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Florida Wing Commander's Message

By: Christian Moersch, Col, CAP

This is an exciting and busy time throughout Civil Air Patrol, especially in our great state of Florida. I'd like to share with you just a few highlights from some of our mission areas.

Cadet Programs - Representing Southeast Region, our Florida Wing Color Guard, comprised of members from Group 2, won first place at the National Cadet Competition. Drill teams and color guards from all eight regions participated in Dayton, Ohio for two full days of competitive events: physical, academic and drill. This year a team even came all the way from Alaska. Winning was a result of many hours of practice, study and long weekends in the hot sun doing maneuvers over and over to make it perfect. Congratulations go to the team, Cadets Tim Lhota, Tiffany Jakowczuk, Josh Davidson and Sam Dauss, and thanks go to the escorts 2nd Lt Rich Lhota and Capt Leslie Ballard.

Florida Wing will be hosting visiting cadets from several countries during the International Air Cadet Exchange from July 25 to August 4. My thanks go to the members hosting these visitors and ensuring their stay in the Sunshine State is fun and informative.

In addition, we have cadets traveling all over the nation for glider and powered flight encampments, Cadet Officer School, and many other Cadet National Special Activities. Many of these stories will be highlighted in our next issue so they can share in their experiences with you.

Operations - This year, Wing's participation was expanded during Sun' n Fun in Lakeland. Staffing week-long events of this type requires a maximum effort from many members. I am indebted to all who gave days of their time to the planning and execution, especially the event coordinators, Capt Len Goellner and Maj George Barker. Next year we hope to see even more activity and participation.

As many of you know, our operational tasking often picks up during these summer months. This year will be no exception. We have already performed several special missions in direct support of the USAF and we anticipate additional support for the US Coast Guard. Over water survival and other specialized training events have prepared our air crews for increased activity.

Finally, I would like to celebrate the thirty members who spent a weekend with the Vice Commander and me for the Unit Commanders Course in Orlando during early June. Unit commanders are vital links to our effectiveness, to executing our missions and caring for our members. Together, we can make this the best wing in the nation!

Proudly serving alongside each of you,



Col Christian Moersch

Florida Wing Color Guard Wins National Championship

By: Leslie Ballard, Capt, CAP - Southeast Region Director of Cadet Programs

Cadets from Gainesville Composite and Marion County Composite Squadrons earned first place in the 2008 National Color Guard Competition in Dayton Ohio on 29 June. The team earned first place in four events: written examination, panel quiz, indoor practical drill and standard drill.

Congratulations go out to Cadets Timothy Lhota, team commander, Tiffany Jakowczuk, Joshua Davidson, and Samuel Dauss. The team was undefeated in the panel quiz. On the written exam, Cadet Lhota earned the only 100% score in the competition. USAF Brig Gen Joseph A. Lanni (Director of Air, Space and Information Operations, HQ Air Force Materiel Command) and CAP National Commander, Brig Gen Amy S. Courter presented the team with the USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award trophy.



Brig Gen Joseph Lanni (USAF), Cadets Samuel Dauss, Timothy Lhota, Tiffany Jakowczuk, Joshua Davidson, Patrick Sullivan, Director of Government and Special Mission Sales for Cessna Aircraft Co., Brig Gen Amy Courter (CAP). (Gainesville Composite Squadron photo)

Cadet Remote Control Champion Earns Flight Scholarship

By: Jackie Zarrilli, 1st Lt, CAP - Florida Wing Public Affairs Officer



Maj Gen John Van Blois, USAF Ret., Cadet Stephen Hamilton and Harry Whittle, Treasurer of Boca Raton Pilots Association. Scholarship Fund, Inc. (Photo by Lt Zarrilli)

The Boca Raton Pilots' Association Scholarship Fund committee announced that Stephen Hamilton, 18 year old Boca Raton Community High School junior, was the recipient of their 2008 Flight Training Scholarship worth \$6,000. This scholarship was named the Lois J. Cusson Memorial Flight Scholarship in honor of the talented and dedicated lady who originated the concept and founded the scholarship in 1994. Charles Morgenstein, Chairman of the Scholarship Fund, said that there have been twenty-four scholarships awarded since its inception, and ten of them went to CAP cadets.

This year's scholarship winner, Cadet Hamilton, recently became the CAP Boca Raton Composite Squadron Cadet Commander. In addition, Hamilton is the Training Officer and Honor Guard Commander of his high school's Navy Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (NJROTC) and is a two-time national champion for giant scale remote control airplanes.

Cadets Ask the Commander

By: Margarita Mesones-Mori, Maj, CAP - Florida Wing Director of Cadet Programs

Col Moersch has an Open Door Policy, and now the Florida Wing Cadet Program provides cadets with a venue for it. Communication is the key to making our Wing strong. Cadets, feel free to ask your Wing Commander questions about anything from why a particular policy is set to what is most challenging in being a wing commander.

Here's how it works: Complete the form at <http://www.flcadet.com/askthecc.aspx> with your question. It is then sent to Col Moersch for a response. The questions and responses will be posted on the website once a week, so check there frequently for his responses to all the questions.

While this opens up a forum between you (the cadet) and the Wing Commander, understand that this does not replace the proper chain of command procedures regarding permissions and/or authorizations.

Group Manages Space Shuttle Simulator Program

By: Linda E. Trimpey, Maj, CAP - Commander, Group 800, Florida Schools Group



St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation Dept recently gave its Space Shuttle Simulator Program to Florida Wing under the responsibility of Group 800. The course is developed for 9-12 year olds. It covers six weeks plus a field trip to Kennedy Space Center. The program covers how astronauts live, fundamentals of rocketry, scientific principles and flight simulations. Initially, CAP units will utilize this Program with anticipated future expansion to schools and community organizations.

Sr Mbr Rick Selner's interest in aerospace and desire to develop that interest in his employment with St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation spurred the development of this program. Initially the program operated with a very simple representation of a shuttle flight deck composed of cardboard boxes and drawings acquired from the Rothdale plant that built the space shuttle. In 2005, the program received a flight deck built by Mr. James Dean, former NASA lead for the ISS Outreach and Education Program.

Great Start for Great Start Program

By: Collin David, Capt, CAP - Public Affairs Officer, Gainesville Composite Squadron

A new Cadet Great Start program, recently implemented by National Headquarters, is designed to improve recruiting, training and retention. Gainesville Composite Squadron piloted the course by testing training plans and materials and providing feedback to the developers. The pilot program, then under the direction of Capt Leslie Ballard as Deputy Commander for Cadets, it yielded outstanding results.

Cadets are inducted into the squadron during targeted recruiting drives, and then are given progressive instruction during a training program lasting several weeks. At the end of this program, the cadets receive their first promotion and first orientation flight. A benefit of the program is that the cadets in training learn and work together as a team. In a structured manner, they gain valuable knowledge about CAP and the cadet program.

Co-Instructor of the training cadre, Cadet Tim Lhota, attributed the success of the program to an outstanding support staff. He also commented on his own start in CAP, saying, "All of my mentors and previous commanders are the reason I'm standing here right now." Cadet Lhota and co-instructor Cadet Tiffany Jakowczuk have, in turn, become mentors to the cadets they have trained.

Cadets Tiffany Jakowczuk and Tim Lhota with recent graduates. (Photo by Capt David)



Winners in Charlotte County

By: Earle Bretz, Capt, CAP - Public Affairs Officer, Charlotte County Composite Squadron

The Board of Charlotte County Commissioners proclaimed "March 25, 2008 to be Charlotte County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol Day, and all citizens are urged to recognize the invaluable services and contributions they make to the safety and betterment of our community". The proclamation was followed by some remarks by Maj Jim Kaletta, Squadron Commander, expressing the appreciation of all members, senior and cadet, of the Squadron for the Proclamation. A side-note is that as the Squadron was being presented with the award, it was concluding an 8 hour mission for the Air Force and was involved in four more assigned missions before the end of the day. This was truly a day to be remembered from all aspects.

For years, the local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 565 and Charlotte County Composite Squadron have worked together for the benefit of the airport, the community and the flying public. This year is no exception. Both organizations worked closely on the Charlotte County Airport Aviation Exposition Weekend in March. Recognizing the Squadron's participation, the EAA presented a substantial donation to the squadron to help support their many programs.

At the same time, it was announced that EAA will provide funding to send one CAP Cadet to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 28 to Aug 3. This is held in conjunction with the annual EAA AirVenture which is the largest gathering in the world of people interested in flight. Cadet Patrick Joiner of Port Charlotte was selected as the recipient of this award. Congratulations to Cadet Joiner!

Cadet Awards

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award

- Jonathan C. Samonas, #1690

Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

- Meagan A. Puchala

Amelia Earhart Award

- Stephen M. Brown
- Joshua T. Hinson
- Kyle J. Matissek
- Alejandro G. Piferrer
- Jared M. Shari
- Isaiah J. Tamblingson
- Trung H. Tran
- Bryan M. White

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award

- Savannah J. Austin
- Allyson N. Duemmel
- Deryck Kuper
- Richard D. Lancaster
- Akeim G. Lewis
- Adam T. Melendez
- Scott M. Provow
- Jean C. Rios
- George G. Thompson
- Serena Wedlake

Senior Member Awards

Gill Robb Wilson Award

- Lt Col Michael T Harding
- Maj Margarita Mesones-Mori

Paul E. Garber Award

- Maj Weldon B. Cox
- Lt Col John R. Edsall
- Lt Col Larry E. Harvell

Grover C. Loening Award

- Maj Gilberto Tomas Aguiar
- Maj Clovis F. Cody
- Maj Weldon B. Cox
- Lt Col John R. Edsall
- Maj David A. Littlefield
- Capt Reynold Lopez
- Maj M. Richard Mellon
- Maj Marcos J. Rodriguez
- Capt David T. Walsh
- Capt James V. Williamson

Gen Benjamin O Davis Award

- Sr Mbr Randall A. Brocius
- Maj Clovis F. Cody
- Maj Weldon B. Cox
- 1st Lt Peter A. D'Addio
- Lt Col John R. Edsall
- Maj Richard N. Governor
- 1st Lt Daniel C. McGee
- Maj M. Richard Mellon
- 1st Lt Douglas G. Reiter
- Capt Randy D Selnick
- 2nd Lt Gregory B. Tweedy

Recent Promotions

- Lt Col Thomas Connolly
- Lt Col Michael Cook
- Lt Col Weldon Cox
- Lt Col Robert Curry

- Lt Col John Edsall
- Lt Col Laurance Fernald
- Lt Col Royce Harrison
- Lt Col Larry Harvell

- Lt Col Paul Johnson
- Lt Col Thomas Kuznar
- Lt Col Theoren Murvin
- Lt Col Warren Post

- Lt Col Richard Stokvis
- Lt Col Creighton Trahan
- Lt Col Phillip Zedonek

Cadet Honor Society Inductees

- 76 Luisa Patino - Coral Springs Cadet Squadron
- 77 Maegen M Manis - Patrick Composite Squadron
- 78 Kenneth D Sovars - Tallahassee Composite Squadron
- 79 Austin T Parsons - Jacksonville Composite Squadron

- 80 Jeremy Pollack - Jacksonville Composite Squadron
- 81 Miguel A Alfonso - Tamiami Composite Squadron
- 82 Serena C Wedlake - Charlotte County Composite Squadron

Southeast Region Awards to Florida Wing Members

Capt Gregory Stritch - Frank Brewer Aerospace Award
Capt Kevin M. McSparron - Cadet Programs Officer of the Year

Lt Col Thomas B. Rubino - Communicator of the Year
Maj Robert Wood - Logistician of the Year

Final Salute

Lt Col John G. Brennan
Legislative Squadron

Lt Col Joseph A. Condon
Naples Senior Squadron

Maj J. W. Deese
Pinellas Senior Squadron

Maj Jon S. Stewart
Group 2 Headquarters

Everyone Needs Protection Once In A While – Part I

By: Stan Leibowitz, Col, CAP – Group XI Legal Officer

To comprehend the complex issues of liability and benefits in Civil Air Patrol, it is first necessary to understand how our missions are classified. From a legal perspective, there are two types of missions: Air Force assigned missions (AFAMs) and corporate missions. “A” missions are AFAMs that have been funded through National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol (NHQ); “B” missions are AFAMs that have not been funded through NHQ; and “C” missions are all corporate missions, regardless of the funding source. For the purposes of liability and benefits, the distinction between an “A” mission and a “B” mission is not important, but the distinction between an AFAM and a corporate mission is paramount.

Liability deals with the issue of “who pays” or “who is responsible” in the event that you damage or destroy someone else’s property or cause injury or death to another. The general rule is that if you are doing what you are supposed to be doing, you don’t have much to worry about. But if you are acting outside your authority or acting with willfully bad intent you could find yourself on the expensive side of a claim or lawsuit.

Suppose a squadron commander signs a lease for a hangar for the CAP aircraft. Three months later there is a fire in the hangar that destroys the CAP aircraft and the building. Who pays for what?

The airplane is owned by CAP and CAP self-insures the aircraft for damage or destruction. But what caused the fire? If it was faulty wiring in the hangar, was the wiring done by the owner or by the tenant? Was it caused by a short in the aircraft’s wiring or by lightning? Under the lease, could CAP have recourse against the hangar owner? In most cases, unless the aircraft operator was grossly negligent or someone deliberately set the fire, the loss of the aircraft will be borne by CAP.



What about the hangar itself? The first issue is always: What does the lease say? If the unusual event that the building owner is responsible, there is no liability on the part of the squadron commander or CAP. But suppose the lease and the facts indicate that CAP is responsible for repairing or replacing the building? If the squadron commander signed the lease in his/her own name, he/she has a real problem, because CAP and its insurer would probably view it as a lease to the squadron commander and a donation of the space to CAP. In all likelihood, CAP would deny any liability in this case.

Suppose, however, the squadron commander signed as “XYZ Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, by John Smith, Commander” Again, the answer becomes very fact-dependent, primarily because, under the CAP Constitution and regulations, only the wing commander has authority to bind the corporation. So, if the owner had actual knowledge that the squadron commander lacked authority to bind CAP, a court might determine that the lease was void from the start, or it might rule that the squadron commander, and not CAP, is liable under the lease. On the other hand, if the owner did not have actual knowledge of the CAP Constitution and regulations and assumed that he/she was dealing with an authorized agent of CAP, CAP and its insurer may be held liable for the damages under the lease.

But that is not the end of the story. Because the squadron commander lacked corporate authority to enter into a lease on behalf of Civil Air Patrol, CAP has a right to seek recovery from the squadron commander.

Watch for Part 2 of this article in the next issue of WingSpan. For additional information, please refer to CAPR 900-5 and the following links for Federal Tort Claims Act and the Federal Employer Compensation Act as they apply to Civil Air Patrol. And of course, don’t forget your local CAP Legal Officer.

http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/programs/general_counsel/feca_federal_employees_compensation_act_brochure.cfm

http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/programs/general_counsel/ftca_federal_torts_claim_act.cfm

“Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond”

CAP has a new compelling message – “Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond”. This complements the Air Force’s new advertising campaign slogan “Above All” and replaces the recently released “More Than Meets the Skies”. The new tagline “Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond” provides longevity to CAP’s public awareness initiative and avoids any potential trademark conflicts. Include the tagline on CAP web sites, newsletters, news releases and correspondence.

How Much Oxygen is Enough?

By: Sergio B. Seoane, M.D., Maj, CAP - Florida Wing Medical Officer

Air is composed of several gases, primarily nitrogen (78%), oxygen (21%), argon, carbon dioxide and others. At sea level, the ambient air pressure is 760 mm mercury (Hg). The partial pressure of oxygen is 21% of 760 mm Hg which is 160 mm Hg. As the altitude increases, the ambient pressure falls. The percentage of oxygen remains the same in the atmosphere at any altitude, but the partial pressure (i.e. the amount) of oxygen decreases as the altitude increases.

Hypoxemia is a deficiency in the concentration of oxygen in arterial blood. The partial pressure of oxygen in the arterial blood is normally about 100mm Hg at sea level. A partial pressure of arterial oxygen of less than 80 mm Hg is considered abnormal. Permanent physiological damage will occur if the partial pressure of arterial oxygen is maintained at 60mm Hg, and death will rapidly occur if the partial pressure of arterial oxygen is less than 40 mm Hg.

Empiric aeromedical experience indicates that an altitude of 8,000 ft represents a physiologically challenging environment. At an altitude of 5,000 feet, the arterial oxygen is about 85 mm Hg. At 8,000 feet, it is about 72 mm Hg, and at 10,000 ft, it is about 61mm Hg. Commercial aircraft pressurization limits the decrease of air pressure allowing the aircraft to cruise at altitudes up to 40,000 feet without inducing hypobaric stress. Federal Aviation Administration requirements specify that the cabin altitude must be maintained below 8,000 ft. Although air travelers are usually sedentary during flight, even modest exercise under hypobaric conditions is associated with significant hypoxemia in more than 80 percent of travelers with lung disease.

Pilots who fly in non-pressurized aircraft above 5,000 feet should consider wearing supplemental oxygen. Pilots must be able to perform learned tasks as well as respond to emergencies with speed and accuracy. Individuals with cardiopulmonary disease are at highest risk for the effects of hypoxemia. Older healthy individuals also have slightly increased risk due to the natural physiologic changes associated with age.

Squadron Attracts Unusual "Honorary Member"

By: Richard C. Niess, Lt Col, CAP - Marco Island Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer



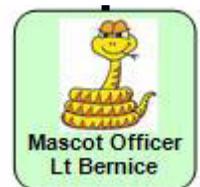
On April Fool's Day, the Marco Island Composite Squadron cadets were completing their close-order drill practice in the lit hangar when Cadet Aiden Brennan noticed a brownish blob in the rafters and brought it to the attention of Capt Patricia Lammersfeld, Deputy Commander for Cadets. After she and several others looked, it appeared to be a very large snake, later determined to be an 8 foot female Burmese Python. Squadron Commander Lt Col Lee Henderson appointed Capt Michael Levine to be the Snake Project Officer. He proceeded to develop a plan with his first concern being safety – both for the animal and that of those involved with the removal.

The Collier County Sheriff provided security for the event. Members from the Everglades Outpost directed the effort with a Collier County Wild Animal Trapper as advisor. The Everglades Outpost team went up in the bucket, walked the rafters to the location of the python and grabbed it behind the head, passing it from man to man to ensure a good grip before bringing it down.

The Marco Squadron members decided to name her Bernice (to go with Burmese) Python and voted her an honorary member and mascot. In addition, Lt Col Henderson awarded her a spot promotion to "Honorary Second Lieutenant" for services rendered with regard to mice eradication.

At the Everglades Outpost Animal Reserve educational exhibit in Homestead, she is a valuable addition and will be on display in grand style, with a planned plaque that will say - Lt Bernice Python - Honorary Member of the Marco Island Civil Air Patrol Squadron - for all to see. In addition, she has landed a role on the Squadron Organization Chart and Roster as "Mascot". "Honorary 2ndLt " Bernice however has a good life ahead with all the comforts of home including free medical insurance. For Bernice and the Marco Squadron, this is a happy ending.

See <http://www.marcoislandcap.org/PhotoAlbum/007-Python/Python.htm> for photos and the news article.



Member Wins Top USAF Safety Award

By: TSgt Nick Choy, U. S. Air Force - Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

St Petersburg Cadet Squadron member Lt Col Eugene Becker, a MH-53M Pave Low helicopter pilot with the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, has received the 2008 Koren Kolligian Jr. trophy, the service's top safety award. Gen. Duncan McNabb, vice chief of staff, presented Becker with the trophy June 9 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Becker won the award for his calm demeanor and quick thinking that saved the lives of his crew when his Pave Low experienced a catastrophic mechanical failure while hovering during a nighttime tactical training mission in September 2007. After overriding the aircraft's flight control system, Becker successfully negotiated 90-foot trees and brought the aircraft down in a small landing zone, saving the lives of his seven crewmembers. The helicopter was heavily damaged in the crash. See <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123102008>.

Gen McNabb presents award to Lt Col Becker (Photo U. S. Air Force)



Living with Email

By: Eileen Tonkinson, Capt, CAP

As we have all learned, there is a balance between being informed and being annoyed by email. Unfortunately, we too often have had to tolerate being annoyed in order to be informed. If we all pay more attention to what we send, we may be able to move that balance toward the informed side.

A general rule is the more the number of recipients of the message, the less the message should say. The objectives of an announcement are 1) to give a contact for additional information to those who are interested, and 2) to enable those who are not interested to immediately see that they do not need to read any more than the subject or first line of the message.



For example, the subject line of an announcement of an event should have the event title (acronyms permitted for brevity). The body of the message should be text without graphics or unusual fonts. The message should have:

- The event title with no acronyms,
- The event date, city and state,
- The sponsor with contact information plus a website link, if available, and
- A short paragraph to describe the event and any prerequisite for participation.

If there is a flier for the event, it may be attached as a small *doc* or *pdf* file with a reference to it in the message.

Subsequent messages that are sent to only those who are involved with the event will contain details and directions. These messages should each contain the event title in the subject and the first sentence of the message along with a list of the details that follow in message. This helps to avoid confusion for the recipient who is involved in multiple similar events or who needs to retrieve saved messages.

The onus is on the sender to make the email most effective and appropriate, but it is also important for the recipient to manage their messages. Some common concerns are:

- When replying, be certain to not use "Reply to All" unless you really do believe it is necessary to reply to everyone who received the message as you did.
- If your internet service provider allows you to download your messages, be sure to set your options to remove your messages from the server so that you do not exceed your quota causing the rejection of incoming messages.
- File the messages with information you will need later in a way that you can retrieve them so that you will not need to ask or the information to be sent again. Folders for your saved email are particularly helpful for this.

Always remember that the recipients of your message may have limited or slow internet service and may lack disk space, software or expertise to receive attachments and graphics. Compose your messages with as few words as possible. Simply put, put it simply!!!

Getting Started with Florida Wing Information Technology

By: Eileen Tonkinson, Capt, CAP

If you have been having difficulty using or have been confused about some of the Florida Wing resources, possibly the following will give you the information you need to get started. To request access to these services, contact <mailto:help@flwg.us>.

FLORIDA WING EMAIL ADDRESS

All Florida Wing members now have an email address @flwg.us for CAP and appropriate personal use. This gives you a web based full service email system where you can manage and send your messages, or you may set your favorite email manager (such as Outlook) to get your messages and integrate them with messages sent to your other addresses. If you have your favorite email manager get your messages from the Wing service, then you do not need to also access your account on the Wing service. If you expect to receive or store large messages using the Wing service, be sure to request an appropriate amount of space to be allocated to your account by contacting <mailto:help@flwg.us>. To ensure safe and reliable distribution of CAP messages, you should enter this as your primary address in the national database.

FLORIDA WING DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Rather than using public free group lists that are too often available to spammers and hackers, all Florida Wing units and special interest groups are encouraged to use the distribution list feature that is available with the wing's email service. Each list will have a moderator who has privileges to manage the list and employ various functions. A simple request to <mailto:help@flwg.us> to have a new list established with the name and CAPID of the moderator is all that is required to get started. To receive a list of all the current distribution lists, send an email to <mailto:stserv@flwg.us> with only the word **list** as the message.

To add your address to an existing flwg distribution list that allows automatic subscription (designated by the moderator), send an email message to <mailto:stserv@flwg.com> with the exact name of the distribution list as the entire message (example: **general**). Use the same procedure to remove your address from the list with the word **unsubscribe** before the list name (example – **unsubscribe general**). Additional information about using the lists is under the “Wing Email Lists” button on the Florida Wing home page or at <http://flwg.us/html/GeneralListFAQS.HTM>.

FLORIDA WING ESERVICES

The Wing eServices page is accessed through the menu bar on the Florida Wing home page. Wing members may request access to eServices with an email to <mailto:help@flwg.us>. There is a variety of information available through this page that is not appropriate for public view such as staff directories, equipment, logs, regulation updates and access to the IMU program and database. Included also is access to the Wing Forum and Chat Room and some team functions with restricted access.

FLORIDA WING FORUM

The purpose of the Wing Forum is to ask for, provide or seek information on a topic (“thread”). The Forum is categorized into directorates and specialty areas to help in locating the information. Each thread that is entered within a category may be followed by responses from anyone with additional information on the thread. The forum is open to public view, but if you wish to post a thread or respond to one, you will need to enroll yourself in the forum (the first time you use it). For more information on forums, see <http://flwg.us/html/temp5.html>.

FLORIDA WING CHAT ROOM

The Wing Chat Rooms are to hold an interactive conversation with others who are currently in the chat “room” with you. These rooms could be used for open team meetings, idea sharing, updating or general getting to know each other. Conversations may be saved to your computer for future reference, but they are not saved for retrieval on the system. Access to a chat room is through the Wing eServices web page, and you will be asked for your name or pseudonym to enter the room. If you need help in using the chat room, it is available on the top menubar.

CALENDAR

See Florida Wing Calendar at <http://flwg.us/database/calendar.asp>

Send event information and dates to <mailto:calendar@flwg.us>

- 29 Jun-5 Jul 08 Florida Wing Encampment, Camp Blanding, Starke
- 19 Jul 08 Cadet International Exchange Begins
- 25 Jul-4 Aug 08 International Cadets in Host Wings
- 28 Jul-3 Aug 08 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI
- 6-9 Aug 08 CAP Annual Conference and National Board Meeting, Kissimmee
- 5-8 Sep 08 Region Cadet Leadership School
- 6-8 Nov 08 AOPA EXPO 2008, San Jose, CA
- 7-9 Nov 08 Florida Wing Cadet Competition

Reports Due from Squadrons:

- 30 Jun Inventory of real estate and facilities
- 1 Jul Region Cadet Advisory Council Reps
- 1 Jul Authorized Flight Release Officers
- 15 Aug Drug Demand Reduction Year End
- 15 Aug Drug Demand Reduction Funding
- 1 Oct Authorized Flight Release Officers

Monthly:

- 5th Flight Release Logs
- 5th AEO Periodic Update
- 10th Senior Training
- 10th Vehicle Usage
- 10th Unit Safety
- 20th Operations Monthly Activity

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