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WING CONFERENCE RATES FOUR STARS

More than 200 cadets and senior members plus their spouses attended the Florida Wing '99 Conference held at the Radisson Tampa Hotel. The three day session kicked off on Friday, September 17, with a Chaplains Seminar and a class for Flight Release Officers.

mander Col. Pineda, Deputy Wing Commander LTC. Richard Valone, Florida Wing Liaison Officer Col. Jerry Anglely, Cadet Advisory Chairman C/ LTC. Michael Barron, Chaplain LTC. Ralph Rivers, Chief of Staff LTC. Matt Sharkey, Group Three



Standing room only at the General Assembly of Florida Wing Conference '99, attended by more than 200 members at the Radisson Tampa Hotel, are addressed by Wing Commander Antonio Pineda

Saturday's General Assembly was convened in the Grand Ballroom to a standing-room-only audience. Following an address from Wing Commander Col. Tony Pineda, the entire contingent dispersed to attend 30 seminars featuring subjects ranging from the "Incident Command System" to "Computers and You" and each was heavily attended.

A gala banquet concluded the active day with honorary guests Southeast Region Commander Col. Joseph Meighan, Jr. and U. S. Air Force Col. Steve MacIsaac, MacDill AFB joining Florida Wing Com-

Commander Major Robert Ashman, and Executive Assistant Capt. Eileen Parker making up the head table.

Noted throughout the banquet room were commanders of Group Four Major Frank Haas, Group Five Major Steve Bell, Group Six Major Jorge Del Rio and Group Seven Major William Lynch.

Also noticed were former Wing Commander LTC. Henri Casenove and Col. Ernest Lewis and former Oklahoma Wing Commander and current Southeast

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



COL. ANTONIO PINEDA
Florida Wing Commander

I have just returned from our National Board meeting in Denver, Colorado.

This is a time of continuing change for our organization, but then if you think about it, CAP has been changing

ever since it began. Those early war-torn years were surely filled with even more difficult challenges than those we face today.

In 1941 we were an unusual organization of dedicated aviation-oriented volunteers in service to our country through the military. Let's face it, it took a special charter by Congress to set up this organization because there was nothing like it. Today, we are still quite unique.

Have you ever pondered these questions? "Are you like the Reserves?" Yes, we do wear Air Force type uniforms and have military grade, but no, we have no compulsory service obligation and we do not receive paychecks. And then the favorite, "Are you like the Boy Scouts?" Yes, we do have volunteer leaders for groups of young people who meet weekly in their own communities and learn important values, but no,

our program is far more structured and that doesn't begin to address our Search and Rescue mission. "Are you like the Sea Scouts?" Well yes we are, but no we aren't. CAP isn't quite like any other volunteer organization. It wasn't in 1941 and it still isn't today. No matter how much we change, we also still stay the same..unique.

Change is not an easy thing for everyone. It scares some and excites others. Some see that there is something to lose, while some see that there are things to be gained. When we get caught up in our concerns about change, we forget to see those things that remain the same. We can easily forget what has kept us together. Our missions, the heart of what we do and what we stand for, stay the same. Let's look at what that means for us in Florida Wing.

The need for dedicated individuals to develop leadership skills in our cadet members continues. There is a need for CAP to serve families in our communities, but we are a family ourselves, in spite of our military structure. Many of you, just like me, joined CAP because we had a child who became involved in our Cadet Program. Many of you, just like me, stayed on even after those children grew up. Wing Staff members like Amy Ruth Boxwell, Kay Cunningham, Bill Ferguson, and my Vice Commander, Dick Valone for example, were parents of cadets. Many

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CAP senior members were once CAP Cadet members, including our National Commander. A large number of my staff began as CAP Cadets (some more recently than others), Russ Vizzi, Buddy Harris, Dave Fuller, Roger Thomas, Pat Mirk, Harold Cunningham, Gary Nelson, Jay Jeffries, Bob Kantor, Jayson Jenkins, and of course, the Chief of Staff Matt Sharkey. This is also true for our Groups and Squadrons, many parents and former cadets complete this extended CAP family. We have passed the torch of leadership and service to the next generation. Today, more than ever, our Cadet Program offers an outstanding opportunity for young people. This opportunity cannot exist for them without your continued support.

The need for our Emergency Services missions continues. We are still the largest, best trained, and most qualified group available to respond for lost aircraft or aircraft in distress. We still provide needed volunteers for a wide variety of Disaster Relief missions. Our Radio Networks still provide needed communications during emergencies. As long as the need continues, it is vital we continue to train and be ready to respond.

The need for our professional, volunteer pilots and air crews continues for support of our counterdrug mission. While we no longer hunt for enemy submarines along our coasts, we continue to support efforts to fight another type of enemy. So, the need continues for us

to recruit and qualify pilots, to train support personnel, and to maintain the aircraft we use to serve the needs of our communities. In Florida alone, CAP provides over one million dollars in corporate aircraft resources.

The need for education and understanding of aviation and the aerospace world continues. Aviation is a part of what makes CAP so unique. It is part of our other missions. We can provide an important link for today's youth and for our communities in this area.

While political winds may change, while the structure of the CAP may change, the very heart of what we do, day by day, week by week, remains and continues the same. If we reflect and remember why we came to the Civil Air Patrol and the missions we chose to serve, if each of us does the job we agreed to do and we have trained to do, we will be stronger and better tomorrow and for years to come.

So for the balance of this year and the millennium soon to be, let's rededicate ourselves to the tens of thousands of Civil Air Patrol members who have served their communities and this nation in war and peace since 1941. Let's continue to perform the missions we are so well trained to perform - Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief, Counter-drug, aerospace education, and development of a Cadet Program for our nation's youth. Let's continue to recruit new members who will add a new vigor to our organization and let's be very proud of serving as a member of the Civil Air Patrol- Auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

PROP WASH

Congratulations to Lt. Col. David Mikelson, Commander, Boca Raton Cadet Squadron on placing sixth in the Senior Category of the 1998-1999 "Membership 2000" Campaign. He recruited 30 new CAP members. Lt. Col. Robert Masiker, Lantana/Lake Worth Cadet Squadron placed first in the Cadet Category.

Hurricane Dennis didn't catch Operations Director, Lt. Col. David Lehtonen off-guard. While Dennis was twirling around the Bahama Islands on 26 August, David had already implemented Phase One of Florida Wing's Hurricane Evacuation Plan. Seven squadrons were alerted to be on 'standby' to fly their aircraft to a safe evacuation airport. Lehtonen tracked the hurricane on a continuous basis and didn't release his 'stand-down' order until he was sure Florida was to be by-passed.

A news release from the Assistant Secretary of Defense announces that a 'virtual tour' of the Pentagon is now available. For a look-see, just visit

<http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon/> It's worthwhile.

Reminder to all Group and Unit Commanders. There is a Florida Wing Alert List at www.capflorida.org that Captain Bob Ebaugh designed for you to personally keep current. It's apparent that certain of you haven't updated your listing for quite some time.

Medical Officer, Captain Lawrence Gaulkin points out that the last issue of FLORIDA FACTS had an article on Page 25 about 'cough CPR'. He wants to emphasize his prior suggestions that when one feels heart rhythm disturbances, their first and only course of action is to call for an ambulance. Seconds are precious for cardiac attack survival.

Wing received delivery of the 1999 Ford Van. It is a true 15 passenger vehicle with no luggage space. Scheduling will be handled by Major Prachnick until a Transportation Officer is ap-

pointed.

Maintenance has been completed on the Cessna 182 that had been previously assigned to the Marco Island Squadron. It was recently ferried to Merritt Island by Lt. Col. Mike Brown and Captain Luis Garcia.

Chief of Staff Matt Sharkey sent the second disk from wing to all unit Commanders. This disk updates all Supplements, CAP Forms, Wing Staff Roster and Communications Directory. Just one of the many things he does in his spare time!!

Based on the empowerment of the National Board of Directors, CAP National Commander, Brig. Gen. James Bobick stated recently, "We, Civil Air Patrol, look forward to the future meetings with Members of Congress and Air Force to draft a joint plan incorporating the expressed needs and desires of all parties so that we may build an even better CAP for the future."

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SQUADRON CLIPS

SRQ Composite Squadron received a Unit Citation Award from CAP National Headquarters signed by Brig. Gen James C. Bobick, National Commander. Major Robert Ashman, Group 3 Commander made the presentation and said, "SRQ Composite Squadron distinguished itself by initiating a middle school program in six Manatee County schools resulting in the recruitment of 180 cadets and senior members. The squadron's contributions have been outstanding and above normal performance expected of any squadron." The award was received by Major Dick Grafton, Squadron Commander and Major William Brockman, Deputy Commander of Cadets.



Boca Raton Senior Squadron member, Captain Reuben R. Redfield was the subject of a Letter to the Editor of AOPA Magazine in its August 1999 issue.

The letter writer, Mr. Richard L. Fisher, was responding to an AOPA article about the Linden, N.J. airport. Mr. Fisher pointed out that it was largely through the efforts of Mr. Redfield that the Linden Airport was saved from developers. Mr. Redfield, a highly respected Certified Public Accountant, was cited for not only devising a clever plan that accepted the closing of a short runway at Linden, thereby providing the city with some airport land for development without requiring shutting down the entire airport, but for having the political savvy and experience to present his proposal to the right people in a way that made economic sense.

In addition to serving as Assistant Finance Officer of the Boca Raton Senior Squadron, Captain Redfield is Treasurer of the Florida Aero Club and a member of Boca Pilot's Association. He also is affiliated with Angel Flight and makes his Bellanca Viking aircraft available for missions of medical mercy.

Submitted by
Major Les Schwartz



The Boca Raton Senior Squadron staged a SAREX mission which included a search for a simulated downed plane and an ELT alarm signal. The two search aircraft flew seven sorties with crews of three. All participants were well briefed by Acting Mission Coordinator Lt. Andre Gervais and Assistant Mission Coordinator Major Les Schwartz. Group 6 Commander, Major Jorge Del Rio, who observed the training exercise, told Squadron Commander Major Aaron Modansky that the mission was "awesome".

Submitted by
1Lt. Eliot Brody, PAO



West Broward Composite Squadron is a marching squadron. They have participated for five years as color guard in the moving Memorial Day ceremony held at Welleby Park and the parade that follows. They also marched through the City of Weston in the annual July 4 parade. All participants felt very proud when they were cheered and

applauded along the entire parade route. The squadron is particularly grateful to 1Lt. Edward Villalba for his dedication to the cadets and his hard work in training, obtaining uniforms and honor guard equipment, and for his always jumping in to fund raisers, garage sales, and listening to cadets who need to be heard. Cadets 2Lt. Scott Schaefer and 2 Lt. Brian Rothermel have received General Billy Mitchell Awards and C/1Lt. Edwin Louis received the Air Force Association Award.

Submitted by
S/M Diane Reid, PAO



"Hurricanes and Meteorological Conditions" that a small aircraft pilot could encounter in northeast Florida, was the topic of guest speaker Chris Whalen, Channel 12 weatherman, Jacksonville to the Fernandina Senior Squadron's monthly meeting. Guest speakers are a regular part of the Safety Training for the squadron members.

Submitted by
Lt. Col. Gerald Kaweck, Commander



The Lantana-Lake Worth Composite Squadron representing Florida Wing at the Southeast Region Drill Competition at Tyndall AFB placed a proud second. Believe it or not, this team only had six days to prepare, practice, travel and participate.

Submitted by
Captain James Manser

Editor's Note: The drill team performed far more brilliantly than did their new digital camera. Sorry you can't see how sharp they looked.



Tamiami Composite Squadron was briefed by Brig. Gen Richard James Quirk III, Director of Intelligence, SOUTH-COM. He related his experiences in Vietnam, the Gulf War and stressed the importance of excellence in school.

The squadron also accepted an invitation from the 324 Army General Hospital to participate in a field training Exercise [FTX]. Squadron Leader Captain Gilberto Aguiar, who is also an Army Reserve Major with extensive tactical field experience in South America and is Airborne and Air Assault qualified, conducted the FTX for the cadets.

Capt. Aguiar, Capt. David Leifer, Major Dan Mason, S/M Enrique Monastario graduated from the two day Squadron Leadership School directed by Group 7 Commander Major William Lynch.

The squadron adopted a new motto which opens and closes every meeting-"R-SAR, ALL THE WAY!!!"

Submitted by
C/Amn Greg Stroud and Capt. David Leifer, PAO

Tomorrow Is Today For Y2K



Three months and counting! The Y2K challenges we've read so much about should not be taken lightly.

As Floridians, we are familiar with long-range Hurricane Planning and Preparation. As CAP'ers, we should be prepared for Y2K so that we don't have to dwell on the problems it may represent but rather focus on the promises of the year 2000 and the opportunities the millennium presents.

In light of that perspective, Commander Pineda appointed a Y2K Task Force directed by Captain Karl Geng of the Marco Island Senior Squadron. The mission was explicit that a Y2K Compliant Testing Program be developed for Florida Wing. This program must be implementable by our most novice members based on the assumed premise that the vast majority of wing members are not computer sophisticates.

Captain Geng studied electrical engineering at the Munich Polytechnikum before joining IBM in 1963. In 1978 he was Group Executive of Computervision Corp. in the U.S. Karl began his career with Siemens in 1986 as president and CEO of a wholly owned subsidiary. In 1990, Captain Geng transferred to Siemens Private Communication Systems and with Siemens purchase of ROLM became the senior executive responsible for the company's re-engineering and productivity improvement initiatives and directing the manufacturing, sales and service organizations. In April of 1995, he became president and CEO for Siemens Business Communication, Inc. Captain Geng led the company through record growth and profitability increases before retiring in 1998.

Karl states unequivocally that the Year 2000 problem can affect your personal computer, if your PC is older than three years. Even new computers may have a problem with the century changeover. Software problems must be resolved by your software supplier, but you can determine on your own if you have a hardware problem.

First, a few basics....in your PC is a built-in battery powered clock called the Real Time Clock [RTC] which is located on your motherboard (that's the large main printed circuit board inside your PC). The vast majority of these RTC's are not Year 2000 compliant. Some recently pro-

duced Pentium Systems are not either. Your PC BIOS [the initial *built in operating system* the PC uses when it boots up after you turn it on] then reads this time when you turn on your computer and your Operating System [e.g. Windows] then reads its time from the BIOS. All three of these clocks run independently of each other while the computer is turned on.

On more recent systems, the BIOS corrects the RTC time to make the system Y2K compliant so long as the computer is rebooted after the rollover from 23:59:59 December 31, 1999 to 00:00:01 January 01, 2000. It is recommended that your PC be turned off during the actual rollover. So before you celebrate your great New Year party, turn off your PC until the next morning.

Now, let's proceed.

STEP ONE: TESTING YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM

If you are not really experienced and want to reduce the risk of corrupting files or deleting data by mistake while you test for the Y2K bug it is best to do all the testing from a bootable floppy disk.

To make such a disk insert a floppy in your floppy disk drive and type `FORMAT A:/S` (from a DOS prompt). Then just follow the instructions on the screen.

If you use Windows 95 or 98: boot your computer to the DOS prompt (`C:\>`). You can do this by hitting the F8 key right after you hear the system start up beep or right when you see the Starting Windows prompt. Choose Command Prompt only from the Start Up menu.

If you use Windows 3.1 and 3.11, you should boot into DOS unless your computer has been set up to boot into Windows automatically. In that case you will have to edit your `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file, which you will find in your root directory (`C:\`). You can edit it with any text editing program such as Notepad or the DOS `EDIT` command. You should always have backups of your `AUTOEXEC.BAT` and `CONFIG.SYS` files made before editing them so you can restore them if necessary. Edit the `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file and where you see the line: `WIN`, modify it to read: `:rem WIN`, save the modified file and reboot.

Now with the bootable floppy inserted in the drive, turn off the power of the PC and disconnect any network cables [if any are present at your installation].

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Turn the PC power ON. You should get to a DOS prompt e.g. A:

Different PC's use different date formats and the date format your computer uses may vary depending how your computer has been configured. So type DATE and hit ENTER twice. Type in any dates in the format your system prompts you to use. DD-MM-YYYY, YYYY-DD-MM, etc. In the following instructions we are using the MM-DD-YYYY but you must use your system's format. Be aware that you can enter four digit years even when your computer prompts you for a two digit number.

Type: DATE 12-31-1999 and hit ENTER, then type TIME 23:59:00 and hit ENTER. Your computer's Operating System has now set itself and the BIOS and RTC clocks to just sixty seconds before the rollover.

Wait for a minute and type DATE and hit ENTER. You should see:

Current Date=Sat 01-01-2000

Enter new date (MM-DD-YYYY)

Hit ENTER. Your Operating System is now Y2K compliant.

Now, without changing any settings, reboot your computer into DOS again. Type: DATE and hit ENTER twice. Your computer should still tell you that it is the year 2000. If it does, then your Operating System and BIOS are mutually compliant. If it does not, look at the end of this article for suggestions.

STEP TWO: TESTING YOUR BIOS AND REAL TIME CLOCK [RTC]

It is best to consult your computer's instruction manual for the exact sequence to get into your BIOS. This will vary from one computer to another. The first screen you see when your computer is turned on should say something like "Press DEL to enter SETUP" or will give you a key combination to press to get you into SETUP.

Once in your BIOS, change the date to December 31 1999 and the time to 23:59:00 and watch while the rollover occurs. If it goes properly and the year is displayed as 2000, then your computer's BIOS is compliant.

Now change the date back to December 31 1999 and the time to 23:57:00 and Save Settings. Reboot into DOS and turn off your computer. Wait until the date has had time to rollover then turn the computer back on and enter the BIOS again. If it says it is 2000 then your BIOS and RTC are mutually compliant.

Exit your BIOS without changing any settings and reboot into DOS. Type: DATE and hit ENTER twice again and if it says it is still 2000 then your computer can handle the millennial rollover just fine.

STEP THREE: TESTING THE 2000 LEAP YEAR

This step is to see if your computer can handle the

leap year. Type: DATE 02-28-2000 and hit ENTER, then type: TIME 23:59:00 and hit ENTER. Turn off your computer and wait for the date to rollover. Now reboot into DOS and type: DATE and hit ENTER twice. Your computer should say it is February 29, 2000. Now without changing the date from 02-29-2000, type: TIME and hit ENTER. Turn off your computer and wait for the date to rollover again. Reboot into DOS and type: DATE and hit ENTER twice. Your computer should tell you it is March 1, 2000.

STEP 4: RESTORING YOUR COMPUTER'S DATA

Now restore your computer's date and time to the correct values of today's date and time and re-edit your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files if you did make any changes to them, removing any rem tags you had put in earlier. Remove the floppy and reboot and you've done it! If you have passed these tests, your computer hardware is Year 2000 compliant. Congratulations! You can start an early Year 2000 celebration!

SUGGESTIONS: IF YOUR PC DID NOT PASS

There are a number of things you can do. However, for the most part, this can get pretty involved and you may wish to enlist a computer literate CAP member or friend.

Some software writers have written a program that loads when you boot and corrects the problem. You may also be able to get an updated BIOS for your motherboard from your PC maker.

Some fix-it programs are available from the Internet. Check www.y2k.com for links to Y2K product reviews and downloads. Two free utilities for checking and fixing your PC's hardware/BIOS compliance are www.on-mark.com and www.symantec.com/sabu/n2000/fs_corporate.html McAfee's 2000 ToolBox Online is part of the McAfee's Clinic. The online version of 2000 ToolBox is free (you just have to register) and includes compliance analyzers for hardware, applications, databases and spreadsheets. It's considered one of the best online tools and is available at www.mcafee.com/clinic/2000tb.asp

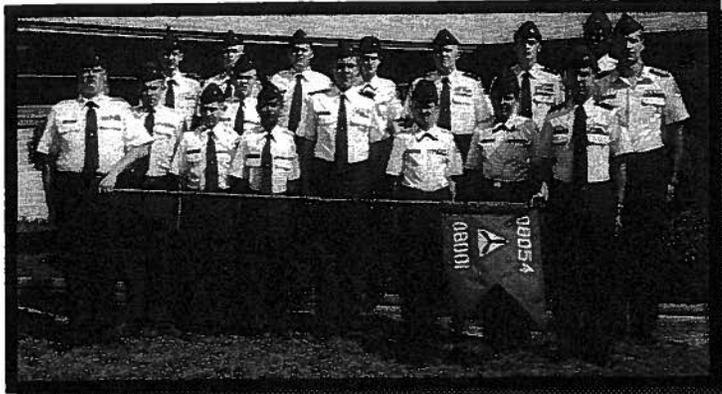
For lists of vendors and Y2K consultants check www.itaa.org/year2000 or www.year2000.com For further information, see the University of Florida Web site at <http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/y2k/>

Lastly, you may be able to correct the problem with the addition of a hardware card that plugs into your motherboard and takes over from your RTC.

If all this doesn't help, it may be time for you to contemplate buying a new PC. Good luck!

Capt. Karl Geng
Y2K Task Force Director
Florida Wing

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The Lantana Lake Worth Cadet Squadron was a winning representative of Florida Wing in the Southeast Region Drill Competition. Back row: Cadets Calise, M. Mejeur, Sharp, Obranic, McVeigh, Agn a, Pierre. Front row: Cadets Miller, Streifel, Pasharikov, Vermillion, Lay, D. Killian, Broedell, E. Killian, Kerner and senior leader 1Lt. David Leali.



The Fernandina Senior Squadron introduced their newly assigned 1980 Cessna 182 to the public and elected officials at a party held at the Fernandina Beach Airport. "With the high experience level of our 23 pilots, we expect to log many mission/man hours on this new plane," said Lt. Col. Gerald Kaweck, Squadron Commander.



1Lt. Eliot Brody, newly assigned PAO of the Boca Raton Senior Squadron shot this candid of Squadron Commander, Major Aaron Modansky presenting the Grover Loening Award to Captain Essaye.



1Lt. Cadet AIC Autumn Luck, Lantana-Lake Worth Composite Squadron and C/TSgt. Josh Babitz, Coral Springs Composite Squadron search for an ELT alarm with a Directional Finder during a Search and Rescue Exercise sponsored by Group 6 at the Lantana Airport.

Photo by Captain Joan S. Calder, PAO.



The Fernandina Sr. Sq. and the Experimental Aircraft Association hosted CAP cadets from Riverview Composite and Herlong Composite Squadrons. Orientation flights, tour of the airport, briefing about the Fixed Base Operations and a tour of the Black Shadow Aircraft Restoration Facility were cadet highlights.

Photo by Lt. Col. Gerald Kaweck, Commander



The 334th Squadron is going to the dogs! 1 to r Major Ralph Dixon with "Jordan" and new members Gina Massina with "Hattie" and Denise Bryan with "Cody" are handlers and highly trained dogs that make up the K-9 Team already credited with a find, in just one hour, of two missing children.

Photo by S/M John A. Everlove, PAO



FINAL FLIGHT

Senior Chaplain LtC. Lawrence Persons
Central Florida Composite Squadron

1Lt. Leon Ed Alderman
Pinellas Senior Squadron

Major Jay Javens
Former Commander, Pinellas Sr. Sq.

Capt. William P. Crowley
Group Three Headquarters

“THEY HAVE DONE IT! DAMNED IF THEY AIN’T FLEW”

Those words were uttered by an excited spectator of the Wright Brothers historic flight 96 years ago on December 17 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The first sustained flight by man in a heavier-than-air craft seemed anticlimactic in the telegram the brothers sent to their father in Dayton, Ohio: “Success. Four flights Thursday morning all against 21-mile wind. Started from level with engine power alone....Inform press. Home Christmas. Orville and Wilbur”.

On January 6, 1904, the Associated Press quoted a statement from the Wright Brothers, “Only those who are acquainted with practical aeronautics can appreciate the difficulties of attempting the first trials of a flying machine in a 25-mile gale.”

Perhaps the world took little note of the day when man first flew because no one quite understood it or the ramifications of the event. Following their historic flight, the brothers continued to perfect their machine and contracted with the U.S. Department of War in 1908 for the first military airplane.

The original 1903 Flyer, which changed the face of the globe, is on permanent display in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



HOW TO BECOME A CAP PILOT

Major Russ Reichman, FLWG Assistant DOV, has produced comprehensive instructions for getting a new pilot started toward becoming a CAP pilot and the steps necessary to become a Cadet Orientation Pilot. The instruction manual places a meaningful stress on safety. Copies may be requested from Major Reichman or they may be downloaded from the FLWG Web Page.



55 YEAR MEMBER RETIRES

Col. Robert Schaeztl, joined the Civil Air Patrol June 26, 1944 and after 55 years of uninterrupted service [paid his dues regularly while in the service], has retired from the CAP.

Bob’s CAP career followed a growth pattern that started with his service as Chief of Staff in Communications for the Northeastern Region, Deputy Wing Commander of CAP in Indiana, and Wing Commander in Michigan. He formed the Marion County Composite Squadron here in Florida and served as the Commander.

Schaeztl also serves as President of the Ocala Chapter of the Air Force Association. He earned his pilot’s license in 1974 and is qualified to fly a Cessna 172 and Cherokee 140’s and 180’s. Bob is a long standing member of the Ocala Regional Airport Advisory Board. Col. Schaeztl has been recognized for his efforts over the years with the award of Outstanding Service-Department of Defense; Medal of Merit-Air Force Association; Certificate of Appreciation-CAP; Distinguished Service Award-CAP; and Meritorious Service Award-CAP



NEW SQUADRON COMMANDER

Major Larry Wilson turned over his command of the Marion County Composite Squadron to incoming Commander Capt Gerald Holloway.

The transition took place at a squadron dinner and awards and plaques were presented to the recipients by Florida Wing Chief of Staff, LtC. Matt Sharkey and Florida Wing Director of Communications, Capt. Paul Blystone.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

TO ALL MEMBERS

Florida Wing has been and will continue to be totally cooperative and open to the A7051 evaluators. If something needs adjustment, we will assist in any way possible to see that it is quickly corrected for the better.

Florida is our state and community that we serve. We are proud of what we do and intend to continue and grow. Let's not waste our efforts on guessing games or blame-games. Let's leave the evaluations to the capable authorities to which the matter has been assigned. We feel confident that CAP will be far better after than we were before. Let's all pledge to continue to assign our efforts and rapidly improving capabilities to the fulfillment of our service mission.

Col. Antonio Pineda

Florida Wing's annual National Check Pilot Standardization Course will be held on 23 and 24 October at the FAA Safety Center at Lakeland-Linder Regional Airport at Lakeland. Per CAPR 60-1, check pilots are required to attend the course every two years. Florida Check Pilots who attended in 1997 will no longer qualify as of 31 October.

Applicants who wish to attend must be current CAP members, have a working knowledge of CAPR 60-1 and be current and qualified per CAPR 60-1 Para 3-2.

Registration begins at 0730 on Saturday and the course begins at 0800. Late arrivals may not be admitted to the course. For additional information, contact Major Luis Garcia, Stan Eval Officer at 305-267-6034 or e-mail flwg-dov@aol.com.

To avoid any confusion, Cadet Orientation Pilots must be approved **IN WRITING** by the Wing Commander before they fly a cadet.

To get this approval, the pilot's Form 5 has to show a Check Pilot's approval for the pilot to fly O-Rides. A FLWG Form 11 [Pilot Authorization Request] must be filled out and signed by the pilot's

unit commander. A FLWG Form 12 [Pilot Data Summary] must be filled out and copies of these three items plus copies of the pilot's certificate, current medical, and CAP membership card must then be sent to FLWG DOV for the approval process to be initiated. There shall be no deviation from this FLWG Regulation.

Major Russ Reichmann
Assistant FLWG DOV

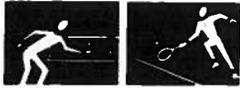
The most current Flight Release Officers Listing was released in August. Only those listed officers may authorize a flight in a corporate aircraft. To be appointed as a Flight Release Officer, a member must:

a) Attend the Flight Release Officers training as required by CAPR 60-1.

b) Forward to FLWG HQ, a FLWG Form 11, dated 1 August 1999 and proof of completion of the FRO training. This form must be signed by the unit commander.

LTC. David Lehtonen
Director of Operations

BE AWARE -Pilots promotions and/or certifications will not be approved by FLWG if the submitted application does not show a duty assignment.



CADET CAP'ERS



TO ALL PJOC/APJOC ATTENDEES:

The PJOC patches are ready for distribution. If you want yours, e-mail your name and address and the date you attended PJOC to GeorgeMiller@kirtland.af.mil or send a self-addressed envelope to MSgt. George Miller, USAF CAPLO-NM, 4500 Biggs Avenue, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117.



The Pensacola Composite Squadron presented the Air Force Association Cadet of the Year Medal to Cadet 2Lt. Brad Losier. Squadron Commander, Capt. Richard Dean points out that Cadet Losier only recently joined the squadron in 1998 at the rank of C/Airman 1st Class and by the end of the year was a C/2Lt. This is the fastest promotion record in the squadron. Cadet Airman Ann Remy was awarded Cadet of the Quarter. Cadet Remy has excelled in her studies and is noted for being the first volunteer for all squadron activities.

submitted by
1Lt. Donald Winter, Jr.



The SRQ Composite Squadron was thanked by the Sarasota Concert Band for their presentation of the colors at the band's concert on Memorial Day. Audience members commented it helped them remember why we have a Memorial Day. Crowds at the Halle Middle School saw Cadet K.C. Merrick and others launch a model rocket during the CAP Rocketry Activities Day.

Submitted by
Major William Brockman



Former Cadet Sgt. Nicole Villareal put her CAP training and encampment experience to good stead. Nicole received a scholarship for admission to the Citadel. She will be the first woman to play on the all male Lacrosse Team and she will be on the cross country track team. The Citadel is a 'tough road to run' but all her squadron members know she will do it.

submitted by
Capt. Trish Turner



The 1999 Cadet Conference is scheduled for 26-28 November '99 (Thanksgiving Weekend) at the Holiday Inn Select, St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, Clearwater. Conference Only

is \$10, Banquet Only is \$29 and Conference and Banquet are \$33.00. The accommodations are superior to last years and the price is the same. For conference details check with your commander or contact S/M Richard Martin, C/Conference 1999 Project Officer, 813 903 9843.



The Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron placed first and second in the Florida Wing Color Guard Competition held at MacDill AFB. Col. Charles E. Stenner Jr., Wing Commander, Homestead Air Force Reserve Station provided clearance for the cadets to train with the 482 Fighter Wing Honor Guard in preparation for the competition. Six squadrons and seven teams competed. St. Petersburg, Coral Springs, South Marion, West Broward, Lantana-Lake Worth [2 teams] and Marion County competed in Inspection; Standard Drill; Indoor Practical; Outdoor Practical; and Knowledge Exam. USAFR Capt. Jeff Brown and MSgt. Rey Rodriguez plus CAP Capt. Eileen Parker were the judges. Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey was the Project Officer that brought it all together. Lantana/ Lake Worth entered an all male team and an all female team that delicately balanced rivalry and support throughout the event, and in the end, were separated by only a few points for the first place position. TSgt. Spencer Calder, TSgt. Jose Flores, TSgt. Tommy Miller SAmn. Adam Streifel and SAmn. Hans Sharp comprised the winning team. TSgt. Erin Killian, TSgt. Jacqueline Broedell, SAmn. Jennifer Obranic, Amn. Marissa Steifel and SSgt. Matt Mejeur placed second. The cadet squadron from South Marion took third place.

C/TSgt. Tommy Miller, drill team commander of the winning team, and 1Lt. David Leali and 2Lt. Edith Miller, the two senior squadron leaders are already planning the trip to Mississippi for the Southeast Region Competition in October.

Wing Commander Pineda extended his admiration for the skill and effort displayed by all contestants and team leaders. "They have made, and I'm confident they will again make, Florida CAP proud."

Submitted by
Captain Joan S. Calder, PAO



photos by BRENDAN FITTERER / Daily News

Crystal Silva, center, marches her fellow CAP cadets past the Citabria tow plane and out to the glider at Keystone Heights Airport.

Airborne aspirations

Daily News

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Local youth interested in putting some lift in their aerospace aspirations need look no further than the Civil Air Patrol cadet glider program.

From model rocket construction and launching to ground communications and actual flight time, the CAP Air Force auxiliary program offers it all.

Cadets ages 12-18 gather on the third Saturday of each month at the Keystone Heights Airport to learn to fly gliders and powered aircraft. The program is designed to teach safe glider and sailplane operations both on the ground and in the air.

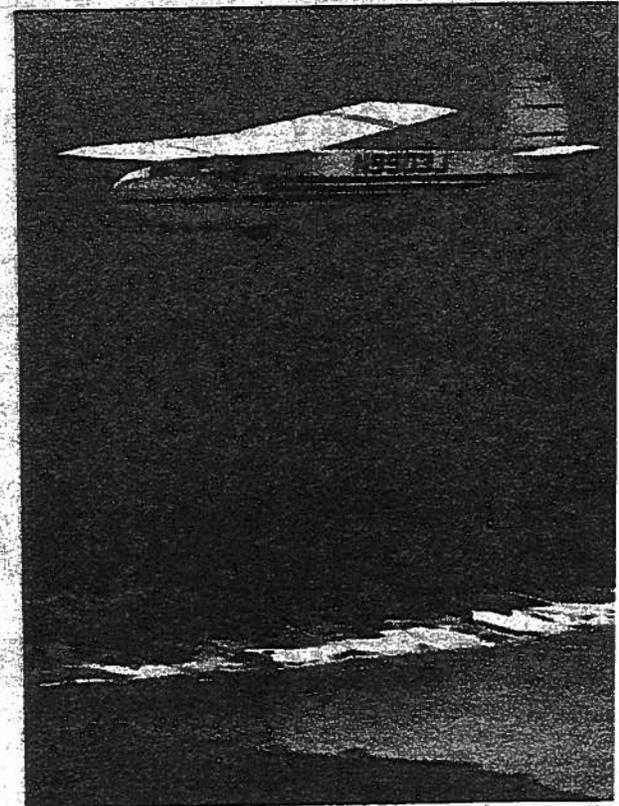
Cadets interested in continuing their aviation adventures may log their flight



Chad Woods, seated, straps in to the glider and makes pre-flight preparations prior to take off with instructor Jim Culp.

time toward the completion of a glider and/or power pilot license.

For more information contact Capt. Bob Oehl, CAP instructor and check pilot at (352) 473-5295.



After being released from the tow plane, the glider cruises silently across the sky flown by a cadet pilot instructor.

MISSION MEMOS



TALLAHASSEE SQUADRON BUSY

The Tallahassee Composite Squadron chased a moving ELT signal to various locations in a south easterly direction. When the elusive signal reached a location more than two hours south of Tallahassee it ceased to transmit and the mission was closed. Before they could rest up, they were called to assist the U.S. Coast Guard in locating an EPIRB. The Coast Guard had been tracking the alarm signal for about 44 hours before turning it over to CAP. The signal was tracked to a 30 ft. vessel located at the Moorings Marina in Carrabelle. Less than a week later, the squadron was asked by the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Inspector to assist with crash site security. A Beechcraft Barron had crashed at the south end of the Wakulla Airport runway. The pilot, an attorney from Atlanta did not survive but his 14 year old daughter did. The cause of the crash is still in investigation.

The Tallahassee Composite Squadron also provides a key staff resource to the State of Florida whenever the Emergency Operations Center is activated. They also serve actively on the State Emergency Response Team [SERT] and were recently briefed by Steve Decker, who serves the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation. Eight members recently completed the American Red Cross Standard First Aid Course which will assist the unit in meeting its Emergency Services training goals.

Submitted by
Capt. Christie Mathison, Commander

MISSION NUMBER REQUESTS

All requests for non-funded training mission numbers shall be sent to Lt. Col. Donald Wood, Chief of ES Training. Information to be supplied is date of mission, location, who will be in charge, and what training is planned. Lt. Col. Wood may be reached by E-Mail at donwood@gbso.net, or 216 Mirror Lake Drive, Interlachen 32148 or Pager 800 241 4653 [PIN 272 4491]

Request for funded missions continues to go to Lt. Col. Gary Nelson, FLWG Director of ES.

CRASHED PLANE LOCATED

Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron and the Jacksonville Composite Squadron were activated to search for a missing aircraft by the U.S. Coast Guard. The wreckage, with no survivors, was located on the grounds of the Kennedy Space Center. Jacksonville air crew based at Craig Field was 2Lt. Andy

Gamache and Major Pete Webster. The Fernandina Squadron air crew was Lt. Col. Jerry Kawecki and Lt. Col. Frank Reidingner.

Submitted by
2Lt. Allen Smith, PAO,
Jacksonville Composite Squadron

SIX CAP PLANES SEARCH FOR LOST PILOT

A Pompano Beach pilot flying enroute from south Florida to Sanford to meet family members reported to the Daytona Beach Air Traffic Control Tower that he was experiencing severe weather. Soon afterwards the image of the aircraft was lost from radar and a CAP Mission was activated at the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron Headquarters. Mission base was under the direction of Mission Coordinator Capt. John Bayne and six squadrons launched air searches using visual and electronic detection. U.S. Coast Guard aircraft from Savannah, GA; Clearwater and Miami; and U.S. Air Force helicopters from the 920th Rescue Group from Patrick Air Force Base joined the search. The wreckage of the small plane was found in a heavily wooded area inside the boundaries of the Cape Canaveral Air Station.

Submitted by
Major Ted Konkel
Group 4 Safety Officer

MISSIONS INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY

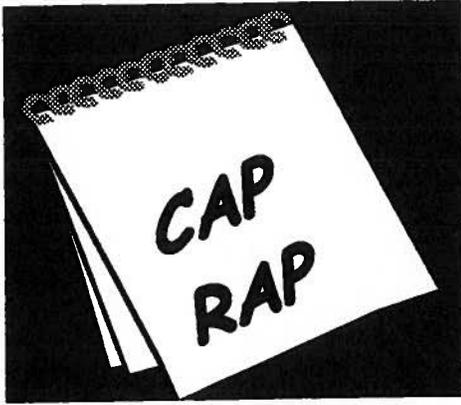
In June, Florida Wing participated in 26 missions including one missing aircraft. In July, wing successfully completed 37 missions including two overdue aircraft and one missing aircraft. Preliminary first half year mission totals indicate that 1999 will exceed the 1998 mission activity and that the Florida Wing will have performed more Search and Rescue Missions than any other state in the nation..

KENNEDY SEARCH MISSION

In addition to the hundreds of CAP members from five CAP Wings who assisted in this multi-day Search and Rescue mission, there were millions of eyes glued on CBS News anchorman, Dan Rather. He frequently broadcast expert commentary from the Vice President of AOPA [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association], who is known to all of us as Lt. Col. Drew Steketee, Civil Air Patrol Historic Foundation Director.

Submitted by
2Lt. James Dodson
Tallahassee Composite Squadron

Editor's Note: It was also gratifying to hear many network TV news commentators give frequent credit to the involvement of the Civil Air Patrol in this internationally video watched search mission.



Lt. Col. David Mikelson, Commander of the Boca Raton Composite Squadron, advises that the Boca Raton Pilots Association has an article in their newsletter of CAP's need for more Cadet Orientation Pilots. Readers are advised to visit the Florida Wing Web Page for detailed information as to how to qualify.

The newsletter also reports that the Boca Raton Airport Authority has recently increased their contribution to the Scholarship Fund from \$3000 to \$4000 for the year 2000. CAP cadets are active recipients of these scholarships.

Be aware that some, if not most, VCR's won't be Year 2000 compatible. Major Joseph Trozig, Marco Island Senior Squadron suggests, "VCR's will not be able to use the programmed advanced recording feature. *Do not throw away your VCR in the Year 2000.*" Major Trozig proposes you "set the year on 1972 because the calendar days of the week and month will be the same as the year 2000. Manufacturers probably will not be sharing this information. They will prefer you buy a

new VCR that is Y2K compliant!"

Who ever said that Florida Wing doesn't have members who are electronic geniuses? A member in a Group 5 squadron recently devised a Doppler Radio Controlled Directional Finder. The unit is mounted in a vehicle and is mobile. The rotary antennas on the roof transmit an acquired ELT signal to a rotary light panel with red lights [indicating the ELT signal location] circumferential to a green center light [the searching vehicle]. A searcher merely drives while following the red light in relationship to the green center light. Amplifiers also relay the alarm signal.

And, for an encore, he has converted a walkie talkie to a hand held Directional Finder.

Editor's Note: Member has requested anonymity and that will be respected. I personally have seen these units in an operative mode and they are sheer genius.

The following news article appeared in an Oregon newspaper:

Baker City-AP....The Civil Air Patrol continues a search today for one of its own airplanes missing on a routine training flight over the rugged Willowa Mountains of northeastern Oregon. The blue and white single-engine aircraft is presumed down. A National Guard Helicopter, a private helicopter and four Civil Air Patrol aircraft looked for the plane yesterday without success after it disappeared Saturday evening. The name of the pilot has not been released pending notification of family. In the plane with him was Lt. Col. Emil Veer of Salem, the Vice-Commander of the Oregon Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The missing plane was taking part in an annual course to enhance pilot's mountain flying skills and their skills in locating missing persons. The plane carried an electronic locator transmitter, but no signal

from it has been received.

"Thought I'd pass this along to you. Never forget this IS a dangerous job we do."

Submitted by
Capt. Todd Engelman
Southeast Region-Dep.Insp. General

Unit commanders and others responsible for conducting Emergency Services and related CAP training are requested to forward details of these events to 2Lt. Blake Sasse at blakes@flinet.com for inclusion on his web site. This informative resource provides training activity schedules to all our CAP members. Training is a key factor for member retention. New members are eager to attend learning opportunities, but they need to know when and where they are available.

This web site was created in January and is updated at least once per week. Check it out at <http://www.flinet.com/~blakes/cap/training.htm>

Commander Pineda has appointed Capt. Paul Blystone as the new Director of Communications. Without a wasted second, Paul enlisted the support of LTC. Ken Massey and 1Lt. Robert Hollingsworth to wade through volumes of out-of-date equipment, call signs, ROA's, repeaters, etc. The result of hundreds of man-hours is the 1999 Communications Directory. An Equipment Inventory Record will soon be released. See Page 17 for full information and a form which you return.



From The **MAILBAG**

Thank you for including me on your mailing list for the Florida Facts. I found it to be a well put together publication and quite informative. As a one-time Squadron PAO, I know what kind of effort goes into a publication such as yours. Keep up the good work.

Col. David N. Simmons, CAP
National Legal Officer



I'm only on Page 15 but had to let you know how much I enjoy reading FLORIDA FACTS and how I appreciate all the information it provides.

Major Edwin Shanks
Personnel Officer-Marco Island Sr. Sq.



With our July submittal to National Headquarters, we have now flown over 100 glider orientation flights since last November. A good start for a good program. Our squadron just hit its 100th member! Keep FLORIDA FACTS coming.

Major Art Haller
Deputy Commander-Gainesville Comp. Sq.



Thanks to FLORIDA FACTS and the glider article written by Commander Pineda. I am a commercial pilot and member of the Florida CAP. I would like to offer my help/support for his glider program.

Lt. Col. Neil Cosentino

Tony: Thanks for adding me to your FLORIDA FACTS mailing list. It's certainly a product the Wing can be proud of! The newsletter came as a nice source of reassurance that the vast majority of our members are fine people giving selflessly to the team effort that makes CAP an organization that is already great and improving daily. Thanks for the reminder!

Col. Scott Hamilton
General Counsel



In the FLORIDA FACTS dated April/June 1999 the new Group 5 Commander stated that the Group Command Call meetings will be held monthly and attendance by unit commanders shall be mandatory. This is great. I support this to the full power of myself and my commander.

Captain Donald Sicksteel
Highlands County Comp. Sq.



FLORIDA FACTS is great - I have never seen it before. What was even nicer, was to see some of our articles and pictures in the publication. I will send you an updated member listing in the near future to be sure that all of them are receiving the FLORIDA FACTS.

S/M Diane Reid
PAO-West Broward Comp. Sq.

My granddaughter, Fia [Margarita] Navarrette, formerly a cadet in the Miami Springs Optimist Squadron, just came in second in her class (females 15-20) in the WORLD Karate Championship. I'm just a little proud!

Lt. Col. Lynne Puglise
Group Six



I know Wing has been quite aggressive in getting FLORIDA FACTS out to local officials such as sheriffs, which is an EXCELLENT idea. What about county emergency services managers? They, probably even more than the sheriffs, might be interested in knowing more about a group of volunteers that could descend on their counties to help out in disaster situations. If the budget allows, I would suggest they be included on the list.

2Lt. Blake Sasse
Palm Beach Sr. Sq.

Editors Note: Wing Commander Pineda approved and directed that all EOM's in the state receive FLORIDA FACTS. This will be their first copy.



Just got the chance to read the April/June '99 Edition of FLORIDA FACTS. I must say how impressed I am with the professionalism that was apparent and in abundance from the cover page to the last page.

Major Russ Vizzi
Florida Wing Director
Public Affairs/Marketing

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Region Director of Operations Col. Walt Schamel.

The presentation and recall of the colors by the West Broward Composite Squadron cadets was inspiring in its precision. A "goose bumpy" POW/MIA ceremony was presented by SRQ Composite Squadron cadets. The placing and saluting of service headcover representing the four branches of the military onto a table containing a candle, a rose, a salt cellar and overturned glasses caused many a teary eye.

The banquet concluded with presentation of awards by Col. Meighan, Col. MacIsaac and Col. Pineda followed by a considerable sharing of common interests by members from various parts of the state. In spite of the day starting at 0900, hospitality rooms, lobby groupings and executive lounges were in 'full swing' as late as 0200.

Commander's Call on Sunday morning was open to all attendees. Col. Pineda announced his intention to implement a "New Member Outreach Program". Each unit commander is requested to place at least one public service announcement in at least one local newspaper announcing CAP's Year 2000 recruitment drive. The new member goal was set at 600 - a fifteen percent increase or an average of only five new members per unit. Each Group Commander then provided a progress report to the assemblage followed by presentation of numerous cadet, senior member, squadron, group and wing staff awards.

While mingling with the crowds at the check-out desk, the most frequently overheard comment was "It ended too quickly."

CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

Successful conferences don't just happen! They require long range planning, extensive programming, ingenious negotiating with a variety of convention hotels, intensive scheduling, meeting rooms design, banquet selection, display area layout, overall implementation and continuous prayer. The team has to expend hundreds of man/hours, relinquish personal obligations, fight off stress of threatening hurricanes, resolve innumerable problems that emerge on a never-ending sequence and maintain a personal equilibrium that forestalls the need for a padded cell. You have to personally conduct a conference to even remotely appreciate the requisite demands.

For the past nine months the Conference Planning Team worked incessantly. The result??? Three days without a major hitch, heavily



l to r LTC. Valerie Brown, LTC. Matt Sharkey and Captain Eileen Parker

manned registration sign-in tables that provided instant check-in, 32 seminars with innovative presentation equipment, more than 400 continental breakfasts, a gala dinner, hundreds of inscribed plaques and certificates, an honor guard, a POW/MIA ceremony, continuous photographic coverage, prizes for drawings, and hosting of guests are only a few of the ingredients that were in the recipe for conference success.

Florida Wing extends a loud round of applause and cheers of thanks to LTC. Valerie Brown, LTC. Matt Sharkey and Captain Eileen Parker.

'99 COMMUNICATION DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Recently appointed Florida Wing Communications Director, Capt. Paul Blystone has completed and released the 1999 Communications Directory. This major task required the able and intensive support of Lt. Col. Ken Massey and 1Lt. Robert Hollingsworth. This first update of communications data since April 1996 will now be maintained on a computer program.

Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey has designed a Florida Wing Communications Web Page so that everyone on internet can have immediate access to this new roster. The URL address is <<http://members.xoom.com/msharkey/communications.htm>>.

The Communications Roster provides extensive information including Call Unit SMC Area; Base or Mobile Radio; Operator's Name, Address, Rank; Home and Work Phone Numbers; FAX Number; Pager Number and Cellular Phone Number. Capt. Blystone requests careful review, by the radio operators, of all information provided. In the event any errors are noticed, they are to be relayed directly to him at wing headquarters.

To facilitate the use of the communications data, it is presented in two additional formats. Alphabetical Listing by Operator's Name and a third format provides the information by Group and Unit with Call Sign and Operator's Name.

Chief of Staff Sharkey loaded these rosters on a disk and copies of the disks have been provided to all unit Commanders. Printed copies of the Directory and copies of the disks were available to attendees at the Florida Wing Conference.

Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda was extremely pleased when he was presented with this new Directory. "Processing all the old and new data was an extremely difficult and tedious task. This work effort demanded intensive dedication on the parts of the Communications Directorate staff. The 1999 Communications Directory is a very professional output and it will be an invaluable information resource for our members. I am very grateful to all who participated."

Capt. Blystone announces that the Wing Communications Staff: Lt. Col. Edward C. Wolff Jr., Asst. Director; 1Lt. Robert Hollingsworth, Licensing Officer; Lt. Col. Gordon Nelson, HF Net Manager; Major Arthur Karmgard, Engineering Officer and Lt. Richard Beaver, Frequency Manager have all completed their base data review and are now prepared to serve the wing members and their communications requirements.

The next major work task is the updating of the FLORIDA WING RADIO EQUIPMENT LIST. This data is an imperative requirement toward meeting the IG and USAF requirements for annual recertification.

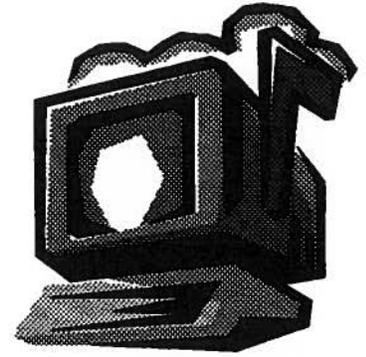
ALL CAP LICENSED RADIO OPERATORS are required to complete the following form and return it NLT 10 October to: Capt. Paul Blystone, Florida Wing Director of Communications, 4451 N.W. 130th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482-1715.



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Radio Call Sign _____	PHONE-Home _____	Pager _____					
NAME _____	Work _____	E-Mail _____					
Address _____	Cell _____						
City/Zone _____	FAX _____						
RADIO EQUIPMENT - HF, VHF, Power Pak, Antenna, Practice Beacon, Marine, DF, Packet, etc.							
<i>Make</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Power</i>	<i>HF</i>	<i>VHF</i>	<i>Corporate Owned</i>	<i>Member Owned</i>

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



Believe it or not there is a flight simulator you can access deep inside the MS EXCEL 97 program! It was designed and inexplicably hidden by "overworked, maddened" programmers.

Access instructions:

- 1-In EXCEL 97, open a new, blank work sheet.
- 2-Press F5 and type X97:L97 in the "Reference Box". Then click "O.K."
- 3-Now hit your "Tab" key once. You should now be in cell M97.
- 4-Press "CTRL" and "Shift" while clicking once on the "Chart Wizard" icon. (It's the one at the top with the blue-yellow-red bar chart.
- 5-Welcome Aboard! After a few moments you will be 'flying'. Steer with the mouse. Accelerate and decelerate with the left and right mouse buttons respectively.

Capt. Robert Becka

Editor's Note: While "flying" look for the monoliths with the programmer's credits....it appears that over 100 were involved. I trust this was done 'after-hours'!

C/Major Greg Auerbach recently passed his Private Pilot check ride and is now a newly certified pilot in the Florida Wing.

Group 6 Major David Auerbach credits and thanks Capt. W. Morris Groover for his dedication as well as all the time and energy he expends training and testing pilots in the group.

Major Luis Garcia, Florida Wing DOV, informs that the Operations Section now has a new Web Page. It can be accessed at URL <www.pompano.net/~flwgdov/flwgdo.htm>.

Editor's Note: This page is worth visiting. It provides a Directory of the Operations Staff; an Aircraft Status Page; and an Aircraft Maintenance Page. This is a significant information resource for our members.

Do you hate Microsoft's Office Assistant? Maybe you're not using the best one. Download Office Assistant: Earl the Cat, the Assistant with an attitude. Earl fends off

sharks and monsters and even pushes up daisies, all while helping you get the most out of Microsoft Office. It's highly rated, has 2.25MB and is FREE.

Frustrated by not being able to locate information resources? Copernic 98 queries multiple search engines, scouring the Web and newsgroup postings for the information you need. The program has a well designed user interface, relevancy rankings that really do seem relevant, and the search results can be saved, sorted, and updated. You'll find Copernic 98 at www.copernic.com.

It is very highly ranked, has 2.2MB and is FREE.

This indispensable program monitors your dial-up networking connections and automatically launches programs such as a time-checker or browser when you connect. You can set different programs to run with different connections. Great flexibility and response. You can download it from <www.blackcastleoft.com/netlaunch>. A highly ranked program that has 124K and is FREE.

You do know that every time you install a new program, the installation utility adds files to your system, replaces others, and changes registry and INI settings. InCtrl4 provides a record of exactly what changes the installation program made. You can read all about it and download it from <www.pcmag.com/pctech/index-ut.html>

Great news! you can now send E-Mail to FLWG PAO Capt. Al Ferrara at mwingate@acninc.net

IN RECOGNITION



The following **FLORIDA WING AWARDS** were personally presented at the 1999 Florida Wing Conference:

CADET of the YEAR: C/Lt. Col. Shane Turner
PHASE II CADET of the YEAR: C/Capt. Michael Aquanno
COL. BOB OWENS AWARD: C/Lt. Col. Mike Barron
SEDITA AWARD: Capt. Larry Gray
SENIOR of the YEAR: Lt. Col. Matthew R. Sharkey
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER of the YEAR: Maj. S. Buddy Harris
CHAPLAIN of the YEAR: Chaplain Jack Hemskey
COMMUNICATOR of the YEAR: Maj. Frank Haas
HISTORIAN of the YEAR: Col. Bill Kidney
MISSION COORDINATOR of the YEAR: Capt. John Bayne
WING STAFF OFFICER of the Year: Lt. Col. Gary Nelson
DRILL TEAM - FIRST PLACE: Miami Springs Optimist Sq.
DRILL TEAM - SECOND PLACE: S. Marion Composite Sq.
DRILL TEAM- THIRD PLACE: Lantana/Lake Worth Cadet Sq.
SPATZ AWARD: C/Col. Richard Martin
SQUADRON COMMANDER of the YEAR:

Capt. Dick Grafton - Distinction

Lt. Col. William Boyd, -Merit

GROUP COMMANDER of the YEAR: Maj. Jorge Del Rio

CADET SQUADRON of the YEAR: Miami Springs Optimist Sq. - Distinction

Lantana/ Lake Worth Cadet Sq. - Merit

COMPOSITE SQUADRON of the YEAR: West Broward Composite Sq. - Distinction

Deland Composite Sq. - Merit

SENIOR SQUADRON of the YEAR: Fernandina Senior Sq. - Distinction

Boca Raton Senior Sq. - Merit

GROUP of the YEAR: Group Four

MOST IMPROVED SQUADRONS: Talahassee Composite Squadron

Gainesville Composite Squadron

APPOINTMENTS:

Chaplain Major Richard W. Clifford

Chaplain Capt. Jeffrey A. Batkin

Chaplain Capt. Thomas E. Carson

Chaplain Capt. Drew H. Wales

NLO 2Lt. Timothy R. Schoch

NLO 2Lt. Danny A. Swan

NORTH TAMPA CADET SQUADRON Promotions:

C/Captain Brandon Bodnar

C/2Lt. John Boyd

C/MSgt. Jared Baxley

C/MSgt. Benjamin Turinsky

Captain Diane B. Westcott

CHUCK YEAGER AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARD:

GROUP TWO:-

SM Judy Sanner

2Lt. Sandy Wills

2Lt. Howard S. Anquish

2Lt. Gary T. Bennett

1Lt. Virginia A. Faw

GROUP THREE:-

2Lt. James F. Miller

TFO Deborah M. Esposito

GROUP FOUR:-

1Lt. Martin D. Alderman

1Lt. John A. Boniface

SM Damarys Cordova

1Lt. Mark R. Guilford

1Lt. Pamela A. Gullford

1Lt. David A. Allen

2Lt. Carey R. Heber

TFO John D. Moore

GROUP FOUR [cont'd]

SM William G. Bowman

SM Anton V. Kurth

Capt. Edward E. Lashley

SM Elizabeth M. Mathis

GROUP FIVE:-

2Lt. Richard M. Alpher

SM Milton Salzberg

GROUP SIX:-

2Lt. David B. Sasse

Capt. Richard Shoemaker

GROUP SEVEN:-

Capt. Kenneth L. Lung

Lt. Marcelo P. Benitez

1Lt. Stuart A. Backer

THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

JULY: 1942 - CAP Border Patrol is initiated.

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

1948 - CAP is transferred to Headquarters Command of the United States Air Force.

1970 - Col. Robert C. Owen is 13th Wing Commander.

1981 - Col. Howard R. Cumler serves as 16th Wing Commander.

AUGUST: 1943 - Coastal Patrol Submarine duty is discontinued. Mission accomplished.

1967 - Col. Samuel DuPont Jr. is again Wing Commander [11th].

1977 - Col. Richard L. Leali, Sr. is 15th Wing Commander.

1996 - Col. Antonio Pineda is 22nd Wing Commander.

1998 - Col. Antonio Pineda again serves as Wing Commander [24th].

SEPTEMBER: 1947 - United States Air Force is created as a separate command. **HAPPY 52nd USAF BIRTHDAY!**

1984 - Col. Samuel G. Spieker, Jr. is 17th Wing Commander.

FROM PULPIT TO PEN

Civil Air Patrol offers opportunities that might not be possible otherwise. Opportunities to provide services to our communities in time of need. Opportunities that enable adults to have a positive effect on the growing experiences of young people. It's no small thing that the Civil Air Patrol has been a positive force in keeping folks aware of the many possibilities associated with space exploration. I've enjoyed the many, many opportunities associated with being a member of the Civil Air Patrol.



LT. COL. RALPH E. RIVERS
FLORIDA WING CHAPLAIN

Perhaps the best benefits of membership are the many really nice people I meet in CAP. I probably would not have known many who have become friends over the years if it had not been for the common denominator, CAP. That's a blessing that is too easily and to frequently overlooked.

Friendships that are based on common concerns or common interests are often stronger than family ties. Maybe that's why folks who really become involved in an organization often develop friendships that are strong and lasting. That is a benefit that many did not think about when they filled out the application for membership.

Friendships are good. We need more friends and fewer adversaries in our lives, personal and corporate. We need more positive than negative outlooks on life. I suspect that there would be less tension all around if everybody worked harder on the friendship and positive things and less on the other. I've found that it's far easier to accomplish goals if you are working with people you consider friends than it is if you are working with folks you don't.

I was encouraged by joining with many friends in Mango for the 1999 Florida Wing Conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up on the latest tidbits as well as the facts. It was an opportunity to show the community who we are and what we do. In other words to make some more friends. It was a truly grand time for information gathering and fellowship.

NEWS FLASH!

Logistics Section of Florida Wing has job openings for Transportation Officers [3] in charge of surface and air transportation and Maintenance Officer who coordinates maintenance of the FLWG CAP vehicle fleet. Interested members should contact LtC. Matt Sharkey or Major Don Prachnick at Florida Wing Headquarters.

A 1980 Cessna 182 has been added to the Florida Wing fleet. This white, red trim, beige stripe aircraft with a red interior only has 600 hours on its new engine. The plane-N5401N was flown to the Fernandina Beach Squadron from Pennsylvania by LTC. Mike Brown. The call sign is CPF 828.

Fernandina Beach Squadron's Cessna 172, call sign CPF 825, was transferred to the Clearwater Squadron and their aircraft was delivered to Maxwell AFB. Marco Island Senior Squadron's formally assigned C-182, N4949N, call sign CPF 838, has had its damaged engine replaced and is now assigned to the Central Brevard Senior Squadron.

Wing Finance Officer, Lt. Bill Ferguson needs assistants. With the continual expansion of Florida Wing

activities, the Finance Director's workload has increased proportionately. Members interested in joining Wing Staff as Assistant Finance Officers should contact Lt. Ferguson at 954 749 6733

Col. Antonio Pineda, Florida Wing Commander, announced the appointments of Capt. Ranier Gonzalez of the Miami Senior One Squadron as Florida Wing Survival Equipment Coordinator and Major Russ Reichmann as Assistant Stan/Eval Officer.

LTC. David Lehtonen, Wing Operations Director announces that Flight Release Officers [FRO] are now required to talk directly and personally to the pilot requesting flight authorization.

No pilot shall be considered to have been officially authorized to fly a corporate aircraft if they haven't actually requested and received a flight release verbally from a FRO.

Emergency Services Missions have increased to nearly one every day somewhere in the State of Florida. This mission activity is greater than any other CAP Wing. Florida's cur-

rent Mission Summary may be seen on the Florida Wing Web Page.

Administrative Assistant, LTC. Valorie Brown advises that CAPR 900-5-31 dated March '99 should be corrected to show AirSure Ltd. as the agent for General Liability and Aircraft Liability Insurance at toll free 1-800-947-1140.

In addition to all the Y2K Task Force suggestions provided on Pages 6 and 7 for dealing with your Y2K problem, here are some other flashes:-

A Y2K Jumpstart Kit is available free from the U.S. Commerce Department. This software spots equipment that might be affected by the Y2K bug and develops and manages contingency plans. Downloadable free at <http://y2khelp.mist.gov> on the Web or you can call the Y2K HelpCenter at 1-800-925-7557.

Windows '98 users be aware that most Windows 98 are not year 2000 compliant. Call Microsoft at 1-800-219-302. Do not respond to the recorded instructions. Wait until you get an operator to take your order. Order the "Windows '98 Year 2000 Update". There is no charge. Happy millennium to all!

OH, MY ACHING FEET!

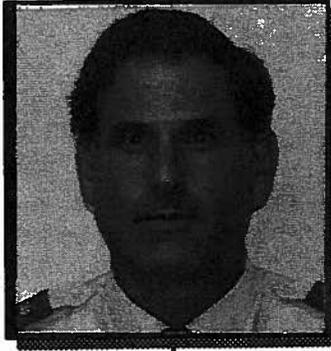
It is impossible to do your job if you can't get there and back. In most situations we face in CAP, it means walking and lots of it. We tend to forget our most important equipment in this regard until it's too late - our footwear. Nothing is so important and so disabling as bad shoes or boots.

The armed forces has taken great care to design heavy duty footgear which will go long distances under severe environmental conditions without need for replacement. The price paid for durability, however, is less comfort. When issue footwear is new, it is distinctly hazardous for someone to use it for long periods. In the case of certain items, a very long break-in period may be required.

The first step in getting good shoes is choosing the best shoe for the job. Although the light-weight of the so called 'jungle' boots is enticing, these shoes are made with certain compensations for the lack of heel support offered by boots with stiffer uppers. If you get a new pair of jungle boots and a new pair of jump boots, you will find it harder to compress the heel area [known as the 'counter'] of the jungle boots. This extra stiffness in the heel becomes very significant when walking long distances. Look at the difference between jump boots and other issue boots, and you will notice something else. The toe area in the jump boots is much wider. Most issue boots are quite narrow, and what the military considers 'wide' is a far cry from your basic "D" or "E" width.

If you look inside any of the issue boots, you will notice there is absolutely no arch support. The human foot acts as a shock absorber, using a series of bony arches which run front to back and side to side to cushion the weight [up to 2000 pounds!] which a human being can exert just in plain walking. If there is no support for these structures, serious straining of the ligaments which brace these arches is sure to follow. The military pays cursory attention to this detail and anyone buying these boots should immediately invest in a good pair of insoles to replace the insoles sold with

the boots. A molded insole is available but very costly, and some strategically placed trimmed foam rubber glued to good combat boot insoles will work as well.



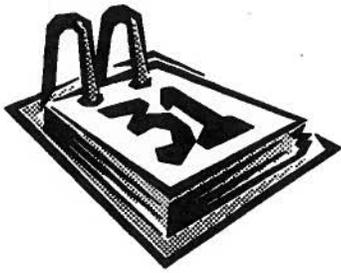
Capt. Lawrence A. Gamlkin, M.D.
Medical Officer

Many CAP members have told me about wetting boots and wearing them dry to break them in. While this trial by fire might be a good exercise in *machismo*, a better way of breaking in new boots is to oil the inside area of the heel counter, put on some thick socks, and wear the boots everywhere for a few weeks. Well placed Band-Aids will also help. Be sure to immediately apply three good coats of decent boot polish to the outer leather surfaces to avoid excessive drying of the leather, which is a great way to turn leather into iron.

The last important factor in wearing boots comfortably is socks. The best socks for boots are calf length, thick, and able to draw moisture away from the skin rapidly. The best combination I have seen so far is DuPont Coolmax inner socks under Thorlo combat boot socks. This combination is the best, but it will cost up to \$20. A cheaper way to go is calf length thick dress socks, such as the issue dress socks, with the Thorlo socks. Do NOT try to use cheap tube socks with boots! They will sag and cause creases next to the skin, guaranteeing a blister. Always pull socks up tight.

Once you have the equipment, learn how to wear it. Never tie boot laces below the top eyelet of the boot, as this reduces the rigidity of the heel bracing. Learn techniques for lacing which allow you to vary the pressure at the toe and top of the boot to allow more room for the toes without loosening the heel. It can be done, and if anybody needs it I will be happy to demonstrate. Make sure the upper part of the boot is always tight, to prevent heel slippage.

It is always a shame to see people limping around a mission base because of the improper wearing of boots. Make sure you don't become a casualty and have to be removed from a mission.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Submitted by Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey

26 September-2 October SER Staff College, Knoxville TN.

2-3 October	Cadet Leader's Training, Patrick AFB
2-3 October	Search Management Course
16 October	Florida Wing Staff Meeting & Command Call
18-21 October	National Logistics Conference, Maxwell AFB
23 October	Check Pilot's School, Lakeland
23 October	Bloodborne Pathogen Training for Instructors
23-24 October	Orlando Air Fair '99
22-24 October	Cadet Leadership School

6 - 7 November	Blue Angels, Jacksonville Naval Air Station
12-13 November	Blue Angels, Pensacola Naval Air Station
15-19 November	Inland SAR School
20 November	Florida Wing Staff Meeting
26-28 November	Cadet Conference

11 December	Florida Wing Staff Meeting and Command Call
26 December-1 January	Cadet Encampment, Homestead ARB

22 January Florida wing Staff Meeting

19 February, 2000 Florida Wing SAV



◆ **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



◆ **HAPPY HANUKAH**

◆ **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



◆ **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



TO ALL!!!!!!

SQUADRON WINS 1st and 2nd PRIZE IN COMPETITION

Seven teams and 35 cadets competed in the annual Color Guard Competition recently conducted at MacDill AFB.

Coral Springs Cadet, Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet, Marion County Composite, South Marion Cadet, and West Broward Composite Squadrons competed in an In-Ranks Inspection, Outdoor Practical Drill, Indoor and Outdoor Presentation of Colors, and a written exam.



l to r C/TSgt Flores, C/MSgt Miller, C/SSgt Calder and C/Sra Streifel compose the First Place Team

Lake Worth Cadet Squadron Team#2 [all male] took First Place overall, Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron Team #2 [all female] won Second Place and South Marion Cadet Squadron finished Third.

Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Team #1 will now compete in the Southeast Regional Competition against the first place winners from six other states.

Col. Tony Pineda congratulated the winners for an outstanding effort and extended the wing's good wishes for their forthcoming regional

Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey and the judges agreed that selecting the winners was a real challenging task. Lantana-

competition.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ The Air Force has recently delegated its responsibility for Inland Search and Rescue to the Air Combat Command [ACC].
- ◇ The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center [AFRCC] which was established in 1974 has recorded over 12,850 lives saved. The greatest percentage of that total are credited to the CAP.
- ◇ With the retirement of Colonel Paul J. Albano, as Executive Director of Civil Air Patrol Corporation effective as of 3 October 1999, Colonel Robert L. Brooks has accepted the reins to lead the headquarters staff into the next century. Col. Brooks vast experience as CAP Assistant Executive Director over the past four years will ensure that day-to-day business activities of the corporation remain on a firm foundation. Additionally, he brings with him stability that is critical to maintaining a cohesive Headquarters staff.
- ◇ National Vice Commander, Col. Richard L. Bowling was re-elected to his second one-year term.

◇ A CAP National Inspector Generals' College will now be offered biennially in even-numbered years. A CAP National Legal Officers' College will be offered in odd-numbered years. "The National Inspector Generals' College will aid immeasurably in achieving greater uniformity and professionalism in performing internal investigations," said Gen. Bobick. "The course is designed to be consistent with the basic CAP philosophy of achieving accountability at all levels within our organization."

FLORIDA PLACES THIRD IN SER COMPETITION

With only five days advance notification the Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron scurried for proper uniforms and equipment, began daily practice and with the phenomenal direction of 1Lt. David Leali placed third in the Southeast Region Drill Competition. Puerto Rico was awarded First Place.

Looking Back In History... Glancing At The Present.

In 1943, the Duxford Royal Air Force [RAF] Base was turned over to the US 8th Air Force. The 8th was the largest of the USAAF comprising some 200,000 personnel. Duxford became the Headquarters of the US 78th Fighter Group composed of P-47 Thunderbolts. Capt. Charles London, stationed at Duxford, became the first official 8th Air Force Ace when he destroyed five enemy aircraft. On D-Day, 6 June 1944, every available Thunderbolt was providing air cover to the allied invasion fleet. The 78th distinguished itself by shooting down the first Me262 jet and by the end of the war was credited with the destruction of 697 enemy aircraft either in the air or on the ground. On 1 December 1945, the USAAF officially handed Duxford Base back to the RAF.



Duxford Royal Air Force Base, England...Major Russ Vizzi waves a thumbs up from the front seat of a World War II British Trainer, Tiger Moth, prior to take off

In April 1999, FLWG Major Russ Vizzi visited Duxford and arranged for a flight in a British WWII open cockpit biplane that was used to train fledgling Spitfire pilots. The deHaviland DH82A, Tiger Moth designation G-ANRM, was built by Morris Motors, Cowley, England. "In my fleece lined flight jacket, leather helmet and goggles, I signaled from the front seat for the chocks to be pulled and began taxiing for take-off. Cleared by the tower, we taxied among Hurricanes, Spitfires and P-47's [in my mind only] and we were off! What a thrill even with all the noise and wind. After a loop and two barrel rolls we headed back. Cutting back on the throttle, wind whistling through the wires, engine backfiring and coughing, we settled easily on the sod runway. What better way to revisit history!!"

Submitted by
Major Russ Vizzi

CAP FOREIGN EXCHANGE CADETS SOAR IN GLIDERS

It was a long, hot [over 105 degrees], satisfying day at Keystone Heights Airport. This was the impression of nine cadets who were in Florida as part of CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange Program. This program sends U.S. cadets abroad and brings cadets from 38 countries to the United States.

The nine cadets, three from Germany and six from the United Kingdom finished their two-week visit to Florida with a day of gliding provided by the Gainesville Composite Squadron. According to the Squadron Commander, Captain Brooks Jones, the squadron has reached 100 members.

"We are not used to these gliders," said Manuel

Schuler, 18, from a small village in Bavaria. The German cadets were selected from thousands of students to come to the United States. Caroline Tracey, a 20 year old pilot from London experienced her very first aero-tow. All of her glider training and experience has been with winch launches.

CAP Bob Oehl and Jim Culp were the glider orientation pilots. Second Lieutenants Julie Gilliett-Nunez and Susan K. King kept every one watered and fed throughout the day. They also provided newsy information to the many reporters and photographers from the local newspapers who covered the fly-day .

Submitted by
Major Art Haller

RESCUED DOGS BECOME RESCUE DOGS IN CAP

Two children were 'skipping' school and could not be found. A call to the 334th Squadron of the CAP was placed by the Sheriff's Department. An hour later, both children were found hiding off the school grounds in a field. This was but one of the 'rescues' which Major Ralph Dixon and his K-9 partner 'Jordan' have made.

The "Gator" Squadron is the Senior Search and Rescue Squadron in Pinellas County. Locating ELT [Electronic Emergency Transmitter] alarm signals is a specialty of the squadron, but with the addition of Jordan a few years ago, the searching capabilities of the squadron have vastly increased.

Extensive training is needed to turn a 'pound puppy' into a working member of a CAP team. Jordan has undergone training at the Gulf Coast Search and Rescue School in Sarasota. Certification is renewed every six months and training is continued on a daily basis.

Jordan was a three month old German Shepherd left at the Animal Shelter when Col. Dean Dixon got him as a gift for her husband, Major Ralph Dixon. The two became a team almost immediately and have been working together for nearly three years. Neither the major or his hard working K-9 companion have declined any call for help and they enjoy a 100% suc-

cess record.

Recently, the Gator Squadron has added two more K-9 teams. Angie Massina and her Golden Retriever, "Hattie" and handler Denise Bryan and her black Labrador "Cody" now offer an increased dimension of service to their community. It's particularly interesting to note that Jordan and Hattie were 'classmates' at the academy and continuously enjoy the competition of seeing who can work the hardest.

Cody and Jordan were both rescued from the pound. Hattie has a more renowned family tree. Her father is one of the top 'find' dogs in the country.

As a direct result of the patience and diligence of the handlers and K-9's, these teams are able to search thickly wooded areas and buildings, finding 'targets' with amazing efficiency.

Ready to go anywhere at any time, the 334th Squadron and its K-9's are among the many assets which the Civil Air Patrol can bring to bear in any emergency. Not only is the 334th Squadron "Always Vigilant", but they are always ready to swing into action for the community and those in need.

Photo of the K-9 team handlers and dogs is on Page 8 - Photo Mat.

Submitted by
Major Ralph Dixon

NEW WING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Captain Paul Blystone, recently appointed as Florida Wing Communications Director, is extremely well qualified for the position. Paul's communications capability goes back to 1954 when he took a course in Railroad Telegraphy and Station Accountancy. A year later, he went to work as a Telegraph Operator and Station Attendant for the Florida East Coast Railway Co. Drafted into the Army in 1959, he went to Radio School and learned the International Morse Code. Assigned to the Signal Corps, he operated AM and FM radios, and Teletype. Following his discharge three years

later, he studied ham radio and earned a General Class License. Paul



is an instrument rated pilot with about 1600 hours logged time. Capt. Blystone has been actively flying and serving as Squadron and Group Communications Officer since 1995 when he joined CAP. He has flown SAR missions and Counterdrug missions and flies AFRGTC

cadets from the University of Florida, Gainesville and CAP cadets on orientation rides.

As the new Communications Director, Capt. Blystone wants to see members increase the use of their corporate radio equipment. He intends to make a major effort toward installing repeaters in the Panhandle and Keys areas. He plans to increase the radio training of our cadets and certifying more cadets and senior members as Radio Operators. He definitely wants to increase participation on the HF net and the VHF net. Capt. Blystone graduated from the most recently conducted Southeast Region College.

SQUADRON RECEIVES GENERAL'S MEDAL

The MacDill AFB Squadron was presented the General's Medal for their fine work during AIRFEST '99 by General Shelton, Commander of MacDill AFB. Major Michael Voehlert proudly took squadron change of command from former commander, Major Steve Bell. Father Ronald Pace was appointed chaplain by the new commander.



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Public Affairs Officers are keeping the presses rolling with outstanding New Squadron Newsletters. Skyway Bridge Composite Squadron's "The Sidewinder", Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron's newsletter in full color, and the newest edition, a 12-page "The Courier" from the Boca Raton Cadet Squadron. This is the way to get the CAP message out.

Hardly a week goes by without at least one CAP story breaking in one or more local newspapers. The "Telegraph-Times-Monitor" ran a story with photos of the CAP '99 AGOS'; "The Log" had one about our cadet program as written by Major Dale Robinson; "The Eagle" featured the Marco Island Senior Squadron in a story about nightly Sundown Patrols and other Emergency Services activities; and "The Sun" printed an extensive story of the new glider activity and the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. What better way to have CAP lose it's 'hold' on being the world's best kept secret!



14th RED RIBBON WEEK COMING

The 14th annual Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated the last week in October...a great opportunity for CAP to gain well deserved recognition. In 1986, CAP officially joined the 'war on drugs' through our counter-drug efforts. A few years later we were involved in the Drug Demand Reduction efforts. This was an obvious involvement for CAP since one of the benefits of our cadet program is helping youth develop a healthy life-style. This backgrounder should help PAO's in getting community news coverage:

"The use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is a problem of school age children across the United States. It is far easier to prevent risky behaviors than to change them once they have developed.

The Red Ribbon Campaign began as a passionate, grassroots expression of concern initiated by a group of parents in Illinois and Virginia in 1985 in response to the brutal murder of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena by drug traffickers. Red Ribbon has grown into a nationwide movement and is considered by many the model of a successful community-wide awareness campaign. Through its trademark Red Ribbon, this benchmark symbolized the commitment of countless citizens fighting to eliminate substance abuse in their schools and communities. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every single CAP member wore a red ribbon during this week this year to symbolize our commitment to our nation's youth and to a drug-free society. [Note: Mary Nell Crowe at NHQ has 60,000 ribbons] These ribbons are imprinted with the CAP and DDRA seals as well as "Drug Free and Proud". Ms. Crowe also can provide a press release for you to fill in the blanks. This is an exciting opportunity for community recognition.



UNIT COMMANDERS COURSE IS BEING FIELD TESTED

The new CAP Unit Commanders Course is now completed and has begun to be tested in the field. This two-day course is designed to provide new and potential CAP unit commanders with training on basic command responsibilities and leadership techniques. This two-volume course will be made available this year. It takes you from Your Role in Fulfilling the CAP Missions through Recruiting and Retention to Command Responsibility and Accountability.

Captain A. "Jay" Jasen
Wing Director, Senior Programs

PANHANDLE CAP CADETS TAKE TO THE AIR

Group One conducted an all-day cadet orientation fly-day with 16 cadets and three aircraft. The Panhandle Group extends from Perry, Fl. on the east to the Alabama line on the west and is home to ten squadrons. For many of the cadets this was their initial orientation flight. From this program they develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand the total impact of air and space operations in society. They learn discipline by studying leadership and by learning military drill and courtesies. They become physically fit through a special physical training program. As they progress they become eligible for nationally sponsored special activities and may compete for academic scholarships from our armed forces universities.

Major Dale Robinson, Group 1 PAO



HAPPY 57th ANNIVERSARY

CAP celebrates its 57th birthday on 1 December. Six days before Pearl Harbor, the Civil Air Patrol was organized to provide general aviation enthusiasts the means to volunteer their time and aircraft in the nation's defense efforts. During World War II, CAP became famous for its successful coastal patrol when these volunteers in their own light aircraft helped spot enemy submarines along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

The CAP is still composed of men and women across the country who join together for the good of the nation. CAP has three distinct missions - air search and rescue and other emergency services during local or national emergencies; a program of aerospace education seeking to promote America's supremacy in aviation and aerospace sciences; and a cadet program which trains young Americans in the principles of leadership and motivates them in careers in aviation or the space sciences.

A Form of ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION for adoption by local governing bodies is available from Wing Marketing/PA Director, Major Russ Vizzi.

AGOS '99 REACHED A NEW LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE.

36 Students and 10 staff persevered through a hot, humid and intensive training curriculum for a full week at Camp Blanding. This was the fourth annual AGOS-Advanced Ground Operations School conducted by Florida Wing. Camp Blanding provides the training program with the perfect mix of terrain, billeting, mess facilities and specialty ranges needed to teach woodland ground team skills.

AGOS is designed to take complete rookies and graduate them with General Emergency Services certification and Ground Team Member, and, if appropriate, Ground Team Leader ratings.

Following Friday night check-in, a VHF and HF base station antenna system was installed by the students. A General Briefing and Safety Briefing followed by the first class on Emergency Services preceded lights out. 'Rise and Shine' was at 5:30 a.m. when six teams completed PT [Physical Training] before breakfast. This daily routine was followed by barracks clean up and inspection.

Radio operations, communications, compass reading, line search, search coverage, search effectiveness, probability of detection, air-to-ground communications with and without radios, Electronic Locator Transmitter signals located with Directional Finders were just a few of the day and evening classes.

1Lt. Marty Alderman received the Betty Bass Memorial Award as the AGOS '99 participant who most personified the strength of character and spirit of Lt. Bass, one of the energetic and devoted founders of AGOS.

Major Steve Bell served as Commander and LtC. Don Wood as Deputy Commander. Capt. Larry Gray and Major Frank Haas served as Lead Instructors.

Though AGOS is intended to train new recruits, it is not unusual for experienced personnel to spend the full week honing their skills and learning new regulations and SAR requirements.

EGLIN '99 ENCAMPMENT

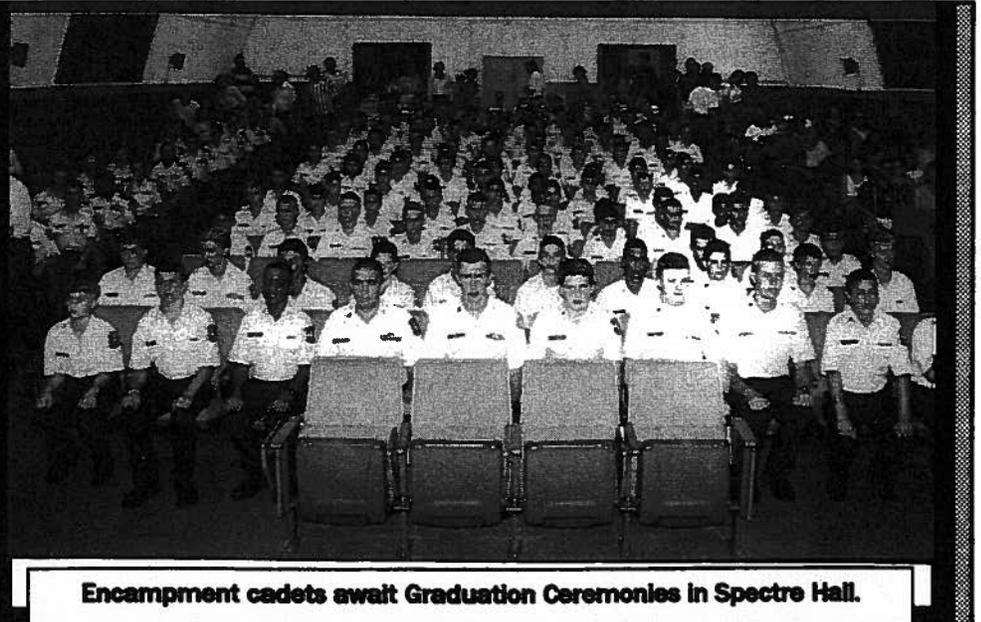
When you hear encampment, the first thought that comes to mind is 'boot camp'. That is exactly what the 'doolies' (first time cadets) looked forward to when they headed for Duke Field for the Eglin '99 Encampment in the Florida panhandle. Cadets were expected to have complete military bearing and fully exhibit customs and courtesies.

Cadets experienced leadership from both a follower's and leader's viewpoints and the proper way to drill. One of the many field trips was to Eglin Air Force Base where the 33rd Fighter Wing gave a briefing and up close inspection of F-15's.

Florida Wing Vice Commander, LtC. Richard Valone addressed the cadets. Parents and guests watched the flawless Pass-In-Review parade which terminated in

Spectre Hall for graduation ceremonies. Spectre Hall is the last place in the US where, during WW II, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle briefed his squadrons before leaving for the first bombing raid on Tokyo, Japan from an aircraft carrier.

All the cadets were eager to take their newly acquired knowledge back to their units to share it with their fellow cadets. The acquired friendships with cadets from all over Florida Wing and the experience gained will help to make all of the attendees - leaders and doolies - better leaders throughout their lives.



Encampment cadets await Graduation Ceremonies in Spectre Hall.

Submitted by C/MSgt Achiel Hamada

SOUTHEAST REGION AND WING CONFERENCE AWARDS

Southeast Region Commander, Col. Joseph Meighan, Jr. said, "Florida Wing is the largest and most active in my region and I am particularly pleased to participate in your conference and to personally present well deserved awards of distinction."

Prior to presenting Florida Wing awards, Col. Pineda said, "I am extremely proud of our accomplishments and the vigor and enthusiasm of all members in the performance of our mission. Selection of those deserving of awards is an extremely difficult task. Each awardee has continuously extended that extra effort, that extra response, extra assist, extra endeavor and extra deed that more than justifies their receiving our recognition."

SOUTHEAST REGION AWARDS:

Silver Medal of Valor, Major Edward Wasserman

Exceptional Service Awards:

- *Maj. Jay Jeffries, Emergency Services Training
- *Maj. S. Buddy Harris, Public Affairs/Newsletter
- *LTC. Gus Ehrman, Counter Drug Program
- *Maj. Jayson Jenkins, Cadet Program Director
- *C/LTC. Michael Barron, Cadet Advisory
- *LTC. Roger Thomas, Historian/L.A.C.E. Escort
- *LTC. Matt Sharkey, Senior Member of the Year
- *C/LTC. Shane Turner, Cadet of the Year
- *Maj. Jorge Del Rio, Group Commander of the Year
- *LTC. David Moseley, Gill Robb Wilson
- *Capt. Richard Martin, Spaatz Award
- *Group Four, Group of the Year
- *Miami Optimist Cadet Squadron, Cadet Sq. of Distinction
- *Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron, Cadet Sq. of Merit
- *Fernandina Senior Squadron, Senior Sq. of Distinction
- *Boca Raton Senior Squadron, Senior Sq. of Merit
- *West Broward Composite Sq. Composite Sq. of Distinction
- *Herlong Composite Squadron, Composite Sq. of Merit

FLORIDA WING AWARDS:

- *Chaplain Jack Hemsy, Chaplain of the Year
- *C/2 Lt. John Boyd, Amelia Earhart Award
- *C/2 Lt. Chris Davidson, Mitchell Award
- *C/Capt. Ashleigh Boyd, Mitchell Award
- *C/Capt. Brandon Bodnar, Mitchell Award
- *C/2 Lt. Matt Tuck, Mitchell Award
- *C/Cpt. Michael Agnanno, Cadet of the Year-Phase III

Grover Loening Award:

- Capt. Paul Blystone
- Capt. Susan Wilson
- Capt. Jayson Jenkins
- Major Steve Bell
- Capt. Lawrence A Gaulkin

Paul Garber Award:

- LTC. Amy Ruth Baxwell
- Brenda Allison
- LTC. Harvey Pittman
- 1Lt. Arthur Bently
- Capt. Thorton Konkel

Meritorious Service Award:

- C/LTC. Brian Aguila
- LTC. Gary Nelson
- Chaplain Harold Johnson
- LTC. Bob Croft
- LTC. Michael Barron
- LTC. James Webster

Commander's Commendation:

- Major John Lynn
- Capt. Larry Gray
- Major Jorge Del Rio
- Capt. Ed Lege
- Raymond Halfield
- Major Steve Bell
- Capt. Jay Jasen
- Major Kathleen Williams
- Capt. Warren Randall
- Capt. Ernesto Diaz
- C/TSgt. Ginger Taylor
- 2 Lt. Christine Ferry
- C/2 Lt. Chris Metzger
- Kathleen Arderson
- C/LTC. Chris Conley
- C/Capt. Ashleigh Boyd
- LTC. Don Wood
- Maj. Lester Schwartz

Drill Team Competition:

First Prize-Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron

Color Guard Competition:

First Prize-Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron

C/LTC. Michael Barron, Col. Bob Owen Award

Capt. Larry Gray, Sedita Award

LTC. William Kidney, Historian of the Year

LTC. Gary Nelson, Wing Staff Officer of the Year

Capt. John Bayne, Mission Coordinator of the Year

Major S. Buddy Harris, PAO of the Year

Major Frank Haas, Communicator of the Year

Marie Grine, Brewer Award

Capt. Dick Grafton, Sq. Commander of Distinction

LTC. William Boyd, Sq. Commander of Merit

Marco Island Senior Sq., Counter Drug Missions

Deland Senior Sq., Emergency Services Missions

Major Robert Ashman, Certificate of Appreciation

1 Lt. Thomas Baldwin, ES Officer of the Year

Most Improved Squadrons of the Year:

- Tallahassee Composite Squadron
- Gainesville Composite Squadron

LATE NEWS

The State of Florida assigned a priority mission to the Tallahassee Composite Squadron during Hurricane Floyd on September 16. There was an imperative need for Emergency Coordinating Officer Ellery Gray to be in Orlando. Capt. Christie Mathison mobilized an air crew and ECO Gray was ferried to his meeting and returned to Tallahassee by late evening.

Submitted by
Capt. Christie Mathison



Medal of Valor
MAJOR EDWARD WASSERMAN



Group Commander of the Year
MAJOR JORGE DEL RIO



Senior Member of the Year
LTC. MATT SHARKEY



Spatz Award
RICHARD MARTIN

CONFERENCE ALBUM

Cadet of the Year
CLTC. SHANE TURNER



**SRQ Composite Squadron cadets present the
POW/MIA memorium ceremony.**



**West Broward Composite Squadron cadets color
guard present the colors.**



Southeast Region Commander Col. Joseph Meighan, Jr. presents award to C/LTC. Michael Barron



Florida Wing Commander Col. Antonio Pineda addresses General Assembly



SER Commander Col. Meighan presents Unit Citation to Florida Wing.



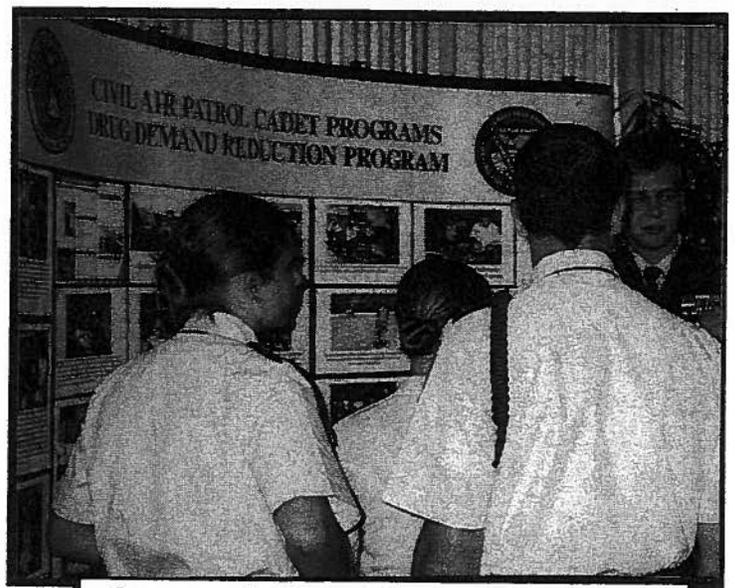
West Broward Composite Squadron Honor Guard recalls the colors at the Gala Banquet Dinner

Group Commander Major Frank Haas receives Southeast Region Exceptional Service Award from Col. Meighan

CONFERENCE ALBUM



West Broward Composite Squadron receives Merit Award from Colonels Meighan and Pineda.



Large crowds view numerous displays representing Florida Wing accomplishments in all areas of mission responsibility

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