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Staff College — “An Air Force Experience”

by 2/Lt. Ron Gilbert
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Thirty-four CAP officers have returned to their homes in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico. We spent a week (17-26 May) together at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama as classmates at the Southeast Region Staff College.

Florida Wing Commander, **Col. Samuel G. Spieker, Jr.** was Deputy Director of this year's Southeast Region Staff College. **Cap. Le A. Hughes**, Miami, Assistant Curriculum Coordinator; **Maj. Etta M. Spieker**, Ft. Lauderdale, Director of Administration; **Lt. Ronald M. Gilbert**, Bradenton, Public Affairs Officer and **Lt. Col. Alfred H. Saunders**, Safety Harbor, Seminar Advisor.

Lt. Col. Edgar B. Wycoff, Altamonte Springs, who retires from the U.S. Air Force Reserve this month, was a Lecturer and a Seminar Advisor. **Col. Spieker** presented **Lt. Col. Wycoff** with his Florida Wing CAP membership during the Southeast Region Staff College graduation ceremony.

Among those Florida Wing officers graduating were **Lt. Joseph E. Boncek**, Bartow; **Maj. Herman H. Brugman**, St. Petersburg; **Capt. Patrice O. Campeau**, Naples; **Lt. Jay B. Davis**, Sunrise; **Capt. William V. Fries**, Marco Island; **Lt. Ronald M. Gilbert**, Bradenton; **Capt. Frederick W. Jones**, Jacksonville; **Capt. Sindi Kalua-Miller**, Seffner; **Capt. Fred J. Karl**, Longwood; **Lt. Alfredo G. Munoz, Jr.**, Miami; **Capt. Leonard W. Rowe**, St. Petersburg; **Capt. John B. Sparling**, Boca Raton; and **Capt. Oliver O. Thigpin**, St. Petersburg.

Florida Wing Commander **Col. Sam Spieker** is pictured receiving the “Emergency Services Award” for Florida Wing in Disaster Preparedness for 1984. Making the presentation is Brig. Gen. **William B. Cass**, National Commander. Looking on is **Col. William Tallent**, commander Southeast Region. (Photo by Maj. Chet Brogan)



Col. Michael Cavanaugh, following his speech at the Southeast Region Staff College Dining Out, greets a line of his admirers led by Florida Wing's **Lt. Col. Ed Wycoff**.

The CAP Southeast Region Staff College staff, under the direction of **Col. Charles R. Barksdale**, worked closely with the Air Force and CAP National Headquarters. The curriculum was up-to-the-minute and had been fine-tuned to meet the needs of today's CAP officer.

The instructors were Air Force and civilian lecturers from Maxwell's famous Air Force War College, along with carefully selected senior CAP officers from throughout the Southeast Region. The level of excellence among the instructors was uniformly high. They are specialists in their fields and they are expert teachers.

Subject matter ranged from Effective Listening to Managing Stress. It also included Human Relations Sensitivity, Interpersonal Relations, Functions of Management, Group Problem Solving, Effective Speaking, Time Management, Leadership Principles and Group Dynamics.

Following each lecture, we joined our own Seminar Group of 8-9 students. With the guidance of a CAP or Air Force Reserve officer, each subject was thoroughly discussed. It was through this sharing of ideas and thoughts that the lessons were really learned.

The week at Maxwell can best be described as an Air Force experience. With its beautiful library and classroom buildings, Maxwell has the look and feeling of a great university. The impressive display of

historic USAF aircraft, from an 0-1 mounted on a pedestal in front of CAP National Headquarters to a legendary B-52, reminds you that Maxwell is Air Force.

The Air Force briefed us on the USSR Air Force, from its inception to the present. We were billeted in comfortable Base Officer Quarters and you dine in Officer's Mess. The menu was varied and, on a scale of 1-10, the quality was 10!

There was a traditional Air Force Dining Out at Maxwell's Officer's Open Mess. It was formal, and it was also a lot of laughs. That sounds like a contradiction — you'd have to “be there” to understand. The guest speaker at this year's Dining Out was **Col. Michael Cavanaugh**. This officer's (he began as an enlisted man) 26-year Air Force record reads like a James Bond novel. He was a Raven, an elite group of airmen who flew “low and slow” in single-engine Cessnas, deep within enemy territory in the Viet Nam conflict. Much of the Colonel's Air Force experience is still highly classified. What he was able to share with us was a reminder that truth is often more interesting and exciting than fiction.

The practical application for what we learned at Maxwell last week will be personal, professional and Civil Air Patrol. If you take the CAP, your profession or yourself seriously, plan now to attend next year's Southeast Region Staff College.



Kittinger Visits Explorer Post 928

Trans-Atlantic balloonist and Orlando resident **Joe Kittinger** recently visited Civil Air Patrol members at the Diamond Jubilee



Kittinger

Scout Show sponsored by the Central Florida District of the Boy Scouts of America to give awards to posts competing at the show. Receiving a first place ribbon for their display at the show was Search and Rescue Explorer Post 928. The post is also known as West Orange Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

The squadron has participated in a dual membership program between Civil Air Patrol and Scouting for the past year. After awards ceremonies had concluded, Kittinger greeted members of the aviation unit and wished them well.

Cadet Squadron Advances Rocketry Program

The Rocket Raiders Club **Palm Beach Cadet Squadron 08159** conducted their seventh rocket launching mission Sunday, June 10th at their Whitehall launching site. Under fair skies and favorable winds the ten man crew under the able direction of Cadet Rocketry Commander **Sgt. Brian Jacques** with the expert assistance of Communications **Sgt. Chris Owens** successfully recovered nine of eleven Rockets. The launchings commenced at 1430 hours after a short briefing. The problem to be solved was that of sending up for the first time the club's new experimental ARU-1 (Audio-Recovery Unit) a rocket designed by **Sgt. Owens** with a built-in signaling sender to direct the tracking crews to the landing site of the downed rocket (see photo). Another first was the launching of **Sgt. Mike Gilbert's** Astro-Cam vehicle which he constructed to take air reconnaissance photos.

Serving alternately as trackers, launching teams and safety officers were the following cadets who contributed their own rockets for the mission. **Cadets Bleakley, Huff, Sturgess, Waddel, Teklinsky** with Senior Aerospace Education Officer **Capt. Saul N. Sherman** supervising and Sr. Member **Rodney Harris** recording statistics.

The mission ended at 1600 hours and after debriefing with all mission participants accounted for chow call was enjoyed by all at Arby's.

MacDill Cadet Squadron Presents Certificate to USAF Thunderbirds

In recent editions of Civil Air Patrol News and 'Gator Capers a large amount of editorial space has been devoted to an activity known as "Media Blitz," or letting the public know that Civil Air Patrol is around. The MacDill Cadet Squadron, 08089, MacDill AFB, Florida, has been involved in its own public awareness program since March, by participating in activities which present Civil Air Patrol and MacDill Cadet Squadron in the best possible way.

When it was announced the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Team would be performing at MacDill AFB, at the end of March, a suggestion was made by a cadet that the squadron make a presentation to the team, as our way of thanking them for their participation at the Open House. After numerous phone calls to Nellis AFB, and much cooperation and coordination between the squadron and the Air Force, on 25 March the Thunderbirds stood in formation opposite the Squadron Honor Guard, commanded by **C/2Lt. Thomas Dusold** to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from **C/Lt. Michael Woehlert**.

In an effort to promote Civil Air Patrol to Commercial Aviation, on 30 March, the

squadron worked with British Airways for the arrival of the Concorde at Tampa International Airport. Cadets were utilized as Honor Guard and VIP escorts. At the end of the day, British Airways Officials said the cadets were "very professional," "very sharp appearing and a pleasure to have around." Of the 30,000 plus people that witnessed the Concorde landing, 65 "VIP's" including the 12 cadets from MacDill Cadet Squadron were given a guided tour of the aircraft.

On Armed Forces Day, the Civil Air Patrol was presented by the MacDill Cadet Squadron Drill Team, under the command of **C/2Lt. Scott Mead**, as we were given the honor of leading the parade through the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World.

As these activities were being planned there were many frustrations and problems and I asked myself more than once "Is it all worth it?" As I watched the cadets make the presentation to the "Thunderbirds" and step off at Disney World, I heard a voice down inside saying, "You bet it is!"

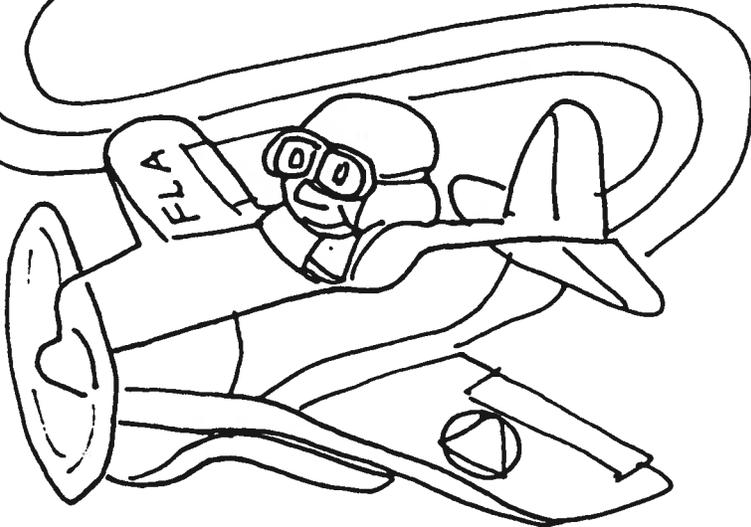
So we will continue to plan for additional participation in various activities to put our "best foot forward."



C/Lt. Col. Michael Woehlert of MacDill Cadet Squadron is pictured having just presented USAF Thunderbirds with Certificate of Appreciation.

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Assist During Forest Fires

When forest fires broke out throughout the State of Florida on May 17, 1985, the Civil Air Patrol was offering assistance to the many organizations pressed into service to fight the fires.

The members of the Gainesville Composite Squadron offered their assistance to assist the firefighters and other volunteers.

Maj. Jim Carr, communications officer, was first to be notified. He is an amateur radio operator and part of the Civil Defense Communications Team. When asked for support services such as providing food and drinks to the many people involved in the firefighting efforts, he called upon squadron members. Lt. Sheron McManus with C/Amn. Michelle McManus and C/MSgt. Pat McManus arrived at the Command Center near many of the fires and began to set up coolers with drinks, ice and cups. Maj. Ed Amsbury, C/MSgt. Ray Atanacio and C/Amn. Dale Bowers arrived with supplies of Gatorade and Water. Maj. Carr was diverted to the local Burger King by a radio message from the Red Cross. He soon arrived through the smoke of the fires with 300 hamburgers for the emergency services workers.

Throughout the night, the volunteers provided the food and liquids to the firefighters and emergency services workers. They also provided radio communications to keep the emergency services frequencies available for essential traffic.

While not involved in the actual fire fighting, the Civil Air Patrol was part of a coordinated emergency services team providing their assistance when needed.

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First Aid Training Pays Dividends

By Maj. William Warner

Recently members of Gator Senior Squadron departed Pinellas Park on an authorized ELT mission.

The team of James P. Webster, J. R. Oliver, John Babson and Bill Pringle were returning from the search area near Bushnell after a fruitless effort caused by a cessation of the signal. Traveling south on I-75 and approaching the interchange of I-4 and I-275 they were passed by a Mustang convertible running at an apparently excessive

speed when, in a cloud of dust, it suddenly hit the median and flipped end over end three times. The Civil Air Patrol team stopped and rushed to the aid of the two occupants.

One young man, after examination, appeared to suffer only minor cuts and abrasions, however, the other man had severe facial lacerations and was bleeding profusely. Both victims were conscious. J. R. Oliver, using his ever-present First Aid Kit and knowledge proceeded to stem the

flow of blood and had the victim ready for transport when the ambulance arrived.

While Mr. Oliver was rendering First Aid, Dr. Cliwkscoles, a physician at Tampa General Hospital stopped at the scene, watched, then complimented Oliver on having done an excellent job.

Gator Senior Squadron is just one of many such teams in Florida's Civil Air Patrol trained and prepared to render assistance in any type of disaster. These Search and Rescue units stand ready at any time of day or night to embark on a rescue mission.

ACROSS THE WING

Group 4

Pensacola Composite Squadron 08425 recently had an information booth and hot dog stand at the 1984 Annual Santa Rosa/Northwest Florida Air Show held at Santa Rosa Field. The squadron gained two new members as a result.

Captain Manzia Rouden attended Gannett Foundation Heart of Gold Awards Luncheon last December. The purpose was to accept a check for the squadron to be used to maintain the squadron aircraft and for equipment.

Group 5

Boca Raton Senior Squadron 08372 was recently assigned a Cessna 150 corporate aircraft. A crew headed by **Maj. Sam Berkowitz** are making such repairs as are necessary.

Group 6

Jacqueline Holland, Aerospace Education Officer, of **Central Brevard Composite Squadron 08122** was recently promoted to Captain. Her aerial interests are not limited to Civil Air Patrol. **Holland** recently participated in the 1,000-mile Great Southern Air Race.

Bill Harris, **Gregory Hill** and **Ronald Schuhs** have recently joined the squadron. **Deland Composite Squadron 08060** recently announced new promotions: To T/Sgt., **Stanley Tucker**; to S/Sgt. **Doug** and **Angie Mercer**; to Sgt., **Robert Gary**; to AIC **Stacey Wedge** and to C/A **Chuck Bryan**.

Capt. Bob Bashore reports that members of **Ormond Beach Composite Squadron 08210** and **Daytona Beach Composite Squadron 08049** recently participated in the Fly Safe during the two weeks of racing at Daytona. All aircraft were properly logged in and out.

Eagle Composite Squadron 08143 recently were hosts for a bivouac at Flying Seminole Ranch. Members of **Orlando**

Cadet, West Orange Composite, Central Florida Senior, Eagle Composite and Group 6 Headquarters attended.

Commander David LaMontagne of **Seminole Cadet Squadron 08116** gives this recap of his squadron's 1984 events: "We received four Mitchells and two Earhearts. We sent one cadet on IACE, and 14 cadets to the encampment. Our **Senior of the Year** is **Lt. James Wicks**; **Best Cadet** is **Sgt. Jenny Baak** and the **Most Improved** is **Sgt. Tom Woodward**."

Eagle Composite Squadron 08143 reports that 12 cadets from the unit supported the R/C World Radio Controlled Aircraft Meet. The cadets provided crowd and traffic control.

S/M Andy Fontaine of **Daytona Beach Composite Squadron 08049**, recently was promoted to Flight Officer. He is a CAP pilot who also serves as leadership officer.

Group 12

Central Brevard Composite Squadron 08122 now has a Link Trainer in place in their hanger thanks to efforts of **Hank Graham**, **Leo Kerner** (non-member), **Lou Satterlee**, **Ted Hammen** and **Andy Knight** who also contributed use of his truck.

Cadet Dana Deree has been named chairman of the Cadet Advisory Council.

At the Group 12 Annual Awards Banquet held 16 February, **Cadet Chad Rhodes** was named as the **South Brevard Composite Squadron Outstanding Cadet** for the 1984 calendar year. **Cadet Allen Perkins** was named **First Runner-up**.

On 29 January the **Central Brevard Composite Squadron 08122** was alerted to an ELT in the Stuart area. **West Armistead** and **Ted Hammen** took the corporate C-177 and were able to locate the signal just east of Witham Field. A ground team headed by **Lt. A. Kastin** located the signal in a marine electronics shop across from a large marina and the unit was silenced.

Group 15

Eight members of **Blue Eagles Cadet Squadron 08349** celebrated CAP's 43rd birthday last December by manning a recruiting table in front of a major food store in the Miami area.

Thirty-five members of **West Broward Composite Squadron 08104** recently participated in the Open House at Homestead Air Force Base.

The squadron also assisted in the Boy Scout Registration Night all over Broward County in elementary schools. A total of 15 members participated.

Last December **West Broward Squadron** observed CAP Sunday by attending three different church services throughout the area. Thirty members participated wearing their uniforms and were recognized in the services.

Group 17

L/Col. Lawrence T. Banks of **National Headquarters** recently addressed squadrons of Group 17 and 18.

The meeting was sponsored by **Pinellas Senior Squadron 08182**.

Group 18

Group 18 promotions and awards presentations recently were held at the Group 18 meeting in Zephyr Hills. **Daniel Glisson** of the **347 SAR Squadron Lake Wales** to **L/Col. and Davy Clark** to **2/Lt. Paul Vandiver**, commander of **Group 18** to Major and **Ted Davis** **Group 18** staff member was promoted to Captain.

Captain Ted Davis and **Capt. Dorothy Vandiver** received the Grover Loening Award. **Dorothy Vandiver** also received the Paul E. Garber Award. **Maj. William Bailey** received the Paul Garber Award with bronze star.

The awards were presented by **L/Col. Joseph Day** and **Maj. Paul Vandiver**.

At a recent Group 18 Awards presentation **Maj. William Bailey** (l) received the Paul E. Garber with bronze star award, **Capt. Dorothy Vandiver** the Grover Loening and Paul E. Garber award. The awards were presented by **Maj. Paul Vandiver** and **Lt. Col. Ed Day** (r).



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Sedita Receives Dual Honors

by: 2/Lt. Maribeth Carter

L/Col. Elizabeth (Lib) Sedita this past June received the dual honor of being selected as "Senior Member of the Year" by Florida Wing and Southeast Region.

Sedita's lifetime contributions to CAP span a period of 30 years, and cover the entire spectrum of the Civil Air Patrol mission to the nation, to our young people, and the aerospace program. She has worked effectively with all echelons of CAP and has demonstrated expertise in motivation, leadership and administration at all levels.

Over the years she has been responsible for improvement of CAP practices, policies and procedures, with a specific emphasis on greater recognition for her fellow members efforts.

Sedita's commitment to getting the job done has been consistent over the years. Having joined CAP in 1955, her first assignment was at Wing level. Within five years she had become Wing Executive Officer with additional duty assignments in both Personnel and Administrative Services Directorships.

The Sedita home houses a historical archive for the Florida Wing — probably the most complete in the nation — an ongoing

research, documentation, and cataloging effort.

Some of the more visible projects she has achieved as Wing Historian include:

A complete record of names and dates of service of Past Florida Wing Commanders, displayed on a plaque.

A photographic display of Past Wing Commanders, National Commanders, and National Executive Officers.

A complete record of Spaatz awardees, including names, award numbers and dates of awards, displayed on a plaque.

A record of all past and present Florida Wing Units and their Commanders.

A Florida Wing portable, historical display case in which material can be rotated and made available to the members at Wing activities.

The hours of careful research; the miles of commuting to National Headquarters; to Region, to various homes to collect memorabilia, photographs, records, and the planning, interviewing and organizing of information all represent a major investment — an investment which can only be defined as a labor of love.

Sedita's efforts toward historical preservation were recognized officially on a Na-

tional level in May of 1984, when she received a Certificate of Appreciation from Col. Lester E. Hopper, CAP National Historian.

Further to her professionalism, she is credited with participation in 158 actual missions — with orders — 16 SAR exercises, 10 CDEX or DREX exercises, and is a mission coordinator.

Sedita has always taken every opportunity to expand her horizons by taking advantage of educational experiences offered by Civil Air Patrol. During 1984 alone, she attended the SER Commanders' Call, Mission Coordinators update, Florida Wing Conference, SER Conference, National Staff College, National Board Meeting, and Florida Wing Commanders' Call. She received her Grover Loening Award in 1977, Paul E. Garber Award in 1978 and the Exceptional Service Award and Gill Robb Wilson Award in 1984.

Lt. Col. Sedita's personnel records readily document her consistent achievement, but those of us whose lives she has touched (and we are many) know that she LIVES Civil Air Patrol — and is thereby a living commendation for the organization.



Florida Wing Commander Col. Sam Speiker presents "Senior Member of the Year" award to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita at the recent Wing Conference held at Marco Island (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)



Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita is presented "Senior Member of the Year" award for Southeast Region by Col. William Tallent, commander. The presentation was made at the Region Conference recently held in Knoxville, Tenn. (Photo by Maj. Chet Brogan)



Welcoming speaker, John Pister, Collier County Commissioner, said "We, along the coastal areas of Florida, would be lost without CAP's sundown patrol."



Col. William Tallent, Southeast Region Commander, praises members of Florida Wing on the outstanding job they have done during 1984. Looking on at left is Col. Sam Speiker, Wing Commander.



"Cadet of the Year," C/Lt. Col. Michael Woehlert (r) MacDill Cadet Squadron receives a Citation from the local Air Force Association chapter. Making the presentation is Lt. Col. Tom Welch, Wing Director of Cadet Programs.



Receiving the Wing "Safety Officer of the Year" award, at left is Lt. Col. Francis E. Harlow. Presenting the award is Col. Sam Speiker, Florida Wing Commander.

"We are on the move . . ."

Florida Wing is in an upward momentum swing. We are now 5th in the Region and 22nd in the nation. Cadet growth is slow but we are nearing our CAPMAP requirement. At the moment we have 1,164 cadets and we need 371 more seniors to make our quota.

Attendance at the conference, held at the Marriott Marco Island Resort Hotel, was in excess of 300 members. The hotel accommodations were lavish and the entertainment facilities were many.

There were a number of senior awards given and **Major Donald M. Hotchkiss**, Wing Director For Senior Programs said, "I was very proud of these people when they received their awards. I recognize all the hard work they went through, all those years to finally reach the very pinnacle of the Senior Member Awards Program. Florida Wing should be very proud of these individual accomplishments." **Major Hotchkiss** indicated there were fifty Gill Robb Wilson awardees for the years 1984 and 1985.

Some further statistics from National Headquarters indicates that CAP, throughout the country, has helped save the American taxpayer, for the year ending 1984, some twenty-three million dollars, due to our efforts in the field of Search and Rescue.

"We have only one way to go . . . up. So let's go for it."

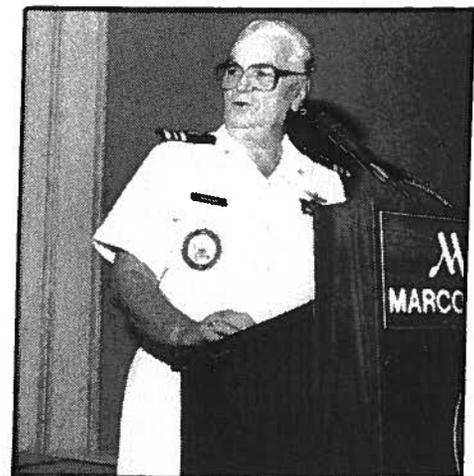
Photos by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO



Next highest award is given to C/Lt. Col. John McDermott by his mother Maria, after receiving the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award.



"Communicator of the Year," left, is Capt. James A. Marshall. Presenting the award is Col. Sam Speiker, Florida Wing Commander.



Lt. Cmdr. George Gay, guest speaker at Florida Wing Conference banquet, related his WWII survival as a pilot during the Battle of Midway.



Receiving the "Cameau Award," for most improved cadet during the year is (l) C/Sgt. Thomas Drum of Cape Coral Cadet Squadron. Center is Capt. Dick Clifford, squadron commander. Making the presentation is Lt. Col. Tom Welch, Director Cadet Programs.



"Outstanding Parents of the Year," Linda and Richard Perkins, receive their plaque from daughter, C/Sgt. Tamie and son C/A1 Robert, both of the West Broward Composite Squadron.



Unit Citation is presented to Naples Cadet Squadron. Left to right; Col. William Tallent, Southeast Region Commander; C/Sgt. Jeff Lemasters; Lt. Andy Bridevaux and Col. Sam Speiker, Florida Wing commander.



The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

This month's article contributed by:

Lt. Col. Robert Tiedje
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As I look over the past years in the CAP program, I must admit my experience with a grass root unit (squadron) has been the most rewarding. Working with the cadets and seniors directly on a day-to-day basis, teaching classes in communication, organizing observer training schools, functioning on staff mission coordination on red caps plus all the many other facets of CAP has truly enriched my life and given me some wonderful friends.

I will admit many birthday celebrations, Christmas holidays, special celebrations and so on were interrupted by the commitment made to CAP with a staff responsibility, both with local units as well as wing level.

Try to explain "why" to family and friends when Scott Air Force Base calls at 2 a.m. But how does one begin to review about 32 years of his career in CAP?

In 1942 my Dad walked into our house in what looked like an army uniform. There were silver bars on his shoulders pinned to bright red ephlets. My mother almost had a coronary. "Have you signed up for the war?" He quickly replied, "No, I've joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Group Communications Officer." Then he went on to explain his civilian status in CAP, etc. Needless to say, I was proud as punch. "My old man is a first lieutenant in the CAP, part of the military service, you know." I didn't think much more about CAP after that, as I was well into high school, dating, sweating out the draft, thinking about college. Little did I know that nine years later I was going to get into the program and stay with it for 32 years. Oh yes, "Uncle" drafted me into the infantry where I matched wits with the Japanese on Okinawa, went into the Signal Corps and ultimately to the Fifth Air Force as crew on the Eighth Army HQ C-47's.

Now, let's get back to the present.

I came back to Florida, not as a retiree, but pursuing my business career in television broadcasting. This vocation has necessitated my living in several states; with each move, except one, I connected with a CAP unit. Actually I had formally retired from CAP, but was asked to come out of retirement by the Illinois Wing Commander to fill a needed operational gap in a wing program. But I'll get back to this shortly. Florida Wing's Group 8 needed somebody to administer the cadet program, help out with operations, and assist in the communications program. Based upon my prior experience I was offered the position of Group Deputy for Cadets, and so functioned until a reorganization by the then Florida Wing Commander, deactivated Group 8.

I then transferred to the Headquarters Sr. Squadron as an advisor to local units. My operational background qualified me as an Area Mission Coordinator and have thus functioned to date and as an Advisor to the local Squadron Senior and Cadet Programs.

As I mentioned, prior to joining the Florida Wing I was connected with the Illinois Wing where my experience and expertise was utilized in the operations field. Here I set up and administered a special training program and was able to pursue one of my main interests . . . Qualified Mission Observer Training. I also functioned on the Wing Staff in the Emergency Services section plus setting up middle east region conferences for operations, cadets and public affairs. The latter due to my vocation in the media field. A brief tour with the North Carolina wing in the Emergency Services section was preceded by my most extensive participation in CAP.

While with the North Carolina Wing, I was qualified as a Master Observer. Prior to the 15 years with the New Jersey Wing, where I ultimately earned the rank of Lt. Col., my actual beginning in CAP was with the New York Wing, at a newly formed unit in Binghamton, NY.

I was a sergeant then, and promoted to warrant officer and then on to 2nd Lt. in charge of the cadet unit of the Tri-Cities Composite Squadron. This is where my fondness for the local CAP unit began.

I ultimately became Squadron Executive Officer then transferred to the New Jersey Wing where I was appointed Commandant of Cadets for the Newark Squadron. After a period of time, became Commanding Officer. Inasmuch as New Jersey Wing did not have sectors or groups, as Squadron Commander I reported to the Wing Commander. After three years I was appointed Deputy of Cadets on the Wing Staff. In this position I supervised the cadet activities for 19 squadrons. As groups were introduced I supervised 8 group Deputy for Cadets, establishing the first Cadet Advisory Council and had the privilege of working with a national championship cadet drill team.

During the late '60s Civil Defense was becoming a more integral part of Civil Air Patrol although CAP and Civil Defense had always worked in conjunction with each other, the Korean War brought a more specific need for cooperation. I guess my Army background led the Wing Commander to ask that I take over as the Wing Coordinator for Civil Defense along with my cadet responsibilities. This was a very interesting experience, indeed. It entailed the planning and implementation of tight, specific coordination between the New

Jersey Wing and the State Civil Defense office (administration of funds allocated by Civil Defense to New Jersey Wing for flying, communications equipment, etc.).

Let me touch on another interesting aspect of my tenure in CAP. For three years New Jersey Wing helped celebrate Armed Forces Day at McGuire Air Force Base. Besides organizing the Wing displays (aircraft, vehicles, equipment, booths, etc.) we were responsible for the primary function of crowd control (about 75% with the Air Police). Over 200 CAP seniors and cadets participated, dealing with over 300,000 visitors going onto the base in one day. You bet we were all tired at the end of the day. (That Officer's Club sure looked good.)

Perhaps my most rewarding experiences have been the command of senior and cadet Leadership Encampments. This has truly made my career in the CAP program memorable forever.

As I stated at the outset, 32 years in the program has made me realize it was time to step back a bit and let others realize the great experiences I've enjoyed. I still keep my profound desire to be of service but more or less limiting my participation to Mission Coordinator and advisor to the various local senior and cadet units.

Has it been worth it? Well, when you're in the advertising business, just try and worry about deadlines, creative concepts, account management and so forth, especially when Scott Air Force Base calls at 3:00 a.m. and says "We've got a mission for you. Get a cup of coffee and let's start filling out Form 102." Or, a parent calls and says, "Sir, I just wanted to thank you for what you've done for my son — as he's now calling his father, SIR!"

O.K. Enough said.



Then Capt. Tiedje is pictured in Newark, NJ in 1952 during Air Force inspection.

1985 Cadet Competition

By Lt. Col. Tom Welch

The 1985 Cadet Competition was held at the Navy Training Center in Orlando with five teams participating: Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron, West Broward Composite Squadron, S.E. Tampa Cadet Squadron, St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron and Eagle Cadet Squadron.

Miami Springs took the Sweepstakes Award and West Broward was the Runner Up.

St. Petersburg was awarded the **Special Team's Award** and **Cadet Kytinna J. Windmuller** of the Eagle Cadet Squadron was awarded the Outstanding Cadet Award.

Major Dennis McCoy, the Project Officer, said the whole contest was very close with only a few points between each team.

It was the first try for the Eagle Cadet and the West Broward Composite Squad-

ron, both did quite well. Asked if they would be back, they said, "We are going home and start practicing for next year."

I urge more squadrons to participate in this activity, it is a total of the Cadet Program and you are bound to get at least a plaque and who knows how many trophies. Nothing can build an "ESPRIT de CORPS" better than having a DRILL TEAM in your squadron.



1985 Cadet Competition Sweepstakes Winner: Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron.



Cadet Kytinna Windmuller receives the Outstanding Cadet Award from Lt. Col. Tom Welch.



1985 Cadet Competition 2nd Place Winner: West Broward Composite Squadron.



Cadet Lt. Col. (now Capt. and senior member) John M. McDermott (left) of MacDill Cadet Squadron, receives the Gen. Carl A. Spatz Award, the highest a cadet can

receive in Civil Air Patrol. Presenting the award at right is Maj. Gen. David Baker, USAF/Ret. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)



Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

Notes & Suggestions

1. When writing releases for distribution to the media, radio or television, DO NOT use the word "Patrol" by itself. The first time you use the designation CAP, write it out . . . thereafter, you can use the letters CAP.
2. **Do not hyphenate C-A-P.**
3. When giving out names and rank designations, or writing it in your release, make sure it is clearly understood that the person or persons mentioned are members of CAP. As an example: **Lt. Col. Sid Birns, CAP**, said, etc. **DO NOT** imply they are part of the Air Force.
4. Before taking your release out of your typewriter, re-read it. I note many mistakes in the copy of the release as well as many misspelled words. Sometimes key information is left out of the basic story.
5. When you are sending out your release, **MAKE SURE** your name, your phone number, your unit name, appears at the upper left of the top sheet of the first page.
6. When sending your releases to the media, do not use the military form of: To, Subject, Reply to: . . . they are not in the military.

The above are just a few suggestions to help in presenting a more professional news release. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve on our professionalism, please send them to me at Wing Hq.

Another suggestion is to make sure that you do not have more than one event in your story . . . it can become confusing to the reader.

Some questions for you Commanders:

- What's missing in your PA program?
- What would you like to see done by your PAO?
- Do you include your PAO in your plans, programs and special projects?
- Do you place the PA program at the bottom of your list of importance, until something comes up and then you expect your PA to do the job?
- Is there anything you don't understand about PA?
- Do you feel the PAO should be on the SAR alert list?
- Is there anything for Mission PAO's that you would like to incorporate into the mission PAO program.
- Is there a particular problem distinct to your unit or area?

Wing Tips:

SALUTING PROPERLY

Pertains to all Wing personnel. If you are not sure of the proper hand salute, check the manual.

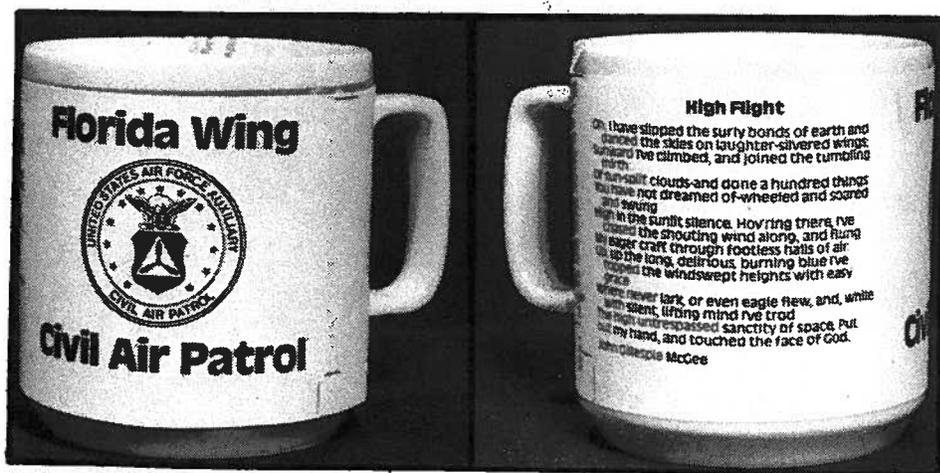
CADETS, saluting at wrong times in wrong places. If there is doubt as to whether to salute while under "cover," check the local unit requirements or check manual. **SENIORS**, will respond to a cadet when the cadet "hits the wall." Respond by saying "carry on" or "as you were." Above all, don't leave the cadet "frozen" to the wall.

UNIFORM, before going to a meeting, check yourself in the mirror to make sure that your uniform is clean and properly worn. Check all insignia for proper placement.

SHOES, if you are not wearing corfam shoes, make sure they are clean and shined.

As a member of Civil Air Patrol, we must always look our best, while in uniform. In actuality, we are "walking advertisements," visually and verbally selling people on joining CAP.

"LET'S LOOK SHARP, LET'S BE SHARP
AND ABOVE ALL LET'S BE PROUD OF
CIVIL AIR PATROL."



This photo shows a Fine China Porcelain 10 oz. coffee cup. The cup is white and the logo and printing are in blue. (The design and printing are in mock up state and the line up marks on the cup won't be there in the finished product.)

What I need to know is how many people would like this item as a gift, for give-aways or for whatever else you would like. This cup isn't ready as yet so if you order it, it will take six to eight weeks. The cost of the cup with the double side printing will cost \$4.50 per cup and a \$1.50 postage and handling charge. If you would like one please send check or money order to me: Sid Birns, P.O. Box 3360, Apopka, FL 32703. (Money back guarantee)

Building Fund Needs Help

By: Major Barbara Goddard

It has been noted that many obituary notices include requests to have memorial donations made to the charitable organizations from humane societies to the Heart Fund as well as to the "charity of your choice."

As chairman of the Florida Wing Building Fund Committee, may I suggest that consideration be given to Civil Air Patrol when writing these notices. Many pilots, former servicemen and women have died recently. More will be leaving us as time goes on. Their families would be happy to know their friends gave in support of CAP in their memory.

Florida Wing needs a centrally located Operations and Training Center which it is hoped can be started soon. The first building in the project is to be an auditorium for which a minimum of \$200,000 is needed to start construction. Later it is hoped to include a museum, a Wing headquarters building, a communications tower, and possibly overnight accommodations for those attending seminars. There will be camping facilities for field training of both seniors and cadets.

Civil Air Patrol is here to stay. Having its own Operations and Training Center will ensure that it is better equipped to handle the training of future members.

Donations, which are tax deductible, should be made payable to Florida Wing, CAP, Building Fund, and mailed to:

Maj. Barbara Goddard, Florida Wing Building Fund Chairman, P.O. Box 251, Orange City, FL 32763. All donations will be recorded in our Book of Memories. Larger donations will be noted with plaques honoring the persons for whom the donations are given.

by Lt. Col. Mary Lou Brittingham
Govt. Affairs Officer

Group 12 Hosts Rocket Bivouac

By Deborah Lewis

The Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management held the annual Civil Defense/ Disaster Relief Exercise on 9 March 1985.

The scenario was a Hurricane "JOHN" which struck Central Florida causing extensive property and communication damage. The DEM/CAP management were located in the Wildwood Florida Emergency Operations Center with a small staff under SMC Major Wayne Roshaven. The Staff received tasking from Mr. Harold Berentsen, State Coordinator as it was received from several counties including Citrus, Lake, Marion, Pinellas, and Polk. Aerial Radiological monitoring flights were flown during the exercise. The operations base was located at Lakeland Municipal Airport, with Captain Marion "Dutch" Holland as MC.

A total of 129 members, 12 aircraft, 18 vehicles, 25 radios, and 1 generator were utilized. Air Force evaluators included Colonel James Withers, SERLO, Lt. Colonel Rodger Dodd, SER/DO, Major Waddell, Georgia Wing LO, Sgt. Jones Georgia, NCO, Lt. Col. Richard Read, Fl. Wg. LO and Msgt. Rick Skinner, Fl. Wg. NCO also assisted. Five guests representing various agencies attended the activities.

Tasking included aerial surveys of damage to bridges, roads blocked by trees, flooding, a lost boat, aerial photo mission to survey the Skyway and Howard Franklin bridges; (actual TV photos were taken); Lakeland Power Plant main lines were surveyed for a radius of 10 miles for damage; a Walk-A-Thon at Ocala simulated evacuees leaving areas of flooding.

A simulated blood package was air lifted to the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport for transfer to a local hospital; an aerial survey of a Fire Tower blown down on a dwelling with possible injuries to occupants; a portion of AMTRAK road bed washed out; survey of dam and locks on Kissimmee River as well as fishing camps in the area which may have been flooded; washouts and sink holes causing people to be stranded by high water in the phosphate mines area; motorists stranded in the Frostproof area were among the tasks given Civil Air Patrol from affected counties.

Lakeland Senior Squadron, 08328 Group 18 were hosts for the Lakeland Base. The State Division of Emergency Management were hosts at Wildwood, EOC.

The Division of Emergency Management was satisfied with the Exercise and especially the cooperation between the State and Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol. The Air Force rated the EOC and the Lakeland Base "Outstanding" with an overall "Excellent" for the exercise.

All members are to be congratulated on the results and the Project Officer thanks everyone for their efforts.

The weather is picture perfect for March; post card type weather. The sound of sizzling, and the smell of smoke drifts across the NASA recreation area on Merritt Island, Florida. Kids and adults are having a ball. A bar-be-que, right? Wrong. The sizzle is the sound of model rocket engines, and the smoke is generated as they "roar" off the launch pad. The kids and adults are seniors and cadets of Group 12 attending the first Group 12 model rocket bivouac of 1985 on March 30 and 31.

The launch activities began Saturday morning at 0830 with the advanced rocketeers, and competition was keen. Cadet 2nd Lt. Craig Flowers of the TICO Composite Squadron, Titusville, FL was the man to beat. No one could overtake his lead, and Flowers walked off with five awards to make him the champion of the meet.

Sunday at 0830 the beginners had their chance to show their rocket launching skills on the rockets they had built the day before during the advanced launches. Seniors as well as cadets participated in the beginners class.

At 1100 demonstration launches of a SR-71, a Saturn V, A Tomahawk, and a V-2 left some people with eye strain as altitudes reached 1,500 to 2,000 feet. The SR-71 and the Tomahawk were not recovered. It is assumed they went down in the heavy brush surrounding the launch area, however, if you happen to see one go by please notify Capt. Don Altpeter, CAP the organizer of the bivouac.

Special recognition is due Maj. Jim Bowland, USAFR and Capt. Wayne Batungbacal, USAFR our RAP officers who served as judges.

Advanced Awards:

Altitude	C/2nd Lt. Craig Flowers, Tico Composite Squadron
Parachute	C/2nd Lt. Craig Flowers, Tico Composite Squadron
Spot Landing	C/F.O. Graham Kelly, Ft. Pierce Composite Squadron
Drag Race	C/AM Ronald Nowatski, Tico Composite Squadron
Altitude Eff.	C/2nd Lt. Craig Flowers, Tico Composite Squadron
Design	C/2nd Lt. Craig Flowers, Tico Composite Squadron

Beginners Awards:

Highest Flight	C/AM Beth Olsen, Patrick Composite Squadron
Most Attractive	S/M Herman Espinel, Ft. Pierce Composite Squadron
Most Stable	S/M Herman Espinel, Ft. Pierce Composite Squadron
Closest Landing	Capt. Donald E. Smith, Ft. Pierce Composite Squadron

The following is an updated senior training school schedule for the remainder of 1985.

Date	School	Location	Project Officer
24 Aug	Corporate Learning Course	Eglin	Group 4
7 Sep	Sq. Leadership	Zephyr Hills	Group 18
21 Sep	Corporate Learning Course	W. Palm Beach	Group 5
5 Oct	Sq. Leadership	Bradenton	Group 11
12 Oct	ECI Course 7C	Naples	Group 20
26 Oct	Sq. Leadership	Clearwater	Group 17
26 Oct	Corporate Learning Course	Jacksonville	Group 2
2 Nov	ECI Course 7C	Patrick	Group 12
16 Nov	Corporate Learning Course	Bradenton	Group 11
23 Nov	Sq. Leadership	Miami	Group 10
7 Dec	Sq. Leadership	Patrick	Group 12
14 Dec	ECI Course 7C	Clearwater	Group 17

Group commanders are requested to forward their requests for Florida Wing schools to Headquarters Florida Wing/TTN as soon as possible.

Orlando Cadets Tour Eglin

By: **C/TSgt. Raphael Rodriguez**

Eight cadets from the Orlando Cadet Squadron 08133 recently took a guided tour of Eglin AFB, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The tour, organized by CAP **2nd Lt. Andres F. Rodriguez** and guided by **USAFR Capt. Ken Khron**, included a hands-on education of many of the base's Air Force Systems Command facilities. The Armament Laboratory, the Climatic Control Laboratory, and the F-15 Eagle Flight Simulator were some places visited where the cadets had gained real hands-on insight on how our modern Air Force works.

The tour also included a trip to the Pensacola Naval Air Station, home of the "Blue Angels" Naval Aerobatic Team and the site of the National Naval Aviation Museum. The latter mentioned was visited, giving the cadets insight on the "flip side" of military aviation; that of our Navy and Marine Corps. Cadets who attended were given military billeting, messing, and limited exchange privileges, much like an On-The-Job Training encampment. Cadets were also given ample time to give themselves unguided tours of the base and to catch up on Christmas shopping.

All cadets who attended can attest that it was educational and fun all at the same time. Some comments:

C/A1C Ben Peterson — "The activity around the aircraft looked like Eglin Air Force Base was ready for any national emergency."

C/A1C Russell Kinnell — "The best part of the Eglin Air Force Base trip was the ride in the F-15 Simulator."

C/TSgt. Paul Ramos — "Lt. Rodriguez did an outstanding job in organizing this thing because I was really enlightened on what makes the Air Force work."

C/2nd Lt. Phillip Kerr — "It was 'uniquely outstanding'."

2nd Lt. Andres F. Rodriguez — "It was a lot of fun, and I was very pleased with how well the cadets behaved and performed during the trip."

The Orlando Cadet Squadron would like to thank **USAFR Captain Ken Khron**, the CAP/USAF liaison officer for Eglin AFB, and **Lt. Col. Richard E. Read**, CAP/USAF liaison officer for their valuable help.

Pilot Proficiency

The Pilot Proficiency Program, FAA Advisory Circular 61-91D Dated 8/10/84, clearly details the safety meeting and flying requirements to complete the P.P.P. and receive your certificate and wings from the FAA.

One flying hour of take off and landings.

One flying hour of air work.

One hour of instrument training, (flying or simulator).

Attend one safety meeting.

All activities to be completed in 120 days.

FLIGHT CLINICS

Persons attending a flight clinic may receive credit for a safety meeting portion of the P.P.P. by having a record of attendance. P.P.P. flying may be done as part of the flight clinic if the flying complies with FAA A/C 61-91D as listed above.

P.P.P. flights may not be flown as part of a Form 5 - ES check or Biennial Flight Review. The P.P.P. is a prescribed program of dual flying and may be flown as required.

The three hours of prescribed flying are expensive but the advantage to participating in the program is you will be joining a group of General Aviation Pilots with an outstanding safety record.

FAA A/C 61-91D is available through your FAA Accident Prevention Specialist or Write to Lt. Col. N. Brittingham CAP, FAA-APC, P.O. Box 10282, St. Petersburg, FL 33733



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