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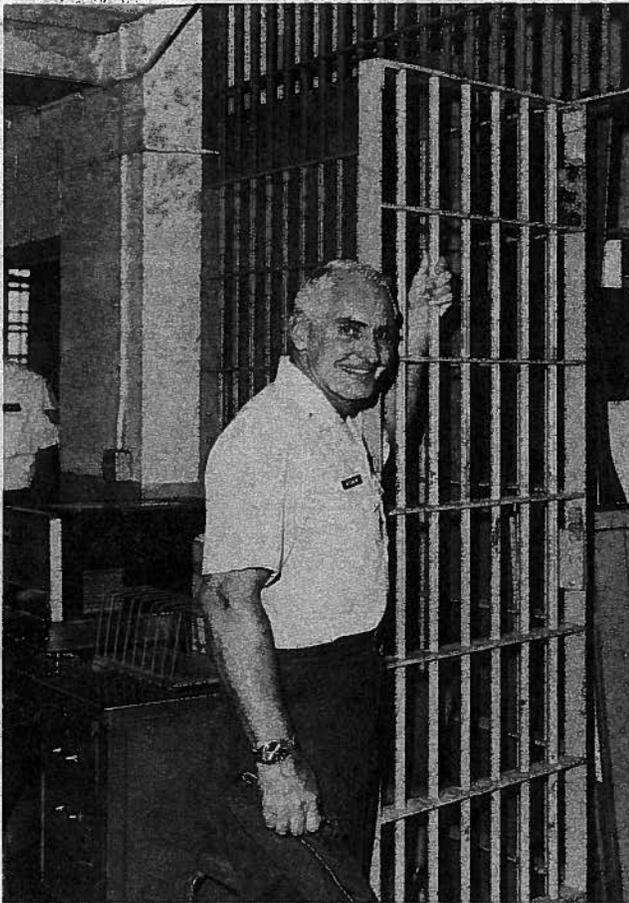
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June 1974

General Joins the Jail-House Bunch !!

Orlando, Fla. - Friday, May 10, 1974 General Leslie Westberg, National Commander of C. A. P. became a member in good standing of the now famous Fla. Wing Jail House Bunch. This is the group comprised of hardworking, loyal, dedicated Fla. Wing staffers who almost miraculously turned the old McCoy A. F. B. jail house in to the new, modern, and efficient Fla. Wing Headquarters. General Westberg, accompanied by his wife and his aide, was in Orlando for a visitation of the Fla. Wing

LO Office, headed by M/Sgt. Hugh Ulrich, USAF, and also Fla. Wing Headquarters, commanded by L/Col. Henri Casenove, CAP. He was very much impressed with the amount of work and effort which was expended in making a headquarters out of a jail house. L/Col. Casenove quickly pressed the general into service by having him help to finish up some of the hammering of nails which needed to be done. While General Westberg spent the entire day at his work, his wife was taken on a shopping trip through the Orlando area, and to the Sea World attraction by female members of the Fla. Wing Staff, L/Col. Betty Paxton, and Lt. Diane Kittendorf. That evening the general and his wife joined key members of Wing Staff for a dinner at the Orlando Jet Port Inn, followed by a very comprehensive meeting and briefing. During this meeting, many straight-forward questions were presented to the General, who responded in a like manner. General Westberg demonstrated a first hand knowledge of the problems of the Fla. Wing, and expressed a sincere interest in wanting to further the cause of the CAP during his term of office as Commander.



Photos by Daniel Boone, Wing Staff Officer

Scott AFB Now AFRCC for REDCAPS

National Headquarters advises that the Eastern RCC at Eglin AFB will transfer its SAR responsibilities to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) Scott AFB at 0001 (EDT) 30 May 74. The Western RCC will transfer its SAR responsibilities at 0001 hrs. (PDT) 15 June 74. After the time indicated above, all communications are to be directed to the AFRCC at Scott AFB.

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PROCEDURES FOR CONTACTING AFRCC

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Attempt to call toll-free using 800-851-3051. If busy then call 681-256-4815 Collect. If AUTOVON is available dial 638-256-4815.

If you experience any difficulty call the Scott AFB operator and ask for the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

MAIL

ADDRESS: HQ AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SERVICE
Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
Scott AFB, Illinois 62225



Cason is Cutler Cadet Commander



Cadet Lt. Randy Cason is congratulated on his appointment to cadet commander of the Cutler Cadet Sq by former commander C/Lt. David Graham (right). The new commander has also held the positions of executive officer, flight commander, staff commander at Glades SAR School, and has attended the National SAR School at Hawk Mountain for three years. C/Lt. Cason also has earned his solo wings. (Cutler Photo)

Awards Go to Lantana/L.Worth Cadets

Awards were presented to four cadet members of the Lantana/Lake Worth Squadron recently. C/2Lt R. Brant received the Red Service Award; CMSgt M. Rader received the Solo Badge, Red Service Award, and Recruiter Award with clasp. The Red Service Award was also earned by CMSgt B. Pentilla and CTSgt T. Walt.

Cutler Cadet to Attend Academy



Cadet Art Giles of Cutler Cadet Squadron has received his appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Giles, who holds the grade of Cadet Lt. Colonel is a past cadet commander and now holds the position of squadron advisor. Since he joined CAP in 1968 he has earned his solo wings and the orange scarf of staff cadet at the National Survival School. He has also spent a summer overseas as a representative of the U.S. in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. His plans for the future include a career in the United States Air Force. (Cutler Photo)



JUST RECEIVED NEWS ABOUT.....

IACE Visit to Florida

As in past years, the Florida Wing will host the largest group of IACE cadets from other nations. Thirty visitors from Great Britain, Republic of China, and the Phillippines will arrive from New York in Pensacola on July 20. They will stay at Eglin AFB for four days and tour, picnic and relax. This is the first year the International group will visit Florida's "Panhandle". On July 24 they will go to Tallahassee for a meeting with Governor Reuben Askew. The governor will welcome them to the Sunshine State. The Ocala Squadron and Mr. Capiel will have a Bar-B-Que chicken lunch at his Wild Oaks Farm on the 25th. Then they will spend five days in Orlando, where they will tour Disney World and the Space Center, and will be honored guests at a banquet at the Langford Hotel. The last three days will be busy too--in Miami...Indians, THE Dolphins, boating and much more until they leave for Washington on August 2.

Many thanks to the co-ordinators in all areas, and to the families who will show these 25 cadets and their escorts how "warm" Florida really is. Let's hope too that they don't go home thinking the state beverage is "Iced Tea" instead of orange juice as one young man said last year.

IACE BANQUET

LANGFORD HOTEL
WINTER PARK

JULY 27, 1974

GUEST SPEAKER.....The Honorable Senator Mallory Horne
President of the Florida State Senate

DONATION.....IACE Host Family - \$6.00 All Others - \$7.00

COCKTAILS (NO HOST) 6:30 p.m. DINNER 7:30 p.m.

DANCE FOLLOWING Dinner Guests Free Others - Advance \$1.50; Door \$2.00

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE. Please make reservations as soon as possible. We have limited seating for the banquet and it will be open to the public. Call Sparrow 66 or (305) 671-6268. Or drop a card to PO Box 20091, Orlando 32814. After June 18, make contact with KIG 444, LCol Betty Paxton.

The banquet will also honor some people who have given outstanding contributions to Civil Air Patrol, namely the men most responsible for getting the state to support the C.A.P. program...the Honorable Senator Mallory Horne and Representative Ted Cohen. These gentlemen will be our guests and we hope you will be able to be there to let them know that we are grateful for their assistance and support. Other VIPs may also be present. Come one--come all!

SPECIAL BULLETIN

CADET APPLICATION FOR ATTENDANCE - 1974 FLORIDA WING SUMMER ENCAMPMENT
JULY 7-13 LEESBURG BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP LEESBURG, FLORIDA

IMPORTANT -- Application must be returned with check or money order
as soon as possible to Captain John Homzak, CAP
Director of Cadet Programs
2410 York Street South
Gulfport, Florida 33707

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ RANK _____ AGE _____ SEX _____
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PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____
ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

My son/daughter has permission to attend the 1974 Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol Summer Encampment to be held July 7-13, 1974 at the Leesburg Baptist Youth Camp. I certify that my child is in good physical condition.

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$30.00 made payable to FLORIDA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL. I understand that meals are included in this price, but that my child must bring his own bed linen and pillow. I also understand that no transportation to or from the encampment will be furnished by the Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Palm Beach CAPers Assist at Fourth Annual Cancer Golf Benefit Event

For the fourth successive year, cadets from the Palm Beach Cadet Squadron were asked to participate in the annual Cancer Golf Benefit. The event is held at the famous Breakers Hotel Golf Course in Palm Beach.

Well known golf pro's such as Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw, Sam Snead, and David Marr teed off against cancer. The proceeds from the event go to the Cancer Fund, to be used for research toward a cure for the dread disease.

The cadets acted as controllers for the large gallery which followed the golfers from green to green. The Cancer Fund, in appreciation for the excellent job done by the cadets, made a donation to the squadron of \$250.00.

After the six hour tournament, the sunburned, tired cadets all agreed that they would be back next year.

BELOW--Palm Beach cadets and seniors pose with pros Jack Nicklaus, Sam Snead, Ben Crenshaw and David Marr. (Story by SM Cheryl Beard; Photo by Bob Davidoff Studios, Palm Beach, Florida)

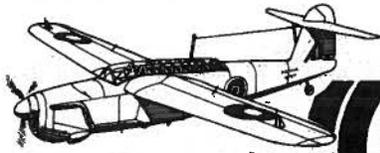


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FLORIDA WING



Operations

Bulletin

MISSION FORMS Be sure all information needed for reimbursement is complete on the forms and signed.

FORM 5 Two (2) copies to Wing. Check rides for an F-5 can only be given by a CFI. His signature and CFI license number must be on the form as well as the aircraft type and N number. Our F-5 only can cover one check ride in one aircraft of any one type or make. Those units having a CFI who is a member get a 2A in to Wing designating him as unit check pilot. Does your unit operations officer who also signs the F-5 have a 2A on record at Wing HQ? Along with the operations officer form? Is your CFI mission qualified?

ALSO On subject of F-2A -- Wing needs a F-2A on all member pilots to make them CAP PILOTS. All pilots who fly corporate aircraft are required to have a F-2A, a F-5 and Hand-propping affidavit on file at Wing HQ.

ALSO On subject of F-2A - When requesting CAPF 101 and you ask for specialty of "Mission Pilot" or "Mission Observer" a new CAPF 2A is required per FWGM-35. When requesting a F-101 and you list one specialty, you are telling us that your training program is in sad shape. Can that member be qualified for only one job?

CORPORATE AIRCRAFT Those units assigned corporate aircraft and are not flying the required 10 hours per month, or 30 hours per quarter--BEWARE! These aircraft will be picked up and reassigned. This is to advise you of what will be happening.



OPERATIONS REPORTS Must be in Captain Dorough's hands by the first of the month to enable her to get her reports in on time. If you missed her address last month: Captain Frances Dorough
819 SW 14 Court
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33315

All I.O.'s

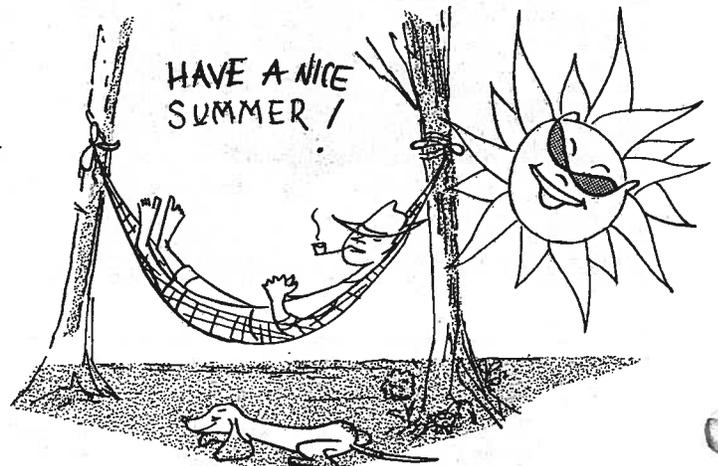
Please Take Note

This is just a reminder that I will be moving, and that all information correspondence and reporting, effective immediately should be sent only to Lt Col Leali at the address below.

HEADQUARTERS
FLORIDA WING - CIVIL AIR PATROL
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Miami, Florida 33159
305 274-6279, 888-2431

The second quarter for IO reporting ends on June 25 and the report to National will be sent off on July 20. Everyone has been sent a return envelope for reporting. Please return a report even if it is negative. Thanks for your cooperation.

Diana Roder



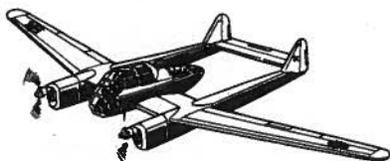


**SHORT
STUFF**



Ft. Lauderdale Senior Member Mickle presents C/ Lt. Weiner and CMSgt. Wolf with their 101 cards. (Photo by Cadet Janet Underhill, Sq IO)

FORT LAUDERDALE COMPOSITE SQUADRON is holding a paper drive to raise a little extra money. Cadet Darrel Harden is shown with a few of the papers already collected.

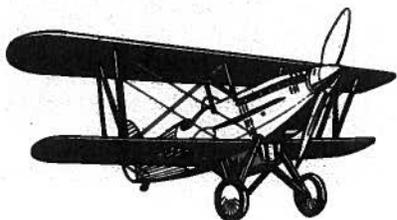


General Vidal of the Air Force Association presented a plaque to the DELAND SENIOR SQUADRON commending them as the outstanding senior squadron of the Florida Wing for 1974, on the recommendation of the Wing Commander.



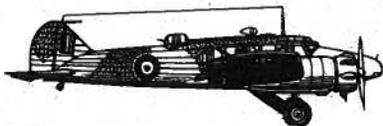
Major Joseph Lill has been appointed as Operations Officer, GROUP 17. The Major has been a CAP member since 1966 and has had previous experience in operations in New York Wing. He is a mission rated pilot, a rated observer, and has logged 700 hours as a private pilot.

New members in PENSACOLA COMPOSITE SQUADRON are Butch N. Grim and Mark A. Carlson.



A reminder that the CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE will be held in Leesburg the 22-26 July. This is a five-day church camp/retreat sponsored by the Chief of Air Force Chaplains. Applications should have been sent in to the National Chaplain by June 22.

Cadet 1Lt Michael Beachler of CLEARWATER COMP SQDN who learned to fly thru the cadet solo program was presented with his private pilot wings by LCol K.R. McMahon at the Annual Fun'n'Sun Festival.



GAINESVILLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON cadets and seniors participated in another bivouac near the Keystone Airport. The first activity was rifle safety instruction and firearms demonstration provided by the local chapter of the National Rifle Association. Later orientation flights were provided by WO Craig LaPorte in his Cherokee 180 and by contractor Steve Warren in his Skyhawk II. Compass course training was featured Saturday afternoon and evening. After services Sunday morning there were more orientation rides for the cadets in the 180. The final activity was swimming in Lake Crystal.

OCALA COMPOSITE SQUADRON personnel have been hold-recruiting drives in the local schools. A showing of the CAP Cadet Recruiting Film is followed by a brief history of CAP and a question and answer session.

DISASTER RELIEF

EUSTIS, FLA--Lake County Florida experienced its largest forest fire in history Monday, April 23rd when 3000-4000 acres of once beautiful forest land were destroyed by wildfire.

Civil Air Patrol personnel from Group 20 assisted the Lake County Civil Defense Coordinator and County Commissioners as well as American Red Cross officials in setting up an emergency shelter for hundreds of evacuees. Initial reports caused the volunteers to prepare for 200 families. Fortunately many were able to find accommodations and less one hundred took advantage of the temporary beds set up at the Lake County Fair Grounds.

Cadets operated radios, served as runners, directed traffic and set up cots; unloaded trucks and generally made themselves useful to Civil Defense and the Red Cross. Senior members helped man telephones, fly evaluations of the situation, and plan with officials on what actions were needed to provide for the citizens of Lake County.

The assistant medical officer of the Lake Senior Squadron 1Lt Edith Noffsinger provided personal attention to some of the senior citizens who in their hasty departures forgot needed medications. Lt. Alan and Renee Bailey helped keep the cadets supervised and functioning smoothly. Captain Herman Rigdon served as communications officer and assisted in assignment of cadets. Overall commander of CAP personnel was handled by Major Moseley, Group 20 commander. Captain Arnold Wolfgang flew the Red Cross Disaster Coordinator Mr. Obie Brown for an aerial reconnaissance of the area.

This was the first time Lake County Civil Defense had called upon the Civil Air Patrol for assistance and comments indicated that CAP cadets had impressed officials with their sense of purpose. Cadets were from the Mid-Florida Cadet Squadron, commanded by 1Lt Renee Bailey.

(Story and photos from Group 20 Headquarters)



Left to right--Cadets Banks, Dickens and Rigdon discuss duty assignments during the fire.



Cadet Cota shows a Red Cross Volunteer how to set up a canvas cot.



Cadets Cota and Hill help unload trucks full of blankets and cots for the victims of the forest fire.



Major Moseley, Group 20 commander, contacts other CAP resources on HF for support at the fire.

Boaters Receive Assist from CAP Crew

Sunday, May 26, during Squadron One's regularly scheduled weekend Sunset Patrol between Miami Beach and Key Largo, Lt. Gerald Benjamin and observer cadet Janice Darvis in corporate aircraft N229T sighted a 32 foot cabin cruiser with 6 persons aboard signaling for help, hard aground in lower Biscayne Bay. Lt Benjamin notified the Coast Guard but was unable to remain in the area.

On Sunday, June 2, Lt Benjamin and observer William Brewis found a disabled 18 foot outboard, with the 4 occupants signaling frantically in lower Biscayne Bay. Another boat about a mile away was guided to the disabled craft by the CAP plane to render assistance.

MAKING IT HAPPEN



When Wing Headquarters moved into the new quarters many of the staff members pitched in to help "Make It Happen". Major Del Kittendorf is one of those who helped shed a little light on the proceedings.

More Rules for Beginning to Write Right

- Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.
- Try to not ever split infinitives.
- Its important to use your apostrophe's correctly.
- Proofread your writing to see if you any words out.
- Correct speling is esential.

I would add one more rule to that list: Whatever you do, and under all circumstances, no matter what happens, come what may--and this rule applies to speaking as well as writing--don't fail to remember keep in mind--and I repeat, keep in mind--THE FIVE B'S.

And what are the five B's? They are: Be Brief, Brother, Be Brief!

Cadet Dunham is AF Academy Bound

Word has been received of the acceptance of Cadet LCol Richard A. Dunham III to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Rick has been a member of Civil Air Patrol Since 1968 and has held numerous positions in the MacDill Cadet Squadron including cadet commander. He has completed all 15 achievements of the cadet program, and in 1973 participated in IACE travelling to Belgium.

He will be leaving in July to begin his four years at the Academy.

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