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Legislators Budget \$100,000 for Florida Wing

SAR & Cadet Programs Benefit

The \$100,000 budgeted by the Florida Legislature for support of the Civil Air Patrol Program will be put to good use for upgrading of emergency services equipment and expanded opportunities for cadet training. Some of the equipment purchases planned include noise canceling microphones, VHF linear amplifiers, aircraft directional finders, VHF-FM transceivers, and VHF directional finders. Ten thousand dollars has been set aside for cadet flight training, and eight thousand will go to support cadet summer training encampments. Other monies will be used to maintain aircraft and communications equipment. The State's financial help for the fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81 will make it possible for Florida Wing to continue to maintain the high quality of its volunteer services to the citizens of the state of Florida.

Governor Graham Joins CAP

Governor Robert Graham became a member of Florida Wing at ceremonies held at the State Capitol during May. Deputy Wing Commander LTC Robert Pinney administered the oath. Also in attendance were LTC Herman Slapo, LTC Ted Cohen, and LTC F.E. Ockert all of the Florida Wing staff. Governor Graham also declared May 14 to be "Civil Air Patrol Day" in Florida.



Volunteers Commended for Public Service to Floridians

By unanimous vote, the State Legislators passed House Resolution #1650, commending the Florida Wing of Civil Air Patrol for public service to the citizens of the State of Florida. The resolution was introduced by the Honorable Gene Hodges with the support of the Honorable Ralph H. Haben, Jr. It read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer service which is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force and serves the State of Florida in capacities of emergency services, aerospace education, and a cadet training program for boys and girls, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol works with the Florida Division of Disaster Preparedness, the United States Coast Guard and local law enforcement agencies in responding to reports of missing or downed aircraft in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, mission-qualified pilots, observers, and ground crews are ready to respond to an alert at any time of the day or night, and

WHEREAS, these unpaid Civil Air Patrol volunteers maintain their proficiency with an ongoing program of training seminars and practice missions on both a local and state-wide basis, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Wing of Civil Air Patrol has been credited with outstanding accomplishments, and is to be commended for its 1978 record:

- (1) Responded to calls for 34 missions;
- (2) Served on 770 sorties;
- (3) Flew 1,364 hours;
- (4) Saved 6 lives; and
- (5) Found 17 lost aircraft, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives hereby recognizes and commends the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for its distinguished and vital service to the citizens of the State of Florida.

Continuing a Tradition of Service

In the first 20 weeks of 1979 Florida Wing participated in 20 missions. In the period of 11 March-14 May alone 203 sorties were flown. Air crews were not the only ones active. Ground teams were called out to work with local authorities to evacuate over 600 flood victims. CAP pilots also participated with the Red Cross to deliver much needed blood donations to local hospitals. Florida has shown its support for the CAP program with the passage of the budget allocation and Florida CAPers will continue to show their gratitude for that support by being on the job wherever they are needed.

COMMANDER'S

COLUMN



Wing Implements "Sector" Management Concept

Effective 1 July, 1979, Florida Wing implemented the Sector concept of Civil Air Patrol Management. Four Sector Commanders have been appointed to supervise the Group Headquarters and SAR Forces in their respective geographic areas. They are: Major George Jackman, Commander, Sector A, which includes Groups 5,9,10,14, and 15; LTC Joseph Lill, Commander, Sector B, which includes Groups 3,4,8,11, and 17; Major Howard Cumler, Commander, Sector C, which includes Groups 2,6,7,12,13, and 16; and Major John Hobbs, Commander, Sector D, which encompasses Group 1 and all of the Florida Panhandle.

In addition, announcement is made of the chartering of four new group headquarters and appointment of commanders. They are:

HQ Group 14 - Major Roque Goita - Central Dade County

HQ Group 15 - 1 Lt. W. Martin Bishop - North Dade County

HQ Group 16 - Major Charles Myers - Lakeland

HQ Group 17 - LTC Lawrence Mello - South Pinellas County

Other Group Commander Appointments are:

HQ Group 4 - Major Warren Wilson - North Pinellas County, etc.

HQ Group 10 - CPT Rodney Harpe - South Dade County and Monroe County

The appointment of Sector Commanders within Florida Wing is for several reasons. First, this will achieve a more efficient span of control. Instead of seventeen Group Commanders reporting directly to the Wing Commander, there will be only four Sector Commanders reporting to the Wing Commander, and in turn a maximum of six Group Commanders reporting to each Sector Commander. Second, placing overall search and rescue responsibility under the control of the Sector Commanders will make our SAR effort more responsive as the SAR organization will be part of the normal "Chain of Command", seven days a week, 24 hours a day. No longer will a task force be formed when a SAR Mission is called, only to disappear once again when the SAR Mission is concluded. Third, we are implementing a new program, which could conceivably determine the very survival of cadets in Civil Air Patrol. The Sector Commanders are extremely knowledgeable on this subject and will be carrying the message to our "Grass Roots" underlining the need to support this program. Finally, just the large increase in both membership and numbers of squadrons dictates that the Sector concept be adopted.

Sector is not an administrative headquarters. All CAP Paperwork will continue to flow from squadron, to group, to Florida Wing Headquarters, etc. No administrative paperwork (Form 2, 2A, 15, 27, 37, etc.) will be mailed to Sector Commanders.

You, as members of Florida Wing are called upon to actively support this change to Sectors, and to assist in continuing the progress for Civil Air Patrol, which we have all been accomplishing.

RICHARD L. LEALI, SR., Colonel, CAP
Commander, Florida Wing

LETTERS

Lt. Col. Bob Croft, CAP
Task Force #1

Dear Col. Croft:

On 15 April 1979, the unexpected once again occurred and although we, in public service, attempt to be prepared for these occurrences, we find that we cannot properly cope without the services of units such as yours.

On this Easter Sunday, when most people would rather be with their families and friends, members of your squadron found themselves in the middle of a mosquito-ridden swamp assisting us with the recovery of three victims from a plane crash.

Your personnel were found to act in a very professional manner and I personally feel that the citizens of Palm Beach County are well served by a unit such as yours.

If in the future we can be of any assistance to you on matters of mutual interest, please do not hesitate to contact this office or me personally.

Sincerely,

Captain T.L. Bondick, Commander
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department
Delray Sub-Station

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: HQ Florida Wing CAP/CC
Major Howard R. Cumler CAP
IN TURN

It is unfortunate, but always true, that the guy on the top passes out all the praise to his troops but often receives little in return. I feel this was certainly the case at the recently held MacDill AFB encampment dining-out when Major Howard Cumler, the man I had nearly blackmailed into taking the encampment, passed out awards for the attendees. Yet there was no award for him. That was unfortunate, but the standard. I can truly say that Howard can take as much of the credit for what was named the finest encampment ever, as can anyone. He was tireless, as was his entire staff during a grueling but exciting schedule. He attempted the nearly impossible with a group that averaged 13.7 years of age and over 85% first timers. He led his staff, which was almost all his own group 3 staff, by example, and did the same with cadets gathered from around the state. They were tireless because he was tireless. They were dedicated because he was dedicated. They were successful because he would accept nothing less. I know of no one in Florida Wing that is more dedicated to the youth of today than Howard Cumler. And I know of no staff more loyal than his. It was a pleasure working with him as I know it will be in the future. On a plaque presented to me that night it said "You made it a success". I must amend that statement. "We made it a success". It was a super show, one that 103 cadets will never forget.

ROBERT J. HAWLEY, Capt, USAF
Civil Air Patrol Liaison Officer
MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

Notes from the Liaison Office

NEW LIAISON NCO. MSgt Hugh F. Ulrich retired from the Air Force on 31 May 79, leaving behind some enormous "boots" to be filled. TSgt Larry A. McGlashan, the new Florida Wing LNCO, arrived for duty at Wing Hq on 8 May 79 and wasted no time in accepting that challenge. While Hugh's steady hand and superb performance will be sorely missed by all of us, Larry has already demonstrated that he is more than capable of taking up the slack and producing the quantity and quality of work required to help keep Florida the best Wing in the nation.

SUPPLY. The Florida Wing is off freeze again. Presently, only two people in the entire state are allowed to screen for the Wing: TSgt McGlashan and I. We need your help to make our trips to the DPDO salvage yards as productive as possible. Make sure your Wing Logistics Officer has a complete list of what your unit needs, why you need it, and who will maintain custody of the items after they are received. Once we have this information, we'll do our best to fill your orders. Be advised that TSgt McGlashan and I cannot take any action until you have requested the items in writing through your Wing Logistics Officer.

RECRUITING. Do you know any young people who are not members of CAP but are considering enlisting in the USAF at some time in the future? If so, do them a favor. Advise them that by joining the CAP first they might earn two grade promotions before they enlist in the USAF. Former CAP members who have earned the Mitchell Award begin their USAF tour as an E-3 instead of E-1. This will give them an advantage over their peers in pay, schools, and leadership opportunities that will carry throughout their careers. It's certainly something worth looking into.

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTING. Recently a CAP unit suffered an aircraft crash in which two members were killed. Reporting up the chain of command was slow. As a result, a General Officer at Major Command level learned of the accident before HQ CAP-USAF was fully informed of the circumstances. This caused some embarrassment and tension that could easily have been avoided. The moral of this story is that if you know of an accident or incident involving CAP people, report it to Wing Hq or to the Liaison Officer. Immediate reporting is vital if we are to stop rumors before they start and get the necessary notification, investigation and claims action underway as soon as possible.

JOHN G. HANKS, Lt Colonel, USAF
Florida Wing Liaison Officer



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Senior Member Promotion List

08001	Holdren, Lillian E.	LTC
08001	Dalerta, Mario	CPT
08013	Miller, Rebecca J.	2LT
08013	Higgins, Robert L.	1LT
08013	Slemmer, William R. Jr.	1LT
08019	Townsend, Thomas R. Sr.	2LT
08029	Carroll, Earl E.	2LT
08029	Powell, John F. Jr.	2LT
08032	Hawley, Robert J.	MAJ
08044	Fuger, W. Thomas	2LT

08049	Rountree, Jean L.	1LT
08044	Hill, Richard C.	CPT
08066	Petersen, Harold C. Jr.	1LT
08067	Childs, Audrey L.	2LT
08084	Aubrey, John F.	2LT
08089	Uresti, David L.	CPT
08090	Gilpin, Kent L.	2LT
08103	Nulf, James A. Sr.	CPT
08122	Foehrenbach, H.R.	CPT
08123	Howe, Richard D.	2LT
08128	Woods, James L.	1LT
08142	Brisbin, Gerald D.	2LT
08159	Artemik, Millard J.	2LT
08160	Taylor, Rick L.	CPT
08165	Collins, Richard M.	2LT
08166	Beach, Dana P.	MAJ
08166	Williams, Freeman J.	LTC
08182	Wilmot, Julia M.	CPT
08210	Joy, Joseph H.	2LT
08210	Hood, Terrance R.	2LT
08227	Hill, William G.	1LT
08249	Epperson, William R.	1LT
08272	Denman, Joan K.	1LT
08272	Nicholson, John H. Jr.	1LT
08272	Hensley, Arthur L.	1LT
08274	Padfield, William R.	2LT
08288	Kosinski, Edward C.	2LT
08288	Kosinski, Kloe J.	2LT
08288	Kilpatrick, William M.	2LT
08288	Collins, Irene L.	2LT
08293	Fifer, Duane V.	LTC
08293	Rogers, Richard C.	1LT
08293	Thompson, Martha J.	2LT
08303	MacDonald, John H.	CPT
08307	Lutz, Kenneth E.	CPT
08308	Kelly, Darold G.	1LT
08323	Burford, Gerald	2LT
08323	Castillo, Jose L.	CPT
08323	Stowe, Paul H.	CPT
08326	Comer, James E.	2LT
08326	Comer, Dixie L.	2LT
08326	Love, Ann P.	CPT
08412	Gillette, R. Leigh	2LT
08412	Allen, Elliott T.	1LT
08423	Harker, Keith A.	2LT
08423	Manuel, Norris M.	2LT
08423	Kirk, Malcolm M.	1LT
08423	Woodcock, Thomas J.	CPT
08423	Smith, Ronald E.	CPT
08425	Milner, Mary D.	LTC

Squadron Profile



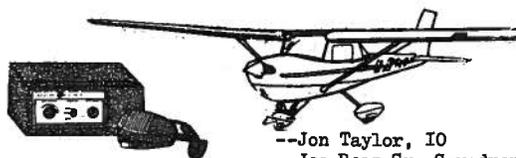
Joe Ross Senior Squadron Fernandina Beach

Squadron commander is LCol. Peter Wright, an experienced pilot who has logged more than 1800 hours in his 33 years of flying. Wright is Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at FJC north campus in Jacksonville. He is also the founder of ACCESS, Inc. a consulting firm concerned with providing educational opportunities to those who are unable to attend class in a conventional classroom environment. His philosophy is "taking education wherever it is wanted and needed."

The squadron is named for the late Joseph A. Ross, a legendary flying ace who came from Fernandina Beach. Among other military awards earned by Ross during a distinguished military career were three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 12 Air Medals, a Presidential Citation, three Korean Service Medals, and three Good Conduct Medals. He also served Civil Air Patrol as the operations officer for the Amelia Island Composite Squadron until his death in 1975.

Squadron personnel participate in SAR missions in their area and also maintain flying proficiency while providing "Sundown Patrol" service to local boaters. The patrols begin at the Fernandina jetties, cover the Intracoastal Waterway to Nassau Sound, St. George's Inlet, and the beaches of Talbot and Amelia Islands. Emergency situations are reported to the CAP radio operator on duty who in turn contacts the Coast Guard or Marine Patrol. Local support for this service has been good and articles explaining the service to boaters have run frequently in the local paper.

Fifteen of the 24 members are pilots and seven are licensed amateur radio operators who have put together an impressive array of equipment including teletype, voice and the new TTY for the deaf. They are in the process of getting a surplus trailer so a permanent communications base can be set up at the Fernandina Airport. The Joe Ross Senior Squadron in Fernandina Beach is a unit made up of people who enjoy flying and ham radio and have put their talents to work for the Civil Air Patrol.



--Jon Taylor, IO
Joe Ross Sr. Squadron

**SAFETY --
IT'S NO ACCIDENT!**

National Flag Code

- Display the Flag from sunrise to sunset.
- When hanging a Flag without a pole, keep the blue field uppermost, to the observer's left.
- In church, the Flag should be at the congregation's right. Fly no flag above it.
- Raise it briskly, lower it slowly. Never let it touch the ground when lowering or raising.
- Do not expose it to bad weather.
- Never cover a speaker's desk with it, but hang it behind him.
- On Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, half-mast the Flag until noon.
- On a casket, the blue union should be over the left shoulder of the honored dead; it must not be lowered into the grave.
- Never drape the Flag across any vehicle or display it on a float except flying free on a staff.
- Do not embroider the flag on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs, print or paint on boxes or use as a costume or athletic uniform.
- Never use it in advertising.
- When it is worn or faded, don't throw it away, burn it.

WHEN TO DISPLAY:

FLAG DAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY	INAUGURATION DAY
LABOR DAY	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
CONSTITUTION DAY	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
COLUMBUS DAY	ARMED FORCES DAY
VETERANS' DAY	EASTER SUNDAY
THANKSGIVING DAY	MOTHER'S DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY	MEMORIAL DAY

The Pledge to the Flag

As revised by Act of Congress, June, 1954

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



CHAPLAIN'S CHIPS

I Pledge Allegiance

Two hundred years of independence,
Two full centuries come and gone,
Since the famous bell of liberty was rung;
Two hundred years promoting freedom
To the people of our land
By our laws, and by the songs that we have sung.

We have had our days of gratitude
When praise was freely heard.
With the patriotic spirit running high;
Men would rally to the colors
And there'd surely be a crowd
Where ever we would see "Old Glory" fly.

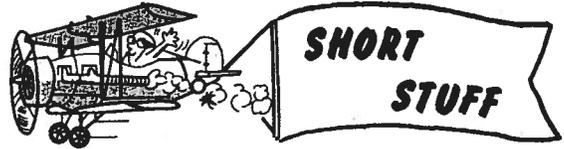
"God Bless America" we would hear,
And "Star Spangled Banner" too,
And feel no shame for tears upon our face.
We recognized our problems
But every man was proud
To be American, no matter what his race.

There have been some drastic changes
Taking place in recent years,
We're blamed and ridiculed at every turn;
Now men stone our dignitaries,
They bomb our Embassies,
And cheer while watching our "Old Glory" burn.

There is a lesson for us here,
And may we learn it well,
The God who helped us win our liberty
Would bless us as a people
If we'd turn to Him again
And thank Him for the grace that makes us free.

Then the problems of the present day
Could be the very thing
That would bring us to our knees in humble tears,
And the words "In God We Trust"
Could have real meaning once again
And "Old Glory" fly another hundred years.

--This poem was sent by Chaplain Ockert to President Ford on the occasion of the bi-centennial, July 1976



Pinellas Senior Squadron recently had a fly-in to Cedar Key. Twenty-four members and friends arrived in seven aircraft to socialize and enjoy a delicious dinner at one of the fine seafood restaurants in this Gulf Coast village. (2Lt Mary Fletcher, Pinellas IO)

Correction to March 79 issue of Gator Capers: Photo of cadets receiving Daedalian Award was captioned incorrectly. It should have read C/Capt Jeff Boyle and C/WO Tom Strom. Our apologies for the mix-up.

Colonel Joseph Ziegler has written to say that he was sorry to have missed the "Gathering of Eagles" dinner reported on in a recent issue. He wonders if any of the "Eagles" remembers Walter Meyers who had an airfield on Peterson Road and Lincoln Avenue. He remembers that he carried gas and held wings to help take off, then started to fly. The planes were J-3s and the latest was a Curtis Robin. Col. Ziegler was the first pilot to fly into Sky Harbor in Chicago. He soloed in 1930--OX5. They had one Stearman and one Travelair. He hopes he will be able to join the hangar flying at the next get-together.

Cadets from N. Miami Composite Squadron toured the Opa-Locka Airport Tower, and were briefed on Air Traffic Control operations by team supervisor Ray Fitzpatrick. (WO Seth Epstein, N. Miami IO)

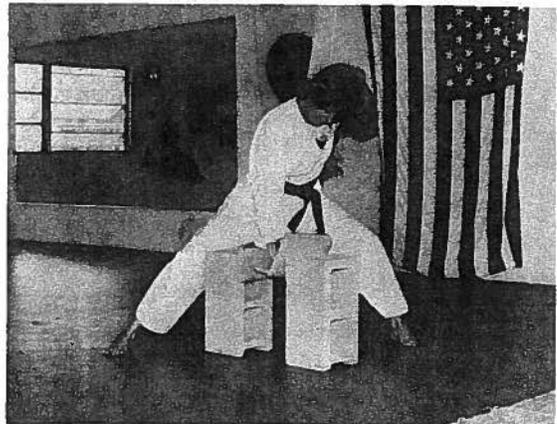
Lakeland Senior Squadron reports in their newsletter that they have reached 51% of their recruiting goal and as of May have a total membership of 77 making them the largest squadron in the state.

Lakeland Cadet Squadron's newsletter reports that C/LTC Gordon Sweezy earned his solo badge on April 24, completing the Solo Scholarship awarded by Florida Wing.

Laurie Yonge Composite Squadron reports that they recruited six new members in an eight day period, one of whom is an ordained minister and will act as the unit chaplain. (Group 2 "Group Scoop")

Gadets and seniors of the Seminole Cadet Squadron toured the Piper Aircraft Plant in Lakeland, and had the opportunity to see first-hand how the planes are assembled. They were told that Piper plans to extend its facilities there to include avionics, engines and instrumentation. (Lt. Elaine Pavone, Seminole IO)

Below, Major Angela Artemik, Wing Director of Cadet Programs and holder of a 1st Kyu brown belt in Karate, demonstrates "tameshirwara" also known as breaking a two inch board with one's fist. We understand that Florida Wing has very few cadet discipline problems....



Tower Tour



USAF T/Sgt Walter Woolsey demonstrates control tower operations to Patrick Cadet Squadron members James Hobin, Kris Militan, and Tom Strom. Twenty cadets and senior members toured the Patrick AFB tower. (Photo by Capt. Chet Brogan, Patrick IO)

Emergency Airlift

Major Harry Criss, Group Six Commander, recently made an emergency flight from the Suwannee County Airport to Daytona Beach in order that blood components could be made to assist two elderly persons who suffered aneurisms and needed this clotting factor in order to survive.

Originally, an aircraft from the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron was scheduled to make a routine flight. However, it was reported by the National Weather Service at Daytona Beach that a line of severe thunderstorms and heavy rain covered the northern portion of the Florida peninsula and it was not possible for this plane to get through.

Major Criss, a veteran pilot with an instrument rating volunteered to fly his personal aircraft on this humanitarian mission. Since the blood must be processed within four hours of being drawn he was on a tight schedule. The blood was drawn by Red Cross Blood Center personnel in the town of Mayo, northwest of Gainesville and transported to the Suwannee County Airport where Major Criss was waiting. He took off immediately to return to Daytona Beach arriving well within the required time limit.

This is the second emergency flight for this purpose made by Florida Wing CAP members within two months.

--1Lt. Thomas H. King
Wing Red Cross Coordinator

Support is Appreciated



1Lt John O'Connor and 1Lt Doris Miller present a CAP plaque of appreciation to Paul Flynn, publisher Fort Myers News-Press for his assistance to Lee County Composite Squadron. (News-Press Photo)

Toddler Saved from Drowning

Thirteen year old Cadet Steve Braidwood was instrumental in saving the life of two year old Traci Clonch when she nearly drowned in a murky canal behind her home in North Lauderdale.

Steve was fishing near Traci and her two sisters when he heard her scream as she lost her footing. He rushed across the street and jumped in fully clothed and pulled the unconscious child from the six foot deep water.

When the child's mother asked at the police station to find out who had saved her baby so she could thank him, Steve replied that he wasn't looking for any thanks. "Anybody would have done it," he said.

Steve is a member of Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron and a real credit to the Civil Air Patrol.

--Group Nine Newsletter
1Lt Ann Archer, Editor

Radiological Monitoring



Hillsboro I Senior Squadron members Waldo, Keen, and Hasty are shown some radiological monitoring instruments by CD instructor John Hutchinson. They and other members of the squadron attended a four hour course offered by the Hillsborough County Civil Defense Unit. In addition to a safety film, the course covered fallout effects and exposure guidance, protective measures and blackboard work to figure out exposure and exposure rate calculations. Radiological monitoring procedures were included with "hands-on" training exercises using the instruments. They were also given a description of the local monitoring system and local reporting procedures.

--Hillsboro I Senior Squadron IO

Flight Training for Cadets

May was a very busy month for University Squadron cadets and seniors for flying. In early May, Squadron pilots flew ten cadets on their first orientation flight and completed thirty flights in all. Squadron cadet pilots provided the preflight briefings and orientation as to what each cadet would be doing on his particular flight. They also handled CAP communications and flight line operations.

Cadet LTC Doug Moyer soloed on his flight scholarship under the watchful eye of his instructor, SM Wayne Roshaven. Cadet Airman Ismael Delgado and Cadet Basic Manuel Mejido are both taking glider lessons and hope to be soloing by mid-July. Cadet Delgado hopes to be the youngest pilot in the squadron at age 15.

After flying for four hours on Mission 4-611, SM Roshaven requalified for his Mission Pilot rating. He had flown CAP SAR missions in upstate Michigan a few years ago.

--University Cadet Squadron IO

Group 7 Hosts Encampments

Group 7 hosted a Florida Wing Type A encampment at the Orlando Naval Training Center. Eighty-five cadets from all over the Wing participated in the seven day long activity. M/Sgt Don Walker of the McCoy Squadron received the trophy for best "second-timer" at the encampment.

Group Seven's Cadet Advisory Council held a SAR bivouac at Orlando-North Airport. Cadets attending received training in communications, ground team operations, flight line operations, legal aspects of emergency services, and navigation. They also participated in orientation flights. The bivouac counted for half the required hours for a Type B Encampment.

--Group 7 IO

Group 3 Cadets Enter Air Force; Marine Corps

Group Three provided the US Armed Forces with four new members within the last six months.

Entering the Air Force were C/Cpt George Chambers from Tampa Cadet Squadron who selected Security as his career specialty; C/LTC Gordon B. Sweezy, Lakeland Cadet Squadron, who selected Intelligence and entered basic training at Lackland AFB; and C/LTC Steve Sargent of Tampa Cadet Squadron whose career specialty will be Materials Management and who reported to Jacksonville at the end of June.

Cadet Steve Kenney, MacDill Cadet Squadron, is now in basic training in the US Marine Corps.

Group Three is proud of these young Americans and hope their training in CAP will help them throughout their service careers.

--Group Three IO

New Program Has Begun

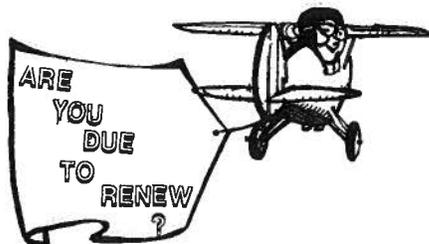
Effective July 1, 1979 certain changes became effective within the Cadet Program which should materially increase our ability to recruit new cadets into Civil Air Patrol and also simplify the administration of the Cadet Achievement Contract procedure. They are:

-- All new cadets joining on or after July 1, 1979 will be required to wear the CAP jumpsuit. They will not be authorized to wear the CAP-USAF uniform until completion of four achievements and one year of service. Military grooming standards will not be required of these cadets.

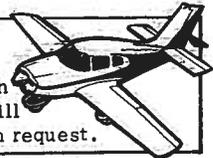
-- Squadron Commanders will be authorized to administer the entire cadet achievement contract program within the squadron. There will be no requirement to mail any thing to National Headquarters until application for the General Billy Mitchell Award.

Details of these changes were mailed to all members during the month of June. The support and cooperation of all members of Florida Wing is requested in implementing this new program.

--Colonel Richard L. Leali, Sr.
Commander, Florida Wing



CAP pilots and operations officers may now attend instrument flight training classes at military bases in their area. Wing Liaison Officer will make all necessary arrangements on request.



Two Ocala Cadets Earn Scout Awards

Donald C. Bliss, Cadet Commander of Ocala Squadron has been honored by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the Eagle Award from his great-uncle, Earl Marx, who was the second scout in the nation to receive the Eagle Award in 1912. Donald is a junior at Forest High School, a Key Club member, and serves as a Youth Council Member of his church.

Another Ocala Squadron cadet, C/TSgt Todd Tucker earned the Star Scout Award. Tucker is the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 112, Ocala.

--Ocala Squadron IO

Squadrons Complete Red Cross Courses

Five members of the Sarasota Composite Squadron have completed a new Comprehensive Emergency Care Course provided by the local chapter of the American Red Cross. They are Captain Henry Prine, SM Jackye Prine, Major Dorothy McCoy and Major William McCoy. The sixty hour course, taught by Captain Dennis McCoy, included Advanced First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and Vital Signs Modules I and II (temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure) and took nearly three months to complete.

Hillsboro I Senior Squadron members attended a Standard First Aid Course offered by the American Red Cross. Lt. Helen Keen, LPN, was the instructor for the course which included instruction in types of wounds, injuries, respiratory emergencies, burns, and emergency rescue. Certificates of Proficiency were issued to members Waldo, Geders, Kane, Schumacher, Cummins, and Beard.

--Major Dorothy McCoy, Sarasota Composite Squadron IO
--Hillsboro I Senior Squadron IO

Wing Policy Statement

The following is a summary of Florida Wing Policy on Cadet Shoulder Cords. For further reference see Cadet Policy Bulletin 50-16, FL-4.

Authorized cords of military specification-infantry type will be worn on the left shoulder for the period for which they are awarded, usually one year. They are not to be worn outside Florida Wing.

The Florida Wing Cadet of the Year is authorized to wear a green shoulder cord during the year following her or his selection.

Group or Squadron Outstanding Cadets may be awarded a green and white shoulder cord.

Group Cadet Advisory Council Chairpersons are authorized to wear a red shoulder cord.

The Florida Wing Drill Team may wear a navy blue shoulder cord. All sixteen members may wear this cord in 1550's as well as the fatigue uniform. It is not to be worn outside of the Florida Wing.

Amelia Earhart Award



Cadet Jeffrey Boyle and Cadet John Armstrong of Patrick Cadet Squadron receive their Earhart Awards from LTC Ross Sedita and Squadron Commander Captain Bill Rice. LTC Sedita is a member of the Southeast Region Staff. (Photo from Capt. Chet Brogan, Patrick Cadet Sq. IO)

Fly-In Breakfast



Hillsboro I Sr. Sq. members Waldo, Schumacher, and Portlock were part of the contingent that braved some turbulent skies to join Lakeland Squadron for a Fly-In Breakfast. Thirty-five hungry CAPers and their friends attended. (Photo from Hillsboro IO)

Hospitality Award



LTC Elizabeth Sedita received a hospitality award from Major Glenn Drinkwater, commander of the Cadet Squadron of the Royal Canadians. This was the fourth annual visit of the Canadian group to Florida. In the back row are LTC C. Denman, Cdt. J. Boyle, C/Lt. P. Cotter, and Canadian Cadet Stuepfle. (From Capt. Chet Brogan, IO)

Proclamation



LTC Charles Smith, LTC C. Joyeusaz, and C/Sgt R. Dorough were present when Mr. Henry Stout, aide to Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold presented a CAP Day proclamation to Capt. Edward McLuckie, Group II commander. CAP Day activities included a Flight Clinic and open house with displays by local squadrons. (From P. Dorough, JAX IO)

New Squadron Planned



Pictured above is part of the turnout at recent efforts to form a new cadet squadron in Cape Coral. Members of Group 8 assisted Major Walter Horn, Deputy Commander for Cadets in making the presentation to potential cadets and parents at Cape Coral Country Club. (Photo from 1lt. John O'Connor)

Mitchell Award



Cadet Jack Chaff receives his Billy Mitchell Award from Cadet Squadron Commander William Rice. Not pictured but also receiving the award during the ceremonies held at the Patrick AFB was Cadet Phillip Sapero. (Photo from Capt. Chet Brogan, Patrick Cadet Sq. IO)

Glades School

Then & Now

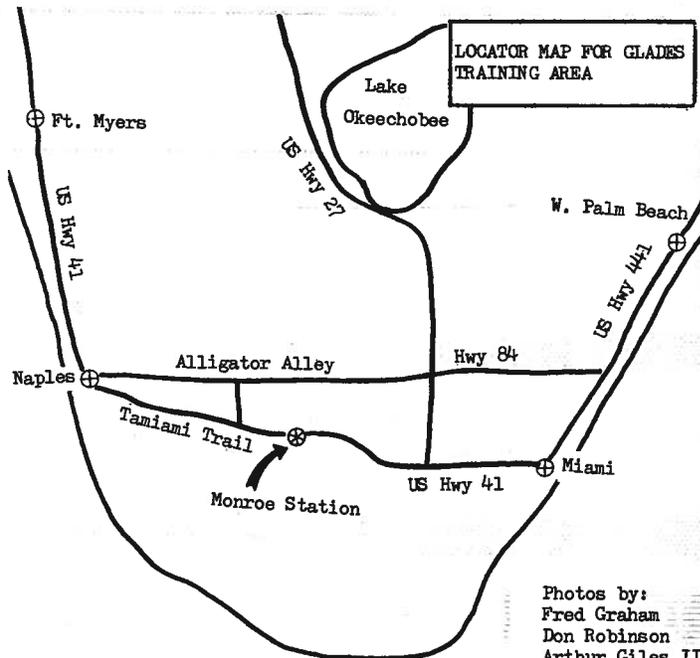
By Captain Arthur Giles II



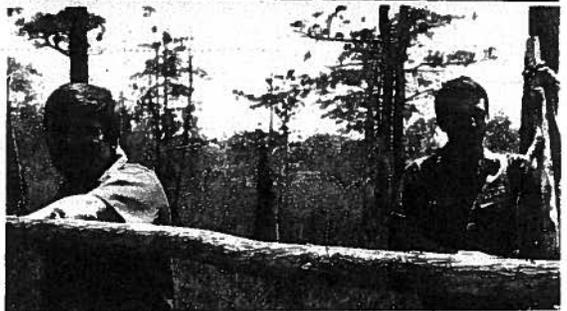
Back in 1969 a man named Fred P. Graham moved to Miami from Pittsburgh. At the time a CAP Captain, Graham had been very involved with the Ranger Program in Pennsylvania. During his five year association with that wing and the National Ranger School at Hawk Mountain, he served as a squadron commander, school training officer, and deputy for cadets. He earned the Black Belt of an Expert Ranger and chalked up an impressive number of sorties as a mission pilot. He also had led ground teams in both SARCAPs and REDCAPs, and so had the opportunity to learn search and rescue from both aspects.

After having participated in several missions in the South Florida area, he was struck by the lack of trained ground teams and the need for specialized training in this area. He began with his own squadron, Cutler Cadet. Seven cadets volunteered to train as instructors for Florida Wing's first Ranger Training School. With the help of another senior member Charles Grandy, they trained on the third weekend of the month for eleven months. At the end of this time, he had seven cadets who knew search theory, woodsmanship, survival, security, communications, and first aid. They had developed self-confidence and pride in their unit's accomplishments.

From this point on both the squadron and the school began to grow. The biggest Glades School had nearly 200 cadets and seniors in attendance and it was not unusual to have more than 100 students in a weekend. Students progress through five levels from Ranger 3rd Class to Expert Ranger which requires participation in REDCAPs, SARCAPs, physical fitness, a two day survival hike with just a knife, and much more. Graduates of the school work on ground teams and as communications officers, interrogation teams, flight line personnel, etc. The idea behind the continuing training is that a person cannot be over-trained nor over-prepared to save a life. Any CAP member who feels that he would benefit from this training is welcome to attend and may obtain more information by writing the school's commander, Capt. Arthur Giles, PO Box 430833, S. Miami, 33143.



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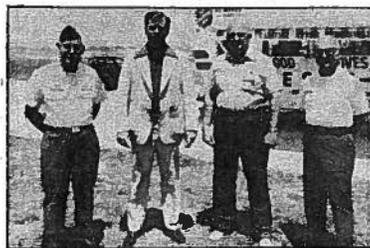
Group 8

Lee County, Florida

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L/Col. Richard Zaloudek



Photos tell the story of Group Eight's participation in the 1979 Civil Defense Exercise. Beginning top left--Cadets Lee Zuber and Anita Owens were assigned gate security and escort duty for incoming pilots, Major Doris Anderson and 1Lt Doris Miller check 101 cards at registration desk. Lt. Miller arranges for pickup of two Red Cross doctors. Major Anderson and LCol. Melvin Weiser check radio messages regarding delivery of 5,000 units of typhoid vaccine to Lee County. Mission coordinator LCol. Weiser briefs mission pilot 2Lt. Gertrude Mertel. 2Lt. James Lumb, Clearance Officer for CDEX, watches as C/Sgt. Joanne Wilson updates mission control board. Mobile command post operated under the call Crane 841. Last minute briefing is given pilot 2Lt Martel by LCol.

Weiser and Major Anderson. Captain Michael Avery and 1Lt. John O'Connor handle communications from mobile command post. Salvation Army chuck wagon provided food for all mission personnel. CDEX leaders take a moment off--pictured are Captain LeRoy Harris, Group 8 Commander, Barry Harrison, airport operations agent, Lee County Airport, Travis Fauntelroy, executive director of the American Red Cross, and LCol. Melvin Weiser, CAP mission coordinator. Local news coverage was provided by WINK-TV camera crew shown here filming search area on map provided by SM Joanne Stinchcomb. CDEX 79 now secured, LCol. Weiser and some weary CAPers hold a critique. All were thanked for their participation.

CDEX At Vandenberg

On Saturday, May 19 at Vandenberg Airport at 0700 hours a day long activity started for members of Group Three. They were participating in the annual joint Civil Defense/Civil Air Patrol exercise designed to test the organizations' ability to respond to a disaster relief mission. Mission coordinator at the Vandenberg Mission Base was LCol. Lynn Lacey. He operated out of Hillsboro I Senior Squadron facilities at the airport.

Twenty-five seniors, fifteen cadets, five private aircraft, one corporate aircraft, two communications trucks, and various personal vehicles took part in the Vandenberg phase of the mission.

Five sorties were flown in the assigned area and one ground team was dispatched on its mission. The exercise was closed at 1400 hours and a critique showed excellent cooperation within CAP and with CD personnel of Hillsborough County.

--Information Officer
Hillsboro I Senior Squadron



(Left) Safety Officer, Capt. Thompson stands by while pilot Lt. Carlene Beard makes a pre-flight check. (Above) Mission IO, Lt. Schumacher post press releases and Mission Coordinator LCol. Lacey looks on. (Below) Cadet Ben Blue records a message in the communications van. (Photos courtesy of Hillsboro I Senior Squadron)



Gators Senior Squadron Puts Training to Work at SARCAP

The weekend of April 27, members of the Gators Senior Squadron participated in their first SAR test. They had been receiving training in emergency services procedures and were working towards earning their 101 cards.

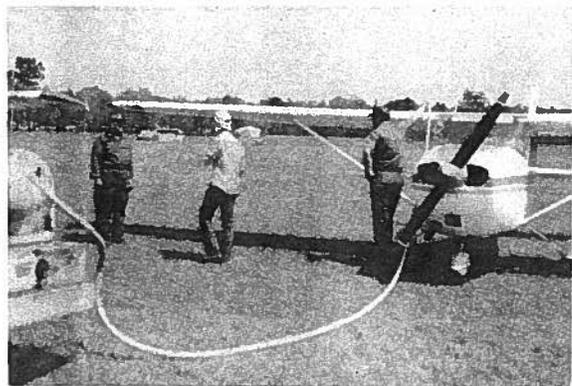
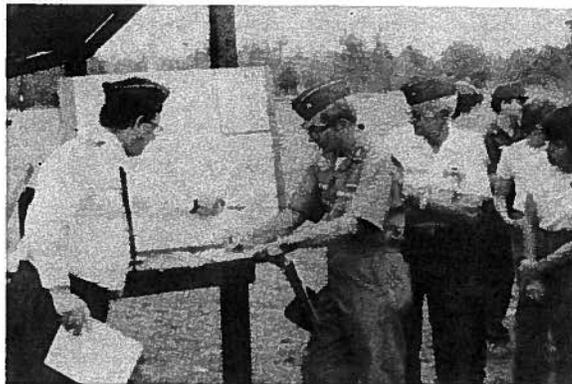
Eighteen members, nine four wheel drive vehicles, two vans and seven divers participated. Colonel John Hanks, Wing IO, and three members of his staff served as evaluators of the practice mission. Mission coordinator was Major James Webster, ground team coordinator was LCol. Kenneth McMahon, and air operations were under the direction of Captain John Troutman.

After the preliminary briefing, several ground vehicles were dispatched to place parachute targets and ELT practice transmitters at pre-planned locations. Two ground teams from Gator Senior Squadron, consisting of two four wheel drive vehicles each with two personnel, were given the assignment of locating the owner of some land in the area where the search was taking place so that permission might be gained to enter the property. There are many lakes in the area and divers suited up and conducted an underwater search. Reports on these activities were submitted to the mission coordinator on return.

With assistance from aircrews and ground/air radio communications, ground crews succeeded in locating all the targets. A debriefing was conducted and squadron members were commended for a successful mission.

--William Warner, I.O.
Gators Senior Squadron

PHOTOS: (Top) Major James Webster and Captain John Troutman coordinate mission search areas. (Below) Flight line personnel refuel search plane. Photo by William Warner, Gators Sr Sq IO



Mission Report...

MISSION 4-291A; opened 11 March, suspended 17 March. Search objective was a PA-23, N5820Y, white with red and black trim, missing on a flight from Okeechobee, FL to an unknown destination with one person on board. Sixty-nine sorties were flown. Mission was suspended after all leads were exhausted and aircraft remains missing.

MISSION 4-337A; opened 19 March, closed same day. The Miami ARTCC reported an ELT signal being heard in the Vero Beach area. The non-distress signal was located in a Beach Travelair at the Palm Beach County Airpark. Florida CAP used airborne and handheld DF to locate the signal. Two sorties were flown.

MISSION 4-404A; opened 31 March, closed same day. The SAR objective was a yellow and white Cessna 172, enroute from Ft. Lauderdale to Port Largo VFR. Florida Wing personnel flew 3 sorties. Aircraft was located by a ground party from Islamorada Coast Guard Station at the Port Largo airport. The pilot had failed to close his flight plan.

MISSION 4-414A; opened 02 April, closed same day. The Miami ARTCC advised of an ELT signal being heard in the Lakeland area. The non-distress signal was located in a new aircraft in the Piper Aircraft Factory at Lakeland Airport. Florida CAP used ground direction finding equipment to locate the signal. Eight persons participated in the search.

MISSION 4-425A; opened 04 April, closed 05 April. The search objective was a PA-28, N2181P, enroute from the Tamiami Airport to Sarasota. Florida CAP located the objective near Deer Lake, FL and Collier County Sheriff ground teams went in to recover the deceased. Three persons died in the crash. Florida Wing personnel flew 16 sorties.

MISSION 4-504A; opened 17 April, closed 19 April. The missing aircraft was a red, white and blue Cessna 172, N1052V with one person on board, enroute from Ocala to Fernandina Beach. Mission was closed because the owner of the aircraft filed a stolen aircraft report on April 11 with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Florida Wing personnel flew 28 sorties.

MISSION 4-545A; opened 27 April, closed same day. The Miami ARTCC reported an ELT signal being heard in the Miami area. Florida Wing personnel flew five sorties. The signal terminated before it could be located.

MISSION 4-595A; opened 06 May, closed 07 May. The SAR objective was a Cessna 182 red with white trim with two persons on board, enroute from Dalton, GA to Panama City, FL. No flight plan had been filed. Last known position was 20 miles northeast of Panama City. Florida Wing personnel located the aircraft wreckage 20 miles north of the city. The survivors had been picked up by a motorist who transported them to Gulf Coast Community

Hospital in Panama City. Three sorties were flown. The photo below taken by a photographer from the Panama City News Herald shows CAP Lt. Gene Simpson inspecting the wreckage of the Cessna. The pilot and passenger received only minor injuries. The objective was located four miles from the ITAP position reported by Jacksonville air route traffic control center.



MISSION 4-604A; opened 08 May closed 10 May. The Florida CAP assisted the Department of Civil Defense in the evacuation of flood victims. A total of 607 residents of the Pinellas Park area were evacuated. Mission was closed when weather forecasts indicated improvement in conditions and flood waters stopped rising.

MISSION 4-631A; opened 10 May, suspended 14 May. The objective was a BE-50, N513KC, red and white, missing enroute from Lake Placid to Bimini Island in the Bahamas, one person on board. The Coast Guard searched the overwater portion of the probably flight route. All leads were exhausted, the mission was suspended. Florida Wing personnel flew 78 sorties.

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