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APPROPRIATION REQUEST APPROVED

FLORIDA WING TO RECEIVE \$50,000 FOR C.A.P. PROGRAM

Tallahassee—Governor Reuben O'D. Askew signed into law today a 6.1 billion dollar State of Florida Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year 1 July 1978 through 30 June 1979. Included in this Bill, according to Lt. Colonel Ted Cohen, Florida Wing Legislative Liaison Officer, is \$50,000 earmarked for support of Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

According to Cohen, this state funding is the first received by Florida Wing in nearly five years and is the culmination of a plan he developed back in September 1977. The plan was vigorously pursued by an informal Political Action Committee. Committee members Col. Richard L. Leali, Sr., Lt. Col. Robert H. Pinney, Col. Robert G. Owen, Lt. Col. John G. Hanks, Lt. John Hobbs, Major Wilford Thompson, Major Howard Cumler, Lt. Col. Joseph Lill, Captain Don Hill, Major James Mauney, Major Charles Smith, Lt. Col. Richard Zaloudak, SM Ed Perry, Major George Jackman, Major William McCoy, Lt. Col. Charles Denman, Major Larry Upham, Major James Levenson, Captain Al Seeschaaf, Major John White, Captain Rosemary Arbuckle and Captain Ed Amsbury mounted an intensive letter writing campaign to members of the Florida House and Senate Appropriations Committee. This was followed up by telephone calls and personal visits in Tallahassee.

When notified that the state appropriation had been passed, Colonel Richard L. Leali, Sr., Florida Wing Commander, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Florida legislature members for their support of the State's CAP program with the urgently needed funds. According to Colonel Leali, "It was particularly gratifying to learn of Florida Wing's many friends in the State Legislature. They were 100% in their support of our organization. All that they asked was that we let them know what we needed from them. In addition, we had tremendous support from Mr. Herb Johnson, State Director of Disaster Preparedness. Of course, my hat goes off to Lt. Colonel Ted Cohen who was the guiding light of the plan and whose hard work made it all possible."

Legislative support of the appropriation was led by Representative Gus Craig, Chairman of the House Rules Committee. Gus is an outstanding Floridian, long-time pilot, and friend of Florida Wing CAP. Other members of the Legislature who were outspoken in our support were Representatives Bell Fulford, Betty Easley, Mary Grizzle, Bill Conway, Robert Hector, Elaine Gordon, Ed Blackburn, Tom Lewis, and Pat Neal and Senators Phil Lewis, Curtis Peterson, Edgar Dunn, Mattox Hair, and Donnell Childers. This is just a partial list of our
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BUDGET REQUEST

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

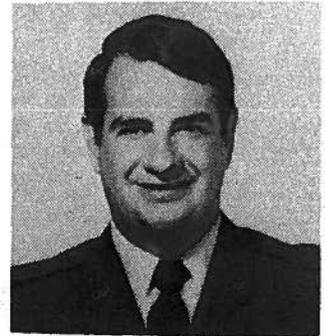
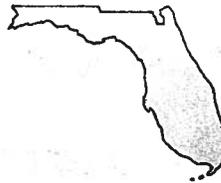
Aircraft Transceivers (2)	\$ 3,000
Aircraft Transponders (6)	3,000
VHF-FM Transceivers (25)	4,350
VHF-DF Units (15)	2,500
Auxiliary Power Generator	2,200
IEM Typewriters (3)	1,950
	<u>\$ 17,000</u>

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Maintenance of Building and Grounds	\$ 1,200
Maintenance of Equipment	
Automotive	\$1,000
Aircraft	5,000
Radio	<u>2,000</u>
Telephone	8,000
Postage	3,600
Travel Allowance	1,200
Publications - Gator Capers	7,000
Stationery and Supplies	2,000
Gas, Oil, and Lubricants	1,000
CAP Cadet Flight Training	2,000
CAP Cadet Summer Encampment	3,000
	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>\$ 50,000</u>



Commander's Column...



BY COLONEL RICHARD L. LEALI, SR.

CAP Discontinued - Senate Cuts AF Budget

This could have been the headline for Gator Capers front page last summer! The Appropriations Committee of the United States Senate removed from the Air Force budget nearly the entire amount of funds necessary to operate our National Headquarters and the eight Regional and fifty-two Wing Liaison Offices. Only through the combined efforts of our many friends in Congress, the United States Air Force, the AOPA, the Air Force Association, and the business and private sector of our nation was disaster averted. Supported by a massive mail and telephone campaign conducted by many of our members and friends, several Senators went before the full Senate in our behalf and succeeded in obtaining its approval of the restoration of full funding of CAP in the Air Force budget.

This summer pressure again exists to cut the Air Force budget. Civil Air Patrol is again vulnerable. We must all take the steps necessary to prevent a recurrence of the near disaster of 1977. We must exercise our individual rights as citizens and let our legislators know

that we support the continued funding for Air Force support of the CAP program. We must tell them the CAP story, emphasizing our humanitarian mission and the tremendous savings to the United States government provided by our volunteer services. We must make them aware that loss of federal funding would be a serious and possibly fatal blow to the Civil Air Patrol program.

I urge each of you to write or call your congressional representatives on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees immediately! Below is a guide for writing to them and their names and addresses.

Don't delay! Tomorrow may be too late. Without these funds, Civil Air Patrol cannot exist. Write today to urge your representatives in the government to support the full funding of Civil Air Patrol as requested in the Air Force budget.

How to Write Your Congressman

Use the correct form of address. Elected officials are always addressed as "The Honorable", and the salutation should be "Dear Senator (Name)," or for congressmen, "Dear Mr. (Mrs. or Ms.) (Name)."

Be brief, but give all the facts including the bill number if available. Tell how Civil Air Patrol affects you, the constituent. Give local examples of how Civil Air Patrol affects other constituents, such as SAR missions, disaster relief, community service projects, sundown patrols, pilot upgrade, etc. Remember, how Civil Air Patrol affects the voters is most important to any elected official.

Your attitude is important. Be positive and be polite. Avoid emotional arguments. Simply state the facts as you see them.

Do not give the impression of being a participant in a mass mailing campaign. Do not mimeograph. Do not show "copies to" although a blind copy to Florida Wing Headquarters would be appreciated. Do not use CAP stationery. Personalize your letters as much as possible.

Be timely. A letter received after a vote is useless. Write to your congressmen now.

Afterwards, if the congressman voted your way, be sure to write and say "thank you". Congressmen need to be appreciated too.

Senate Appropriations Committee

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LETTERS

15 May 1978

Col. Richard L. Leali, Sr.
Wing Commander, Fla. Wing CAP

Dear Col. Leali:

On behalf of the Daytona Beach Area Chapter, American National Red Cross, and the citizens of the City of Edgewater, Florida, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance rendered last evening in the forest fire in Edgewater.

I placed a call to three of the Senior members from the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron (08049) who are ARC Instructors in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to assist in the task of feeding nearly 600 tired and hungry firemen. Instead of the three, six showed up and stayed until the fire was under control. They took food and beverages around to all firemen, helped establish a mass-care shelter if needed, and assisted in necessary communications. Lt. Neil Nichols, Civil Defense Coordinator for the City of Edgewater, called Major Ben Douglas and requested assistance from Scott. This was expedited in short order.

Two other squadrons, Deland (08060) and New Smyrna (08050) also assisted in establishing communications from the Command Post near the fire with the Edgewater City Hall.

Seventeen Seniors and five Cadets volunteered their time, and were exceptional in their ability to cope with sometimes exasperating circumstances in a professional way. I am proud to be associated with such members of CAP as we have in the Florida Wing.

Please accept my sincere thanks for a job well done!

Sincerely,
Thomas H. King
Disaster Director

Sincerely,
D.C. McKenna
City Manager

May 22, 1978

Colonel Richard L. Leali, Sr.
Headquarters Florida Wing
Civil Air Patrol

Dear Colonel Leali:

I would like you to know that the City officials and I appreciate the excellent cooperation and participation of Civil Air Patrol Group 10 by supplying a Drill Team and Ushers to the festivities honoring the 100th anniversary of the birth of Glenn H. Curtiss at the Opa-Locka City Hall this past Sunday.

It is nice to know that such groups have civic pride and indebtedness to a man who did so much for aviation.

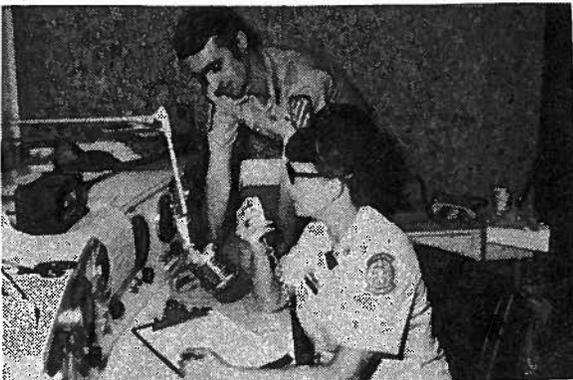
The military decorum of the group enhanced the overall ceremony and we want you to know that you can be very proud to have such men and women under your command.

Thank you very much for extending their services to us.



CAP Squadron Trains To Assist Lee County Emergency Services

Second Lieutenant Doris Miller, Deputy Commander Lee County Composite Squadron (08040), is shown dispatching ambulances and other emergency services vehicles in the



communications office of Lee County Emergency Services under the watchful eye of Radio Dispatching Officer Charles Vogelsong.

Under a program of mutual support and training recently instituted by the squadron, members who sign up for this program will undergo 20 to 30 hours of training. This assistance will enable qualified medical technicians to be released from communications duty to better serve the community in the field during emergencies.

--1Lt John R. O'Connor
I.O. Lee County Sqdn



\$50,000 Budget Approved

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legislative supporters as all information has not yet been received.

Florida Wing is sincerely grateful to everyone in the Legislature who helped to make this appropriation possible. Special congratulations must be given to Lt. Colonel Ted Cohen and the members of the Political Action Committee for a job well done.

Cadets Win Scholarships

MAXWELL AFB, AL. -- The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) central selection board met recently and selected 117 CAP cadets from various high schools to receive four-year scholarships.

In making the selections, the board considered the following: The student's grade point averages; class rank; scores on "college board" exams; and participation in extracurricular and community activities.

The mean grade point average of those selected was above 3.7 on the 4.0 scale. Practically all were in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Florida Wing cadets winning scholarships are Douglas Boone, Ronald Brokenshire, Jeremy Heymann, Richard Kramer, Karl Kuschner, David Levy, Thomas Slayton, and Roy Tusa.



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Florida Wing Commander
Colonel Richard L. Leali, Sr.

USAF-CAP Liaison Officer
LColonel John G. Hanks

Florida Wing Information Officer
Captain Albert E. Seeschaaf

Editor. Diana Roder
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Letters, continued . . .

May 26, 1978

Colonel Richard Leali, Sr.
Commander, Florida Wing, CAP

Dear Colonel Leali:

It was my recent pleasure to accompany 29 CAP cadets on a trip to Eglin AFB, Florida, where we visited various installations.

It was our additional pleasure to have as our escort while on the base, 1Lt Rob Clark of the Florida Wing, Eglin CAP Squadron. This gentleman is one of the most enthusiastic CAP members I have ever met and is doing an excellent job of selling CAP.

His time with our group was well appreciated and very helpful in opening the door to facilities we otherwise may not have been able to see. It was obvious Lt. Clark was willing to help us in any capacity and we wish to pass on to you our thanks and congratulations on his behalf.

Most sincerely,

Ian D. Campbell, Major, CAP
Director of Operations, Arkansas Wing

June Activities Calendar

- June 17 & 18 Florida Wing Commanders Call
Clermont
- June 18 - 28 National Staff College
Cadet Officer's School
- June 30 - July 1 SER Conference, Buena Vista
Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi

Fly Safely — Arrive Alive

Don't let summer storms catch you unawares. Get a weather briefing and don't be overconfident. Remember the oft-quoted words: "I'd much rather be down here wishing I were up there, than be up there wishing I were down here."



Group Studies Aviation Wx

Group 3 Aerospace Education Officer 1Lt Ray Taylor was the project officer for a recent lecture/tour program. The lecture covered all aspects of weather followed by a film. The tour was to the National Weather Service Station at Ruskin.

The 18 cadets and 7 seniors who made the trip were shown the weather briefing room, radar room, weather broadcast taping room, weather balloon launching area and tracking area for the weather balloons. They were given weather maps and a weather symbol chart.

--From "Poop from the Group"
Group 3 Newsletter

USCG Airstation Visited

Seven cadets from the Clearwater Cadet Squadron were given a tour of the Coast Guard Airstation in April.

The tour was conducted by CWO David Quire (CAP), who as a Third Class Petty Officer (AT3) has been in the Coast Guard for three years. The cadets first saw a film, "Men and Planes of the Coast Guard", a history of Coast Guard Aviation. They then were shown the aircraft the station uses in its job of search and rescue and law enforcement, the HH-3F helicopter and the HC-130B. They also went through the base maintenance shops and saw equipment used in repairing the aircraft.

-- CWO David Quire
I.O. Clearwater Cdt Sq



S. Florida Cadets Complete Everglades SAR School

The Group Ten Ranger section recently concluded a successful Search and Rescue Training School in the Everglades. CAP cadets came from all over South Florida to attend the Glades School--some from as far north as West Palm Beach.

The School was commanded by Lt. Rick Taylor and Cadet Capt. Joe King. Cadets were instructed in search and rescue, navigation and survival. The cadets built natural shelters to sleep in. The training included day and night search exercises and a night tactical problem.

--Cadet Major Mike Groteau
Cutler Cadet Squadron

Twenty Pilots Attend Airmanship Refresher Clinic

Central Brevard Composite Squadron recently conducted a very successful flight clinic with 20 pilots in attendance.

Ground review was held from 8:30 a.m. until noon and the flight section was from noon until 5:30. The following topics were covered by FAA instructors--flying safety, FAA regulations, general emergency procedures, review of aircraft performance, use of the check list, radio navigation, flight planning, and the weather.

Captain W.N. McClintock, squadron commander, said that plans are already being made for another clinic to be held next year.

--1Lt George Reed
I.O. Central Brevard Comp Sq



Group Ten Helps Eastern Celebrate 50th Anniversary

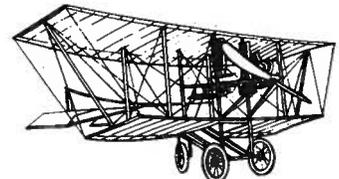
Eastern Airlines asked the members of Group Ten to assist in the festivities surrounding the airline's celebration of its 50th anniversary during the month of May at Opa-Locka Airport.

Faced with a huge forecasted turnout of fifteen to twenty thousand people who were expected to take advantage of the good weather, all of the squadrons pulled together to help make the event a success.

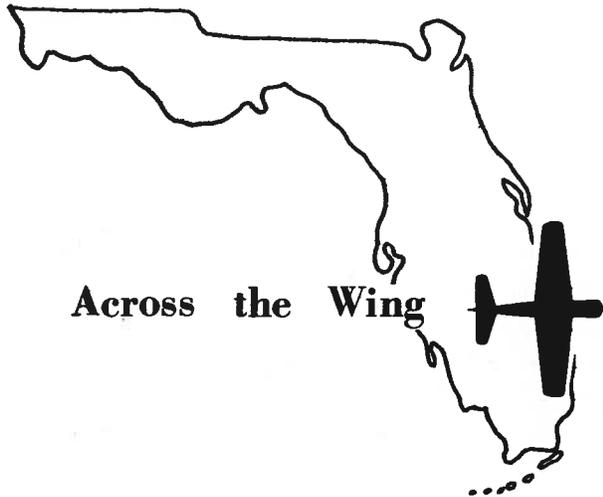
Cadets and seniors assisted Eastern by providing food and drink (over 8000 hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked), parking assistance, a color guard, flight line security, and emergency first aid facilities.

On display at the celebration were antique aircraft, many owned by CAP members, and a model of one of the first aircraft ever flown.

During the celebration, a mock dogfight between a 1940 US Navy biplane and a US Army biplane took place. Luck held out for the Navy as the dogfight ended in a tie.



--SM David P. Allen
I.O. Group Ten



Across the Wing

GROUP THREE has been asked to help out at the Special Olympics being held June 16-17 at the University of South Florida. CAPers will assist with communications.



Chaplain Fred Mortensen, Assistant Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Miami, will be working with NORTH MIAMI CADET SQUADRON....Chaplain Fisackerly formerly with the CENTRAL BREVARD COMPOSITE SQUADRON has been reassigned to the First United Methodist Church in Clewiston and will become associated with the CLEWISTON COMPOSITE SQUADRON.



Four cadets from CLEARWATER CADET SQUADRON, C/SSgt Pedulla and cadets Nault, Brown and Miller attended flight orientations held at Clearwater Executive Airport recently. Aircraft and pilots were supplied by GROUP FOUR.



CENTRAL BREVARD COMPOSITE SQUADRON cadets Billy Dundas and Mark Bayless have completed the requirements for the Mitchell Award.



Cadet 2Lt. Barbara Vola has been chosen to attend the Girl's State at Tallahassee this summer. The DAYTONA BEACH COMP SQDN cadet will spend a week there compliments of the American Legion.



Local CAPers attended Memorial Day Services in Veterans' Park in DELAND. After the ceremony, LColonel Clayton and Mrs. Miller and Lieutenants James and Nora Smith took a wreath out over the Atlantic Ocean to drop it in memory of the many men of our Services who have lost their lives at sea.

Applications are being accepted for AIR FORCE ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1979-1980. The application deadline is December 15, 1978. Those interested should request "Air Force ROTC Four-Year College Scholarship Program Applicant Bulletin for Academic Year 1979-80" The bulletin also covers two and three year programs.



The DAYTONA BEACH CADET SQUADRON Color Guard recently participated in the Grand Opening of McDonald's Restaurant at Four Townes Shopping Plaza in Orange City. During the period before the ceremony the cadets drilled. Then they raised the flag and led in the flag salute. Those who participated were cadets SSgt Barry Bunting, SSgt Greg Taylor, SSgt Mike McLaughlin MSgt John Acosta, 2Lt Barbara Vola, Sgt Sue Walker, and Captain Jerry Laysnock. Senior member in charge was Captain Betty Vola.



Plan Your Flight for Safety



DENSITY ALTITUDE AND ITS EFFECT ON AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE

A report of a recent accident was stated in the following words: "Takeoff was attempted on a 1,600 foot strip; the airplane cleared the fences but sank back and struck a ditch." The pilot said he failed to consider the effect of the grassy, rough field, the 90° temperature, heavy load of fuel and passengers, and the calm wind.

A certain aircraft at a gross weight of 1,600 pounds, with a 30 mph headwind (sea level, +59°) will take off in 95 feet. The same aircraft at a gross weight of 2,200 pounds, in a no-wind condition and with a temperature of 84° at sea level will require 858 feet to take off.

Every pilot should be sure that he properly checks his ground run distance before takeoff, especially if the day is hot and the runway is short or has obstructions to be cleared.

Change of Command



Effective April 26, Captain Art Trinqué took over command of the Pinellas Senior Squadron. Above, he receives best wishes from outgoing commander Major Jack Van Dyke.

--From the "Pinellas Propwash"
Pinellas Sr Sqdn Newsletter

GEER II To Begin in July

Beginning July 1, the Group Effectiveness Evaluation Report (GEER) will be expanded into GEER II. The entirety of GEER II will be presented at the June Commanders Call. It will stress present weak areas and encourage strong ones. Two new categories to be evaluated are cadet encampments and aerospace education workshop attendance. Since these activities are held primarily in the summer, now is the time to prepare and encourage attendance at these activities.

The goals are as follows:

Cadet Encampment Attendance Points: 2000 maximum

<u>Group</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Group 1	31
Group 2	35
Group 3	34
Group 4	52
Group 5	41
Group 6	24
Group 7	52
Group 8	24
Group 9	42
Group 10	80
Group 11	19
Group 12	34

Aerospace Education Leadership Development Course,
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

Goal: One senior member per Group. Points: 500

Senior Monthly Promotion List May 78

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
08001	Herman J. Rigdon	MAJ
08001	Sharon L. LaFollette	GPT
08032	Howard R. Gumler	MAJ
08032	William E. Anderson	MAJ
08044	John R. Dowling	LLT
08044	Ronald A. Reynaldos	LLT
08044	Audrey M. Bingle	2LT
08044	Wanda J. Brewer	2LT
08047	Warren H. Bernstein	MAJ
08060	Barbara Goddard	LLT
08060	Maxine A. Hunt	LLT
08060	James W. Smith	LLT
08073	Robert C. Adams	2LT
08104	Darcy Diann Hill	2LT
08104	John T. Carpenter	LLT
08125	W. Martin Bishop, Jr.	LLT
08227	Dorothy A. Wolfe	2LT
08301	Carmon M. Basile	2LT



Squadron Commander Bill Wooten is shown talking to a prospective cadet. Captain Wooten and the Eglin Composite Squadron of Fort Walton Beach were recently at the Hurlburt Field Open House.

--Photo by Tom Jackson
I.O. Eglin Comp Sq

Civil Air Patrol / Civil Defence Operation -- COEX '78

Objectives

- 1) To test Task Forces' overall operational capability to support State Agreement with Civil Air Patrol by deploying personnel and resources into a simulated field emergency environment; and
- 2) To provide initial and continuing emergency services training in accordance with CAPM 50-5 and CAPM 100-1.

Scenario

The counties in Central Florida experienced severe thunderstorms late Friday afternoon. The weather Bureau had issued Severe Thunderstorm Watches and/or Warning to these counties. At 11:30 PM, a line of extremely heavy thunderstorms extended in a line from Gainesville to 20 miles offshore at Clearwater, moving to the east-southeast at 30 mph.

Friday midnight, the National Weather Service, Kansas City, Missouri, issued a Tornado Watch from 12 midnight to 4:00 AM EDT this Saturday morning for the central portions of Florida. Tornadoes...light hail... and damaging thunderstorm winds are possible for these areas. The Tornado Watch Area is 70 miles either side of a line from Daytona Beach to Sarasota. All the counties in the tornado watch area were alerted. At 2:15 AM, a tornado was sighted near Bevilles Corner in Sumter County moving in a northeasterly direction.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office called the State Warning Point Tallahassee via NAWAS at 2:55 AM advising the Lake County Sheriff's Office had called them

on the inter-agency radio requesting State assistance to extensive tornado and high wind damage in the Lake Harris and Lake Eustis area including the cities of Tavares, Mt. Dora, and Eustis. The State Warning Point Tallahassee called the Division of Disaster Preparedness Duty Officer who alerted the staff and manned the EOC.

The Sheriff's Office called the Lake County Civil Defense Director at 2:40 AM stating a tornado had crossed Lake Harris, up Dead River, pushing heavy debris up on the bridge on US 441, then proceeded into Lake Eustis, and other tornadoes had struck Tavares, Mt. Dora and Eustis. The Civil Defense Director went to his office to contact the Sheriff for an update report. Tornado damage to Tavares, Mt. Dora and Eustis is extensive. Many homes were ripped apart. Mobile homes overturned, power lines down and many trees uprooted thus making roads impassible. Injuries are unknown. There were several boats night fishing, these boats were overturned, several fishermen were reported missing. Debris is over the US 441 bridge on Dead River, the bridge is blocked, the county road department is being called out for emergency work. The Civil Defense Director wishes to get state aid for emergency medical, road debris removal and water search and rescue.

The DDP Duty Officer contacted the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Transportation, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and the Operations Officer of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for immediate assistance. All agencies are responding and will report to the Lake County Civil Defense Director at the Tavares Courthouse before daybreak.

The Central Florida Area Coordinator has been contacted and the CEFA EOC, Wildwood, is to be manned and operational. CAP has advised the Mission Control

will be Sparrow 4 at CEFA EOC, with aircraft at Deland (SP-32) and Leesburg (Crane-12) airports. (Emergency power must be used at these locations.) The Wing Operations Officer will be headquartered at the Deland Airport.

Many homes and boat docks in the area of the tornado have been heavily damaged. Scores of people have been injured and one requires a rare blood type, this blood supply is at the Shands Hospital, Gainesville, and will be flown to the Leesburg Airport via CAP aircraft.

Instances of electrical power outage have been experienced, the electric crews are correcting these problems.

At 4:00 AM Saturday morning, the weather bureau stated the Tornado Watch was no longer in effect and the severe weather had passed over the peninsula and out to sea.

- 5) Radio communication with full emergency power.

COEX Mission Headquarters is Deland Airport. Wing Director of Operations is LColonel Nathaniel Brittingham.

Task Force One

Base of operations -- North Perry Airport
Task Force Commander -- Major Weyman E. Green

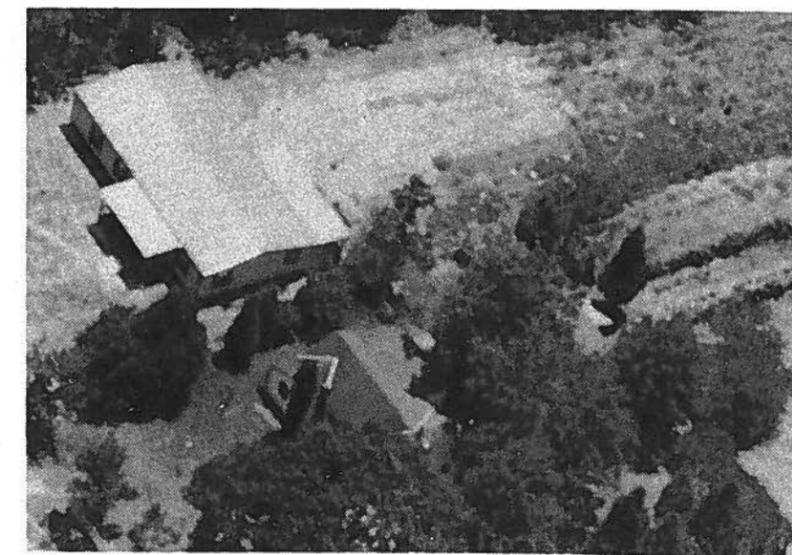
Aircraft were dispatched to check on road conditions in the Task Force One area beginning at 0800 hours. Aircraft were also sent to deliver blood from Broward General Hospital to West Palm Beach. Also simulated were deliveries of sterno stoves and fuel by truck from Dade County Civil Defense to Leesburg by National Guard trucks, aircraft and truck delivery of bleach to Leesburg, and transportation of medical personnel from Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami to West Palm Beach.

Task Force Two

Base of Operations - Deland
Sub-base - Leesburg Airport

Task Force Commander - Major Ben F. Douglas

CAP crews coming from the west reported to Leesburg and crews coming from east of Tavares reported to Deland. Since exercise assumed that all services had been disrupted (water, food, electricity, etc.)
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Units brought supplies and portable power units that were needed to make the mission effective. Aircraft were dispatched directly from their home bases to assigned areas for search missions and delivery of supplies and materiel.

Task Force Three

Base of Operations - Craig Field
Task Force Commander - LColonel Linwood P Wilson

At approximately 0830 hours two aircraft were dispatched to transport blood from the Jacksonville blood bank to the Leesburg-Deland area. Aircraft on surveillance flights reported storm damage to the Main Campus of the University of North Florida and ground teams were dispatched. JAX Alert, a communications organization acted as stand-by communications from CD Headquarters to Craig Field. JAX Alert also fielded ground med teams. Major Wilford Thompson was mission coordinator at Craig Field and LColonel Wilson operated out of CD Headquarters.

Task Force Four

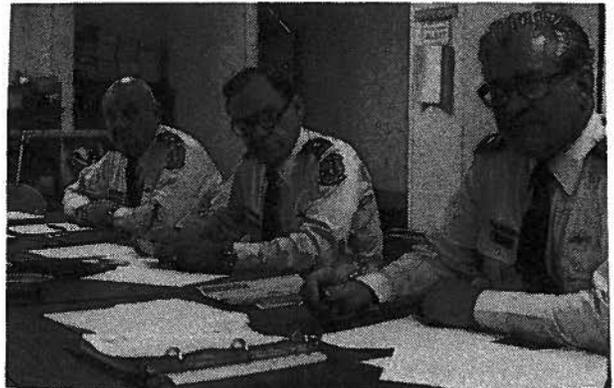
Base of Operations - Panama City/Bay County Airport
Task Force Commander - LColonel John W. Milner

At 0818 hours an aircraft was sent to pick up Bay County CD Director, Mr. Jim Heisler and brought him to meet with West Florida CD Coordinator, Mr. Robert Smith at the site of the EOC at Defuniak Springs. At 0902 aircraft were launched to survey storm damage in the Youngstown-Fountain area of Bay County. A mobile home was reported in 8 feet of water and a ground team was sent in to check out the situation. Aircraft crews also reported highway blockage and ground teams were sent out to assess the damage. The Sheriff's Department was notified. A photo mission was sent to report on crossroads blockage, train derailment, and isolated homes. (Photos on pages 8 and 9.) Blood was picked up in Tallahassee and flown to Panama City. CD personnel were also transported between Tallahassee and DeFuniak Springs. Mr. Smith and Mr. Heisler were airlifted from DeFuniak Springs to the Mission Base in Panama City for on-site briefing on mission. The mission was closed at 1630 hours. Mission controller was Captain Martin H. Reiser.

Summary

CAP is unique among the many general aviation organizations in that it has an in-being structure capable of responding to emergency situations. With its command structure, trained personnel, communications capability, and equipment, CAP can work hand-in-hand with established government agencies in responding to emergencies, whatever their cause. CAP Wing Commanders take an active part in emergency planning at the state level and, in many cases, Wing personnel actually participate on the staff in State Emergency Operations Centers. From there they can direct CAP resources as an integral part of the overall state emergency operation.

It should be apparent that a CAP emergency services mission is a team effort where many people work together to achieve the ultimate goal--the alleviation of human suffering. There is a place for everyone on the team and new CAP members would do well to consider entering the emergency services training program to earn their 101 cards and qualify to participate.



Left to right--Colonel Robert C. Owen, CAP, FLAWG Chief of Staff; LColonel Robert Pinney, CAP, Deputy Wing Commander; and LColonel Nate Brittingham, CAP, Operations Officer, FLAWG, attend a planning conference with State of Florida Division of Disaster Preparedness officials at State DDP Headquarters in Tallahassee for the CDEX 78.



Encampment Location Changed

The Florida Wing Summer Encampment which was originally scheduled for Patrick Air Force Base, July 16-22 will now be held at the Naval Training Center, Orlando. Dates will remain the same. The Summer Encampment scheduled for July 30-August 5 at Eglin AFB remains unchanged. Squadron Commanders should encourage attendance at these activities as they are a very important part of the Cadet Training Program.

AE Leadership Course to be Held at Air University—USAF

The CAP Center for Aerospace Education Development and Middle Tennessee State University are presenting their annual Aerospace Education Leadership Development Course July 9-29. It will be conducted at the Air University—USAF, Maxwell AFB, Alabama and is designed to prepare selected individuals to perform in a leadership role at the local, state, regional and national level.

The course will present four main areas of activity. At the end of the course, students will be able to define the major aerospace issues of our time which are of concern to the general public. They will learn to be aware of the different perspectives of various segments of the aerospace community and to express and defend a personal viewpoint.

The various aerospace education action agencies, both actual and potential, in the local, state and regional area will be enumerated, their objectives at a national level studied, and the major resources available from all the agencies will be listed.

Students will learn to identify personal strengths and weaknesses insofar as leadership skills are concerned and will be required to demonstrate their ability in communications and human relations and group discussion leadership techniques. They will devise a personal plan of action for leadership in aerospace education within their sphere of influence.

Attendance will be limited to 150 students selected from among the applicants. Selection will be based on a demonstrated interest in aerospace education.

Middle Tennessee State University will grant 6 semester hours of graduate credit or 6 semester hours of undergraduate credit.

The leadership segments of the course will be taught by Air University faculty members. Students will have access to the Air University Library, one of the outstanding collections of printed materials on aviation in the world.

GLR/SER Staff College

The Great Lakes Region/Southeast Region Staff College is being held this year at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, June 18-24.

The program for CAP senior members is a prerequisite for attendance at the National Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The curriculum will include skills in communications, counseling, leadership, CAP history, and management.

The Milwaukee School of Engineering will award 2 semester credit hours in General Studies, Associate Degree Program, Industrial Management for those who complete the Regional Staff College. Those two credits are applicable upon any future enrollment at MSOE and are not transferable.

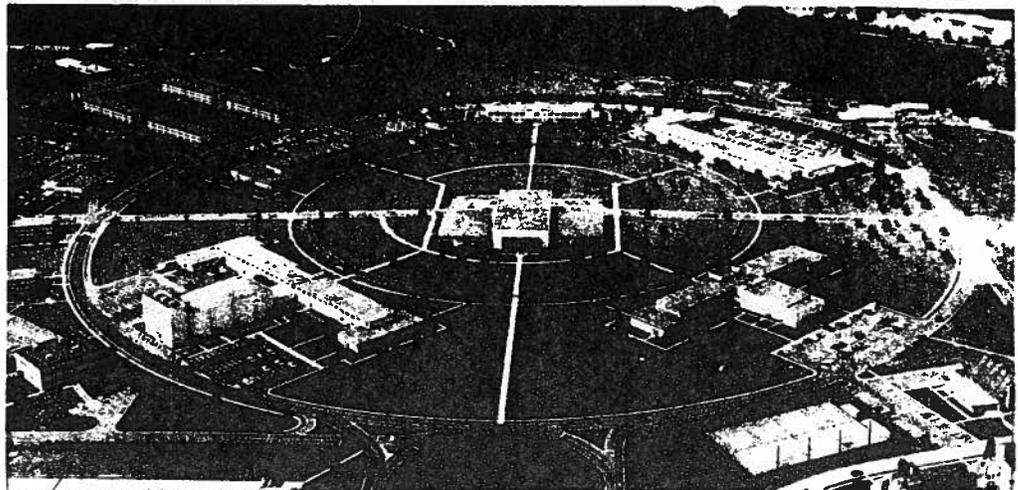
Drill Competition Winners

The Wing Cadet Office congratulates all the drill teams who participated in the '78 Drill Competition in Palm Beach. The official list of winners follows:

First place 9-man overall	N. Miami Composite Sq
Second place 9-man overall	University Cadet Sq
Mile	Blue Max Comp Sq
Panel Board	Tallahassee Comp Sq
Drill	N. Miami Comp Sq
Written	Lantana-L. Worth Cdt Sq

First place 18-man overall	Palm Beach Cadet Sq
Second place 18-man overall	Group 7
Mile	Group 10
Panel Board	Group 7
Drill	Palm Beach Cdt Sq
Written	Group 7

The best written score was made by Cadet Randie Colchamiro, Palm Beach. The best individual mile time was made by Cadet Paul Janak, Group 7.



Group 12 Cadets Honored at AF Association Banquet

Three CAP cadets from Group 12 were honored at the annual Air Force Association awards banquet at Patrick Air Force Base on April 12. The cadets were C/WO Jeffery Boyle, Patrick Cadet Squadron; C/WO Mark Bayless, Central Brevard Composite Squadron; and Cadet 2Lt Paul Harris, South Brevard Composite Squadron.

--1Lt George Reed
I.O. Central Brevard Comp Sq

Ocala Search Mission Report

On April 28 a plane left Pompano Beach en route to New Orleans by way of Panama City. The pilot did not make Panama City and a mission was called centered in Ocala. Seven senior members and six cadets from the Gainesville Composite Squadron participated. Fifty-two sorties were flown on Saturday and twenty-seven on Sunday. Altogether 74 senior members and 20 cadets worked out of the Ocala Airport. The mission was terminated in Ocala the night of April 30 but continued from Tampa south.

During the search, ground teams were on standby, and the United States Coast Guard also flew sorties. Food for the mission participants was provided by the Red Cross.

--David Benton
Mission Information Officer

CAP Program Presented To Dunedin Middle School

Clearwater Cadet Squadron, assisted by Group 4, held a recruiting drive at the Dunedin Middle School in April.

C/SSgt Pedulla, C/IC Sadler, and Major Kenneth Van Antwerp were aided in their recruiting efforts by C/Capt Jeremy Heymann a member of Group Four's Task Force. C/Capt Heymann presented a program to over 1500 students during six physical education classes in the school gymnasium.

The presentation included "What Is CAP?" a fifteen minute talk discussing activities of the whole CAP program; a ten minute slide program of national and local slides set to Star Wars music and narrated; and 25 minutes of general questions and answers. Major Van Antwerp told students about Clearwater Cadet Squadron activities. The squadron also prepared and distributed maps showing the meeting locations of Pinellas County units and gave out some 200 pamphlets.

--CWO David Quire
I.O. Clearwater Cadet Sqdn

Cutler Squadron Names New Cadet Commander

Cadet Colonel Erik T. Feyer has been named Cadet Commander of the Cutler Cadet Squadron replacing C/Major Joseph Vitruk. The announcement was made by Lt. Arthur W. Giles, II, Senior Commander of the unit.

The position of Cadet Commander is the culmination of C/Col Feyer's six year membership in Civil Air Patrol. With his new position, Feyer has now served in every command position in the Cutler Squadron--from Squad Leader up through Commander.

Feyer, a graduate of Palmetto Senior High, has participated in many activities in CAP, including the 1977 International Air Cadet Exchange during which he spent a month touring Austria as a guest of the Austrian government.

--Cadet Major Mike Croteau
Cutler Cadet Squadron

Sundown Patrol Crews Aid Boaters in Distress

April 1 saw the start of the Pinellas Senior Squadron "Sundown Patrol". Major Jack Van Dyke flying the lead corporate aircraft with five other planes, plus a press plane, officially started the Patrol. The planes flew at an altitude of 800-1000 feet over the lower Pinellas County Bay and Gulf waters, off the coast covering the territories from Clearwater to Egmont Key, looking for boaters in trouble.

Flying weather was perfect and after two patrols around the area, all members agreed it was a successful start of the Sundown Patrol.

Sunday, April 9, Lt. Russ Brause, Lt. Pat Slattery and SM Mary Fletcher had a "find" -- a disabled boat was spotted on a sandbar south of Ft. Desoto Park. After several passes over the boat, their position was radioed in and relayed to the Coast Guard.

The Sundown Patrol is flown 1½ hours before official sundown each Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. When a disabled boat is located, the information is radioed to Flight Service. Scheduling is handled by Captain Ruth Hubert.

--From the "Pinellas Propwash"
Pinellas Sr Sqdn Newsletter



CAP Story Presented to Civil Defense Association

In May, Colonel Richard Leali, Sr., Florida Wing Commander and LColonel John Hanks, Florida Wing Liaison Officer, travelled to Tallahassee to attend the Legislative Conference of the Florida Civil Defense Association. The Association is a group made up of all county Civil Defense Directors.

An hour of the meeting was devoted to the CAP program in Florida. LColonel Hanks spoke about the origins of the Civil Air Patrol stressing the fact that CAP was initially part of the Civil Defense program. He traced CAP's history and explained its organizational structure and relation to the US Air Force.

Colonel Leali discussed the Florida Wing programs and emergency services capabilities. He also talked about the Civil Defense Exercise that was to take place later that month and invited the members of the Association to participate. A Florida Wing emergency services "alert list" was given to the directors.

At the Association banquet, Mr. Herb Johnson, State Director of the Division of Disaster Preparedness congratulated CAP on their obtaining passage of their budget appropriation from the Legislature.

President of the Civil Defense Association is Mr. Paul Reid. He is a Lt. Colonel in CAP serving on the SE Region staff. He is also the Director of Civil Defense for Volusia County.

While in Tallahassee, Colonel Leali and LCol Hanks also visited the Governor's office and presented Mr. Harvey Cotton, the executive assistant to the Governor, with the rank of honorary Colonel in CAP and gave him a plaque and baseball cap with his new rank and lightning on it.

Sqdn Flag Flown over Capitol

The flag was presented to Ocala Composite Squadron Commander, Major F.E. Harlow by Congressman Wm. V. Chappell who is also a pilot and CAP member.

--Major F.E. Harlow
Ocala Comp Sq



CIVIL DEFENSE



CIVIL AIR-PATROL AND CIVIL DEFENSE WERE ONE

The relationship between Civil Air Patrol and Civil Defense has been close from the very beginning. You may remember that Gill Robb Wilson organized the New Jersey Civil Air Defense Services prior to World War II and that Fiorello La Guardia was the Director of Civil Defense when he signed the order creating Civil Air Patrol.

Coordination has continued throughout the years with Civil Air Patrol taking an active part in programs of the Federal Office of Civil Defense and the respective state Civil Defense agencies. CAP members take advantage of courses and training published by Civil Defense agencies and CD personnel participate in CAP sponsored activities. One prime example of the high degree of coordination that exists was demonstrated when the OCD Staff College joined with CAP National Headquarters in devising and presenting special training courses expressly for Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air Patrol's contribution to Civil Defense is not limited to the air. It has members trained in ground-based radiological monitoring, first aid, and shelter utilization plus the all-important communicators who man its radio nets. Like everything else, the CAP Civil Defense program is a team effort by all concerned.

Engineering Academic Grant Awards Announced by Nat'l

Four Florida Wing CAP members recently received a letter from Colonel Matthew Peach, USAF, DCS/Training National Headquarters. It read in part as follows—

"The Executive Director of Civil Air Patrol extends congratulations and asks me to inform you that your superior academic, citizenship, and CAP records entitle you to receive a CAP Engineering Academic Grant. The competition this year was unusually keen and your selection is an honor of which you should be rightfully proud.

Once again, congratulations on your superior performance as a student and CAP member. I am confident you will continue your outstanding efforts and that Civil Air Patrol will have every reason to be proud of you and your achievements."

Cadet George Williams, Ft. Walton Beach, SM Monte Belote, Hialeah, and Cadet John Kelley, St. Petersburg Beach received a grant of \$500 each. Cadet Michael Caylor, Destin, was awarded a grant of \$750. The grants are valid for one year and are to be used at an accredited institution of higher learning beginning with academic year 1978-79.

Wing Awards \$100 For Squadron Activity Idea

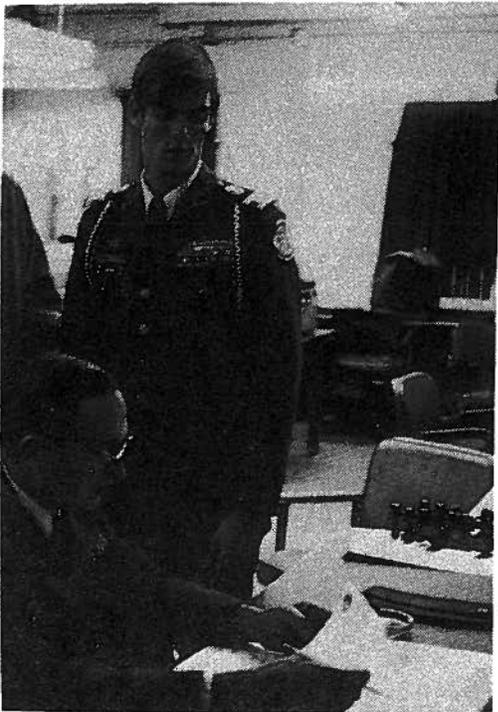
Central Brevard Composite Squadron's special activity is a real winner and the unit is \$100 richer because of it.

Captain W.N. McClintock, squadron commander, tells of his unit's plans...

"Our activity is a cadet trip to Alabama for the purpose of visiting aerospace attractions and for a few days rest and relaxation in the mountains of Alabama.

The trip will begin on the tenth of June when the cadets and senior member escorts will leave from the Merritt Island Airport. After a day's travel, they will arrive at Pensacola, Florida, to tour the Naval Air Station Museum there. The next day the cadets will travel to Fort Rucker, Alabama to visit the Army Aviation Museum and to see the Army Helicopter Pilot Training School.

Next on the itinerary is Cheaha Mountain where a four day bivouac will include mountain climbing, hiking, and search and rescue activities. Then on to Maxwell AFB, Alabama to see CAP's National Headquarters. Also scheduled is a tour of Maxwell AFB to see the Air Force Leadership Schools. On June 18, the cadets will start on the journey home."



CADET LT RAND BROWN of McCoy Cadet Squadron looks on as SM Warren Kelsay reads a citation naming Brown as Group Seven's Best Cadet of the Year. (Photo by SM Alan R. Hammerschmidt)

International Air Cadet Exchange 1978

Florida cadets participating in the 1978 International Air Cadet Exchange are as follows:

England	Stephen Epstein & John Kelley & Randal Rose
Netherlands	Nancy Collop & Kevin Henry
Canada	Madonna Finney
Norway	Raymond Geroux
Germany	Todd Hasty & Edward Wolff
Switzerland	Glenn House & Harold Cunningham
Japan	David Kennedy
Belgium	William Lucas
Israel	Laura Nugent & Carlos Puentes

International cadets being hosted by Florida Wing will arrive in Miami on July 22. A full schedule of activities is planned. Cadets will visit the Everglades, Parrot Jungle, Seaquarium, the Serpentarium, and Cape Florida. They will also tour Homestead Air Force Base the Eastern Airlines Stewardess School and the National Airlines Simulators. Orientation flights will be provided by Miami Senior Squadron One and there will be glider flying at the Kendall Gliderport. In between tours, several parties and shopping trips are planned.

On August third, the visitors will depart for Orlando. They will make a trip to Busch Gardens in Tampa and then return to Orlando for a bar-b-que with their host families. The next day will be spent at Disney World.

Coordinator for the Florida phase of the I.A.C.E. is Captain Jay C. Greenberg.



West Miami Issues Challenge

Cadet First Lieutenant Bruce Lichtman and Cadet Sergeant Jeff Murray of the West Miami Cadet Squadron both qualified for the marksmanship award during the month of May at the Trail-Glades Range in Miami.

Shooting from the prone position, Bruce shot a 293, only 7 short of sharpshooter with Jeff close behind shooting a 283. This was out of a maximum of 400 points.

This squadron wants to challenge some other Cadet Squadron in the state to a rifle match in the near future. Are there any takers?

--SM David P. Allen
I.O. West Miami Cadet Sqdn



For the seventh year, cadets from the Palm Beach area participated in the annual Cancer Society Golf Benefit held at the famous Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Many golf pros give their time and talent. Some of those in this year's event were Jack Nicklaus, Ben Greshaw, Tom Watkins, Jerry Pate, and Sam Snead. Cadets from Lantana-Lake Worth, Palm Beach, and Ft. Pierce Squadrons and seniors from Palm Beach Senior Squadron helped with crowd control for the large gallery which followed the golfers from green to green.

--Photo from Lantana-Lake Worth Squadron

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