AF/DOD installation commanders in order to maximize mutual support. The LO assists in developing CAP's mission.



Col. Jerry Angley
USAF/CAP LO

Col. Angley spent 26 years on active duty with the AF, five years with CAP NHQ as Director of Operations and Chief of Emergency Services. The LO's broad duties keep Col. Angley on the go throughout the state. An examination of major events in his duty report for the past two months showed the following;

- * Manned the EOC during a hurricane.
- * Met with the AFROTC Commander in Tallahassee
- * Guest Speaker at University of South Florida;

- Central Florida Composite Squadron; Lealman Elementary School, Embury Middle Flight School, and Air Force Association in Tallahassee.
- * Attended CAP Check Pilot Seminar at FAA Safety Center, Lakeland.
- * Attended several wing, group and squadron meetings around the state.
- * Arranged and attended meeting with Wing Commander and Commanding Officers at MacDill AFB.
- * Administered two Spaatz exams.
- * Observed several SAREX's throughout the state.
- * Arranged for Special Activities Board meeting at MacDill AFB.
- * Flew to Pahokee to coordinate SAR activities with local law enforcement agencies.
- * Helped conduct exercises for upcoming SAREVAL at Leesburg.

As is readily apparent, LO realistically stands for 'Lots Of' time and effort required to provide assistance throughout the state and to all organizations that CAP interacts with so that Florida Wing can more professionally achieve its CAP assigned missions. FLWG is lucky to have Col. Jerry Angley on its team.



FLWG SUPPLEMENTS UPDATED

All FLWG Supplements to the "CAP Regulations and Manual" are presently in review and revise by Col. Pineda. The replacement of all supplements will be released by LTC. Valerie Brown to all units NLT the middle of April.

FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE

The Conference Committee -LTC. Valerie Brown, Major Suzann Gray and Capt. Sharon Kingsley have finalized many of the arrangements planning. The Florida Wing '99 Conference will be at the Radisson Sabal Park Hotel in Mango [just south of Rtes. 4 and 75] during the

month of September. Booking dates will be announced.

WING STAFF MEETINGS

Overheard from Chief of Staff Sharkey at a recent FLWG Staff Officers Meeting, "There were so many people who wanted to meet with me during the lunch break that my sandwich got stale!!" "We are getting much closer to realizing my objective for a maximum of 30 days for turnaround on all required paper work." "Col. Angley, LTC. Valerie Brown and I met with MacDill AFB 6th Air Refueling Wing Director, Col. Mac Isaac who said, "In my 20 years of CAP/

USAF involvement, Florida Wing is the best CAP I have ever seen."

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

FLORIDA FACTS has become more comprehensive in scope, more informative and, I trust, more interesting. This is thanks to all who have contributed news inputs. To an Editor, there is no greater horror than staring at blank pages. *FLORIDA FACTS* is your newsletter and I want to assure each of you that any thoughts, ideas, suggestions that you may have for modification will be eagerly received.

Editors Note: With the advent of Memorial Day on 31 May, the following was considered most appropriate.

Major Dick Arens, Riverview, FL. wrote, "I've enclosed an essay that my niece wrote for an assignment in school when she was thirteen years old. The assignment was to write a first person essay as if you were speaking as that object. Melanie chose the VIETNAM MEMORIAL in Washington, D. C. as her subject. I believe the words speak of the feelings of everyone who has been moved by the experience while viewing the "Wall".

AS I SEE IT

BY: Melanie Edwards

When I am looked at, people cry at their own reflection, as they slowly drag their hands down the tens of thousands of names that I have carved into my dark granite skin. All of a sudden their hands stop and they kneel to the ground and cry. Although I am just a chunk granite, I have feelings too. When I see them on their knees, I hurt, and as they say goodbye, I cry.

I can't remember when they decided that I would be part of the Vietnam War Memorial. I was happy. They sanded me by hand until I was leveled. I can remember the soft polish that made my black granite coat shine. Then it happened.

As they took me to another room, my heart started to pound. I didn't know what was happening. Then they started to chisel names into me. I was confused and I didn't understand. I turned my eyes and saw another stone. I was shocked when I read it. In big, bold print, it read, "Here Lies The Names Of Those Who Died Protecting Our Country In The Vietnam War."

I wanted to die. Why me? Why did they pick me for this? I don't want to be the one to tell people that their husband, brother, father, relatives, friends....they're dead.

I can remember the day they put me in the park. I was scared because I didn't know what to expect. The day they opened the Memorial Wall, a girl, no older than seventeen, came up to me. Her mother whispered that her father's name was imprinted on me. My heart started to pound. When they found his name, she asked her mother to leave her alone. Her mother left and the girl set an American Flag with a yellow ribbon tied to it, at the bottom of me. She stood back up, touched her father's name, and collapsed to her knees. She was saying a prayer. She asked God why he took him. She explained that he was a very good father, and she didn't understand why he took him, her father, of all people. She asked him to help her cope. As she said this, a warm breeze hit her. I could've sworn that that was an act of God. Then she started to cry, uncontrollably. I wanted to hold her, just to let her know how much I cared.

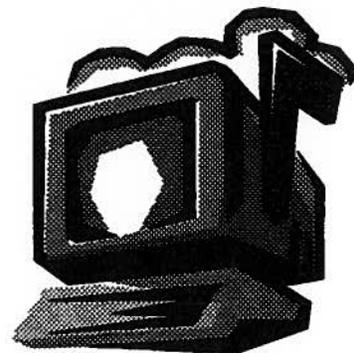
About thirty minutes later, her mother came and whispered it was time to go. Her mother called her Marcy. She stood up, face covered in tears, and whispered goodbye. Then she left.

To this day none have touched my heart as much as Marcy. I will always remember the little prayer, the breeze, the whispered words, the girls face, and the way she made my heart shatter that day. For it was that day, and that girl Marcy, who made me realize why I am here. Even though I still hurt, I realize my purpose.

Now, as I sit in this Washington, D. C. park, with tall trees surrounding me, it might as well rain. For all the people who come here hurt, passion and love rains inside. Even if people have no relatives carved on me, they still cry, because of all the people who died in the war, and for them we all hurt. I know it hurts people to find a loved one chiseled on me, and to remember how much they loved them. It hurts me too, to think about all the people who died in the war.

Although I am just a piece of granite, I have feelings too.

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



The entire Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia, the full 29 volume set, is now free on-line. You can research the volumes which have audio and thousands of photographs, animation and other multi-media features. It also provides multiple ways for you to search for information. Truly user friendly and enormously beneficial and the price is right! Find it at www.funkandwagnalls.com

Lt. Col. Mike Brown, Florida Wing Director of Operations requests that all Maintenance Officers prepare a list by make and model number of all the avionics in their CAP corporate aircraft. This list is to be forwarded as soon as possible to FLWG HQ's via E-Mail to wingsfl@aol.com or FAX to 954-962-4836.

The purpose of this request is for the assemblage of a proposal for the upgrading and standardization of all instruments in all corporate aircraft. For additional information contact LTC. Mike Brown at fdlemike@aol.com

Units that are intending to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with a government agency or other organization, must use the standardized format developed by Florida Wing. The DRAFT copy of the MOU must be submitted for JAG [Judge Advocate General] review *prior* to execution by the parties to the Agreement.

Major Julia Diaz
Wing Legal Officer

A wing program for standardization of all corporate aircraft is one of the many goals for FY '99. The intention is that any air crew flying in any corporate aircraft during a mission will feel totally familiar with all instrumentation and equipment, for example the location of the fire extinguisher, ELT Test button, etc.

Directives for accomplishing this standardization goal will be forthcoming.

Additionally, all personnel are to be cognizant that fire-proof upholstery in the aircraft, once cleaned a few times

and/or exposed to the elements is probably no longer fireproof.

Lt. Col. David Fuller
Florida Wing Safety Officer

Several new items are now available on-line. The FAA Partial Waiver to Part 61.113(e) for CAP is available at:

<http://www.ebicom.net/~lanis/waiver.shtml>

Emergency Aeronautical and Maritime Signals according to the DoD, a Joint Publication 3-50.1 {National Search and Rescue Manual} extract in MS Word 6.0 format is available at:

<http://www.ebicom.net/~lanis/download.shtml>

Soon to be forthcoming will be a Joint Publication 3050 extract that has gridding diagrams for all sectional charts in the United States and a Comprehensive Checklist for the Cessna 172 that includes the Supplemental Type Certificate for the 0-360 [180hp] engine.

Captain Scott Lanis
Golden Triangle Composite Squadron
Mississippi Wing

Meeting someone at the airport, teaching an aerospace course? Try this one:

<http://www.thetrip.com/usertools/flighttracking/0.1325.1-1.00.html>

Pick an airline flight by number and a graphic page will appear showing the aircraft's present position on a map. Additionally an insert with the entire trip, showing progress to present plus air-speed, heading and altitude instrument faces.

Capt. Jack Rabon
Lake Composite Squadron.

Ed. Note: This is really remarkable!

IN RECOGNITION



WING CADET OF THE YEAR

- C/Lt. Col. Shane Turner

WING PHASE III CADET OF THE YEAR

- C/Capt. Mike Aguanno

WING SARB TOP DOOLIE

- C/Sgt. Earl Cowan

CADET OF THE ENCAMPMENT-HOMESTEAD

- C/.MSgt. Mandy Rowe, Venice Cadet Squadron

PROMOTIONS

Lt. Col. Harvey Russell, Lantana Lake Worth Cadet Squadron

Lt. Col. Alexander Kaplan, Group 6 Headquarters

Major Linda Rose, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron

Captain Joan Calder, Lake Worth Cadet Squadron

Captain Ronda Harrison, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron

Captain Ralph Mirabal, Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron

1 Lt. Joan Morales, North Tampa Cadet Squadron

1 Lt. Timothy Hine, Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron

1 Lt. Darrell Squeeze, Broward Cadet Squadron

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S AWARD

- * Lt. Gary Bennett
- * Lt. C. Jennison
- * Lt. Virginia Faw
- * S/M Linda Stevens
- * Lt. Mark McKinnon
- * Lt. Howard Anguish

NORTH TAMPA CADET SQUADRON PROMOTIONS

C/Major Tasha Meares

C/Major David Raymond

C/1Lt. Brandon Bodnar

C/TSgt. Jared Baxley

C/TSgt. John Boyd

C/SSgt. Matthew Griffin

C/Amn Brian Cottrell

C/Amn Tiara Patrick

C/Amn Samantha Price

C/Amn Charles Rivenbark

C/Amn Steven Schweichler

THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

JANUARY

1959 - CAP transfers from Headquarters U.S.A.F. to U.S.A.F. Continental Air Command.

25 January 1965 - Douglas B. Roach is first cadet to earn the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award. This cadet later flew as a member of the USAF Thunderbirds.

21 January 1966 - Col. Ralph T. Guinn becomes Florida wing's 10th Commander

28 January 1986 - Space Shuttle Challenger crew gave their lives in pursuit of further knowledge and understanding of our surroundings.

FEBRUARY

17 February 1944 - Col. Zack T. Mosley becomes Florida Wing's 3rd Commander.

1945 - CAP Search and Rescue crews locate wreckage of seven army and navy training planes in one week.

17 February 1974 - Col. Henri Casenove becomes Florida Wing's 14th Commander.

MARCH

5 March 1942 - Experimental coastal submarine patrol authorized on a 30 day trial.

9 March 1942 - CAP authorized to assist Air Corps in training for radar tracking, searchlight tracking and towing targets for gunnery practice.

29 March 1942 - Capt. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander, extends coastal air patrol and expands CAP's responsibilities..

31 March 1946 - General "Hap" Arnold considers incorporating for post-war era. Col. Vermilia Wright is 4th Florida Wing's Commander.

5 March 1948 - Lt. Col. Harold W. Ashley becomes Florida wing's 6th Commander.

30 March 1948 - Col. Eric Ravendall becomes Florida Wing's 7th Commander.

7 March 1963 - Col. Samuel Dupont Jr. becomes Florida Wing's 9th Commander.

15 March 1968 - Col. William R. Bass becomes Florida Wing's 12th Commander

PULPIT TO PEN

Last night I was watching the evening news report of the terrible snow avalanches in Switzerland and other European countries. It wasn't pictures of buildings buried in snow or even the injured people being given aid that caught my attention. What caught it was the motion pictures of the avalanche when it went from an interesting far away happening to, "Oh my God, it's coming this way", and the desperate attempts to escape this threatening white horror. What started out as something hardly noticed quickly turned into something demanding our attention.

A secure future needs folks to pay attention to the present. Good, morally upright societies stay that way because a common standard of moral values is shared by the majority of the people. Without this common understanding of what's expected by everyone, the society fragments. It doesn't happen overnight, but when it does, it can alter the course of history dramatically.

Civil Air Patrol has, from its very beginning, been involved in teaching moral values to its members, particularly the cadet corp. We have a program to teach moral leadership and ethics that is second to none in its scope. The topics are current and the methods used to present the program are designed to succeed. The Cadet Moral Leadership program is a monthly part of the cadet program. I doubt that many of our units schedule time for the Chaplain/MLO to engage the senior members in discussion of ethical issues involved in leadership/command decision making.

It should surprise no one that much of what used to be considered moral authority has been left at the doorstep of everyday activity. Recent events of national and international importance indicates that there is a growing tendency to accept less than the norm for moral behavior as long as what's going on does not affect "my" domain. It's like casually watching the distant avalanche and not ringing the alarm because it's aimed at the neighbors house and not mine.

Gladstone, I believe, issued a warning when he wrote, "Show me the way a country treats its dead and I'll show you how that country treats its living." You can also apply the ideal to issues of moral and ethical conduct. Stand around and watch the moral authority of a nation be reduced to words without meaning, and I'll show you the beginning of the decline of that nation.

On a lighter note, I'm excited about the amount of training going on in our units and the opportunities for Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers to be involved. I'm glad they are!

We must never grow with a moral and ethic stand which only makes us feel comfortable. If anything, standards for moral and ethical conduct should make us a bit uncomfortable. That way we will not become complacent in such matters. Moral and ethical standards should be high enough to make us sweat while we work to uphold them. What we expect from our leaders, they in turn, expect from us.



LT. COL. RALPH E. RIVERS
FLORIDA WING CHAPLAIN

NEWS FLASH!

Florida Wing Operations Officer, Lt. Col. Mike Brown has the following requests:

- ◆ Mission Coordinators must submit mission report forms in accordance to CAPR 173-3 but NLT 45 days.
- ◆ Pilots and MC's are to report hobbs time [tach time x 1.2] instead of tach time. Indicate hobbs time on the CAPF 122 and/or CAPF 104 flight times.
- ◆ Pilots must submit a CAPF 104 with mission related reimbursement requested on a CAPF 108.
- ◆ In the name block on forms, include your CAPSSN.
- ◆ Non-Florida Wing CAP members requesting reimbursement must provide proof of membership before such can be approved.

2Lt. Blake Sasse, Palm Beach Senior Squadron, has created and is maintaining the Florida Emergency Services Training Calendar on a web site. The URL is <http://www.flinet.com/~blakes/cap/training.htm> If you want your training event posted on this very well designed chart, advise Lt. Sasse via E-Mail at blakes@flinet.com

Lt. Col. George Williams, Deputy Commander, Group 1 advises that in accordance with Section 1084 of the FY 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the SecDef approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully served the United States during the Cold War era from 2 Sept. 1945 to 26 Dec. 1991.

Beginning 5 April, You may apply for a Cold War Recognition Certificate. Online application and instructions will be available at <http://147.103.18.232/> You can preview the certificate at <http://147.103.18.232/preview.htm>

Applications are now being accepted for student candidates and instructors for the 1999 Florida Wing Air/Ground Operations School [AGOS 99] which takes place 7-14 August. This is an intensive 8 day ES training program designed to produce 101 certified Ground Team Members, Ground Team Leaders, and Mission Base Staff. Camp Blanding, a military training reservation near Starke, FL shall be the training base. For more informa-

tion contact AGOS99@usa.net or call 904-677-7272

Great News! After all too many years, FLWG Logistic Directorate has finally earned an approval rating in the Annual Inspection by the USAF. This means FLWG's "freeze" is off. All Group and Squadron commanders should immediately put together your 'want lists' - uniforms, furniture, communication, field and photography equipment, etc. With the downsizing of the military which precipitated closing of bases, there is a good potential to having some of your 'wishes' fulfilled. Send your list to FLWG Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey.

All of the SAREVAL targets were found by the ground teams so quickly that by the middle of the day the Incident Commander asked the Air Force if they had any other incidents!

All of the Ground Team Leaders were graduates of the Air Ground Operations School [AGOS] as were many other mission base officers. Just another ES day for them.

GOOD DEEDS REQUIRE GOOD JUDGEMENT

In CAP, we train to accomplish many missions. The mission we take most pride in is the SAR activity. Many of our cadets and senior members eagerly anticipate taking part in the location and rescue of lost or distressed people.

There is, however, a serious risk involved when we actively engage in the recovery of a person from an accident scene. The legal system in our country and state provide very harsh penalties for any person who causes, in any way, apparent injury to another person. This system is governed by laws which may not seem fair at times, but those who attempt to do something to another person must be aware of this risk.

In Florida, some will argue, there is a law called the "Good Samaritan" Statute which protects anyone who causes injury while rendering aid to an injured person. This law, I have heard from several CAP members, protects CAP members who are trying to rescue someone in distress on missions. This is simply NOT the case. Any CAP member who believes any of these arguments is in danger of violating CAP Regulations, ruining their lives, and bringing on themselves and their fellow CAP members dishonor and disgrace. First, let me address the CAP Regulation concerning aid to victims of an accident. CAPR 55-1, Section 1-12, Paragraph "F", states that only 'simple first aid' or "aid deemed necessary to save a life" may be rendered by CAP personnel, and then only by the "best qualified person at the scene".

Note that this paragraph makes it plain that CAP personnel are not medical or paramedic practitioners. This simply removes Cap support from any CAP member who tries to do more than "simple first aid". The part of the paragraph which talks about "aid deemed necessary to save a life" is vague and probably hard to document by members in the field. This means that when a CAP member delivers aid to another person, he/she should consider themselves as private individuals without training [unless they have proper medical education]. When I, as a licensed physician, give aid to any one beyond basic first aid, or for life threatening condition, I am not operating under CAP regulation or protection but I have private malpractice coverage to protect me then.

So, lets talk about how any Tom, Dick or Susie who helps an injured person. First, medical studies indicate that better survival rates for victims is only achieved by more rapid transport to proper hospital facilities. This is why we have so many emergency helicopters around. Any delay in getting a victim to a hospital could be detrimental to the victim, and of course might be considered a separate cause of an injury. Therefore, less time spent in giving assistance at the expense of seeking evacuation is most desirable. In

the case of CAP missions, where constant communications is necessary, delay in requesting aid should never occur.

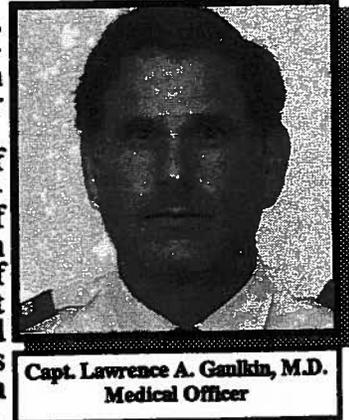
Then there is the question of what constitutes a life-threatening injury. Those of us who handle real crash victims know that lots of blood everywhere may not indicate deadly injuries, and many EMT's and physicians can tell you stories of brain exposure or penetration,

gaping chest wounds, and all sorts of horrible looking injuries which do not result in serious consequences. Although not to be taken lightly, these are examples of how looks can be deceiving. Again, your judgement will not be measured by your peers, but experts reviewing the case from the comfort of hindsight.

If any of you have a CPR or CAP First Aid card, look at it now. Notice it states that you have simply taken a course. It does NOT convey any meaning of competence or education. These cards use this language to avoid liability for injury on the part of the group issuing the card. Now if the people teaching you have to disavow any part in your performance of the skills they taught you, this should raise an alarm in your mind when you contemplate using these skills.

Finally, let me address the indignant response I have gotten from many CAP members at all levels, "Then why do we have a Life-Saving Award and Ribbon?" If you examine the history of the award of this commendation, you will find that nearly all have been presented for actions related to the search phase of an operation and not medical intervention by CAP personnel. I have not yet found, although there may exist an isolated case, an instance where a CAP member rendered substantial emergency medical aid to another individual resulting in a life-saving commendation.

The mission of CAP is important and challenging enough in organizing and carrying out search operations and coordinating communications and transportation without adding the burden of providing medical services on the scene. We should leave these duties to those charged with that responsibility. As long as we can find a casualty quickly and get help to that casualty rapidly, we have done an enormous and unique task. We need to recognize this and temper our desire to do more simply because the opportunity presents itself.



Capt. Lawrence A. Gaulkin, M.D.
Medical Officer

"Less time spent in giving assistance at the expense of seeking evacuation is most desirable."



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Submitted by Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey

7 - 10 April	32nd National Congress on Aviation and Space Education - Orlando
7 - 10 April	Gatherings of Mustangs and Legends, Kissimmee Municipal Airport
8 April	MARE, Mass Casualty Exercise, MacDill AFB
11-17 April	Sun 'N' Fun - Lakeland Airport
24-25 April	Thunderbirds/Air & Space Exposition, Patrick AFB
1 May	Cadet Drill Competition, MacDill AFB
1 - 2 May	Thunderbirds, Ft. Lauderdale
3 - 6 May	SER Chaplains College
8 - 9 May	Blue Angels/Airshow, MacDill AFB
5 - 6 June	Commander's Training Course
12 June	Group 4 IG Inspection
6-13 June	National Legal Officer's Staff College
15-June	National Flight Academy, TN.
16-19 June	National Association for Search & Rescue Conference, Kissimmee
19-26 June	Cadet Encampment, Duke AF
10 July	Red Cross Damage Assessment Course, Group 6
10 July	Blue Angels, Pensacola Beach
16-18 July	SER Conference, Knoxville, TN.
18 July-6 August	IACE Host Wing Phase
6-14 August	Air Ground Operations School (AGOS) - Camp Blanding
12-14 August	National CAP Board Meeting, Denver, CO.
21 August	Cadet Color Guard Competition, MacDill AFB
18-29 August	National Staff College
17-19 September	Florida Wing Conference
26 September-2 October	SER Staff College, Knoxville TN.
2-3 October	Cadet Leader's Training, Patrick AFB
18-21 October	National Logistics Conference, Maxwell AFB
23 October	Check Pilot's School, Lakeland
22-24 October	Cadet Leadership School
23 October	Bloodborne Pathology Training for Instructors
6 - 7 November	Blue Angels, Jacksonville Naval Air Station
12-13 November	Blue Angels, Pensacola Naval Air Station
26-28 November	Cadet Conference
26 December-1 January	Cadet Encampment, Homestead ARB

SAREVAL '99



Computerized check-in, documents examination and uniform inspection.



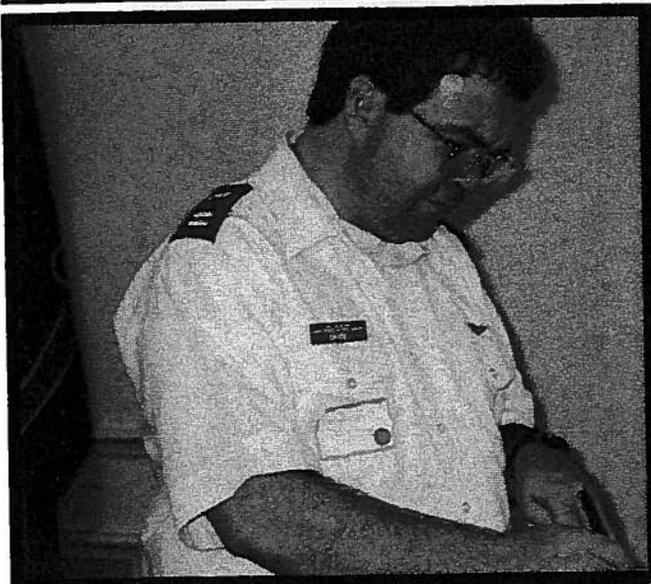
1 Lt. Robert Colber 's Communication Center being evaluated by Lt. Col. Phil Curry.



Personnel receiving SAREVAL mission briefing.



Daytona Beach Composite Squadron Ground Team reviewing sortie plan.



Incident Commander Capt. John Bayne keeping meticulous entries in the mission log.



Air Operations Officer, Lt. Col. Mike Brown planning the next sortie for briefing.

AIR WARFARE SYMPOSIUM '99

By 1 Lt. Trish Turner, PAO

This year's Air Warfare Symposium, sponsored by the Air Force Association [AFA], was a two day affair. A trade show was held, in concert with the Symposium,

with exhibits by aerospace industries such as Boeing, Lockheed - Martin, L-3 Communications and others. These companies displayed their latest products they believe will help the Air Force do its job most efficiently. Cadets and senior members from Lake Composite, Seminole Cadet, Central Florida Composite, Sabal Cadet, McCoy Cadet Squadrons and Group Commander, Maj. Jorge Del Rio, were there to

greet Air Force members, Air Force personnel, representatives of the aerospace industries and Air Force JROTC units who came to see the exhibits. Four star Generals Michael E. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff; Richard B. Myers, Commander of NORAD; Richard E. Hawley,

Commander Air Combat Command and General "Fig" Newton, Commander Air Education and Training Command were also in attendance.. The

cadets got an opportunity to talk to each of the generals and have their pictures taken with them. In the words of C/LTC. Shane Turner, "After talking with each of these generals, I am convinced that the United States Air Forces is in good hands with the quality of leadership I have seen in these men."

The exhibits were open to all CAP members and JROTC members in the area. Several busloads of Air Force JROTC members toured the exhibits and

stopped at the CAP booth. Some of them were very interested in CAP and picked up several pieces of literature. They especially enjoyed talking with the cadets who manned the booth.



L to r. 1 Lt. Judy Bennett, Major Jorge Del Rio, and C/Sgt. Joel Flores speak with visitors to the CAP Booth at the AFA Symposium.

BEHIND THE SCENES

By LTC. Matt Sharkey
FLWG Chief of Staff

One of the interesting aspects of CAP is the continuous activity that takes place 'behind the scenes'....parallel interactions in an effort to better the goals of the wing and the membership.

Col. Jerry Angley, LTC. Valerie Brown and I spent two weekends visiting with some of our Air Force counterparts. One visit was with the 6th Air Refueling Wing HQ staff, namely Col. Richard MacIssac, Director of Staff and LTC. Richard Hernandez, Chief of Evaluations and Exercises and CAP Liaison Officer, MacDill AFB. Col. MacIssac and LTC. Hernandez are big supporters of

CAP at MacDill. They spoke highly of the CAP Cadets manpower support given to many of the base activities and projects.

Another meeting was held with LTC. Johnson, USAF Reserve, Civil Engineering Section. Col. Johnson is in charge of the construction at "Base X" at the south end of MacDill. When finished, this base will house and feed up to 400 personnel in hard top, bay style buildings that will be air conditioned. Due to his high regard for CAP, he looks forward to the day when CAP will hold a major encampment there. Col. Pineda had a meeting with Brig. Gen. James Soligen, Commander 6th ARW, who also spoke highly of CAP.



IS Y2K BUGGING YOU???



by Major William Lynch
Florida Wing IS Manager

As we approach the new millennium, there is great concern about a computer glitch called the "year 2000 bug". Businesses with software programs that are date-reliant such as accounting, inventory or time-charge applications have good cause for concern, especially if their IBM PC or compatible PC hardware is still of the 286, 386, Or 486 models or if they are networked. Macintosh users need have no concern as the clocks in these machines have always been designated for four-digit year dates.

What is the year 2000 bug? Most older PC's were designed with RTC's [Real Time Clocks] that recognized year dates as a two digit number. Thus when the year 2000 arrives, these RTC's will roll over to the year 1900 because the 00 in the clock's setting assumes the 19 to designate the 20th century. These hardware clocks synchronize with software application clocks whenever the PC is turned on. If the RTC time is wrong, the software application time will also be wrong. Newer hardware, i.e. later than the 486 based processors, are usually hard-coded to automatically update the century byte in the BIOS [Built In Operating System]. There are dozens of hardware and software companies who will provide user software or technical services to re-code the BIOS to recognize the millennium rollover.

How does this problem affect users with stand alone PC's? Remarkably, most PC users will have little cause for concern depending on the type of software applications that they use. Only date-sensitive applications like checking, scheduling, calendar or accounting software should cause problems. PC users have a number of options for dealing with the year 2000 bug.

- Do nothing and hope that no problems will occur. If you have a Pentium processor based machine, there should be no problem.
- Purchase a new computer—costly unless you have been planning for the investment anyway.

- Pay for a BIOS upgrade by contacting the technical support department of the manufacturer of your computer, or by taking your computer to your local computer store. Call first to determine that this service is available. This could cost perhaps \$100. If you have Internet access, you can use any of the search engines to look for "year 2000 problem" and find a lengthy list of companies offering specially designed patches.
- Perform a year 2000 test to determine if a problem exists. Those who are comfortable using the DOS prompt to check settings should use this solution. Otherwise, spend the money and let a professional do the rest. Here is how to perform the DOS test:
 - ◊ After powering the PC go to the DOS prompt
 - ◊ Type in the DATE command and press ENTER
 - ◊ Change the date to 12-31-99 and press ENTER
 - ◊ Power off the computer and wait two minutes
 - ◊ Power on the computer and go to DOS prompt
 - ◊ Type in the DATE and press ENTER.

If the date reads 01-01-2000, your PC is year 2000 compatible. If the date is 01-01-1980 or 01-01-1900 or anything other than 01-01-2000, the computer is not year 2000 compatible.

VERY IMPORTANT: Go back and reset the DATE and TIME as shown above to the proper and current settings.

If you use your home PC for business purposes, you just might want to have the problem researched and corrected for your own peace of mind.

(Major Lynch also serves as Florida Wing Director of Logistics and has recently been appointed as Group 7 Commander)

CADET EARNS FULL SCHOLARSHIP

C/Msgt Jessica Leon of the Venice Cadet Squadron, Group 5, has received a full scholarship from the Georgia Military Institute. Previously, the squadron has had four cadets in different academies and now they are expanding into military colleges. A Citadel scholarship is currently pending.

Capt. Harry Leon, Commander
Venice Cadet Squadron

PERSISTENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM LEADS TO FIND OF MISSING PLANE

Submitted by Capt. Eileen Parker

Frustrated rescuers in planes, helicopters, boats and diving gear from various Search and Rescue organizations tried to unravel the mystery of how a twin engine Cessna with three people aboard can disappear into shallow Lake Okeechobee without a trace!

LTC. Bob Croft, CAP MC had launched numerous air sorties to search the Pahokee area and the approach patterns to the Pahokee Airport and nearby Lake Okeechobee, to no avail.

CAP pilot Maj. Luis Garcia, Observer Capt. Eileen Parker and Scanner Capt. Jim Leone were flying in an assigned grid when a

helicopter reported spotting debris off the Lake Okeechobee levee. Another call reported an ELT signal.

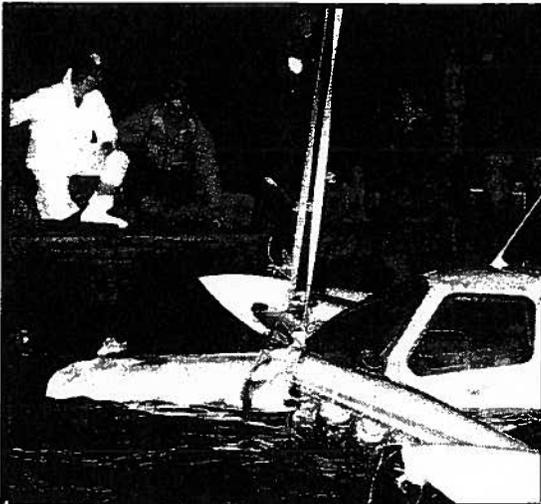
The CAP crew tracked the ELT, spotted debris that looked like a nose cone and called in the coordinates to Game and Fish Commission, Marine Patrol and Coast Guard vessels. The debris could not be located by any

of the boats since it kept bobbing in the 4 to 6 foot waves. The search was suspended because of weather and darkness until the following morning.

FLWG Commander Tony Pineda arrived as the CAP Pahokee Mission Base opened and interviewed Rob Tiller, who reported he had heard a low flying aircraft in the Pahokee Airport landing pattern. He theorized that the pilot got disoriented when he lost sight of the runway and the marina lights due to the levee and his low altitude.

An intensified search of that approach area was launched by CAP and all other agencies. An oil slick

was pinpointed, debris was recovered and divers finally discovered the missing plane with the three victims. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office advised that the three men were experienced pilots and one was a Certified Flight Instructor. They had leased the plane from Southern Pride Aviation.



Photo/STEVE MITCHELL
Sun-Sentinel

Palm Beach Sheriff's Office and divers from Search and Rescue pull the wreckage of missing plane from Lake Okeechobee.

HOT AIR BALLOONING

Maj. Vivian Olson
Pinellas Senior Squadron

My husband and I took our first hot air balloon ride with CAP pilot Lt. Dee Davis from the Clearwater Composite Squadron. We launched from North Tampa with several other balloons and traveled 5 miles at an average altitude of 300 feet in ninety minutes. Lt. Davis has over 300 hours as a licensed balloonist. We floated in the gondola effortlessly over lakes and palms. The trip was comparable to a feather floating on a breeze. A truly memorable event.

CHAPLAIN DAVIS ON THE MEND

by Col. Henri Casenove
Florida Wing Plans & Programs

Southeast Region Chaplain, LTC. Kermit Davis is home from the hospital and is recuperating from his recent bout with cancer.

His daughter, Nancy Carol is providing the tender loving care and the results are apparent on a daily basis.

Chaplain Davis, was formerly the Chaplain of Florida Wing and personally interacted with nearly every one of our 4200 members.

He now has all our prayers.

PREPARE NOW FOR CAP's 51 ANNIVERSARY

By Michael Marek, PAO

May 26 marks a special day in the relationship between CAP and the USAF. On that day in 1948, Public Law 557 designated CAP as the volunteer auxiliary of the USAF.

For more than half a century, CAP has carried out non-combat missions for the U.S. Air Force.

These missions include inland search and rescue within the continental United States. The Air Force is tasked with the coordination of these missions, and CAP carries out 85% of the searches.

FLORIDA FACTS

Headquarters, **FLORIDA WING - CIVIL AIR PATROL**
U.S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
2700 EAGLE STAFF COURT
MACDILL AFB, FL 33621-5208

←—————→
* Official NEWSLETTER of the FLORIDA WING *

Non-Profit
BULK MAIL
PERMIT NO. 29
Marco Island, FL

JANUARY - MARCH
1999

