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CAP MEMBER SAVES CAP MEMBER

"THANK YOU - FOR MY LIFE"

Submitted by 1st Lt. Paul Siglock

"My life was in balance beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 22 January, 2000. 1st Lt. Arthur Phillips and I had attended a Florida Wing Communications Meeting at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa."

"We were on our way home and stopped for a traffic light at the Kennedy and MacDill intersection."

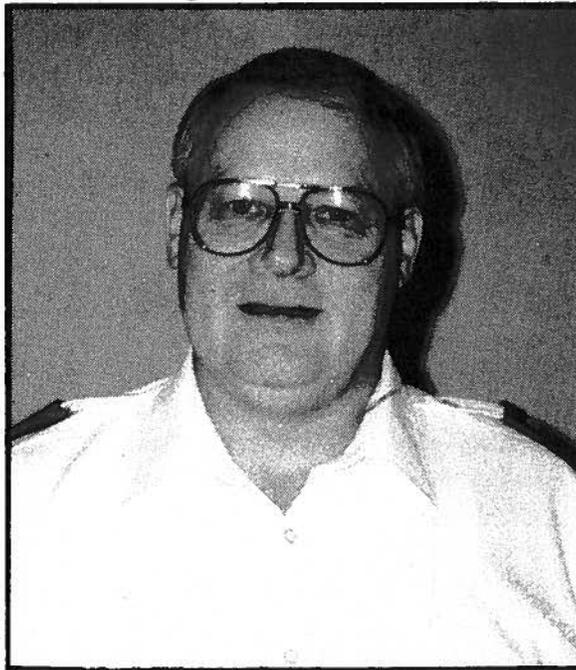
"The rest of this story is my understanding of what I've been told, since I went into a two day coma before the traffic light turned green."

"While waiting at the traffic light, I suffered a severe heart attack. Lt. Phillips instantly reacted in accordance with our CAP training by immediately calling the EMS for assistance and then starting CPR. Two bystanders, Melinda Rivera and Daisy Torres, observed Lt. Phillips rendering CPR and provided their assistance. Several minutes later they were relieved by personnel of the Tampa Fire and Paramedics who defibrillated me in an attempt to return my heart to a more normal rhythm."

"I was having severe seizures that lasted for the next six

hours. Then I lapsed into a coma that continued for two days."

"On Tuesday, 25 January I regained consciousness and continue to improve on a daily basis. My doctors are amazed that I have recovered after being technically 'dead'. All of the doctors involved with my case have said that there is no doubt that the quick and professionally correct actions of Lt. Phillips saved my life."



1st Lt. Paul Siglock

"To Lt. Art Phillips, Melinda Rivera and Daisy Torres, please know that by your compassionate assistance another human being has been given more time on this earth to share life with others. To the three of you and all the paramedics, firefighters, nurses and doctors, **THANK YOU** with every beat of my

heart."

"To all the members of the Civil Air Patrol who spent countless hours praying for me and my family, **God Bless You.**"

Editors Note: 1st Lt. Arthur Phillips of the Citrus County Composite Squadron has received a CAP Lifesaving Award.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



COL. ANTONIO PINEDA
Florida Wing Commander

It never fails! Three to four weeks before the deadline for the new issue of **F L O R I D A FACTS**, I receive incessant prods from Major Buddy Harris, the Editor.

I appreciate the reminders but don't appreciate the pressure of deciding what is important and of value for inclu-

sion in this column. This current newsletter presents no such problem.

I just attended the recent National Board meeting in Washington, D.C. and we dealt with a full agenda of items. The principal issue was the proposed changes to the CAP Constitution and By-Laws. As you recall, Congress established a submittal dead-line of 15 March, 2000 for CAP's proposal.

Our deliberations were intense and extensive. We were extremely grateful that USAF Lt. General Kehoe and his staff participated in our two day session to not only evidence support of the Civil Air Patrol by the Air Force but to assist us with providing answers to many questions that were asked by the members of the National Board.

The meeting was extremely productive in that the National Board passed a new draft of our Constitution and By-Laws which was submitted with review comments by the Air Force to the Congress, on schedule.

One of the most important changes is the proposed

formation of a Board of Governors. This board will be composed of four members appointed by CAP, four members appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force, three members appointed jointly by the CAP National Commander and the Secretary of the Air Force. In addition, one member will be appointed by the President of the Senate [the Vice President] and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the members of the board and this position shall alternate every two years among the members of the board. These changes, if approved by the U.S. Congress, will take effect on 1 October, 2000.

Another change that was approved by the National Board was moving the date for the National Cadet Competition from the winter to the summer. This change shall go into effect in the summer of 2001.

Finally, the Senior Program was renamed Professional Development. Military, business and non-profit corporations make educating their members an on-going process. Most of these organizations call their educational programs, "Professional Military Education", "Professional Development", or "Continuing Education". In the Civil Air Patrol, we previously labeled leadership training for seniors simply "Senior Programs".

That label is ambiguous, especially for new senior members. Hopefully, the new name, "Professional Development" will spur senior members to view senior member training in a new, more positive light, thereby further increasing the professionalism of our members.

Director Jay Jasen's title will change from ETS/Director of Senior Programs to DCS/Director of Professional Development. The structured program [Levels I-IV] shall be renamed "The Senior Member

Professional Development Program”.

As I have mentioned on many occasions, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of all of CAP's Public Affairs Officers, Recruiting Officers and Marketing personnel on squadron, group, wing and national level, the significance of CAP and the volunteer services it renders to our nation and its communities is rapidly being recognized by a much broader segment of the public. I am extremely pleased to advise you that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at their recent annual convention adopted a resolution to honor Civil Air Patrol Cadets with appropriate Citations, Medals and Ribbons. There will be two categories of award - a cadet officer award and a cadet NCO award. Each squadron would have the potential of honoring a cadet in each category. The National Board proudly approved this special recognition and cadets will be authorized to wear these awards on their uniform.

The Civil Air Patrol is particularly proud to have been deemed worthy of being added to the list of VFW sponsored organizations which now include ROTC, Junior ROTC, and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. Qualification requirements for the submitting and wearing of these awards will be inclusions of a soon-to-be-released revised CAP Regulation.

Recently, Lt. Col. Gerald Glass and I went to Tallahassee for an exploratory meeting with the Law Firm of Broad & Cassel, one of the larger law firms in the state of Florida. Broad and Cassel was established in 1946 and has successfully expanded to seven offices throughout the state and has a legal complement of over 140 attorneys.

In addition to the firm serving Florida Wing as our litigation attorneys, they will provide pro-bono services toward assisting us in the development and implementation of successful legislative strategies and programs with government officials. They will be a guiding force in our submitting and qualifying for

grants and special program funding.

Ms. Jodi Chase and Mark Tucker will be our interactive representatives with state government officials and agencies. Ms. Jodi Chase is a partner of the firm and heads the Government Relations Facilities Group of Broad and Cassel. She has her Doctorate of Jurisprudence, with honors, from Florida State University, College of Law.

Ms. Chase has acquired a keen understanding of Florida Wing's goals and objectives and will coordinate her firm's efforts directly with me and our JAG/ Legal Officer.

Our Florida Wing Conference 2000 will be held at the Indian River Plantation Marriott Hotel in Stuart from 3 - 4 June, 2000.

The purpose of this year's conference is to educate both new members and experienced members with classes and discussions that stimulate better initial training within the units to enhance our membership retention and to expand and improve on the life saving services that we provide to our communities.

Our National Commander Brig. Gen. James Bobick and other regional and national CAP officers will be joining us. Officials of the US Air Force will also be attending. The functions of the new Board of Governors and of the National Board will be discussed as will other major issues affecting the anticipated growth and expansion of CAP's roles and responsibilities.

Of course, I am particularly excited with the forthcoming opportunity to present the well earned and well deserved awards to all those who work so hard and so professionally in the performance of their CAP duties and responsibilities. The awards session at our annual conference always makes me feel proud and honored to be serving as your commander. I recognize, perhaps more than most, that the level of dedication, professionalism and accomplishment that we display in the performance of our duty is truly dependent on you, the senior and cadet members of the Florida Wing.

PROP WASH

CAP's National Board has made bold decisions to strengthen the CAP-Air Force relationship and to provide all CAP volunteers an opportunity to expand their service to all Americans in the new millennium. These actions have the full support of our National Commander Brig. Gen. James Bobick. Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe, who has been running Air Force efforts to improve its relationship with CAP, said, "I am optimistic that we are well on our way to putting the relationship between the Air Force and CAP on a sound footing. I see a very bright future for CAP as we move forward together to establish an enduring and mutually beneficial relationship."

Administrative Assistant Mari Jarrette advises that the toll free number 1-888-352-9464 to our Florida Wing South Offices is no longer available due to high costs.

Squadron Leadership School is set for April 8th and 9th at Lantana, thanks to the Palm Beach Senior Squadron and the Lantana Cadet

Squadron. All too frequently we hear that this very valuable course is rarely conducted. Well here's your opportunity. Contact 2 Lt. Ray Hayden at e-mail RayHayden@aol.com or FAX 954 718 7618.

The K-9 Search and Rescue Teams of Florida, Inc. will be sponsoring the NASAR Tech II Test in St. Petersburg on April 14, 15 and 16. This is not a class it is a test for certification. The test consists of 150 questions on a written exam and completion of six practical stations. It is strongly recommended that you prepare for the test by studying text accessible on-line at www.nasar.org. Additional information is available from Robert Clark at rob-sark9@aol.com or Sharon Scavuzzo at <http://ksar.org>.

JROTC and Boy Scouts joined the Tallahassee Composite Squadron in a joint Orienteering Exercise. The event was attended by 9 JROTC cadets, 5 Boy Scouts and 10 CAP cadets. In addition to learning how to navigate with a compass and topographical maps,

the cadets learned that navigating in the woods is quite different from navigating on paper in the classroom. Wearing full ground team equipment, the cadets worked in two person teams. Several teams were in the field during a deluge rainstorm. 1st Lt. Keith Howell, CAP, who also is the coach of the award winning Lincoln High School Navy JROTC team, conducted this unusual training exercise.

Exercise scenarios sometimes make reality look like a 'breeze'. The American Red Cross recently asked the Tallahassee Composite Squadron to participate in a Tornado Disaster Exercise. The scenario was a large tornado touched down and was on the ground over 30 miles. 100 houses were impacted and squadron members were to replicate the flow of refugees from the disaster. Members simulated various health problems, medical emergencies, concern for missing persons and hunger. Motion Picture Academy Oscars were earned by cadets who consumed donuts and juice as if they hadn't eaten in a week and one 12 year old cadet stated that his wife and 12 children were lost!

SQUADRON CLIPS

Tamiami Composite Squadron had more than fifty members, parents and guests to their awards luncheon [See page 27]. Cadet Dan Spratt, one of the many who attended the wing Winter Encampment said it was a tough and challenging experience. All cadets that attended were impressed with the staff's professionalism. Some cadets expressed a desire to return next year as instructors. Major Dan Mason and Flight Officer Eric Lorie are now certified CAP Pilots. Capt. David Leifer and his wife, Ellie [CAP Aerospace Education member] recently attended the National Congress on Aviation and Space in San Diego.

Capt. N. David Leifer, Commander



West Broward Composite Squadron held its annual banquet and awards ceremony which was attended by Wing Commander Pineda, USAF Liaison Officer Col. Angley, Wing Vice Commander Valone, Chief of Staff Sharkey, Wing Staff Maj. Wasserman, Major Del Rio, Capt. Eileen Parker and Broward County Commissioner Lori Parrish. A new POW/MIA Remembrance Team presented a solemn and moving tribute. [For awards, see page 27].

2 Lt Diane Reid, PAO



Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron cadets and senior members attended the annual Air Force Association Static Warbird Airshow and weekend bivouac. Cadets assisted with crowd control and parking and received advance radio communications and flight-line training. World War II veterans from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars volunteered to cook breakfast for the entire bivouac group. A highlight was the opportunity to have "Hangar Talks" with several of the celebrated veteran Tuskegee Airmen. 1st Lt. Ralph Parness has been promoted to Deputy Commander.

Major Virginia Montalvo, Commander



Fernandina Senior Squadron's Commander Jerry Kawecki announced the appointment of 2 Lt. Corky Gerarde as Squadron Public Affairs Officer



The 8089th Civil Air Patrol Squadron received the announcement of National and Wing Headquarters' approval for the formation of a Blue Beret Program, from former national CAP commander, General William Cass. The squadron, under this program, will be known as a Special Missions Squadron. The primary mission of the Blue Beret Program is ground Search and Rescue. The members will be highly trained in emergency services. ground searches, first aid, communications, flight-line operations, aircraft marshalling and specialized services for air shows, disaster relief and SAR missions.

2Lt. Alex de Quesada, PAO



Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron's USAF Ret. Lt. Col. Leo Gray, in celebration of Black History Month, presented lectures in the Ft. Lauderdale area of his experiences as a Tuskegee Airman. Col. Gray was one of the first black pilots to fight for his country. He reveals the struggles he and his comrades had to endure as members of the segregated U.S. Army Air Corps.

1Lt. R. Parness, Deputy Commander



Naples Senior Squadron and Naples Cadet Squadron in concert with the Naples Airport Authority, Naples Pilots Association and Experimental Aircraft Association hosted more than 2,380 visitors to Aviation Day. Some came to have breakfast and others stayed for

lunch but all enjoyed the activities and displays. Ninety-four flights were given and nearly \$2000 was collected. Nine pilots signed up to fly Angel Flights, when needed. The enormous Aviation Day crowds were most successfully assisted by the cadets. In recognition of the life-saving services of the squadron, the Friends of the Naples Municipal Airport have run a third of a page advertisement in the Naples Daily News on three separate occasions. The Miami Flight Standards District Office selected CFI [Certified Flight Instructor] John McManus as their 1999 Man of the Year. McManus is an Instructor and Safety Officer of the Naples Senior Squadron.

Capt. Humbert Gressani, Commander



The Herlong Composite Squadron cadets are deep into their Glider Orientation Flight Program. The program, initiated in January 1999, under the expert guidance of Shawn Knickerbocker, CFI for Florida Wing, begins with intensive ground school training, pre-flight training and orientation flights at least twice per month.. A most appreciated assist is provided by the North Florida Soaring Society.

Capt. Peggie Haney



Gainesville Composite Squadron has grown to 129 members and has logged 120 cadet Glider Orientation Flights as of the end of '99. That doesn't include numerous flights provided to the IACE cadets from Germany and Great Britain visiting during the summer. The squadron has been very successful in recruiting glider tow pilots, glider instructors and glider pilots. The program has proved so successful that the squadron is considering scheduling a Florida Wing Glider Encampment in the not too distant future.

Major Art Haller



Boca Raton Cadet Squadron arranged for the Sun Sentinel newspaper to run a story about the substantial increase in membership and cadet members learning the fundamentals of aviation and military. 2Lt. Percy MacDonald was awarded Senior Member of the Year and C/2Lt. Pamela Barber was honored as Cadet Member of the Year.

Lt. Col. David Miltelson, Commander



Patrick Composite Squadron has available Bronze Collector's Coins featuring the Civil Air Patrol and Florida Wing logos. Coins are in stock and are available for immediate shipment. The cost is \$6.50 each. These make marvelous awards. For further information call 321 631 6961 or e-mail campion_clan@email.msn.com.

2Lt. Melissa Campion, PAO



An Aerospace Education Program was held for Senior Members from all squadrons at the University of South Florida-Bayboro Campus by wing AEO Lt. Col. Amy Ruth Boxwell. Attending the all day class were SM's Carol Baker and Spangler, Lts. Lili Bartoletti, Francis Jackson, Forest Monner, Warren Takala and Victor Vierin, Cpts. Louis Johnson and Paul Kerins, and Maj. Mano Bartoletti.

Major Vivian Olson

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

As of 12 February, Group boundaries were officially revised and certain new Group Commanders were appointed. "These boundary changes are reflective of Phase 2 of the Long Term Comprehensive Plan for Florida Wing", said Col. Antonio Pineda. "Membership recruitment in certain Groups has been notably effective. To maintain an equal number of members in each group, it is sometimes necessary to move group boundary lines as well as create additional groups. This balance achieves greater efficiencies and potential for improved responsiveness to our continuously expanding areas of responsibility. I am extremely pleased with the high level of competence and dedication exhibited by the candidates that volunteered for these Group Commander positions."



MEET YOUR NEWLY APPOINTED GROUP COMMANDERS

GROUP ONE

Lt. Col. Bob Gray has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since January 1985. He has served in numerous assignments at squadron, group and wing levels. He is a former US Air Force transport navigator and currently holds a private pilot certificate.

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GROUP THREE



Major Donna Morris' professional experience initiated at the very early age of 8 when she started working in show business with her dad. She later dedicated her life to raising her family while working for 27 years in corporate travel management. In 1999 she decided that she more than earned the right to retire to part time work. Daughter Amanda was in CAP for one year before Major Morris decided to join. Her capabilities

were immediately recognized and she was appointed Commander of the Apollo Beach Squadron in September 1998. Donna now has two daughters in CAP. Having successfully raised five children and run a squadron, Major Morris is totally confident that with the great group staff and outstanding squadron commanders that she has, "Group Three can only progress in a forward and upward motion."

These appointees are prime examples that

**"True success is not by chance,
it's by choice."**

Col. Anthony Pineda
Florida Wing Commander

GROUP SIX

Major Martha Soriano is the daughter of an USAF Lt. Col. and spent her youth in five states and Germany. She is a Registered Nurse and is currently a RN Educator/Trainer with Prudential/Aetna. Husband Charles is Commander of West Broward Composite Squadron and daughter, Morgan is a cadet. Major Soriano welcomes the challenge of her new appointment and is eager to begin to enhancing the lives of "our fine young people in the CAP."



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GROUP EIGHT

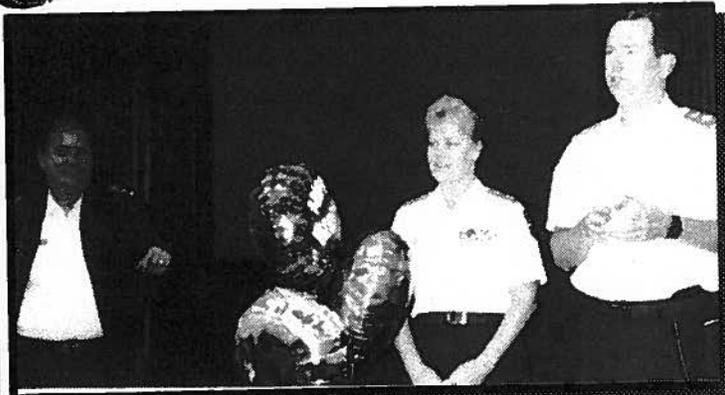
Captain Christine Ferry resides near Brandon with her husband, Scott, her son C/1Lt. Mark Lawson, her stepson Tylor and her daughter Tiffany. Her father is CAP Lt. Col. David Lawson and sister is CAP Capt. Carolyn Beatty. Captain Ferry has served as a Personnel Officer and Administrative Assistant to Florida Wing's Counter Drug Officer, Lt. Col. Gus Ehrman. In that capacity, She has coordinated the aircrews, missions and paperwork and developed the Digital Camera Guidelines for the national Counter Drug Program. Capt. Ferry has been an active participant in Emergency Services and Disaster Preparedness and anticipates an increased involvement in CAP rescue missions.



PHOTO MAT



l to r. Lt. Col. Andrew Eliopoulos, Commander, Naples Senior Squadron relinquished his command to Major Steve Bell, Group 5 Commander who turns the squadron flag over to Capt. Humbert Gressani who accepts the position of squadron commander.



Wing Commander, Col. Tony Pineda joins in the merrymaking birthday party arranged by wing staff for Capt. Eileen Parker, FLWG Executive Assistant and Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey, FLWG Chief of Staff.



l. to r. SRQ Composite Squadron Cadet Jenifer Hart with parents, retired Army Brig. Gen. Neff, Cadet Andrew Emery with parents, receive their Mitchell Award and promotion to C/2Lt.



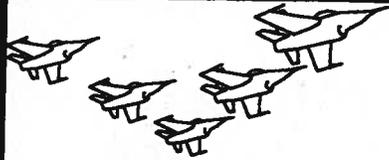
Major Russ Reichmann and cadets control aircraft tarmac activities during the Search and Rescue Exercise [SARX] at Sebastian airport



Lantana Cadet Squadron Color Guard present the colors to the hundreds of attendees at the Stuart Air Show.



Perry Snell Jr. [center right], the first CAP cadet in the state of Florida poses with cadets from the SRQ Composite Squadron during an Awards Ceremony.



FINAL FLIGHT

Lt. Col. Henry C. Boerner
Skyline Senior Squadron

Lt. Col. George Mason
Hernando County Composite Squadron

Lt. Col. Peter Mevorah
Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron

Major Edwin M. Shanks
Marco Island Senior Squadron

Major Frank C. Grill
Treasure Coast Composite Squadron

1st Lt. Haim M. Israeli
Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron

CIVIL AIR PATROL GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS SPONSOR

Bo Williams Buick Inc. of Ocala is sponsoring a Shotgun Scramble Golf Tournament at Del Webb's Spruce Creek Golf Course in Ocala on 6 May. A hole-in-one earns the golfer a brand new Buick. Other prizes include a golf vacation for two, vacation airline tickets for two, set of golf clubs, and a \$100 gift certificate. All prizes are provided by Bo Williams Buick and Computer Guys, Inc. Tournament fee and golf cart is \$25.

For additional information contact Major Paul Sova at 352 873 1213.



LETTER WORTH READING

Dear Capt. Soriano,
Last night I was flying a civilian friend, a new CAP recruit, back from Marathon and was getting flight following on 121.5 as I always do. Miami Approach gave me "traffic 12 o'clock opposite direction." I saw the traffic and he saw me.

Shortly after he passed me, he started to tell Air Traffic Control [ATC] he was losing oil pressure. ATC started vectoring the aircraft. It was a Warrior and I told my new CAP member that if that aircraft crashes, we will hear his ELT [Electronic Locator Transmitter] on our radio. My passenger agreed when I said if we do hear it we'll go look for it.

A minute later, the pilot of the emergency aircraft said his engine quit and frantically reported that he was going down. Immediately, I heard his ELT on my radio and I turned and headed for the crash site. I advised Miami Approach that I was an 'off-duty' Civil Air Patrol pilot and was picking up the downed aircraft's ELT and was going to look for him. Air Traffic said "thank you and they would be calling Coast Guard and Metro." Another aircraft heard the entire conversation and told ATC that they would help as well.

Using the training that I got from my first and only mission that I flew with you, I located the crash scene. The downed pilot had made an upright forced landing. His nav lights and beacon were still on. I reported the find to Miami Approach and they advised that a Miami-Metro Police Helicopter was on its way. I circled the crash site and vectored the police helicopter to my location. When the helicopter arrived they shined their spotlight on the aircraft. The downed pilot was standing on his PA28-160's wing and waving his arms. It was a beautiful sight!

I just wanted to say thank you for teaching me the search tactics during my first training mission a few weeks ago. I look forward to learning a lot more. Thank you it works.

1st Lt. Daniel Muehlhaupt
West Broward Composite Squadron



WING'S WORDS OF WISDOM

AGOS 2000 will be held at Camp Blanding from 6 to 13 July 2000. AGOS is the wing's Air Ground Operation's School which trains mature candidates to be serious, professional and skilled ground team members and leaders.

CAP does not issue press releases relative to our counterdrug missions. The law enforcement agency involved may issue news stories and will frequently mention CAP. Please see "Civil Air Patrol Counterdrug Operations Handbook, dated 1 Aug 99, Chapter 12, Public /Media Relations, Page 35, Para 8.a.

Major Luis Garcia has released Florida Wing Pilot Authorization Orders revision dated 15 March 2000.

Wing Commander Tony Pineda has appointed Major Jorge Del Rio as commander of the newly created Special Disaster Response Team.

Wing Director of Senior Programs, Capt. Arnold "Jay" Jasen, is now available at FLWGHQ North [MacDill AFB] each Wednesday between 0900 and 1500 hrs. Phones: 813 828 7877 or 813 828 4300 or FAX 813 828 4429.

By order of Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey, Chief of Staff, the only radios to be

installed in a CAP aircraft shall be radios owned by CAP Inc. No other radios are to be installed in a CAP aircraft under any circumstances.

Deland Composite Squadron Cadets Stephen Pagan, Eric Powers, Josh Rathel and Ryan Hammer, members of the Color Guard at the United States Air Force Academies 6th Annual Military Ball were commended for their military discipline and proficiency by Richard Ortega, Vice President, Aerospace Education, Air Force Association.

The 2000 Southeast Region Chaplain Service Staff College shall be held from 1 to 4 May at Maxwell AFB, AL. All chaplains and MLO's [Moral Leadership Officers] should attend.

A most successful and heavily attended Commander's Course was conducted by Lt. Col. Valerie Brown at ANG/ Jacksonville International Airport. A must for every squadron and group commander, deputy commander or potential commander.

The Operations Web Page has been updated as follows:
-DOV Web Page-Authorization Orders

-Maintenance Page-Aircraft Inspection

-Aircraft Status Page

Site address is:-

www.pompano.net/~flwgdov/flwgd.htm

Attention Unit Commanders: Wing Director of Professional Development, Capt. Jay Jasen requests each unit provide a listing of their qualified instructors for Level One: Orientation and Cadet Program Protection Training [CPPT] and assure that all individuals completing this training within three months of entry into CAP are promptly reported to him on CAPF-11.

NTL CAP advised that as of 1 Jan., the reimbursement for a cadet completing an O-Ride in the front seat of a C-172 has been increased to \$20 per flight. For a half-hour flight with all seats filled in a safe manner it is \$30 per flight.

Form 5's written test has been updated as of Jan. 2000. Copies of the test can be downloaded from the NTL HQ website or from the FLWG DOV website. On-line testing has also been updated.



CADET CAP'ERS



Lt. Col. Robert Masiker is the new Florida Wing Director of Cadet Programs. He has been a CAP member for 34 years and has always been associated with cadet programs. Masiker is a mission pilot and a Mission Coordinator and has a Master rating in communications. Lt. Col. Masiker's first project will be the Wing Drill and Color Guard Competition in April.

average of 40 hours a week to CAP activities. This extraordinary amount of time has produced a high caliber of cadets who are mature in leadership, responsibility, commitment, integrity and dedication. The entire squadron is grateful to the Westcott's for their concern and personal sacrifice.

2Lt. Linda Trimpey



The Special Activities Review Board was an overwhelming success. In addition to the review board and written exam, review boards also were conducted for the Florida Wing Cadet of the Year and the International Air Cadet Exchange. C/TSgt David Roberts, Sabal Cadet Squadron placed First Overall; C/2Lt. Dylan McVeigh, Lantana-Lake Worth Squadron was selected Phase III Cadet of the Year; and C/Lt. Col. Michael Barron, Sabal Cadet Squadron is Florida Wing Cadet of the Year. A Florida Wing Advisory Council open forum meeting made possible a questions and answers session with cadets throughout the wing.

C/Lt. Col. Michael Barron



Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron's annual banquet was attended by Florida Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda. This squadron is one of the three largest in the state with nearly 100 cadet and senior members. In 1999, they represented Florida Wing at the Region Drill Competition and Color Guard Competition, flew 94 Orientation flights for its cadets, participated in over 20 non-distress ELT missions with a 100% 'find' record, assisted Angel Flight in hurricane relief efforts, sent 17 cadets and 5 senior members to Florida Wing encampments, earned a CAP Membership 2000 recruiting award and received the 1998 Cadet Squadron of Merit Award from Wing.

1Lt. David C. Leall



Stuart Cadet Squadron is actively rehabilitating their headquarters building, fund raising and recruiting for new members. Commander Gary Owen arranged for an outstanding article with photo in the Palm Beach Post.

1st Lt. Gary Owen



Florida State Representative Victor Crist visited the North Tampa Cadet Squadron to present Amelia Earhart award to C/Capt. Ashleigh Boyd and the Billy Mitchell award to C/2Lt. John Boyd. Each cadet also received a letter of commendation from Wing Commander Tony Pineda, US Senator Bob Graham and Mayor Dick Greco.

The squadron provided parking assistance for the Women's Club at their annual Arts and Crafts Show. The cadets directed 30,000 cars to parking spaces in just one of the three days of the show. The squadron set up a recruiting booth and sold candy airplanes as a way of introducing the community to the Civil Air Patrol.

Proceeds from this annual show help the restoration of the Old Lutz Schoolhouse Historical Building and support the youth groups that participate in the area.

Capt. Diane Westcott



Daytona Beach Composite Squadron awarded Senior Member of the Year to Capt. Ben Hand and Cadet of the Year to C/SSgt Marty McLoughlin at the squadron's annual banquet. The squadron is currently assembling and training a color guard.

Capt. David Younce



Commander Major William Westcott and Deputy Commander Capt. Diane Westcott were presented with a Plaque, Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate from the cadets and senior members of the squadron. The Westcott's give an

GROUP TWO RECEIVES MAYORAL COMMENDATION

In anticipation of potential community problems arising from the Y2K rollover on midnight of 31 December 1999, the Jacksonville Emergency Operations Center was activated at 1200 hours. Major David Mitchell, Group Two Commander, 1Lt. Richard Lotts, Group Two PAO, Herlong Composite Squadron Capt. Sheryl O'Rourke with a contingent of cadets reported for assignment duty.

Upon their arrival at the EOC, Mayor Delaney and Sheriff Glover shook each CAP member's hand and personally extended their appreciation for CAP's involvement in the operation.

The cadets were kept extremely busy serving as message couriers between various agencies represented at the EOC. Major Mitchell commented that it's going to be a long night as he awaited arrival of the relief unit from the Riverview Composite Squadron

Lt. Col. Penelope Roberts, Commander of the 29th SAR Squadron with four cadets arrived to assume their watch until 0001 hours, 1 January 2000. For the night mission, each cadet came equipped with a sleeping bag, canteen, flashlight and snack food.

With Y2K thankfully being the non-event that it was, Mayor Delaney, with approval of the State Director of Emergency Services, closed the operation at 0200.

Major Mitchell stated, "the Group Two Cadets were excellent representatives of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program performing their assigned duties with poise and professionalism. Group Two is proud of each of the cadets that reported for mission duty." Herlong Composite Squadron was represented by C/TSgt. Andrew Christopher, C/SSgt. Christa Fletcher, C/Amn. Chris Hall, Dale Hall, and from the Riverview Composite Squadron C/Amn Samuel McKinnis, Shawn Pittman, C/Amn 1 Steven Browning and Clayton Plank.



Center rear between CAP members are l to r Sheriff Nat Glover, Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney, and Fire Chief Albert Sweeter following the close of mission at EOC.

Other squadrons in Group Two were also on alert status that evening. Jacksonville Composite Squadron was prepared to relieve the teams that were on duty in the Jacksonville EOC. Gainesville Composite Squadron had personnel on duty at the Gainesville Emergency Operations Center and had air crews and ground teams at-the-ready. Marian County Composite Squadron also had air crews and ground teams on full alert and the St. Augustine Senior Squadron had aircrew and ground teams on response status as well as personnel manning the St. Augustine EOC under the direction of Lt. Col. George Keeler, Group Two Deputy Commander. Fernandina Senior Squadron also had air crews and ground teams on stand-by and squadron members were on active duty at the Fernandina EOC.

Group Commander Mitchell received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Delaney and a letter of Appreciation from Robert Patterson, Chief of the Emergency Preparedness Division expressing, "your team spirit and 'get it done' attitude are the ingredients of a rapid disaster response and recovery."

MISSION MEMOS



Lt. Col. Donald Wood is the newly appointed Director of Emergency Services. He replaces Lt. Col. Gary Nelson who has been overwhelmed with other recent assignments and responsibilities.

Don Wood is a native Floridian born in Pensacola. He joined the CAP as a cadet in the West Jacksonville Composite Squadron. Wood went on to graduate from Florida Junior College with a degree in Technical Nursing. Graduated from Nurse Anesthetist School in Columbia, SC and is working as a Chief Nurse Anesthetist at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Lt. Col. Wood earned his private pilot license and is instrument rated. He restarted the St. Johns River Composite Squadron, became Squadron Commander and then Group Two Commander. He is currently Emergency Services rated as a Ground Team Leader, Ground Operations Director, SAR/DR Pilot, Observer and Air Operations Director. He has received a Meritorious Service Award, is a graduate of AGOS [Air Ground Operations School], was a Deputy Commander, Medical Officer, Chief of Emergency Services [ES] Training, and Director of Emergency Services. He is also a Captain in the Air Force Reserve, Nurse Corps and is about to be promoted to Major.

Lts. Don Gerarde and Corky Gerarde received a mission alert that an Electronic Locator Transmitter [ELT] was active in the Fernandina Airport area. The Gerarde's drove to the airport and picked up the 'Hand Held' ELT Directional Finder. They began to track the alarm signal which was coming from the airport. The signal was tracked to one of the "T" hangars.

A call was transmitted to the FBO and the manager was given the hangar number. The owner was contacted and arrived at the airport. The hangar was opened and the activated ELT was discovered and disarmed.

Apparently the owner had installed a new battery in his Baron ELT and left the unit armed.

No search aircraft was needed with substantial savings to CAP/USAF.

Major Bill Raser, Mission Coordinator was notified of an ELT on frequency 121.5 off the east coast between Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine. The Fernandina Senior Squadron was tasked and Lt. Col. Jerry Kawecki and 2Lt. Tom Hinds launched the CAP aircraft.

The aircrew quickly pinpointed the source of the alarm to be on a fishing charter boat that was underway and just entering the St. Augustine Inlet.

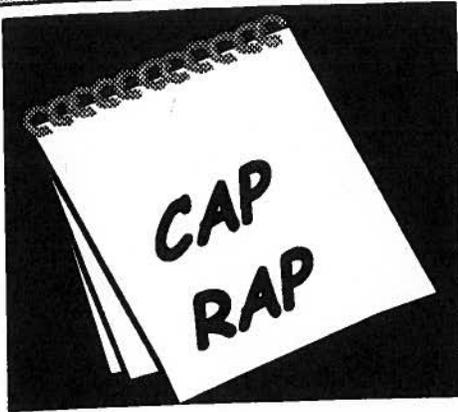
They tracked the signal all the way to the dock when they radioed the St. Augustine Municipal Marina. The charter vessel was immediately contacted and 'low and behold' the signal went off the air.

A successful find performed in a professional manner in accordance with SAR techniques and procedures.

Lt. Col. Jim Webster, Mission Coordinator mobilized three ground teams to locate an ELT alarm signal. 2Lts. Robert Lynch, Mark Lynch and Craig Lynch composed Team #1; 1Lt. Donald Smith, SM Janet Allan and Cadet Amanda Morris was Team #2; and Team #3 included 1Lt. Russel Dostal, Cadets Samuel Luis, Eric Allan, Charles Foster and Cadet MacDonald.

No signal was located at Peter O'Night Airport so the ground teams initiated a track to Tampa International Airport where a strong signal was acquired by two of the ground teams.

The subject aircraft was pinpointed and a mechanic was authorized by his supervisor to accompany CAP to the aircraft where the ELT was located and secured. This mission was an outstanding team effort.



Recently a prize-winning photo of an F/A-18 breaking the sound barrier was transmitted to those members signed on to the CAP FLORIDA e-mail list. Lt. Col. Ken Massey then kindly posted the picture on the Florida Wing Communication Page for those who couldn't get photo attachments. The URL is: <http://www.capflorida.org/comm/commpage.htm> The reaction response to both transmits was overwhelming. Now, there is a web site available that offers a dozen outstanding photos of USAF aircraft that you can send on digital postcards which include your personal message. It's a wonderful way to send messages about CAP activities or to say 'hello' to a friend or relative. There is no charge for this service. Visit the site at: <http://ahandyman.com/postcards.afimages.html>



Here's a chance to learn "How to Fly and Become a Pilot". You'll receive requirements, costs, flight maneuvers, aerodynamics of flying, teaching tech-

niques, etc. at absolutely no charge. The information is very informative. Call Gleim Publications at 1 800 874 5346 for your free copy.



Cadet Jeremy Turner recently joined the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron and has the distinction of being the first new cadet member of record by National CAP Headquarters for the year 2000. He joined CAP on 4 January 2000.

The first promotion of record by National CAP Headquarters for the year 2000 was presented to 2nd Lieutenant Brenda Bowyer attached to Headquarters Group 6.



U.S. Air Force 6th Air Refueling Wing Commander Col. Chip Diehl presented a U.S. flag to Civil Air Patrol Lt. Col. Larry Upham. Former national CAP commander Brig. Gen. William Cass was present at the ceremony. The MacDill Air Force Base Honor Guard donated the flag to the MacDill CAP Squadron for use in future CAP ceremonies.



After nine long years and seven wing commanders, Lt. Col. Gus Ehrman tendered his request to stand-down as Florida Wing Counter Drug Officer. Lt. Col. David Lawson, with the assistance of Capt. Christine Ferry have agreed to assume the responsibility as of 1 March. Lt. Col. Lawson and Capt. Perry, in addition to serving as the West-Central Area Coordinator, are well versed in CD procedures. Lt. Col. Ehrman extends his "thanks to all who participated in the pro-

gram over the years and for the support you have given me. I enjoyed working with all of you." Col. Pineda thanked Gus for all his efforts and service and for making the Florida Counter Drug program one of the most active and productive in the nation. "I am pleased the Florida Wing recognized Lt. Ehrman's service by having presenting him with an Exceptional Service Award at the state's annual conference in 1999."



Group Four's list of activities increases monthly, and in January, it exceeded 11 pages, single spaced. Training Programs include a Squadron Leadership School, a Corporate Learning Course, Squadron Commander's Course, Aerospace Education, Radio Operator's Training, an overnight encampments. The Current Events listing also includes Air Operations, Command Calls, Group Staff Meetings, Wing Meetings and Command Calls, AFA Meeting field trips and late breaking news. Our seven other groups will be happy pressed to out-perform this level of activity.



Pasco Cadet Squadron has an outstanding newsletter. 2nd Lt. Lili Bartoletti is the Editor with Medical Officer Mark Yacht as photographer. Equally outstanding is the squadron's motto, "Assist Today's Youth to Become Tomorrow's Leaders". At a time when our nation's schools have been rocked by unbelievable violence in the hands of misguided and irresponsible youth, CAP cadets exc-



From The MAILBAG

Your very attractive and informative Florida Wing Newsletter arrived, and I must say I am very impressed. The Arizona Wing does not have the funds to publish a newsletter similar to yours. We put the newsletter on our web page, and a general e-mailing of the text version to the members whose ISP can not access the web.

Major Patricia Bower
Arizona Wing PAO

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Heard about your FLORIDA FACTS. Oregon Wing Public Affairs would appreciate receiving copies.

Lt. Col. Thomas Traver
Oregon Wing PAO

Editors Note: Have received similar requests from the Public Affairs Officers of the Vermont Wing and the Nevada Wing. Each PAO has been added to our subscription list.

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Just got my first copy of FLORIDA FACTS. Fantastic! Best all around informative CAP piece I have seen in my fifty years with CAP. I'm retired from United Press International as a staff photographer, hence I feel free to ask "Wha hopen with the pix on page 24?" Great publication none the less.

Lt. Col. Herb Miller
Boca Raton Senior Squadron

Editor's Note: Sorry about that. The photos were half-toned with too fine a screen. The printer, his foreman and I have now mutually determined the minimum density desired for all future issues.

Congratulations on publishing such a fine Wing Newsletter like FLORIDA FACTS. You do a great job of sharing all kinds of vital and interesting information - which, in turn, we share with our Staff and Cadets.

2Lt. Lili R. Bartoletti
Pasco Cadet Squadron PAO

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Enjoyed my copy of Oct./Dec. FLORIDA FACTS and I appreciate your work.

In CAP RAP, page 14, the information about cell phone contact should have read *CG rather than just CG. Of course if all else fails *FHP for contact with our Florida State Troopers. Thanks for your publication.

Lt. Col. Ken Freeman

Editor's Note: Thanks for pointing out this important correction to our readers. The inclusion of the asterisk [] before each of the call letters "CG" or "FHP" is an imperative.*

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Looking forward to the next issue of FLORIDA FACTS. You always do a great job with it!

Major Dale Robinson
Group One PAO

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Sorry to burst your bubble, sir, but under our current calendar [Gregorian] the new millennium arrives at 0000 hours, 1 January 2001. We've got over a year to wait for it! The 21st century also

starts at that exact moment. Everyone is so eager to have time pass, but I'd be happy if it slowed down a little so I could catch up! Many thanks for all you do with FLORIDA FACTS. Keep up the excellent work.

Captain Jeff Stahl, CD
Coral Springs Cadet Squadron

Editor's Note: You mean I have another year to again worry about Y2K!!!!!!!!!!!!

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I truly appreciate FLORIDA FACTS and all the information it disseminates.

Lt. Col. Arthur Little
Apalachicola Flight

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Just want to say thanks for providing FLORIDA FACTS. It's always great reading.

Major Larry Wilson
Marion County Composite Squadron

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.....and they say putting the FLORIDA FACTS together is easy!!!

Captain George Navarini
Deputy Director, Cadet Programs

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Fine newsletter you publish. Thanks.

Major Ralph Rivers
Florida Wing Chaplain

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Editor's Note: Amazed!!! Photo of the downed aircraft on page 1 of the October/December 1999 issue was a last minute insert and is not a Cessna 152 as described in the story. The picture of the actual downed aircraft was too blurred to be used. I reserved a full page in this issue for the hundreds of letters I assumed would be sent from all you aircraft identifiers, Observers, and Scanners. Nary a one! Thanks for your thoughtfulness in not wanting to make me feel embarrassed!!!!

MUSICAL AND INSPIRATIONAL



The United States Air Force Band of the Rockies presented an evening concert in Collier County. Fourteen cadets from the Naples Cadet Squadron, under the command of Major Lee Lemasters, served as color guard and provided ticket collection and ushering services to the nearly 1500 attendees.

The performance was held at the new Gulf Coast High School which has the largest auditorium seating capacity in the City of Naples. The Naples Philharmonic only seats 1300 persons.

The USAF Band of the Rockies travels throughout the United States providing an inspirational and patriotic musical program that enhances audience's feeling of pride for the members of the Armed Forces.

The Falconaires of the USAF Band have brought the sounds of the big bands jazz to military personnel and the American public for more than 30 years. The program opened with the presentation of the colors accompanied by the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner". The Color Guard included cadets 2Lt. M. Warner, TSgt. K. Warner, Airman Fuentes, and Airman 1st Class Deandres.

From light classical and traditional marches, country and pop tunes plus Broadway hits, the 20 member

band presented a repertoire of music that pleased the audience members of all ages. During the first half of the concert, the band and vocal group, wore the Air Force blue band uniforms. Following the intermission, the band members returned to the stage dressed in suntan shirts and pink trousers...the United States Air Corps uniform of the early 40's... for a musical memorial to Glenn Miller.

"Tuxedo Junction", "In The Mood", and "Taking The 'A' Train" brought the crowd to its feet amidst thunderous applause.



Squadron Commander, Major Lee Lemasters with six of the cadet contingent that included Cadet Commander c/2 Lt. M. Warner, c/TSgt. K. Warner, c/Airmen 1st Class Ross, Deandres, c/Airmen Straub, Blake, Deville, Fuentes, Legault, c/Basic Rich, Bishop, Ortengren, DiPietro, and Patel.

The 'goose-bumpy' finale was an inspirational presentation of theme songs of each of the Armed Forces and the veterans in the audience were requested to stand when the song of their branch of service was played. The level of displayed pride and patriotism reached to the highest rafters of the auditorium.

Mayor Bonnie MacKenzie proudly expressed the thanks of all present and honored the Falconaires with the "Key to the City".

Following the performance, a woman approached a CAP officer and said, "Your cadets certainly conducted themselves in a most professional and courteous manner. I have an 18 year old grandson and I have always prayed that he would never have to go into the service. Now, I would be proud to see him as a member of the Civil Air Patrol or the Air Force."

See Photos page 17



Naples Cadet Squadron Color Guard opens musical concert by the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies



US Air Force Band in Air Force blue uniform

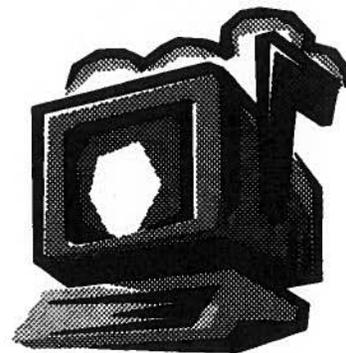


US Air Force Band in 1940's suntan/pink uniform



US Air Force Band of the Rockies plays to a full house for its concert in Naples

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



Attention All Seniors:

A Charles E. Yeager Aerospace Education Program Class will be held on 13 May, 2000 at the North Tampa Cadet Squadron, 110 West 131st Avenue, Tampa. Successful completion of this course merits a Charles E. Yeager Award Certificate.

For additional information and time, contact Squadron Commander, Major William Westcott at 813 980 9454, Cell 813 601 0874 or e-mail dmbw@gte.net

A Corporate Learning Course, Part 1 will be conducted on 9 April and Part 2 on 16 April from 0800 to 1640 at the Florida Hospital, Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

CAPF 17's are to be submitted to 1Lt. Fran Gleockler, 414 NW Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Phone 863 386 1895 or e-mail frangi@hotmail.com

Captain Arnold "Jay" Jasen, Florida Wing Professional Development Director, provides the following Universal Resource Locator [URL] web page addresses for those interested in researching the Internet for specific areas of interest. You will be amazed as to the many other links you will find.

Aviation History - www.thehistorynet.com
Aviation Internet Addresses - www.state.tx.us
Air Force Patches - www.aeroemblem.com/
USAF Patch Collectors - www.concentric.net/~roperha/
CAP Patch and Insignia collectors - www.isl.net~alamrcn/
Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] - www.cia.gov/
Confederate Air Force [TX] - www.confederateairforce.org/
ECI Catalogue On-Line [Extension Course Institute] - www.au.af.mil.au/oas/eci/ecicattoc.htm

International UFO Museum and Research Center [Roswell, New Mexico] - www.iufomrc.com/
Kennedy Space Center -

www.ksc.nasa.gov/ksc.html

MacDill Air Force Base -

www.macdill.af.mil/macdill.htm

NASA - www.nasa.gov/

National Air and Space Museum [Washington, D.C.] - www.nasm.si.edu/

National Weather Service - www.nws.noaa.gov/

USAF Air University [Maxwell AFB, AL] -

www.au.af.mil/

United States Air Force [Link] - www.af.mil/

United States Air Force Museum [Dayton, OH]

www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/

USAF Thunderbirds [Nellis AFB, AZ] -

www.nellis.af.mil/thunderbirds/

US Navy Blue Angels [Pensacola, FL] -

www.blueangels.navy.mil/

Veteran/Military web sites:

members.aol.com/veterans/warlib6.htm

www.mcn.net/%7emickmc/milvet.html

www.mcn.net/%7emickmc/militaryt.html

Warbird WorldWide Sites -

www.warbirds.co.nz./otsites/htm

CAP National Headquarters [Maxwell AFB, AL]

www.capnhq.gov/

CAP Southeast Region Hq [Knoxville, TN] -

www.usit.net/secap/

CAP Florida Wing Headquarters [MacDill AFB FL] - flwg.cap.gov/

Department of Defense [DoD, Washington, D.C.]

www.defenselink.mil/



Happy Easter - *May your faith and joy in your salvation be renewed.*

Happy Passover - *Surround your table with family, friends and joy.*

MEMORIAL DAY - REMEMBER!

Each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank You". That's all most veterans want, and in most instances, it will mean more than any medals they could be or were awarded. Two little words mean a lot - "THANK YOU" - for our freedom, independence and security.



THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

JANUARY

- 1958 - CAP transfers from Headquarters USAF to USAF Continental Air Command
- 25 January 1965 - Douglas B. Roach is first cadet to earn Gen. Carl A. Spaatz award. This cadet later flew as a member of the USAF Thunderbirds
- 21 January 1966 - Col. Ralph T. Guinn serves as 10th Wing Commander until 30 August 1970
- 28 January 1986 - Crew of Space Shuttle Challenger, brave men and women, give of their lives in pursuit of furthering mankind's knowledge and understandings of his surroundings

FEBRUARY

- 17 February 1944 - Zack T. Mosley serves as 3rd Wing Commander until 11 March 1946. Col. Mosley was cartoonist for famous "Smiling Jack" cartoon
- 1945 - CAP Search and Rescue crews locate wreckage of seven army/navy planes in one week
- 17 February 1974 - Col. Henri Casenove was 14th Wing Commander until 31 July 1977

MARCH

- 5 March 1942 - Experimental Coastal Submarine Patrol authorized on a 30 day trial basis
- 9 March 1942 - CAP authorized to assist US Army 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
- 31 March 1946 - Gen. "Hap" Arnold considers incorporating CAP for post-war era
- 31 March 1946 - Col. Vermilla Wright again serves as Wing Commander [4th] until 1 June 1947
- 5 March 1948 - Lt. Col. Harold W. Ashley is 6th Wing Commander until 30 March 1948
- 30 March 1948 - Col. Eric Ravendall serves as 7th Wing Commander until 8 October 1949
- 7 March 1963 - Col. Samuel Dupont Jr. is 9th Wing Commander through 1 December 1965
- 15 March 1968 - Col. William R. Bass is 12th Wing Commander until 1 July 1970

FROM PULPIT TO PEN

Can you believe that March 2000 is already here? It seems that it was only a day or two ago that we were worrying about Y2K issues. Some folks, including some I would have thought knew better, were even getting ready for the world to come apart at the seams. It didn't! Some glitches did occur, but they were quickly remedied. I had a 'big' unexpected problem with the accounting system that I use that I didn't discover until I started writing checks on the 15th of January. Fixed that in a hurry. Now, all that worry is just another ho hum.



LT. COL. RALPH E. RIVERS
FLORIDA WING CHAPLAIN

Now, we're really getting cranked up. Florida Wing is moving ahead with opportunities to serve other agencies with what we do best. I read an e-mail the other night which advertised a weekend of fun while learning to be a better ground team member. The annual wing conference is shaping up. Chaplains and MLO's are starting to think about Chaplain Staff College at Maxwell AFB, AL. The Airfest season is almost here and CAP will have a role in helping to make these events safe and successful. That's just a few of the things that will be happening during the first half of 2000. If that's any indication of things to come, this year will be another good year.

I am happy to report that Florida Wing Chaplain Service was number one in the nation in signing up new chaplains in 1999. Florida Wing added more new chaplains than did the whole of the Pacific Region. We tied for number one in the nation for signing up new Moral Leadership Officers. I'm proud to welcome these newly appointed Chaplains and MLO's to our ranks. I'm also delighted that many of our members played a positive role in finding prospective candidates for the Chaplain Service. The best candidates are those you recommend. Keep up your recruiting efforts.

The Almighty created us and set us free to watch over everything. Thank God we can choose how we go about it. Some choices are easy, like choosing chocolate instead of strawberry while others are mildly difficult, like what to wear today. Still others are a little more difficult, like saying "yes" to a marriage proposal. Then there are the moral and ethical choices which build character. There's a whole lot more to making choices than eenie, meenie, minnie, moe. Most of us make choices we are proud of, and maybe a few we would rather forget. In any event, we've been exercising our God-given right, the right to choose. With God's help the number of right choices will be greater than the number of wrong choices.

I've touched on a variety of things this time. That's O.K. There was a lot to talk about.

NEWS FLASH!

National CAP Headquarters advises that they have received delivery of 15 new Cessna 172 Skyhawks SP's. These planes will be additions to various wing fleets.

Remember that 15 April falls on a Saturday this year. Therefore your Income Tax Returns are not due until Monday, 17 April. That's two additional days to calculate the amount you spent for CAP membership, uniforms, missions, mileage, equipment, contributions, manuals, schools and colleges, etc. Be sure to check all with your tax adviser.

If you are interested in a **FREE** Private Pilot Ground School or Instrument Rating Ground School that will be held at Daytona Beach Composite Squadron at the Daytona Beach Airport, contact c/Lt. Col. Brian Eunice at Skyking172@aol.com. Colonel Eunice is a member of DBCS, undergraduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is currently working as a CFII at Spruce Creek.

Col. Henri Casenove points out that the "**ALTERNATIVE GRIDDING METHOD FOR SEARCH & RESCUE**" article that appeared on page 28 of the last issue [October/December 1999] of FLORIDA FACTS had several instances where the word "ft" was used in place of "minutes of latitude and longitude". Specifically, please correct Paragraph 1, Line 7; Paragraph 5, Line 3 - change "ft." to "minute"; and Benefit 4 - change first six words to read "The one minute of Lat.-Long./ one mile relationship".

All units shall receive a five page package of procedures, grid numbering guides for three sectional charts, cross reference pages plus an acetate grid insert as prepared by Col. Casenove.

You now have access to demographic and economic information through the Internet. You may browse, search, and map data from many Census Bureau sources: the 1990 Census, the 1997 Economic Census, The American Community Survey, and the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal. In early 2001, the data from Census 2000 will be available in American FactFinder which will continue to expand and improve functionality and data during the year 2000. The site address is <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

Major Jorge Del Rio

Major Jayson Jenkins lent his computer expertise to the downloading and converting of National CAP Headquarters' CAPWATCH to bar coded mailing labels. This data was provided to FLORIDA FACTS on disks. These disks will now be used to print the mailing labels for distribution of this newsletter. A rousing thanks to Major Jenkins.

A new National CAP regulation has been issued concerning Internet Operations and CAP. In order to comply with a request for listing on the NHQ web site, all such units must be pre-approved by the Wing Commander or the Commander's designee.

To streamline the process, any unit with a web site that wishes to have it listed on the national CAP web page, merely has to send their URL address to Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey.

CoS Sharkey will visit the site, make recommendations for change, if needed, and then list such site on our Wing's Squadron Linkage page. Once listed, you automatically have the Wing Commander's approval and can therefore request the national listing.

US AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS CAP DISPLAY AT AFA SYMPOSIUM

CAP members from several central Florida units participated in the Air Force Association's [AFA] Air Warfare Symposium held at the Wyndham Palace Hotel near Disney World in Orlando. Cadets Tyler Manion and Chris Sherman from the Seminole Cadet Squadron and Capt. Trish Turner and 1st Lt. Shane Turner from the Central Florida Composite Squadron manned a CAP display booth.

From Air Force four-star generals to enlisted personnel, from AFA officers to members, from corporate executives to corporate personnel manning their defense displays - all passed the CAP display booth in the exhibition area.

CAP materials were given to symposium attendees from around the country, including Puerto Rico. General Ryan was passing our booth when he noticed whose it was. "Civil Air Patrol," he exclaimed, "I was a Civil Air Patrol Cadet." He shook hands and chatted with the CAP members. He graciously posed for photos as did General 'Fig' Newton who also stopped to chat with

the personnel manning the CAP booth.

Busloads of JROTC cadets also attended and were quickly handed CAP Cadet Program literature.

Following the show, a comment was extended that "CAP personnel made an excellent impression on all attendees." Other participating members included Cadets Michael Hein, James Diroff, Michael Francis and Samantha Maddy from the Sabal Cadet Squadron; Cadet Michael Tier and Senior Member Judy Bennett from the Central Florida Composite Squadron; and Senior Member John



l. to r. USAF Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael Ryan, c/Lt. Col. Chris Sherman and 1st Lt. Shane Turner at the CAP display booth at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium

Lynn from the Lake Composite Squadron.

Capt Trish Turner
Central Florida Composite Squadron

CADETS MARCH INTO THE NEW YEAR

Four cadets from Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron figuratively marched into the New Year. CAP was invited by the Mahi Shriners to carry the colors in the 51st Annual Orange Bowl Parade. This parade is an annual precursor to the Orange Bowl, a major football game.

Cadets Tommy Miller, Marissa Streifel, Jen-

nifer Obranic and Jaqueline Broedell began the march down Biscayne Blvd. to downtown Miami. Thousands of spectators lined the street and NBC televised the parade.

Capt. Joe Martin, 1Lt. Linda Leali Martin, 1Lt. David Leali and cadet Joshua Nemser from Miami Beach Cadet Squadron followed the color guard in the Group Seven van.

1st Lt. David Leali



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Submitted by Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

1 - 2 April	AirFest, MacDill Air Force Base
8 April	Florida Wing Cadet Drill Competition
9 - 15 April	Sun 'N' Fun, Lakeland
14 - 16 April	NASAR SAR TECH II Evaluation, St. Petersburg
10 - 13 April	Southeast Region Chaplain Service Staff College
15 April	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
28 April	Cadet Basic Leadership School, Group 4
6 - 7 May	Blue Angels Air Show, Ft. Lauderdale
1 June	Deadline for FLORIDA FACTS, Issue #2
2 - 4 June	Florida Wing Conference 2000
17 June	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
6 - 13 July	Air Ground Operation's School [AGOS], Camp Blanding
14 - 15 July	Blue Angels Air Show, Pensacola Beach
15 July	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
31 July-7 August	IACE Host, Wing Phase
17 - 19 August	National CAP Board Meeting, San Antonio, TX
1 September	Deadline for FLORIDA FACTS, Issue #3
16 September	Counter Narcotics Orientation
16 September	Florida Wing Staff/Commander's Call Meeting
14 October	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
14-15 October	Check Pilot's School
4 - 5 November	Blue Angels Air Show, NAS Jacksonville
10 - 11 November	Blue Angels Air Show, NAS Pensacola
11 November	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
11-12 November	USAF Thunderbirds Air Show, Lake City
1 December	Deadline for FLORIDA FACTS, Issue #4
9 December	Florida Wing Staff/Commander's Call Meeting

GROUP NOTATIONS



Group 4 arranged for two special visitation schedules for cadets to visit the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium 2000. The Group Command also arranged for parents, ALO's and students to meet with USAF Lt. Gen. Tad J. Oelstrom, Air Force Academy Superintendent to discuss their interest for gaining admission to the Air Force Academy. Group Commander, Major Frank Haas, nearly immediately upon assuming command, introduced a weekly e-mail Current Events advisory for his members. This missive has now extended to 12 pages and is updated on a daily basis. *There's no way you don't know what's happening in this group!*



Group 1, which consists of 10 squadrons in 23 northwest counties was awarded a Unit Citation for meritorious service from National Headquarters. The group conducted 53 successful Search and Rescue missions during 1998 and three presidential declared disaster relief missions. To further enhance the group's SAR capabilities, Emergency Services Officer, Capt. George Schaefer will be conducting a test of emergency services response capabilities over the April 29-30 weekend. Noteworthy is the Group One "GUARDIAN ONLINE" quarterly newsletter produced by Major Dale Robinson, Editor.



Major Robert D. Ashman, recently retired Group 3 Commander, put forth a noteworthy recruiting challenge to all members of Florida Wing. Major Ashman points out, "It is not the GROUP that does the growth or even the WING - it is the SQUADRONS. When the SQUADRONS grow, then in turn the group and wing size grow." He sets forth the following challenge to all. The total membership of Florida Wing is 3782, exclusive of the ROTC units. CAP is by no means for everyone, but if each MEMBER recruits at least one good NEW member, we could have 4728 members with just a 25% increase or 5673 members with a 50% increase. We also need to retain the members that we have. Contact the members

that you have not seen in a long time and find out where they have been. Get them active again, get them involved and start doing quality meaningful training.



Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Mathew Sharkey recently released the membership counts of each group as follows:

Group 1 - 284	Group 5 - 530
Group 2 - 414	Group 6 - 557
Group 3 - 393	Group 7 - 469
Group 4 - 596	Group 8 - 377

Wing Units - 162 ROTC Units-105

TOTAL - 3887 as of 31 December 1999

Group 4 Commander, Major Haas immediately announced that he has "Not only the best, but the biggest Group in the state."



Major Martha Soriano, newly appointed Group 6 Commander immediately responded, "Group 6 is the 2nd largest in the state. We only need 40 new members to be the #1 Group in Florida Wing. Actually, we only need 38 since I have just signed up two new senior members [pilots, at that!]. Our mission and challenge is to go out and get 'em! Cadets remember, with 10 new recruits your summer encampment will be paid for you. We are so close that I know we can accomplish our goal - Number One Squadron in Florida Wing."



Florida Wing Commander, Col. Tony Pineda expressed pride in the competitive spirit that he notices is being generated by the newly appointed Group Commanders. It's an excitement that is catching. I would particularly like to see our cadet membership expand substantially. Our cadet program is an excellent one for all youth in our communities. CAP provides the opportunity to our cadets to advance their education and training, and to prepare themselves to be of service to their community, state and nation.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITES FINAL STORY

When an aircraft mysteriously dropped off the radar scope at Jacksonville's Airport, an immediate search for a missing aircraft was initiated. The first alert was given to the US Coast Guard which searched the Atlantic Ocean coastline waters from 10 p.m. to after midnight in the vicinity of the 'last known point' [the radar fix].

The following morning the Civil Air Patrol was assigned the mission by the Air Force Rescue Coordinating Center [AFRCC] at Langley Field, Virginia. Capt. John Bayne, Incident Commander with the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron initiated the CAP alert system to Groups 2 and 4.

After meticulous mission planning, Civil Air Patrol aircraft from Jacksonville, Deland, Melbourne and Ocala/Gainesville were assigned search grids, altitudes, track spacing and direction, and radio reporting codes. As soon as each aircrew completed the required navigation planning and clearance from CAP Dispatch, they were launched.

By mid-morning, a completely unrelated ELT search mission in the Daytona Beach area was added to the mission workload. The Deland aircraft and a Deland ground team were assigned and handled the locating and silencing of the errant ELT with dispatch.

While CAP aircraft and three Coast Guard aircraft were searching the missing aircraft area, wreckage from an aircraft was observed by aircrews on the water and along the beach at St. Augustine. Before long, ground teams confirmed that the wreckage was from the subject aircraft. The mission aircraft continued sweeps of their assigned grids in the hope of spotting the pilot. After hours of 'no sighting' a mission recall was issued.

All CAP resources and assets returned to their bases safely and Capt. Bayne officially closed the mission. Major Frank Haas, Commander of Group 4 extended his thanks to all the personnel that responded to the mission mobilization call and for the thorough and professional manner in which they performed their search and rescue duties.

This was the first two Search and Rescue missions for Group 4 for the year 2000.

NOTE: The following article was written by the Associated Press and was printed in the Orlando Sentinel.

Reprinted from the Orlando Sentinel as written by the Associated Press.

ST. AUGUSTINE....The body of a flight school student from Tunisia washed ashore more than a day after his plane which had taken off from Orlando Executive Airport, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean.

The body of Mohammed Cherif was still strapped to its seat when it washed ashore between Vilano Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach amid debris from the plane, said Kevin Kelshaw, spokesman for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

Coast Guard searchers also recovered debris from Cherif's single-engine Cessna about five miles north of Vilano Beach.

Coast Guard officials earlier confirmed that the plane was flown by Cherif by matching serial numbers from the plane.

Cherif's plane was in a right turn descending from 2,500 feet when it hit the ocean. The plane left Orlando Executive Airport 1 1/2 hours before the crash.

Cherif, 29, had contacted air traffic controllers for a traffic advisory as he approached Jacksonville for a stopover landing at Cecil Field enroute to Savannah, Ga., said Corky Smith, a senior air safety investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board in Miami. Smith said he could not speculate on what caused the crash until more information becomes available.

Cherif, a student at the Airline Training Academy in Polk County, was flying with another plane from the school when he went down. The Tunisian native had his pilots license for less than a week.

The NTSB has requested aircraft maintenance records, Cherif's training records and written transcripts of contacts Cherif had with air traffic controllers in Orlando, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville.



COMMUNICATIONS

Capt. Paul Blystone
FLWG Director of Communications

National CAP is working hard to acquire radios and begin the transition to NTIA compliant radios and NTIA narrowband VHF radio equipment. National CAP has acquired about 52 new VHF/FM Quantar repeater stations, which are both wideband and narrowband compliant. One will be shipped to each of the wings in the near future.

National CAP has also acquired 550 of the new TAIT T-2020 VHF/FM radios that are 100 channel, 25 watts with SCAN capability and both are wideband and narrowband compliant. These also will be distributed to the wings in the near future. We are anticipating Florida Wing will receive 12 to 15 units.

Florida Wing has received 15 of the 550 Micom-2 HF radios with the new SS-30 power supplies that National CAP forwarded throughout the nation. All of the Micom-2 HF radios are NTIA compliant. FLWG has also received one NPX138-060 and it has been installed in the wing's newest Cessna 182 - N5401N - that was delivered without a CAP radio installed. This radio has a frequency range from 138.000 MHz to 173.950 MHz, which covers the Marine Band.

Currently, there are VHF/FM wideband/narrowband radios available at the CAP SUPPLY DEPOT. Some of these are:

[a] TAIT T-2020 100 channel, 25 watt, VHF/FM wideband/narrowband at a cost of \$469.95. Programming software for these radios is R-T2000-20-010 at a cost of \$86.25.

[b] VERTEX VX-400, 5 watt, VHF/FM handheld with 16 channels, wideband/narrowband for \$369.95. Programming software is R-CT42 for \$72.95.

[c] VERTEX System 600 HF- a multipurpose SSB radio NTIA compliant. This is a 100 watt radio with a receive frequency range of 50 KHz to 30 MHz and a transmit range of 1.8 MHz to 30 MHz. This radio can be used as a base or mobile. The cost is

\$859.95. Antenna tuners and desk microphones are available for an additional charge.

Remember that HF radios that are not NTIA compliant may no longer be used after 31 December 2001. The VHF/FM radios that are not wideband compliant may not be used after the same date. All VHF/FM radios that are wideband compliant can remain in service until the transition to narrowband takes place. CAP is prepared for the transition by 31 December 2005

Station Authorizations will be issued to member's radios that are non-compliant if the member decides to purchase such a radio in spite of a short life utilization span. The member must, however, be certain that the radio they list on a CAPF 21, Radio Station Authorization Application, is wideband compliant.

1st Lt. Thomas W. Farmer has been named Deputy Director of Communications, FC40. Capt Jeffrey Stahl has been appointed to position of Frequency Manager, FC46.

We all owe thanks to Lt. Col. Ed Wolff Jr. who served so well as former Deputy Director and 1st Lt. Rick Beaver who previously served as Frequency Manager.

Effective 1 January 2001, all CAP SHARES HF radio stations must use NTIA compliant equipment while operating on other agencies frequencies. This action is necessary to bring CAP in line with NTIA regulations, the rest of the federal government, and ensure that CAP radios do not degrade the emergency communications of other agencies.

CAP stations not possessing NTIA compliant equipment on the above date, will be administratively dropped from the SHARES Program.

In Recognition

C/Col. Hector G. Bauza earned the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz award, #1421, the highest cadet award. Cadet Bauza is a member of the Eglin Composite Squadron.



Florida Wing Commander Antonio Pineda announces the following awards with great pride:

- Cadet of the Year
- C/Lt. Col. Michael Barron
- Phase III Cadet of the Year
-C/2Lt Dylan McVeigh
- Senior Member of the Year
-Major Luis Garcia
- Safety Officer of the Year
-Capt. Albert Martin
- Communicator of the Year
Capt. Warren Randall
- Chaplain of the Year
-Chaplain William Cureton
- Historian of the Year
-Capt. Blake Sasse



1Lt. Kenneth Nulpe, Lake Composite Squadron, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

RETIREMENTS:

- Lt.Col. Joel T. Biggs, 28 yrs
- Lt.Col. Harry R. Patterson, 15 yrs

EAKER AWARD:

[This is the Cadets 2nd Highest Award]
-C/Commander Robert Johnson

MITCHELL AWARD:

[Promotion to Cadet Officer Grade]
-C/1Lt. Tara Guthrie
-C/1Lt. Ian La Spina



BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR:

- Lt. Col. Gerald Glass
- Major Joseph Hinson



APPOINTMENTS TO

MILITARY ACADEMIES

Cadet Angela Marie Silicato, Boca Raton Cadet Squadron, has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy, as announced by US Sen. Bob Graham.

C/1Lt. Ian La Spina, Pasco Cadet Squadron, has received acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.



ALLIED POW AWARD

Great Britain's National Ex-Prisoners of War Association awarded **2Lt. Alex de Quesada** of the 8089th CAP Squadron the Allied POW Medal [#S662] for his detention in Cuba by troops of the Cuban Ministry of the Interior in 1999. de Quesada's detention was because he was a Civil Air Patrol member.

Lt. de Quesada was in Cuba conducting authorized historical research with another American college professor. de Quesada is a museum consultant and a history writer.

As he entered the Havana Airport, he was apprehended by Cuban soldiers. Upon vigorous searching of his personal possessions, a CAP membership card was found in his wallet. He endured hours of intense interrogation by intelligence officers about his affiliation with CAP and why he was in Cuba. Throughout the ordeal, he was constantly threatened with imprisonment for 'counter revolutionary activities against the Republic of Cuba'.

At the end of his day of detention, troops were sent to hold a commercial plane and Lt. de Quesada was escorted to the plane and sent back to the United States.

Lt. de Quesada is undoubtedly the first recognized CAP "POW" detained by a hostile power to the United States in the CAP's and USAF history.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON

Group 4 Commander, Major Frank Haas presents Lt. Col. David Mosely with a letter from President Clinton, which said, "It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your 40 years of service with the Civil Air Patrol. You exemplify the determination, hard work and civic involvement that characterize the spirit of service." "On behalf of those who benefited from your devotion to duty, thank you for a job well done.

signed Bill Clinton



WHAT IS A GOOD IDEA? WHAT IS IT WORTH?

I recently saw the following anonymous quote and thought how it affects all of us in Florida Wing.

"IDEAS ARE A DIME A DOZEN. PEOPLE WHO PUT THEM INTO ACTION ARE PRICELESS."

Let's talk about ideas first. Ever notice how new members or visitors to a unit seem to have lots of ideas? The person is full of ideas how we could do things better. In many cases they are really good ideas and lots of times we've heard them before. So, why don't they happen?

The most common reason may be that no one individual has the responsibility to produce the result. The old saying, "everybody thought somebody else would do it, so nobody did" is all too true. Our command and staff structure provides clear guidelines for responsibility in the CAP Manual 20-1 that should make the job easier, but it doesn't always seem to work. Let's look at several reasons and some possible solutions.

REASON: An understaffed unit may just not have anyone to do the job in question.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: Recruiting that is organized and targeted. What are unit needs? What are the most critical functions not handled? When we see how a particular vacancy hurts our unit, we know how to set priorities and target our recruiting. Every prospective member wants to contribute something. It is up to each one of us to match their talents with our needs.

In some cases, we may need to seek out specific talents, targeted recruiting. We already understand that we find pilots at airports and young people at schools, which is why we focus much of our recruiting to those places. We may want to think of the logical places to find candidates for other positions.

In daily life, each member deals with lots of folks. Anyone of these might be a good prospect for your unit, for example, an accountant or bookkeeper as a Finance Officer, perhaps someone in marketing as a Public Affairs Officer. We should not overlook the abilities of our cadets and their families. It may be as simple as a posting in your newsletter to find the right person for the job.

REASON: Too few doing the work of too many. When we have a few members who always make sure the important things get done, we don't realize that other members could be learning and helping. An even greater problem is how we burn out the few who are carrying too much of the load.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: Recruiting is one answer, but so is 'On The Job Training' for new members to work along with active ones. When we make it easy for people to learn about a job, we make it easier for ourselves to get help. Many units have set up notebooks for each position with all the needed forms and regulations. At Florida Wing, as in the USAF, these are called "Continuity Binders". Each part of each job is listed with instructions and contact information. While it takes effort to prepare, the payoff is big.

REASON: Not enough knowledge.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: A short presentation each meeting or a work/study session can summarize the most important regulations

and manuals one at a time. For specialized training, the Specialty Training guides list all the steps to learn about the job. Ask the member to visit another local unit where they can meet with someone doing that job. Ask the Group or Wing Staff member in that area to work with your member. While there might not always be someone close by, just an outline sent in the mail or e-mail may be all it takes to encourage your member. Encourage your member to attend training anywhere they can find it. Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course will be valuable no matter where they attend. Don't forget about our correspondence courses. Registration for an ECI course only takes a few minutes to fill out.

REASON: Members focus on the job of others rather than on their own.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: Keep that CAPM 20-1 handy. It helps us all understand the rules. Perhaps the member assigned to a position they do not want. See if changes can be made. Have each staff member report on activities in their area. At Wing we use a Staff Report form that allow each member to list their accomplishments each month and problems they're facing. The form also provides a place for possible solutions.

Coordination is really important. We need to know the person to see to help us get results. Appointing a Project Officer can work for Special Events and activities by making the process clear. Members can easily work with the Project Officer as a special team. Just as in baseball, every team needs a pitcher, catcher, all the various other players as well as the coach. The Project Officer serves as an assistant coach for the commander. Most members will be ready when they know it is their turn to bat.

REASON: Not enough activities or classes.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: Sometimes we try to do too many things at one time and wind up not doing any of them well. Good planning takes just a little time. Assigning specific responsibilities is one of the first steps. Then a good plan includes steps to reach the goal, coordination and follow-through. A written checklist for activities can help.

Well planned, well-publicized, and well carried out activities and training are the primary key to the success of every unit. If members are involved, if their time and efforts are shown to be valued, they will build your unit as a team beyond anything you imagined.

Positive results never need an excuse!



Submitted by
Lt. Col. Valerie Brown
Former Squadron Commander
Florida Wing Chief of Staff,
currently Senior Training
Officer.

EXTRA! EXTRA! WING'S FIRST GLIDER HAS ARRIVED.

CAP Glider N363BA/L-23 has arrived at Jacksonville Airport. Mr. Vitek Siroky, President of Blanik America, Inc. advised 1Lt. Shawn Knickerbocker, FLWG Glider Coordinator, that the glider will have to be assembled and examined by FAA/FSDO for conformity. The Application for Airworthiness Certificate, Export Airworthiness Certificate, Weight and Balance Record, Leveling and Rigging Record, Factory Test Flights Certificate, Equipment List, Flight Maintenance Log and Aircraft Log and Manual are being processed. A canopy cover to protect the Plexiglas has been ordered.

NEW MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

LTC. David Lahtonen,
FLWG Dir. Operations

A new maintenance procedure was implemented on 1 February whereby aircraft repairs require a National Maintenance Reimbursement Request Form be submitted to Florida Wing South along with the estimate from the FBO. This change of policy was brought about by the fact that some work that was the responsibility of NHQ was not reimbursed because the required form was not submitted. National Forms are available upon request from Wing Headquarters.

Once the Wing Work Number and the National Maintenance Work Order Number, if necessary, are obtained, the request will be faxed back to the Maintenance Officer to authorize the work. No repairs are to be authorized until these numbers are in hand. Replacement parts obtained from the CAP Depot that require sending a core [if an engine] back to the Depot, should be sent via Federal Express or equivalent and a copy of the shipper's receipt faxed to FLWG HQ for wing to track and receive credit from the Depot.

Note of caution. Any repairs performed that do not follow the above procedure will not be authorized for payment with the responsibility for the repairs falling on the local unit that is assigned the aircraft and/or the individual authorizing the work. Local Maintenance Officers are authorized to have emergency repairs performed up to \$200 without following this procedure.

KOREAN WAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

From Office Of The Assistant Secretary of Defense



The Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration program was just released by the Department of Defense. Wreath laying and opening ceremonies will commence on 25 June, 2000 at Washington D.C. and Seoul, Korea. This will be the first in a series of events thanking and honoring Korean War veterans and their families; especially those who lost loved ones. Over a four year period, more than 35 commemorative events are scheduled to show that a "Grateful Nation Remembers" their service and sacrifice.

In addition to these events, local commemorative groups throughout the nation will recognize veterans and their families by hosting local events and supporting school programs that teach the history of the Korean War.

From 2000 to 2003, events will take place throughout the United States, Republic of Korea and the pacific region, reflecting the U.S. military, its allies and the United Nation's concerted efforts during the Korean War.

From the Editor:

Please note that this issue of FLORIDA FACTS is composed of 36 pages...the most extensive newsletter produced to date. The first issue I produced three years ago had only 20 pages! Florida Wing's thanks for this increase in news reporting is extended to each and every submitter.

However, as a result of the substantial number of stories and photos that I regularly receive, I need to request the following:

- ◆ Any name included in a story as well as the submitter's name must include full name, rank and unit.
- ◆ All photos must have a caption on the back of each photo.

Thanks and keep those stories coming.

FLORIDA CAP FLIES TORNADO DEVASTATION ASSESSMENT IN GEORGIA FOR NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Immediately following the devastating tornadoes that hit the state of Georgia in February, the National Weather Service Office in Tallahassee requested a damage assessment flight from Civil Air Patrol-Florida. Wing Commander, Col. Tony Pineda, authorized the out-of-state mission and approved assignment to the Tallahassee Composite Squadron.

Lt. Dennis Nye was mobilized as Mission Pilot and departed at 10 a.m. with National Weather Service specialists Bob Gorree and Andrew Watson. Lt. Nye flew to southwest of Marianna to a point which the NWS personnel indicated was the location where the weather cell was

first identified as a tornado or potential tornado. Flying on a northeast line over Sneads, Fl., to south of Bainbridge, Ga., and north of Cairo, Ga. took them over the track of one of the storms and the NWS experts wanted to recon any area where the tornado might have

touched down prior to its known damage track.

At the point of the track where the tornado actually touched down, they spotted a large brick home that was totally destroyed. It was later learned that two people, a mother and her child, lost their lives in this home. The NWS personnel started to film the damage and classified it as being caused by a F2 or F3 level storm.



The aircraft's GPS was used to plot the beginning and ending coordinates of the devastation track. The track was 17 nautical miles long and over a half mile wide. After flying several passes along the track, they proceeded to the north to find the storm track that damaged Camilla, Ga.

Just southwest of Camilla, a track was followed northeasterly to Tifton, Ga. Here a trailer park appeared to be totally destroyed. It was learned that a number of deaths occurred. Also visible were a number of destroyed chicken farms.

Lt. Nye was busy flying the aircraft and wasn't

able to observe much damage. He did see a pecan grove where all the trees were uprooted yet a white wood frame house in the center of the grove appeared to be undamaged.

The National Weather Service specialists then requested a fly-over of all the tracks that they previously identified

so that they could take damage assessment videos and confirm the classifications of damage.

Following the return to Tallahassee, Gorree and Watson thanked Lt. Nye for his piloting proficiency and responsiveness to their requests. They also expressed appreciation to the CAP for availing to them the opportunity to rapidly and capably fulfill the National Weather Service's needs to record tornado devastation.

Submitted by Capt. Christie Mathison

MEET WING'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mari Jarrette joins Florida Wing as the Administrative Assistant in wing's south office. Mari came to the United States from Brazil where she graduated from college with a major in Portuguese/English teaching. She also attended secretarial school and worked as a secretary for more than ten years. She's married to Gregory and a six month old girl completes the family.



Principally Mari serves as secretary to the wing commander, handles all incoming/outgoing mail, incoming phone calls, issues checks, issues purchase orders for aircraft repairs and keeps members records and activities records updated. Secondly, she assists the members whenever possible. It is important to note that Mari is not a member of CAP. Therefore, she is not to be queried about CAP regulations or requirements.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS MEDAL TO CAP CADET

The President of the AFA Gold Coast Chapter presented the AFA's Outstanding Cadet Of the Year Medal to C/Sgt. Emily Docter of the Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron.

Cadet Docter, is a senior and a JROTC cadet at North-eastern High School and serves as the Squadron's Cadet Commander.

Major Virginia Montalvo

SUN 'N' FUN ANNUAL FLY-IN EVENT IS A MISSION FOR CAP

Sun 'n' Fun is an annual fly-in that attracts the pilot community from nearly every state in the nation to Lakeland for ten event-filled days. The event kicks off on 7 April and runs until 16 April.

USAF/ CAP treat this event as a precautionary stand-by mission. CAP personnel man a check point on the flight-line and log all tail numbers of aircraft that land at the Lakeland Airport. If the FAA calls in an overdue aircraft on a filed flight plan, the log sheets are quickly scanned and landing is either confirmed or reported to be negative. This log control saves the time usually required for ramp checks and provides the FAA with faster responses so that they can close their flight following.

CAP maintains open communication with AFRCC [Air Force Rescue Coordination Center] at Langley AFB, Va. and are on Search and Rescue stand-by alert to hunt for ELT's [Electronic Locator Transmitter] that are transmitting an alarm signal. These ELT alerts could be caused by a hard landing, or a bumped switch, or a downed aircraft.

2Lt. Scott Pralwater

DOCTOR'S HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTES TO CAP OUTREACH PROGRAM

Col. Antonio Pineda, wing commander, along with members from the West Broward Composite Squadron were present at Doctor's Hospital in Coral Gables to accept a donation for the new Civil Air Patrol Outreach Program. This new program is designed to reach 'at-risk' kids, involving them in Civil Air Patrol during an after school type program.

Col. Pineda accepted a donation of \$4000.00 from members of Physical Therapy and Fitness Management of Miami, Inc. Dr. Luis R. Pagan, CAP Lt. Col. Dr. Gerald G. Glass, Lincoln S. Mendez, Dr. Keith S. and Llien M. Hechtman, John W. Uribe and Dr. Paul Zimmerman. Col. Pineda applauded and thanked the contributors.

2Lt. Diane Reid, PAO

TWO TRUE STORIES - TWO OF THE GREATEST EVER TOLD

Submitted by Lt. Col. James Spieth

STORY NO. ONE

World War II produced many heroes. One was Butch O'Hare, a fighter pilot assigned to a carrier in the South Pacific.

The squadron was sent on a mission, and as he reached cruising altitude, a glance at his fuel gauge showed that no one topped off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier.

Reluctantly he dropped out of formation. As he was returning to his ship, he saw a squadron of Japanese Zeros speeding toward the American fleet. With the American fighters gone, the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor, could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger.

There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. With no regard for his own safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. His guns blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was gone.

But still he continued the assault. He dove at Zeros, trying to at least clip off a wing or tail, in hopes of damaging as many planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. He was desperate to do anything he could to keep them from reaching the American ships. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the events surrounding his return. The film from his wing-mounted camera told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He was recognized as a hero and given one of the highest military honors.

And today — O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great naval hero.

STORY NO. TWO

Some years earlier there was a man in Chicago called Easy Eddie. At that time, Al Capone virtually owned the city. Easy Eddie was Capone's lawyer and for an important reason. He was very good! In fact, his skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money lavish, Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family lived in a mansion with live-in help and all the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire city block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocities that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything - clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach his son right from wrong. Eddie tried to have his son rise above his sordid life and be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things that Eddie couldn't give his son. Two things that Eddie sacrificed to the Capone mob that he could not pass on to his beloved son - a good name and a good paternal example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Offering his son a good name was far more important than all the riches he could lavish on him. He had to rectify all the wrong that he had done. He would go to the authorities and tell the truth about "Scar-Face" Al Capone. He would testify against the Mob. Although he knew the cost would be great, he was willing to make a major sacrifice to be a good example to his son. So he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. He had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer at the greatest price he would ever pay.

So, the question is, what do these two stories have to do with one another? *Well, you see, Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.*

SENIOR PROGRAMS ADVISORY

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

This advisory is to inform everyone that CAPNHQ/ETS is concerned about the quality of training being provided in Senior Program classes.

The following guidelines are provided for information and compliance:

1. The selected instructors will have;
 - a] Completed Level One training
 - b] Knowledge by experience and training in subject area taught.
 - c] A staff duty assignment (desirable)
2. Instructors are to adhere to the course syllabus outline and information required in the student workbooks. Photocopies of the assigned sections should be provided to them by the appointed Course Director in advance for planning and preparations purposes. Advance copies of SLS/CLC Course Directors Guides are also available from CAPNHQ/ETS on the Internet at www.capnhq.gov or through FLWG HQ/ETS at MacDill AFB upon request.
4. Instructors are to be selected based on experience and training capabilities. Graduates of SLS/CLC classes are desirable. Non-graduate selected instructors, if necessary, can qualify as a graduate by also attending the same course they instruct in as a student.
5. Senior cadets may attend applicable courses on a space available basis only, may audit the courses, do not receive credit and are not to be recorded on the CAP Senior Program Directors Report, CAPF-11. When they become senior members they must repeat the courses to receive official credit. Cadets are not to be used as Senior Program instructors.
6. Senior Program Course Directors and assistants authorized by the Course Directors Guides do however receive credit for performing in that duty assignment when submitting an Application For Senior Awards, CAPF-24 for the Paul E. Garber - Level IV and Gill Robb Wilson - Level V awards IAW CAPR 50-17.
7. The courses mentioned need to be taken in the following sequence:
 - a] Squadron Leadership School [SLS] for basic understanding of CAP functions.

b] Corporate Learning Course [CLC] for advanced understanding of Wing functions.

8. All members, especially those involved in training, need to keep up with current CAPM, CAPR, Curriculum, Guidelines, Policy and Procedures. Members need knowledge about their duty assignment, progression and promotion opportunities. They need to be encouraged to take required training courses and be recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments through awards and promotion.

CAP LOCATES THIEVES

This is one of the more unusual missions CAP usually performs.

Some employees of the Boeing Aircraft Corp. decided to steal a life raft from one of the company's 747's. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and taking it to an employee's home.

When they took it for a float on the river, they were astounded to notice a CAP aircraft coming towards them and circling overhead. It turned out that the CAP Cessna 172 was homing in on an Emergency Locator Transmitter that was activated when the raft was inflated. A radio report to the authorities resulted in the ELT being silenced.

Needless to say, the rafters are no longer in the employ of Boeing Aircraft Corp.

MACDILL AIRFEST 2000

The annual air show and open house at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa was held on 1 and 2 April. The Thunderbirds, A-10 and F-15 demonstration teams, Red Barons, and USSOCOM jump team performed on each day.

CAP was in visible display, to the hordes of people who attended, with CAP Cessna's on the tarmac, CAP members in uniform serving as escorts for the Thunderbird team, guarding aircraft on display, and informing the public about the CAP from the static display booth that was strategically located. Presentation of the colors on Saturday and retrieval of the colors on Sunday was performed by a CAP Cadet Color Guard.

FLORIDA WING YEAR 2000 CONFERENCE

JUNE 3 - 4

MARRIOTT INDIAN RIVER PLANTATION RESORT STUART, FLORIDA

Whether you are a CAP member who enjoys attending the CAP conference every year or one who hasn't been for a while, you will not want to miss **Y2K T2 [Year 2000 Training and Teaching]**. Florida Wing's fabulous Year 2000 Conference will be set on an island amid 200 acres of rolling fairways, tropical landscaping and Atlantic Ocean beach in the luxurious Marriott Indian River Plantation Resort complex.

A time to learn...

A time to renew CAP friendships...

A time to relax...

A time to share with your family...

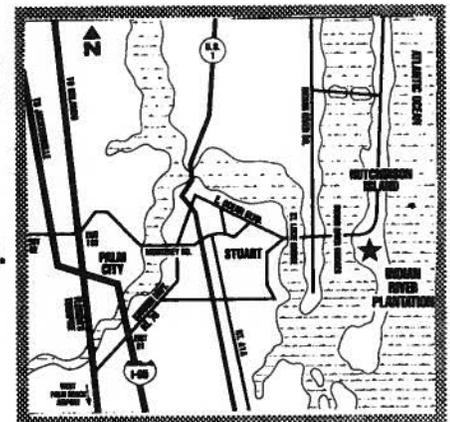
This will be the best Wing Conference of the century with interesting, informative sessions and speakers, value-priced accommodations, expansive meeting facilities, delicious catering, outdoor sports, and beautiful golf, river and ocean vistas.

LOCATION - Located on the Intracoastal (Indian River) and 10 miles east of I-95, midway between Orlando and Miami, the Marriott Resort should be a convenient location for all members. Stuart's Witham Field is only 4 miles from the hotel.

DIRECTIONS:

From Florida Turnpike - Take exit 133 toward Stuart, proceeding east on Martin Downs Boulevard until it becomes Monterey Rd. Cross over US-1 and turn right on East Ocean Boulevard. Drive over St. Lucie River and Indian River bridges and enter Indian River Plantation on the right after the bridges.

From I-95 - Take exit 61 and proceed east on Route 76 for four miles. Turn right onto Monterey Rd. Cross over US-1 and turn right on East Ocean Boulevard. Drive over St. Lucie and Indian River bridges and enter Indian River Plantation on the right after the bridges.



PROGRAM - Enjoy busy conference days and fun-filled evenings with friends. Fill your agenda with informative sessions covering a wide variety of topics for seniors and cadets beginning Saturday morning with the General Meeting, followed by 15 different seminars in 75-minute concurrent sessions, two half-day workshops, and the Cadet Academic Bowl. On Sunday morning the closing session will feature presentation of awards.

BANQUET - Join National Commander, Brig. Gen. James Bobick; National Vice-Commander, Col. Richard Bowling; Southeast Region Commander, Col. Joseph Meighan, Jr.; and Florida Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda as well as all your CAP colleagues, for the formal banquet in the Marriott Plantation Hall Saturday evening. (guests welcome).

For HOTEL RESERVATIONS - Call 1-561-225-3700 or 1-800-775-5936

- Main Building/Conference Center - **Luxury Room - \$ 69/night**
 - Junior Suite - 109/night
- Sandpiper (Ocean Frontage) - **Suites only - 109/night**
 - (Garden View) - Suites only - 99/night

Rates effective until 12 May only-based on availability. Make your reservations early!

For CONFERENCE/BANQUET RESERVATIONS

- Early Reservation until 1 May - Conference/ \$25 Banquet/ \$45 Both/ \$60
- 1 May to 1 June - Conference/ \$35 Banquet/ \$55 Both/ \$80
- At the door [if available] - Conference \$45 Banquet/ \$65 Both/ \$100

Send in your reservations early and save!

Banquet Menu/ Saturday Evening - Plantation Salad, Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable of the Day, Fresh Baked Rolls/Butter, Key Lime Pie, Beverages-coffee, tea, milk

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