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Annual SER Meet in Hollywood

June 23-27, and expected 500 CAP members will converge on the sunny Florida shores for several days of informative work sessions and policy discussions at the joint Southeastern Regional Conference and first Region-wide Civil Air Patrol-Civil Defence mission.

On the program of events are presentations from National Headquarters Staff Officers, Southeastern Region Staff Officers and the highlight of the formal dinner gathering will be a speech by the new commander of the Continental Air Command, Lt. General Henry Viccellio.

Included in the United States Air Force delegation from CAP National Headquarters, is Colonel Joe L. Mason, Commander, and Lt. Colonel Lloyd Garland, Director of Information.

Colonel F. Ward Reilly, Commander, Southeast Region, will head the sponsoring delegation.

In addition to the activity inside the hotel, the famed Air Rescue Service will put on a recovery demonstration on the beach near the hotel. Also, pilot refresher classes will be conducted by representatives of the Federal Aviation Agency.

One reason for all the activity is the fact that this year's conference is being conducted in conjunction with a gigantic CAP-Civil Defence Mission.

Members from the Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Puerto Rico Wings, will airlift supplies, plasma and personnel to a simulated disaster area near Hollywood.

The demonstration will point up, according to Colonel Reilly, "The importance of CAP as a vital transportation source in support of military and civilian survival and recovery efforts in the event of a national emergency."

CAP radiomen will actively participate in the exercise that will be observed by

Colonel Alvin E. Hebert, USAF, the Chief Liaison Officer for the Southeastern Region.

Some 300 corporate and private aircraft are expected to participate.

Safe Crash!

Monday, June 19, EARC activated the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, search for a lost aircraft which took off from Atlanta, Georgia, at 12:17PM EST, Sunday.

The superb judgement and handling of a Cessna 150 on the part of 19 year old R.T. Smith, saved his and the life of his 10 year old passenger Ronnie Johnson.

Mr. Smith, experiencing difficulty, crash landed the aircraft one mile north of Cross City, right on his course.

Shortly after the mission was activated, searchers from Group 7, notified the Florida Wing Headquarters, that the aircraft had been located. Simultaneously the employer of Mr. Smith, notified the Wing, that the boys were safe and unhurt.

Summer Encampments

Florida Wing started its cadets on their left foot for the summer, straight for Orlando Air Force Base, and the 1966 Summer Encampments.

The encampment program began June 15th, with the Cadet Command Staff School, and will end July 15th, with the completion of two regular encampments.

The Encampment Commanders for the Encampments are Captain James Byerly Cogswell, II, CSS66-1; Lt. Colonel Richard Lockman, 66-2; and Major Kirby Smith 66-3.

Earhart Awards

This month East Duval Group 25, almost duplicated what it accomplished in April, 1965.

Twenty-three cadets at one time received their Certificate of Proficiency and Billy Mitchell Award in 1965 and a year later twenty cadets from Group 25 are receiving their Amelia Earhart Award's.

According to Major William G. Kobos, Group Commander, "The easy part is over. Now is when the cadets are going to work even harder. But I feel there will be a large percentage who take the Spaatz EXAM that will complete it with flying colors."

Cadets receiving the Amelia Earhart Award are: Cadets Timothy C. Loss, James A. Thigpenn, Roger N. Thomas, Cary M. Williamson, of the Arlington Cadet Squadron; from Ft. Caroline Cadet Squadron, Charles P. Batchelor, Norman L. Batchelor, David H. Gleason, Jeffery A. Goldstein, Edward L. Masters, Ernest R. Nettles; San Jose Cadet Squadron; John D. Dockery, William R. Gilmore, Raymond F. Loehner, Kenneth D. McCracken, Richard J. McCracken, Santa Rosa Cadet Squadron, Chris A. Browning, William P. Conner, John L. Hodgins, and Larry L. Russell.

Major Bob Owen 'A' Commander



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With the appointment of Major Robert Owen, former Group 5 Commander, as Sector A Commander, Sector A Headquarters has now been transferred to Palm Beach International Airport.

Major Owen has been Group 5 Commander since June 1964 and under his leadership Group 5 has assumed a leading position in the Florida Wing.

Major Owen is a graduate of the Air War College and Command and Staff School. He is the holder of most awards authorized by CAP including the Meritorious Service Award. He has logged over 2000 hours as pilot and over 200 hours as observer, most of these in Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue. With this new command, Major Owen also becomes a Florida Wing Deputy Commander.

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Cadet Selected

Monday, June 6, 1966 Cadet Lt. Colonel Harry B. Johnson, Cadet Commander of the Shamrock Cadet Squadron, was selected as the "Squadron's Worst Cadet," at the Family Night Ceremonies.

Cadet Johnson was selected on the basis of attending just the meetings required without a uniform and excusing himself from the Phase III Aerospace Education and Staff Duty Analysis classes to play "big shot."

Lt. James Carney, Squadron Commander, was sorry to announce that Cadet Johnson had just failed all parts of the General Carl A. Spaatz Exam, but didn't know why. According to Lt. Carney, Cadet Johnson was the best cadet to join the Squadron.

Major Owen is better known in the Palm Beaches as "Capt. Bob" and operates the "Honeychile Charter Fishing Fleet." He is active in numerous civic activities and has recently been appointed to the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Air Force Accepts Captain York's Suggestion

Captain John O. York, CAP, an employee at Eglin AFB Supply Center, is not just an ordinary clerk-typist.

Captain York is a suggestor, and in this capacity recently received a check for \$3,200 from the Air Force for a suggestion he made in June of 1960.

The suggestion, concerning the maintenance of several varieties of Air Force planes, is expected to save the government in the neighborhood of \$3,151,000 annually.

A retired Master Sergeant, York has five campaign stars to his credit in World War II and the Korean War. He served in England, France, Germany, Africa, Japan and Korea and retired in February 1958 after 22 years and 7 months service.

Captain York is an active member of the Crestview CAP Squadron and was responsible for its organization in 1948, the first in Okaloosa County. He is enthusiastic about the CAP.



Captain John O. York

York has his own plane and joins with the Squadron in assisting the Air Force in their search and rescue operations or in working with the Red Cross on mercy missions. He believes that more teenagers should become CAP cadets. "The training they receive teaches them to accept responsibility and discipline," he explains. "They also become eligible for CAP scholarships in aerospace or mechanical engineering or in liberal arts and, in cases of outstanding cadets, fees for flying lessons are subsidized by CAP."

He received flying instructions under the GI Bill at Atlanta, Georgia, where, when he made his solo flight, "they tied a red rag on the plane to warn other pilots to keep out of my way," he says ruefully. His retirement plans include "a little land where I can build a private airstrip," he says, "and this award will sure help."

SURVIVAL



PRACTICE . . .

The Gainesville Cadet Squadron, despite a downpour that would have made even an alligator blush, braved the storm and moved to Lake Swan for a 24-hour bivouac.

The subject of the training mission was survival, and thanks to the rain, most realistic conditions were experienced.

Everything from compass reading to a little impromptu judo was covered by the hail cadets, and Group 12 Commander Herb Perry was on hand to observe.

W/O Hazel Slimak took charge of the first aid instruction for the cadets and W/O Bill Kerkesner handled the survival course. Kerkesner also doubled as the judo instructor and threw the cadets for a loop. In all, everything learned by the Gainesville Squadron was put to use. Have you ever seen a mosquito tossed across a field by a hip throw??? Would you believe a fly swatter?

Fifteen cadets took part in the exercise, and another, with flying included, has been planned for the near future.

Everyone at the bivouac was given something to take home... only most were too busy scratching it to show it off.



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CADETS VISIT CAPE COMPLEX

Eight Seniors and twenty-four cadets of West Duval Group 24 were guests of Major Harry R. Watson, USAFR, for a tour of Cape Kennedy and the Kennedy Space Center.

The Project Mercury Monument, honoring the first seven astronauts in the U. S. man-in-space program was a high-light of the tour. Under this marble and steel monument are documents on the Mercury Space Program, as well as instructions for the opening of the monument in 100 years.

The group also visited Launch complex 39, which includes the Vehicle Assembly Building, the world's largest structure in volume.



THE MELBOURNE CADET SQUADRON aims high in the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol program. They also hope to aim straight and with this in mind the members, en masse, joined the National Rifle Association. Displaying the NRA membership certificate are C/Lt. John P. Mazur, Cadet Commander, and Cadet I.O. Pat Greenson. Classroom instruction and practical field training are ahead for the newly-formed Melbourne Rifle Association and in the future, match competition and hunter safety programs will be introduced.

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Tampa Couple Thanks CAP

Dear Sir:

This is a note of appreciation for action taken by CWO W. A. Morton, and members of his unit on Tuesday morning April 5, 1966.

My wife suffered an acute Anginal attack about 12:30 A.M. and since we were without telephone or electricity, I ran to the guard, stationed near our house, and requested him to send someone to call Dr. Faust, who also lives in Carrollwood.

CWO Morton, on learning of the situation, came to my house immediately with another member of his unit, bringing oxygen, which they administered to my wife until the Doctor arrived.

Their prompt action, and efficient handling of the situation, is most highly commended. It is very gratifying to know that men of this caliber were available in this emergency situation.

Again our heartfelt thanks to CWO Morton and his unit for their aid.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Engstrom
10805 Carrollwood Drive
Tampa, Florida 33618

The Rescue of Rescue Annie



Mr. John Clarkson, (shown in white shirt) head of Pan American World Airways Medical Disaster Crew, giving First Aid Class to the Senior and Cadet Squadrons of the New Smyrna Beach Civil Air Patrol. The class featured Rescue Annie (lower right corner) demonstrating the mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Going My Way?

Six astronauts could take off for Mars around Easter, 1985, spend nearly three weeks exploring the red planet, then return to earth just before Halloween the following year, according to North American Aviation space scientists. The envisioned mission would take 562 days, including a 20 day stop-over on Mars. Three astronauts would orbit Mars in a modified Apollo spacecraft while their colleagues descended to the surface.

St. Pete Cadets Attend Exposition

Members of the Civil Air Patrol, Commanded by Major Slapo of the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron participated in the International Aviation Exposition at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport.

One hundred twenty three Cadets and twenty seven Seniors patrolled the airport property, directing pedestrian traffic on the flight line, terminal and airport aircraft and auto parking areas.

A complete CAP radio communication network was established between airport tower, CAP operations and all mobile and guard units with field telephones installed in the airport operations building. There were five base two way radio units maintaining communications with the seven mobile units.

CAP Squadrons represented during the two day concentrated Air Show were St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron, North Tampa Cadet Squadron, West Pasco Composite Squadron, Brandon Composite Squadron, Clearwater Composite Squadron, Clair-Mel Cadet Squadron, Tampa Cadet Squadron, MacDill Cadet Squadron, Gulfport Composite Squadron, North Suncoast Composite Squadron, St. Petersburg Senior Squadron and Seminole Cadet Squadron.



In Jacksonville for CAP, just call. Group Commander, Major Joe Heape and Captain Jane McCleary receive a certificate from Dan Scarborough listing Civil Air Patrol round the clock with an answering service. Mr. Scarborough called the donation "from the public service minded individuals of the greater Jacksonville area."

Anyone You Know?



Titusville Cadets Change Command

Changes in the Cadet Staff of the Titusville Composite Squadron have been announced by the Deputy Commander for Cadets, 2/Lt. Robert Duncan. Cadet 1/Lt. John Duncan, former Cadet Commander, has moved up to the position of Group 6 Cadet Council Chairman, thus allowing the change in the chain of command.

The new Cadet Commander is Cadet 1/Lt. Rick Davis, who previously held the position of Deputy Cadet Commander. Cadet Davis came to the Titusville area nine years ago from Ft. Lauderdale and is a member of the Junior Class at Titusville High School. Becoming interested in the Civil Air Patrol, Davis enlisted as a Cadet Basic on October 29, 1963. During his two years in the CAP, he progressed up the chain of command and was assigned the duty of Deputy Cadet Commander. Cadet Davis worked his way up from a Cadet Basic to Cadet First Lieutenant, his present rank.

Assuming the duty as the new Deputy Cadet Commander is Cadet 1/Lt. Pete MacClean, formerly the cadet Executive Officer. Cadet MacClean moved to the Titusville area four years ago from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Junior Class at Titusville High School.

CAP BOOKS FOR SALE

Recently the Tallahassee Composite Squadron acquired a number of books, some of which are included in the suggested and required reading lists in CAPP 19. However, with the increase of supply materials, it was found that these books were taking up valuable storage space. The books, "Foundations of Air Power," "Fundamentals of Aerospace Weapons Systems," "Space Astronautics and its Applications," "Pilot's Condensed Flight Crew Check List, T-34A," and "Flight Line T-37 A&B" have been declared excess and are for sale within the CAP. All of these books have been used, except the T-34A checklists, and are between good and excellent condition. The prices for these books are \$2.00, \$2.50, \$6.00, \$1.75, and \$1.00, respectively. Please refer any inquiries to Supply Officer, Tallahassee Composite Squadron, Post Office Box 213, Tallahassee, Florida

After living in Titusville for a year, Cadet MacClean learned of the CAP and enlisted as a Cadet Basic on October 31, 1963. During the past two years, he has earned his promotions through the ranks to obtain the grade of Cadet First Lieutenant, the rank he now holds.