

FLORIDA WING HAS CHANGE OF COMMAND

The 1998 National Board Meeting in Atlanta was a most eventful session for the Civil Air Patrol. Our new National Commander, Brig. Gen. James Bobick was elected to a three year term; South East Region Commander, Col. Richard Bowling became National Vice Commander; Col. Andrew Skiba was appointed National Controller and Member of the National Executive Committee [NEC]; Col. Joseph Meighan was appointed South East Regional Commander; and Col. Anthony Pineda was appointed Florida Wing Commander.

"This changeover could not have been smoother", said Col. Pineda. He recalled that the last time he had command, he was given the key to headquarters and didn't even know where it was. He had actually never been to Florida Wing Headquarters.

Having served as Commander Skiba's Deputy, Col. Pineda feels he is thoroughly prepared to 'pull back on the yolk for a smooth take-off.' The transition program has been in planning for nearly one year. This was quite apparent when moments after returning from Atlanta, Commander Pineda requested expressions of interest and resumes from the entire membership for any staff position. Each resume was reviewed, potential candidates were interviewed

and selections were concluded.

At the very first staff meeting in September at MacDill AFB, Col. Pineda announced all the Wing Staff Positions [see pages 6 & 7]. Additionally, he stated all of his

Goals and Objectives for Florida Wing. There was a heavy emphasis on outreach programs, fund raising, obtaining of grant monies, striving for award recognition and replacement of obsolete equipment with new materiel. [see page 8 - Goals & Objectives]

Col. Pineda stressed that there is a substantial amount of work to be done and accomplishment of these multi-various programs will require a total team effort. If we all work together, in perfect harmony, we will succeed...and we will have fun.



OFFICIAL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT MACDILL AFB.
Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Richard Valone [center] passes the wing flag to Florida Wing Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba [l.] who relinquishes command to new wing commander, Col. Antonio Pineda, who accepts the command.

Col. Skiba assured Col. Pineda that he would continue to be active and stated, "The wing is very fortunate to have Col. Tony Pineda as my successor. Tony has the support of both the staff and our National leadership. He has been an integral part of the building process up to this point, and he is clearly the right person to lead you to further success as you grasp the opportunities for the Florida Wing in the future."

VIEW FROM THE PERCH

COL. ANDREW SKIBA

National Controller - Former Florida Wing Commander

By now most of the members of the Florida Wing are aware of the many changes that took place at our National Board Meeting in Atlanta.

Both the Florida Wing and the South East Region have new commanders. Col. Richard Bowling was elected as our new National Vice Commander, and I was selected by our National Commander, Brig. Gen. "Jay" Bobick to serve on his staff as the National Controller.

I look forward to this new and challenging position as a member of the National Executive Committee. Having previously served as a member of the NEC, while Commander of the North East Region, I already had a NEC Badge. Unlike many promotions, this one does not require my buying any new rank or insignia.

I do want to share with you my perspective on the Florida Wing accomplishments during my service as Wing Commander and my view of the challenge and opportunities that lay ahead for my very good friend and successor, Col. Tony Pineda.

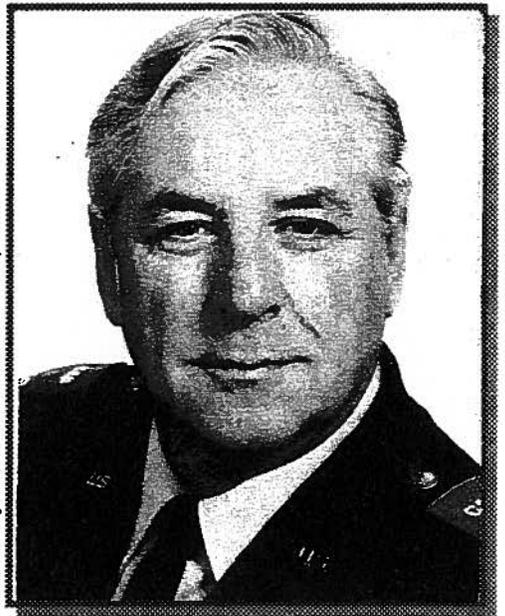
In December 1996, I began the task of returning the Florida Wing to the leadership role it should have in CAP. Through a series of Wing Commander changes prior to my ar-

rival, the wing headquarters staff suffered from a lack of continuity of program directors and program goals and objectives.

A few existing key staff positions formed the nucleus of what ultimately became an outstanding staff. That accomplishment was my first priority.

The ultimate test was the Overall Excellent Rating which your wing received from the National Inspector General's Quality Air Force Assessment Team [QAFA]. To quote Lt. Col. Jim Farris, the QAFA Team Chief, "We found the Wing staff to be very professional and capable of accomplishing the CAP mission. The EXCELLENT overall grade is well earned".

My second priority was the wing organizational structure - specifically fourteen Groups and associated staff, or lack thereof. My evaluation suggested that Florida CAP suffered from the philosophy of not making changes because 'We have



always done it this way'.

I concluded that fewer, good Group Commanders were needed to change our wing's direction. My decision to realign the structure to six new Groups has been implemented.

In addition, I indicated that the command positions for these six new groups would be open to any members who wished to submit a resume and be considered for these new assignments.

As a result of a wing-wide search, I think we now have six Group Commanders who understand the authority and responsibility required to be an effective senior commander in the CAP.

As we look to the future, I think we all agree that the foundation is set for Florida Wing to become the national leader.

During my tenure, I felt that part of my responsibility as the Wing Commander was to concentrate efforts toward establishing stronger relationships with our state legislators and community military counterparts. While I was not personally able to expend the effort that I felt was needed in this area, Col. Pineda and I mutually agreed that this would be the next priority for the senior command of the Florida Wing. I'm happy to report to you that Tony has been working with sev-

eral key members of staff and has just received the new unit charter for the Florida Wing Legislative Squadron located in Tallahassee, our State Capitol.

While I look forward to my new assignment at the national level of CAP, I will continue my affiliation with the Florida Wing as a check pilot and mission pilot.

I think it will be readily apparent in the months ahead, that Col. Pineda has now laid the groundwork for the next phase of rebuilding of the Florida Wing.

I sincerely thank every member of the Florida Wing for your support during my tenure as your wing commander. I ask that you give Col. Pineda the teamwork and support that will be needed to make Florida CAP the premium volunteer organization in all of America.

To the many friends that I have developed throughout the state, I have learned from you and have benefited from your support and recommendations. I sincerely trust that you will extend that same level of straight-forwardness in your dealings with Tony. You will find that he is always receptive to receiving suggestions, recommendations, and even complaints directly. He will be readily available to you through all mediums of communication. Use them well.

Remember, give CAP your best and **HAVE FUN**.....

PROP WASH

Revised CAP Scanner Course ECI #2130A is in final stages of revision. This one-volume course is part of the Emergency Services training of basic aerial sighting and search techniques. The revised course will be released through the Extension Course Institute [ECI] in the first quarter of 1999. It would certainly be beneficial for ALL of us to review this edition as a refresher.

All cadets who joined CAP between 1 April and 20 May 1998, are being sent chits for the purchasing of uniforms. All the cadet has to do is fill in their size and forward the form to the AAFES Catalogue Sales Division. Twenty percent of the chits are being forwarded directly to the Florida Wing Commander for distribution. All uniforms will be sent directly to the cadet's address as shown on the form within 72 hours of receipt by AAFES.

If you are planning to design a web page for your Group or Squadron, you might want to open the new web pages of the

Marco Island Senior Squadron. The URL is http://naples.net/ipc/clients/civilair_pat/ These web pages were designed, as a public service, by highly skilled technicians of the Naples Free-Net.

The July 98 issue of BOAT/US magazine included a story of a recent find of five stranded boaters whose 18-foot runabout had gone aground. Once located by a CAP aircrew from the Marco Island Senior Squadron, TOWBOAT/US Captain David Satterfield, responded to pull the boat off the shoal and to safely tow the boaters and vessel back to shore.

CAP National Commander, Brig. Gen. James. C. Bobick announced that the Civil Air Patrol was discontinuing its participation in the FAA Operation Drop-In Program. "CAP will, of course, continue to assist other programs of government agencies, as directed by Congress."

Sorry, but all photos sent to me in digitized format are not usable for printing reproduction purposes.

The problem is obviously at my end with my printer. People tell me they print e-mail photos that are as good as any developing service can provide. When I print, the picture is usually very dark and the half-toning is too large a screen. It is more like the 80 screen that is used for printing on newspaper stock. I do have Acrobat and LView software and am open to any suggestions or instruction! Until this dilemma is eliminated, please send me color prints or fine quality digitized prints.

Group 4 conducted a Safety Day at Patrick AFB. All pilots were required to attend this all day session. The training included a review of CAPR 60-1, ATC Procedures, Aircraft Taxiing Procedures and IFR Rules. Personnel from Florida Wing and Group Headquarters conducted the session. Pilots will be grounded until they attend and complete this Safety Refresher Course.

Atwo year program has been approved for purchase and installation of Rosen Sunvisors in CAP's fleet of 530 aircraft. These sunvisors reduce blinding glare and allow for better scanning.

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NEW CADET ORIENTATION PROGRAM SOON TO BE AVAILABLE

Submitted by
1st. Lt. Arnold "Jay" Jason

Civil Air Patrol has a new tool for welcoming members into the Cadet Program. The Cadet Orientation Course {CAPP 50-9}, based on the Level 1 orientation course, will indoctrinate new cadets to CAP history, organization, customs, courtesies, uniforms, and the Cadet Program in a fun, yet challenging format.

Designed to fill the gap between the time a cadet joins and when they receive their study materials, the course is broken into five segments, each not lasting more than 45 minutes. These segments will fit perfectly into a normal CAP meeting, making it easier for squadrons to integrate the new cadets into the squadron routine. Squadrons may choose to teach one segment per meeting or may hold a day-long indoctrination over a weekend day. Making the course even easier to teach, it may be taught by senior members or senior cadets.

Each segment of the course discusses information about CAP that is important to the new cadet. The history segment teaches them the history of CAP and the U.S. Air Force, and why CAP is important to America. The organization segment teaches them about each of CAP's three main missions, as well as introduces them to CAP's chain of command. The uniform segment shows them the different combinations of CAP uniforms that they will see and they will wear throughout their CAP career; and introduces them to CAP's grooming standards. Customs and Courtesies will discuss basic honors to the American flag and introduces the concept of customs and courtesies to the military and CAP. Finally, the Cadet Programs segment will provide a comprehensive introduction into the Cadet Program, discussing organization, academics, and activities.

At the conclusion of the course, cadets will have the broad understanding of the Civil Air Patrol they need to get started in the Cadet Program. They will also receive their

first recognition in the Cadet Program when they are awarded the Certificate of Accomplishment for completing the course, making their integration into the squadron complete.

The Cadet Orientation Course materials include the instructor's guide, student guide, and presentation slides designed for use with the Level 1 Orientation Video released in August 1997. The video is available from the CAP Bookstore. The Certificate of Accomplishment is a standard CAP Form 44, and should be in squadron stock. If not, they can easily be obtained through normal distribution channels.

When these new course materials are released, each region, wing, composite and cadet squadron will receive a complimentary copy of the paper materials. Due to funding restrictions, the Level 1 video will not be included. After the initial distribution, the Cadet Orientation Course will be available for a nominal fee from the CAP Bookstore.

The Cadet Orientation Course will be an ideal addition to your unit's cadet training program. Watch for the new Cadet Orientation Course in your unit mailbox.



MEET YOUR FLORIDA WING DIRECTORS

Florida Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda announced the following appointments at his very first Florida Wing Staff meeting:

**CHIEF OF STAFF
VICE COMMANDER**



Lt. C. RICHARD VALONE

ADMINISTRATION

[Photo Not Available]

Maj. ROBERT SCHULTZ

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Lt. C. GARY NELSON

INSPECTOR GENERAL



Lt. C. KAY CUNNINGHAM

CADET PROGRAMS



Lt. C. MATT SHARKEY

AEROSPACE EDUCATION



Lt. C. AMY BOSWELL

SAFETY DIRECTOR



Lt. C. DAVID FULLER

OPERATIONS



Lt. C. DAVID LEHTONEN

SENIOR PROGRAMS



1LT. JAY JASEN

CHAPLAIN



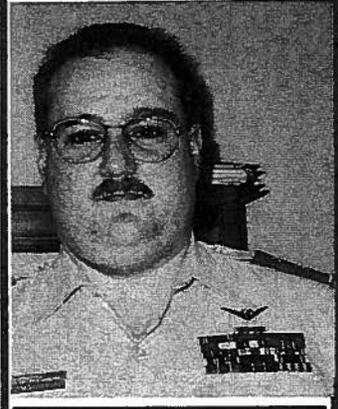
Lt. C. RALPH RIVERS

FINANCE



Cpt. SHARON KINGSLEY

LOGISTICS



Maj. WILLIAM LYNCH

MEDICAL OFFICER



Cpt. Lawrence Gaulkin, M.D.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS



LtC. William Brennan

LEGAL OFFICER



Maj. Julia Diaz

PLANS & PROGRAMS



LtC. Henri Casenove

COMMUNICATIONS



Maj. James Elston

**MARKETING/
PUBLIC RELATIONS**



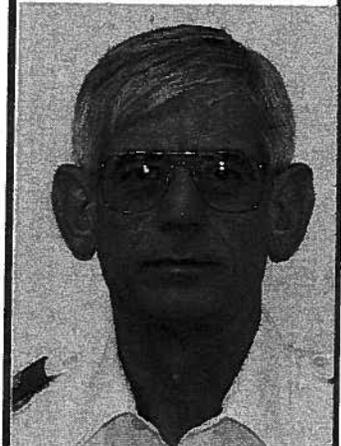
Cpt. Russ Vizzi

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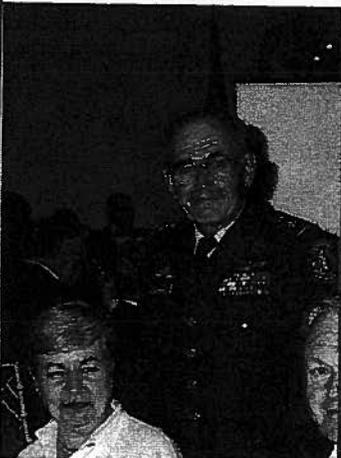
Maj. Luis Garcia

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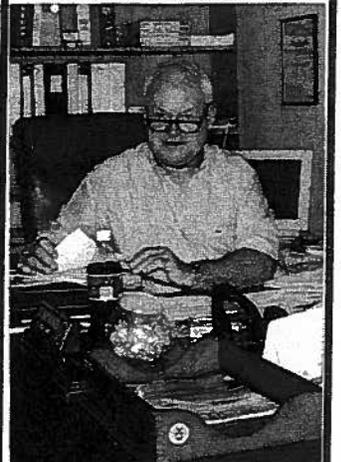
COUNTER DRUGS



LtC. Gus Ehrman

- HISTORIAN
- LtC. Roger Thomas
- EDITOR-FLORIDA FACTS
- Maj. S. Buddy Harris
- GRANTS MANAGER
- Capt. Hodelin Rene
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
- LtC. Valerie Brown
- ROTC FLIGHT PROGRAM
- Col. Mason
- RECRUITING

WING ADMINISTRATOR



LtC. 'Skip' Munger

NEW WING COMMANDER SETS FORTH NEW GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Without allowing any time for 'grass to grow under his feet', new Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda announced, to Wing Staff and Group Commanders, the Goals and Objectives he has established for Florida Wing.

"I know this will require lots of effort. If we work as a team, in harmony with our ultimate objective of making our wing the best in our nation, than we will succeed." Tony stated.

The following are the Commander's Goals and Objectives:

EXPANSION OF OUT-REACH PROGRAM -

[a] We will have a new Directorate-Marketing and Public Relations. Those officers in charge of Recruiting, Editor of FLORIDA FACTS, Historian, Special Projects, ROTC, Marketing, Public Affairs and Grantsmanship shall work within this new structure.

[b] Our newly chartered Legislative Squadron will be our showcase of activity for our elected state officials. Recruiting of these officials to become squadron members shall be a high priority. [c] Assignment of an aircraft to MacDill AFB will facilitate our ability to show the Air Force, the Air Force Association, Air Force Education Foundation and Defense Industries the range of public service we provide.

EXPANSION OF GRANTSMANSHIP - Appoint-

ment of a Grants Officer will attain grant monies that will be used to [a] pay all expenses for cadet encampments, IACE activities, Cadet Orientation Flights, increased Emergency Training and Practice sessions, and recruiting programs.



Col. Pineda establishes a new Florida Wing tradition. Outgoing Wing Commanders will sign and date the reverse side of the CAP Seal Plaque that hangs in Wing Headquarters. Col. Skiba is the first to place his signature on this plaque.

COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT -

[a] Obtain and install more repeaters, more base radio stations, achieve a redistribution of our VHF and HF equipment, maximize the utilization of our communication capabilities. [b] Redesign our Florida Wing Web Page, establish an official E-Mail list for official communications, introduce the broader use of conference calling, voice mail, E-Mail and other technological advances. It must be easier for us to communicate with each other.

AWARD RECOGNITION - We have all too often achieved second place or have not been recognized for our various cadet and senior member capabilities or because forms submission was inadequate or not transmitted. Our members train long and hard and have earned us the ability to be the best in the nation. We will work harder this year and do all that is necessary to make Florida Wing the largest wing and the most outstanding wing of all fifty CAP Wings.

SOUTHEAST REGION CONFERENCE WAS SMOOTH SAILING.

By Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham

The first Civil Air Patrol Region Conference aboard a cruise ship was proclaimed a success by the 120 CAP members who enjoyed smooth sailing aboard Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas during a four day high-sea adventure from Miami to Cocoa Cay and Nassau. After signing in with the ship's officials, members were directed to a special CAP sign-in table to pick up conference schedules, name tags, a 'special' button and raffle tickets.

Horizontal rain, hail and strong winds of 56 mph halted the boarding around 1330 when the gangway was blown away from the ship. Embarkation resumed shortly thereafter and everyone feasted on a sumptuous buffet before the ship sailed from Miami. Invocation at Friday evening's opening assembly was rendered by SER Chaplain, Lt. Col. James Melancon. Commander, Col. Richard Bowling, welcomed the assemblage and introduced National Executive Director Col. Paul Albano, the Region Staff and the Conference Staff. Major Joel Katz, Conference Chairman and Major Carol Fresnada, Cruise Coordinator were promoted to Lieutenant Colonel during the assembly. Capt. Brenda Allison, the Conference PAO advised everyone that she had a large quantity of cadet and senior member brochures for passing out to all the other ship passengers. SER Legal Officer, Lt. Col. George Graves reminded all that no uniforms or articles of clothing identifying them as CAP members were to be worn in any foreign ports of call.

Saturday morning's sessions by NHQ personnel encompassed the theme of the conference - "Training and Retention". Mr. James Mallett, Director of Aerospace Education and Senior Training gave an excellent presentation about 'rules' to link education with training for senior members.

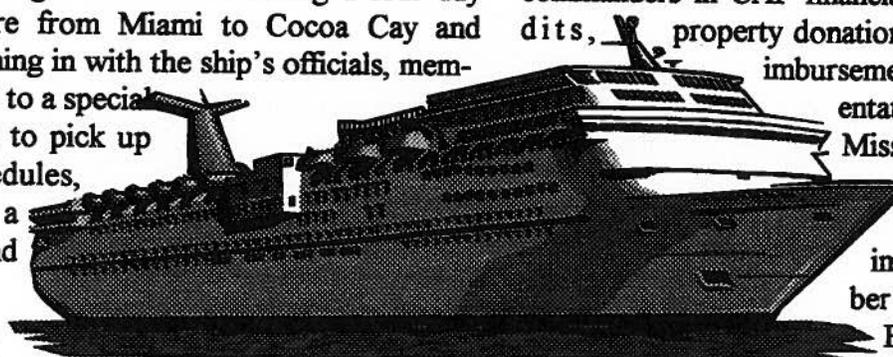
SER Director of Aerospace Education, Major Dave

Garner emphasized using Internet to access information for units. Mr. Tom Hicks, Director of Financial Management, covered responsibilities and duties of commanders in CAP financial matters including audits, property donations, fund raising, and reimbursement for mission and orientation flights. Director of Mission Support, Mr. Paul Capicik addressed the Unit File Disks and the importance of the member information it contains. He stated that a new information technology

specialty track is being developed for senior members. Capt. Matt Eddinger and 1Lt. Catherine Sullivan, Cadet Programs, addressed cadet orientation flight procedures. Director of Plans and Requirements, Mr. Don Rowland highlighted key strategic training and education, increasing member involvement and implementation of technology. Closing the morning sessions was Col. Roy Gibbons, SER Director of Counter Drug Operations speaking about CAP's CN Program.

A full schedule of seminars was set on Sunday morning and at Sunday Evening Awards Ceremony, forty-six awards were given including; SER Cadet of the Year-C/Lt. Col. Yahaira Santana, Puerto Rico Wing; Sr. Member of the Year-Lt. Col. Pat Cureton, Tenn. Wing; SER PAO of the Year-1Lt. Richard Williamson, Georgia Wing; SER Safety Officer of the Year, Major Lyle Letteer, Jr. Georgia Wing; and SER Chaplain of the Year, Major James Hughes, Georgia Wing.

Docking in Miami on Monday morning brought an end to a wonderful and safe region conference. A special thanks to Col. Richard Bowling and the conference committee for setting a new standard for CAP activities. Plans are underway for a unique 1999 South East Region Conference.



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

The new Level I orientation video and lesson plans are available through the CAP Bookstore. The Level I course is priced at a very reasonable \$20.00 and comes in an attractive three-ringed binder. The Bookstore reports that it has added a large supply to inventory and express shipping is available.

A major course correction may be in store for the federally operated Loran Navigation System. A year-long study finds that it would cost more to shut the system down than to keep it operating until at least 2015. As this issue goes to press, U.S. Department of Transportation has not yet presented the report to the Congress.

Florida Wing can be particularly proud that it has been recognized as being a wonderful host

for major group functions. As exemplified by the scheduling of N/CASE '99 in Orlando [Lt. Col. Amy Boswell and Group Commander, Major Jorge Del Rio are already hard at work], National CAP Board Meeting, Year 2000 in Orlando, and the Florida Wing Conference - 2000 in Orlando. Florida Wing Conference - '99 seems to be narrowing to the Tampa area. Watch this newsletter for updates of the extensive efforts underway by Lt.Col. Valerie Brown and Capt. Sharon Kingsley.

If you want this newsletter to be sent to your local sheriff, chief-of-police, fire marshal, mayor, city manager, or any government official, heads of grant foundations or U.S. Congressional or Senatorial representative, merely send the name, title and address to Major Buddy Harris. Col.

Pineda advises that the printing and postage costs will be paid for by wing.

To avoid what was frequently a confusing issue, Commander Pineda has established a set schedule of monthly Wing Staff meetings on the third Saturday of each month at 0900hrs. at FLWG HQ and Command Calls for Group Commanders will be quarterly at 1300hrs. Check schedules on page 23.

Lt. Cols. Bill Brennan and Gary Nelson have been relentless in their pursuit of an Emergency Services Grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Medical Officer, Capt. Lawrence Gaulkin is arranging for each unit to be provided with Safety First Aid Kits and instruction courses.



CADET CAP'ERS



 **Capt. Virginia Montalvo** - Cadet Airman First Class Anthony Burke, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron was one of the few cadets who earned his solo wings when he attended the National Power Flight Academy in Wisconsin. Cadet Burke was thrilled with his achievement and urges other cadets to avail themselves of the many opportunities in aviation that Civil Air Patrol offers.

  **Lt. Col. Matthew Sharkey, FLWG Director, Cadet Programs** - The National Encampment, held at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, was attended by 330 cadets, 33 full time senior members, and 15 support senior members representing 26 CAP Wings. Four star General Joseph Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff and Brigadier General James Jaegar personally greeted the CAP contingent. Some of the activities at the encampment included C-130 flights and Cessna Orientation flights.

 **Major Jan Ferguson, Group 6 Commander** - C/Capt Greg Auerbach earned his solo wings in a Cessna 172 at Opa Locka Airport. Persistence and dedication over a three year period surely paid off.

 **1Lt. Trish Turner, PAO** - Shane Turner was promoted to C/Lt. Col. at the monthly meeting of the Central Florida Composite Squadron. Shane has also earned his Eaker Award and is well on his way to being presented with the Spaatz Award. C/Lt. Col. Turner still has one and a half more years of leadership service as a cadet.

 **2Lt. Lee Selner, DO** - C/1Lt. Robert Johnson,

Cadet Commander of the Pasco Cadet Squadron, satisfactorily completed his studies and graduated from the National Flight Academy-Power at Smyrna, TN. Cadet Johnson also earned his solo wings in a Cessna 172. He continued his flight training during the summer and has now returned to his duties as Cadet Commander of SER-FL-437.

 **Capt. Larry Gray** - C/Lt. Col Nadia Saxman participated in the soaring program at the Air Force Academy.

 **Lt. Col. Mathew Sharkey** - C/Col. Tex McCloud received the Spaatz Award from General Ryan, USAF Chief of Staff at the CAP National Board Meeting in Atlanta. C/Col. McCloud was formerly a member and his father Jim McCloud was the commander, of the Orlando Cadet Squadron.

  **Col. David Mikelson** - The new Boca Raton Cadet Squadron is "up and running". Six cadet and five senior members have been recruited, a bank account is opened and donations are being deposited, Level I and CPPT are scheduled, and a temporary meeting facility has been provided by the city.

  **Capt. David Younce** - The McCoy and Seminole Cadet Squadrons conducted a joint leadership exercise. All attendees were introduced to the 7 component Drill Competition, military customs and courtesies, and training classes in various F101 courses.

IACE PARTICIPANTS VISIT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

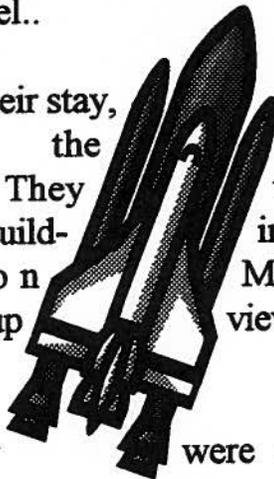
by Lt. Col. Matthew R. Sharkey

The participants in the International Air Cadet Exchange program visited Florida from Turkey, Germany, and the United Kingdom with an escort from Israel..



whelmed with the exhibits that they never did get to see the Cape Canaveral Historic Tour, the Visitor Complex, a full-scale shuttle mock-up, an original fuel tank and booster rocket assembly, and various museums.

During their stay, they spent a full day at the Kennedy Space Center. They visited the Saturn V build- Station a close-up view of the shuttle pads.

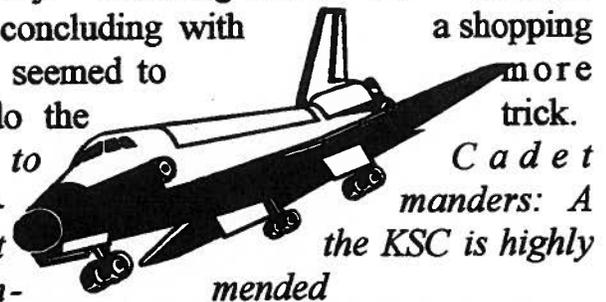


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They were so totally over-

The IACE escorts were hard pressed to top the KSC Day. Canoeing down the Wekiwa River concluding with a shopping trip seemed to more than do the trick.

Note to Com- day at recom- mended Cadet manders: A the KSC is highly



CAP CONDUCTS NATIONAL COUNTER-DRUG ORIENTATION THROUGHOUT FLORIDA

A National Counter- Drug Orientation Program was held at MacDill AFB [Tampa], Tyndall AFB [Near Panama City], and Florida Air National Guard Base [Jacksonville].

The session comprehensively covered U.S. Customs Service, Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA], and Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] requirements.

Lt. Col. Gus Ehrman reported that all locations had an

excellent turnout. The orientation was a six-and-one-half hour telecourse which included scheduled breaks.

All attendees will receive official clearance from the U.S. Customs, DEA and FAA which will make them eligible for assignment on missions performed for those agencies by CAP.

The Florida Wing is one of the more active in the nation in performing missions for the Counter-Drug Program.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

FLWG Medical Officer,

Capt. Lawrence Gaulkin conducted a Bloodborne Pathogen Instructor Training Course at CAP Headquarters, MacDill AFB.

This is the first time that Florida Wing trained in a comprehensive Bloodborne Pathogen Course which meets the OSHA and CDC guidelines.

The course was designed to train and qualify instructors in Bloodborne Pathogens occupation-specific procedures of CAP missions, as required by OSHA.

Capt. Gaulkin made it clear that the course did not cover subjects aimed specifically for hospital and office-based personnel.

MISSION MEMOS



Under an agreement with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Civil Air Patrol will begin searching for distressed migrants along the southwest border of the United States. The INS solicited CAP's services based on its long history of humanitarian service and expertise in search and rescue. The CAP will fly over isolated corridors, such as deserts, open prairies and mountainous areas of California, Arizona and Texas. CAP pilots and observers will report the location of distressed immigrants to local rescue agencies, who will in turn, assist the migrants. The INS and Mexican officials are pleased with this agreement in that it will help to curb the number of deaths of Mexican migrants.

A sailing magazine recently printed the following meaning of EPIRB = "Esteemed Pilot, I'm Right Below".

Lt. Col. George Williams, Deputy Commander, Group 1, reports on a busy day which started with an ELT mission opening at 0515. Capt James Sellers, Commander of the Pensacola Composite Squadron was alerted and he quickly put together a 10 member ground team. The SARSAT coordinates were in the vicinity of the NAS Pensacola. The ground team quickly located the ELT on a U.S. Navy T-34 aircraft on the ramp. Several cadets were credited with their first ELT Find and were awarded the Search Find Ribbon for their outstanding efforts.

Less than one hour later, another ELT transmitted a signal on the other side of Group 1 in the Wakulla, Fl. area. Bad weather precluded the launching of an aerial search. 1Lt. Christie Mathison, unable to alert other ground team members, initiated the ground search on her own. With a hand-held radio, Lt. Mathison went to the Wakulla County Airport and quickly acquired the signal. She determined it to be in a locked private hangar. Local residents said the aircraft was undergoing an annual maintenance check. Lt. Mathison contacted the owner and the ELT was

silenced on his Piper PA-28. Group 1 rightly feels quite proud with two finds in one day.

Capt. John Bayne reported a total of 64 sorties and 102.7 flight hours in his mission closeout report for the U.S. Forestry Service Forest Fire Mission #FL949.

The following excerpt is from the story behind these statistics more fully reported on Page One of the News-Journal:

DELAND...Florida's recent wildfires brought pain and loss to hundreds of Volusia and Flagler residents and threatened destruction many times worse.

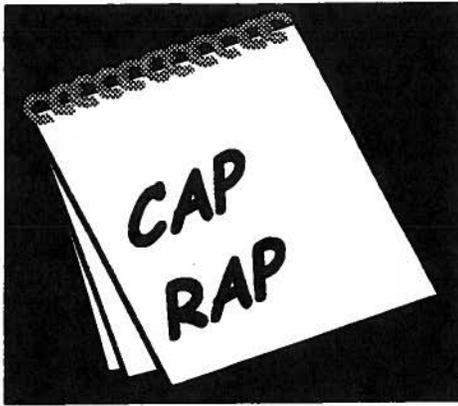
Standing against that devastation, however was a line of determined humanity, everyday people doing more than everyday jobs. Among them was a group of volunteers called the DeLand Composite Squadron, Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

CAP members and cadets were part of two important behind-the-scene activities. They provided federal, state and county emergency-management personnel and fire-fighting pilots in tankers and helicopters with radio communication relayed from orbiting, specially equipped CAP planes. Additionally, the CAP assumed responsibility for providing warm food for the fire-fighting personnel.

Capt. John Bayne, CAP Incident Commander with the Daytona Beach Squadron was in charge of the project. The proposal called for outfitting three CAP planes, from Gainesville, DeLand and Merritt Island, with special antennas that picked up and boosted radio signals. After four days, officials reassigned the three planes to a mission in Ocala.

"Our job was to keep a specially equipped radio aircraft on station at 5,000 feet altitude from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day," Bayne said.

The mission, requested by the U.S. Division of Forestry, was approved by the Florida Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. Bayne said volunteers from Florida CAP and Georgia CAP participated in an outstanding manner.



SER-FL-999, Florida Legislative Squadron, 1918 Botany Drive, Tallahassee, is officially chartered. Lt. Col. John Brennan is the Squadron Commander.

Congratulations and welcome to the Florida 'Family'.



Major Charles Vogelsong, Commander of the Lee County Composite Squadron, turned off his 58th ELT-EPIRB alarm recently. It took him exactly one phone call and twelve minutes to call Wing Alerting Officer Croft and close the mission. "It was N72LC, the Sheriff 's Office helicopter, again."

Editor's Note: I'm betting that Chuck will attain his 65th, before Mark McGuire or Sammy Sosa get theirs.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
Florida Wing Office Hours have changed. Wing Headquarters is now open **MONDAY** through **FRIDAY**, 0830 to 1630. The headquarters is **CLOSED** on **SATURDAYS**, **SUNDAYS** and all Monday **HOLIDAYS**.



Group 6 Commander, Major Jan Ferguson recently attended an out-of-state training seminar. At the hotel he noted the following quote which was framed and hanging in the conference center's entry:- "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us to not talk about the rest of us."



The tourism industry is still feeling the heat from the wildfires that blanketed 243,000 acres in northeast Florida. Hotels that are usually 70 to 80 percent full during the summer were left with 30% occupancy while the fires burned. At the 31st Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism, it was determined that billions of dollars were lost as a result of Interstate-95 being closed

and the stock car races cancelled at Daytona International Speedway. The Space Coast estimated its loss at \$10 million. It's reasonable to assume that these loss figures would have been substantially greater if not for the fantastic effort put forth by firefighters from around the nation and the CAP members who worked long and hard assisting in closing the ground-to-air-to-ground communication gap.



The Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] has an excellent program that provides useful tips on protecting your home from wildfires, flooding, and hurricanes. Take a look at it and learn how to lessen the effects of hazards on you and your home. The URL is <http://www.fema.gov/mit/how2.htm>

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to the Change of Command, many of the stories and photos you have submitted could not be an inclusion in this issue. Please keep sending them in.

Be assured that they will all appear in the October/December issue.



From The MAILBAG

In response to numerous inquiries from Public Affairs Officers throughout the state, here is the E-Mail address for Jim Tynan, the Editor of national CAP NEWS :
cap-news-editor@cap.af.mil

<http://www2.netdoor.com/~drchuck/capforms.htm>

I've been looking for a long time for a fly-in at MacDill AFB that they used to have in the 80's. Your Jan/Mar. issue noted one for 18 - 19 April. However, I didn't receive my issue until 6 May. Can you arrange for a more timely delivery of the newsletter?

2Lt. Herb Friedberg

Your query is totally justified. That issue was the first issue of FLORIDA FACTS to be delivered to every Florida CAP member. We had an unanticipated dilemma with the logistics of printing and applying 4000 labels. Instead of mailing on 1 April, we mailed on 24 April. This delay will not re-occur.

Saw the Regional Staff College article in the wing paper. It was real nice and thanks for the plug.

Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham
Florida Wing Staff

Good issue. Page 18 Cap Forms doesn't work!!! Please advise.

Lt. Col. Charles Krout
Group 5 - Commander

Following publication date, URL NET-MINDER advised of a change in URL. The new address for CAP FORMS is:

Sorry the UFD is a little late this month. I was in Flagler County on State Police duties regarding the forest fires for the past week. I did stop in to the Daytona Beach Mission Base and saw what a wonderful job Florida Wing members were doing accomplishing the unique task as assigned by State of Florida EOC - Mission # FL 949. Congratulations to all on a job well done. I only wish I could have been there with them.

Lt. Col. Michael Brown
Florida Wing Staff

For all those interested in the history of the Civil Air Patrol, you should check out Florida Historical Quarterly-Spring 1998, pages 417-438, "Florida's Flying Minute Men - the Civil Air Patrol 1941-1943" by Thomas Reilly.

2Lt. Blake Sasse
Palm Beach Senior Squadron

The Middle East Region Home Page has the words to the CAP Hymn [song]...however I have no idea what it sounds like. Does anyone have the music for this song?

Major K. David Clark
Norfolk Composite Sq. - Commander
Does anyone? Send it to me and I'll give everybody the source via this page.

Once again an excellent issue of FLORIDA FACTS. In the Awards listing, you left out 'Historian of the Year', Major Vivian Olsen of Pinellas Senior Squadron. Please include it next time.

Lt. Col. William Kidney
Florida Wing Historian

I have. Mea culpa Major Olsen and congratulations.

Wanted to let you know that I think you are doing a fine job. It's been a long time since we have had a newsletter such as this. It will be a great way to get the word out and about, and get units talking to each other once again. CAP Florida has been operating in a vacuum for too long.

Capt. David Freed
SER-FL 123

My wife sent me a copy of FLORIDA FACTS. It certainly is an excellent publication. I hope it continues with the quality I see. However, I am extremely disappointed that the name was changed from GatorCapers, a name we had used for many, many years.

Lt. Col. Fred Swearingen
Harrisburg, Pa.

Have received the FLORIDA FACTS. Excellent information.

1Lt. Edward Lege, Jr.
Group 1-Sr. Program Officer

SUMMER '98 TRAINING PROGRAMS BREAK ALL RECORDS.

In spite of the heat, vacation periods, wildfire missions, and Group reorganizations, there was hardly a week, throughout the summer, when a training program was not underway within the Florida Wing.

The season kicked off with a Corporate

Learning Course taught solely by Wing Staff Officers.

Capt. Frank A. Haas was AGOS '98 Commander of one of the most successful full week Air/Ground Operations School at Camp Blanding Military Training Reservation.

Capt. Vanessa Rowley instructed a class on Administration and Personnel in the McElmurray Auditorium in Sarasota. To take advantage of the opportunity to be trained by one of the most qualified instructors in the state, some drove many hours and others flew distances to attend.

Group 6 conducted a Disaster Relief Exercise. Mission Base was established at the Group 6

Headquarters at Sanford Airport. The training placed a specific emphasis on "working out the kinks"

administration were stressed.

Group 3 and Group 4 held a Cadet Leadership Bivouac at the



CORPORATE LEARNING COURSE CONDUCTED AT FLORIDA WING CAP HEADQUARTERS

and teamwork in order to better respond to actual mission requirements.

Six squadrons from Group 2 participated in a Search And Rescue Exercise at Herlong Airfield in Jacksonville. Eighty-three senior members and cadets participated. A special emphasis was placed on Ground Team Training, Flight Crew, ESI Emergency, Check Rides, and Administration. Squadrons participating included South Marion Composite Squadron, St. Augustine, Deland, Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville Composite and Herlong Composite. Group 4 held a Search and Rescue Exercise at the Merritt Island Airport. Ground Team training, air crew practice and mission base ad-

Masonic Youth Camping area in Sun City. Training in Flight Leadership, CPPT, Administration, Personnel, Moral Leadership, PAO

and Safety were emphasized. Pitching tents, cooking, KP, personal hygiene and handling camping-out equipment were essential, but secondary facets of training.

Editors Note:

Sincerest thanks to the following submitters of the information which made this story possible:

1Lt. Bob Colbert, Capt. Frank Haas, 1Lt. Ronnie Shaw, Lt. Col. Virginia Cullity, Capt. Bryan Brotheridge, Lt. Col. Skip Munger, Capt. Paul Blystone, Lt. Col. Randal Miner, 2Lt. Allen Smith, Major Jay Jeffries, Lt. Col. Gary Nelson, Capt. Al Ferraro and Lt. Col. Valerie Brown.

CAP MEMBER LOOKS BACK 50 YEARS AND COMPARES THEN AND NOW

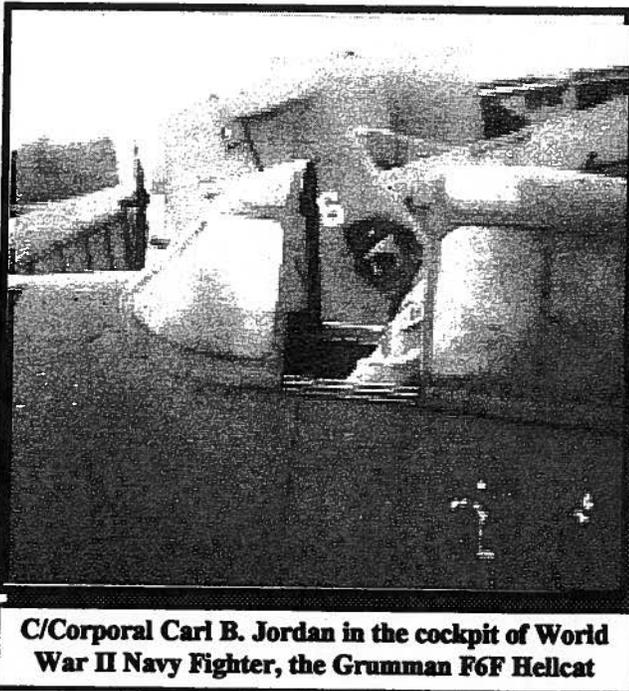
CAP Capt. Carl B. Jordan, currently of SER-FL-051 is seen in the photo as a one-year 'veteran' CAP cadet. Six years later, as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, he found himself flying F-94 and F-89 jet fighters.

Cadet Jordan was a member of the CAP Cadet Squadron affiliated with his high school. In 1948 he was a Cadet Corporal and in five years rose to the rank of C/Captain. The uniforms were khaki and the shoes were brown, just like the army. The previous year, in 1947, the U.S. Air Force had become an independent branch of service, but the uniforms hadn't yet changed.

In 1948, CAP was designated as an Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. It was in early 1952, during the Korean War, that the rank of Corporal was changed to Airman Second Class within the Air Force. Years later, the rank changed again and is now known as Airman First Class.

The shoulder patch was the well-known CAP symbol consisting of a circle, white triangle, and red three-bladed propeller. Across the top was a circular bar that said "Civil Air Patrol", and across the bottom was a circular bar that said "Cadet". The rank chevrons were worn on the sleeve. Senior members also had "enlisted ranks" back then, and they also wore chevrons on their sleeves. The tie was tucked in between the second and third buttons of the uniform shirt, as prescribed for the

World War II style uniform. [This also carried over through the Korean War, and later.]



C/Corporal Carl B. Jordan in the cockpit of World War II Navy Fighter, the Grumman F6F Hellcat

Cadet Jordan soloed at age 16. Inasmuch as there were no "solo wings" back then, this entitled him to wear CAP Pilot Wings. {CAP Observer Wings were half-wings, rather than full wings.} He obtained his Private Pilot License at age 17, before graduating High School. The license had to be dated to his 18th birthday since Civil Air Regulations at that time established that age as the minimum for such a license.

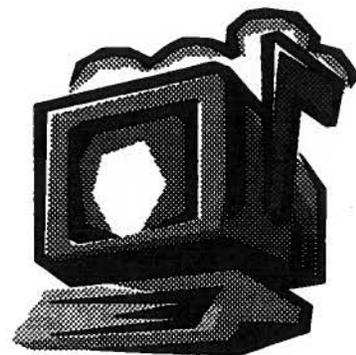
Jordan joined the Air Force in 1952, at the height of the Korean War. He became a 20 year-old all-weather-interceptor pilot. He was released from active duty in 1956 but remained an officer in the Air Force Reserves. He also began an airline-flying career which lasted for 30 years. It's interesting to note that his father was an airline pilot and his daughter is currently an airline pilot.

Captain Jordan credits the CAP Cadets, its programs, training and encampments with giving him a 'leg-up' in the Air Force. It was his CAP background which was instrumental in his succeeding in the attainment of his goals.

"If I were a teen-ager again, I'd join CAP Cadets at the 'drop-of-a-hat' ", said Jordan. "Today, cadets is open to girls, equal to that of boys. The programs and opportunities have come a long way", Jordan concluded.

Submitted by Capt. Carl B. Jordan

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



The 6th Air Refueling Wing at MacDill AFB was extremely impressed with the CAP members service in a broad spectrum of roles during their Disaster/Mass Casualty Exercise. Once again, in response to their request, CAP Lt. Col. Waldy Malouf volunteered to fly Brig. Gen. James Soligan, 6th Air Refueling Wing Commander, to survey the U.S.A.F. Avon Park Training Range.

Here are some testimonials given by the recent AGOS graduates: "I especially enjoyed the hands-on training. The staff did a really great job."

"Extremely qualified group of teachers/instructors. Team building was excellent."

"Outstanding."

"This was by far the most valuable experience I have ever had in my life. Thank you for the superb training opportunity."

"It was the best taught program I have ever attended. It was very professionally taught."

"Its focus was proficiency. Doing it right."

"I wanted to develop my leadership skills, learn techniques to develop teamwork, awareness in difficult situations, learn to work with new people, and have a situational experience. AGOS '98 gave me that and more."

Capt. Frank Haas took a leisurely cross country flight on a recent Sunday and stopped at Vero Beach for lunch. He recommends C. J. Cannon's restaurant on the field as one of the nicest he has encountered. At the Self-Serve Fuel Pump he met a man and woman who were trying to repair the grounding clip that was part of the system. He offered to help and in short order the repair was completed. The man noticed Frank's CAP ballcap and commented that he had thought of joining CAP but didn't know where to find a local unit. Before you could say 'recruit' Frank had his name, address and phone number and arranged for him to be contacted. *Some CAP'ers are always in there, pitching!!*

As of EOM July, FLWG had 2119 senior members...a growth rate of 2%. We are only second to CAWG which has 2292 senior members. Cadet members totaled 1770, which is the largest number of any wing in the nation. Interesting to note that CAP's Cadet growth was 19% last FY while the Girl Scouts grew 2.4% and the Boy Scouts only grew 1.4%.

Lt. Col. Valerie Brown reports that at the National Board Meeting in Atlanta, USAA scholarships were awarded to FLWG C/Col. Brian Lau and former C/Col. William Wescott, Jr. *Congratulations to you both - all of Florida Wing is 'button popping' proud!*

Lt. Col. Valerie Brown additionally reported that the National Board has prioritized special attention to issues of funding, liability, accountability, and visibility.

National Headquarters reports that Civil Air Patrol continues its long-standing mission of air search and rescue, flying 25,000 hours each year training, tracking ELT's, locating downed aircraft and missing persons and providing emergency relief services during natural disasters. CAP has saved an average of 100 lives per year through more than a half-century of public service. CAP began supporting counter-drug initiatives in 1986. At end of 1997, CAP logged nearly 40,000 flight hours to help prevent more than \$2.6 billion in drugs from reaching the streets.

IN RECOGNITION



Public Affairs Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. Karen Copenhaver, Director of Public Affairs - Virginia Wing was named CAP Public Affairs Officer of the Year at the National Board Meeting in Atlanta.

Commander's Commendation

- ♦ Col. Andrew Skiba for stewardship as Wing Commander.
- ♦ Lt. Col. David Lehtonen for service as former Group 7 Commander.
- ♦ Capt. Barbara Bausenwein for outstanding service as Administrative and Personnel Officer for Jacksonville Composite Squadron and Group II.
- ♦ Col. Kermit Davis for service as Florida Wing Chaplain and advancement to Chaplain, South East Region.

Commander's Appointment

- ♦ Lt. Col. William Brennan is Commander of newly chartered Legislative Squadron in Tallahassee.

PROMOTIONS

- ♦ Capt. Kevin Keenan to Major.
- ♦ Capt. William Lynch to Major.
- ♦ Capt. George Lasky to Major.
- ♦ Capt. Julia Diaz to Major.

AGOS '98 GRADUATES

CADET MEMBERS	
C/Amn Michael Delgado	C/B Ginger Taylor
C/B Sean Ferraro	C/TSgt Coa Walden Cora
C/A1C Lawrence Fischer	C/B Michael Wilson
C/Amn Daniel Gray Daniel	SENIOR MEMBERS
C/B Zachary Herman	Capt. Mario Bartaletti
C/B Daniel Killian	Capt. Raymond Hatfield
C/B Christine King	SM Daniel Mueller
C/2Lt Marc Lawson	1Lt. Ronnie Shaw
C/Sgt Matthew LaMay	Lt.Col. James Spieth
C/TSgt Dylan McVeigh	2Lt. Danny Swan
C/FO Chris Smith	SM Amber Turner

THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

JULY

July 1942 - CAP Border Patrol is instituted.

1 July 1946 - President Truman signs P.L. 476 incorporating the Civil Air Patrol.

1 July 1948 - Civil Air Patrol is transferred to Headquarters Command of the U.S.A.F.

AUGUST

31 August 1943 - Coastal Patrol Submarine duty discontinued. Mission accomplished.

1 August 1964 - Col. Joe J. Mason guides CAP to position of impact and importance in American aviation.

31 August 1975 - Air Force Brig. Gen. Carl S. Miller becomes CAP National Commander.

15 August 1998 - Wing Commander, Col. Andrew Skiba becomes National Comptroller.

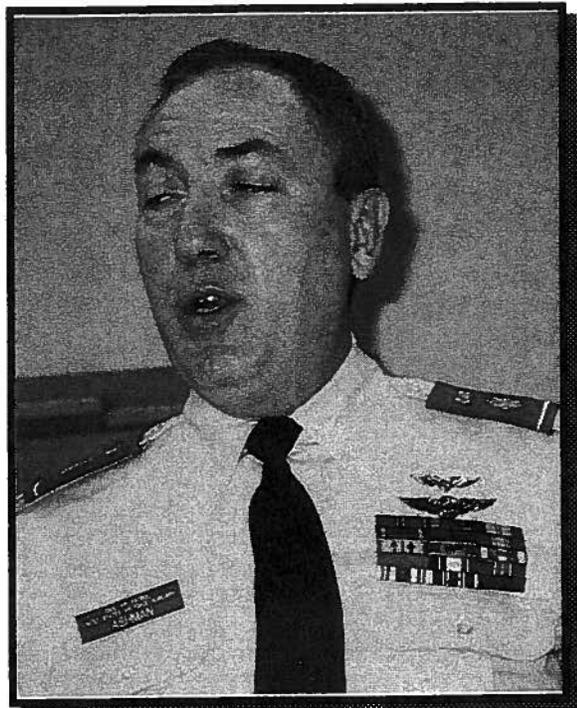
15 August 1998 - Vice Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda appointed to Wing Commander.

SEPTEMBER

18 September 1947 - U. S. Air Force created as separate command. USAF Birthday!

26 September 1947 - Gen. Carl A. Spaatz becomes USAF Chief of Staff.

MEET THE GROUP 3 COMMANDER



Major Robert D. Ashman

As a result of the Group Reorganization Program, Major Robert D. Ashman was appointed to the position of Commander of Group 3...the group with the largest membership in the Florida Wing. As of January '98, Group 3 was composed of 700 cadets and 526 seniors for a total of 1226 members.

Major Ashman has moved through the ranks in a rapid succession of promotions. He joined the Civil Air Patrol in May, 1990 as a member of the Hillsborough One Senior Squadron. His first duty assignment was Communications Officer of the squadron. In less than one year he volunteered to fill the gap of squadron Deputy Commander. Bob never hesitated to take on additional duties and one such was Assistant Safety Officer. His supervisory and managerial capabilities were always recognized and he assumed the responsibility of serving as Squadron Commander in 1993. Two years later he was Deputy Commander of Group 3 [ADY] and in 1996 was appointed Group Commander.

CAP MEMBER TAKES A CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT.....LITERALLY!!!

Captain Robert Becka, SER-FL-310, recently returned from a cross-country flight. He ferried a PA 32 Lance from KPIE [St. Petersburg] to PAFA [Fairbanks, Alaska].

The trip was more than 4000 miles and Bob flew it in 29.2 hours over five days. He experienced some delays due to weather, but the greatest delay in time was in waiting on paperwork to clear Customs.

Anticipating an expansive interview, I had a large pad and many sharpened pencils when I asked Bob to tell me some of his memorable experiences. He said it all in a mere five words, "Alaska is a pilot's paradise."



Captain Bob Becka and the PA 32 Lance landed safely in Fairbanks Alaska.

NEWS FLASH!

Col. Pineda has arranged for this issue of **FLORIDA FACTS** and all subsequent issues to be sent to every member of the Florida State Legislature as well as to every member of Florida Wing. Tony feels this wing is one of the best in the nation in providing public service and life-saving professionalism. Our only mistake is not letting others know about what we do, where we do it, how we do it and what benefit it provides to the community at large

Florida Wing will be receiving three new vans within the next 60 days. Three older vans that cost enormous sums of money for continuous repairs will be retired. Next fiscal year, we will receive two additional new vans which similarly will replace retired vehicles. These five vans plus our current motor pool will be strategically placed so that they are within one hour or less from any unit in the state.

Air Force Handbook 33-337, *The Tongue and Quill* is now available on the CAP home page, due in large part to the efforts of the Information Systems staff. This book is supplementary to ECI-13, though it is not provided in the course materials. You may download the course by contacting the HQ CAP home page at <http://www.cap.af.mil> and follow the instructions.

Thanks to the continuous efforts of Lt. Col. Skip Munger, Florida Wing is on the brink of signing a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with the Command at MacDill AFB. Certain of the direct benefits to CAP include the turning over of the Disaster Preparedness Training Center Building to CAP, providing postage costs up to \$10,000/yr, all privileges and facilities enjoyed by Air Force personnel will now be available for CAP personnel as well, free hangar space for our C-182 and free maintenance for the aircraft—though CAP will have to provide the parts.

Col. Skiba negotiated a trade of our old \$17,000 Sky Hawk for a \$140,000 1982 Cessna 182. This plane will be picked up by the end of the year and stationed at MacDill AFB.

Florida Wing's new C-172 will be assigned to the newly chartered Legislative Squadron in Tallahassee as soon as its retrofitting is completed and tested.

The entire fleet of new C-172's CAP purchased last year are being upgraded to 180hp engines. This change will increase the useful load capacity of the aircraft, allowing CAP aircrews to carry more equipment while conducting SAR missions and disaster relief flights.

About 20 CAP aircraft are currently equipped with the ARNAV system. WxLink allows the Mission Coordinator to track aircraft movement and redirect aircraft while in flight. NEXRAD will help keep pilots alerted to weather conditions.

YOUR HEALTH IS AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR EQUIPMENT.

by Capt. Lawrence A. Gaulkin, M.D.
Florida Wing Medical Officer

Cap missions require immediate response, and our equipment must be in perfect working order when we need them. All of us are well aware of the dangers of even the slightest irregularity in aircraft operating systems or navigation aids, and there are numerous warnings from all levels to keep maintenance a priority.

It is inconceivable to a CAP member to take on a mission with a blocked Pitot tube or an uncorrected compass. Yet how many of our members have a regular exercise program? How many of the senior ground team leaders can run a mile? If we take the field on a mission only to become casualties ourselves, we are worse than ineffective. If our members are asked to coordinate with other agencies, and are physically unable to complete tasks assigned to them, we will not be called for the next mission.

In a brief scan of the membership it becomes apparent that CAP has neglected our most critical equipment-ourselves. We must place our health and physical ability to perform our missions to the top of our priority list. When a smoking, overweight senior shows up to watch physical training for the cadets, what message is he sending?

We deal with a highly intelligent and motivated group of teenagers at a crucial point in their lives. What are we telling them when many of our seniors can't walk a mile, let alone run one?

It is the responsibility of all members to set the standard for the cadets in CAP. We certainly don't need the bad publicity which might be caused by health problems in our members during joint operations or missions closely watched by the press and public. As much as being mentally vigilant, we need to sharpen our physical image as well.

Now, don't go starving yourself [as if] or running till you drop [I wish!] There are many ways to improve your appearance and your fitness with little sweat or privation. I didn't say none, I said little.

CAP takes great pride in our ability to rise to a challenge. Let's all put some time into maintaining that ability on a personal scale, and show off our most important asset - us.

Future articles will help you reach a higher level of energy and endurance, watch this space!



Capt. Lawrence A. Gaulkin, M.D.

Capt. Gaulkin moved to Miami in 1955, when Miami was a 'small town'. He came to Florida with his father who was a Philadelphia dentist. Their house was on the leading edge of the sprawling suburbs north of the city and crabs, alligators and snakes were regular visitors.

Capt. Gaulkin attended a small college in upstate New York and then attended the University of South Florida College of Medicine. He met his wife who was going to the nursing school there and they were married the day after graduation. His residency was in Family Medicine at Newport News, Virginia.

He established his practice in Tampa where he resides with his wife of 21 years and two daughters. Capt. Gaulkin engages in competitive rowing and has won several major national master's trophies as well as the 1990 World Masters' Double Gold.

This hobby allows him to travel throughout the country and experience the U. S. on an intimate basis...but Florida is his first love.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Submitted by Lt. Col. 'Skip' Munger

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| 9-10 October | South East Region Aerospace Conference, Dobbins AFRES Base |
| 17 October | Group 4 Inspection |
| 17 October | Florida Wing Staff Director's FY Budgets to Finance Officer. |
| 19-23 October | Inland SAR Coordinator Course, Atlanta Georgia |
| 24 October | Florida Wing Staff Meeting, FAA Safety Center, Lakeland-Linder Regional Airport |
| 24 & 25 October | Florida Wing National Check Pilot Standardization Course, FAA Safety Center, Lakeland-Linder Regional Airport |
| 24 & 25 October | Group 6 Squadron Leadership School, Boca Raton Sr. Sq. |
| 26 - 30 October | Inland SAR Coordinator Course, Atlanta, Georgia |
| 30 October | All unit and Group EOY Finance Reports due to FLWG Finance |
| 31 October | Group 1 Inspection |
| 14 November | Group 3 - Gen. Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Work Shop, MacDill AFB |
| 21 November | Florida Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB |
| 27 - 29 November | Florida Wing Cadet Conference, Holiday Inn-Express, Clearwater |
| 19 December | Florida Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB |
| 19 December | Florida Wing Group Command Call, 1300hrs. MacDill AFB |
| 26 - 31 December | Cadet Encampment, Homestead ARB |
| 7-10 April 1999 | 32nd National Conference on Aviation and Space Education |

