



FLORIDA WING

Gator CAPers

AEROSPACE WORKSHOP



LCol. Betty McNabb, SER Information Officer and Vice President of the 99'ers, prepares to leave St. Augustine Municipal Airport after addressing local educators at a workshop sponsored by Mr. Ken Perkins, SER Aerospace Education Officer.



Cadet Captain James E. Hughes, Jr., St. Johns River Cadet Squadron, Palatka, Florida, and Miss Christie Lore of St. Augustine presented "From Chicks to Falcons" for the Workshop group. It was well received.



Mr. Jack E. Barker, Public Affairs Officer, FAA Atlanta, discusses the Workshop with Mr. Otis Mason, the local coordinator for the program.

Mr. Kenneth Perkins, SER Director of Aerospace Education, held an aerospace education workshop 2-12 February 1970 at St. Augustine, Florida with approximately 24 teachers participating. During the course of the program LCol.

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Owen New Deputy Commander



Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Owen, CAP

Colonel William R. Bass, Commander, announced February 15, 1970, LColonel Robert C. Owen was appointed Deputy Commander of Florida Wing.

During Civil Air Patrol's organizational beginning, December, 1941, was when LColonel Owen began his membership. He flew Courier Service from 1941 to 1942 for the New York Wing. In 1942 he was responsible for Artillery Tracking in the Connecticut Wing. New Jersey Wing had his active participation in 1943 as an Anti-sub Coastal Patrol pilot. Leaving the program in 1943, he joined to serve active military duty in the Army.

Returning in 1963, LColonel Owen, became the Information Officer for the Palm Beach Composite Squadron with the grade of Captain. This was just the beginning of his active CAP career.

June 1964, LColonel Owen was appointed Emergency Services Officer for Group 5, and during the same month he was appointed the position of Group 5 Commander. On January 1, 1965, he was promoted to the grade of major.

He was appointed to the position of Sector Commander on April 4, 1966. His promotion to LColonel came on May 1, 1966. Remaining in this position until May 1967, he was appointed the position of Florida Wing Coordinator of Civil Defense.

In July 1969, he was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff.

As well as his active participation in activities and programs, his personal expansion of knowledge and accomplishments numbered many. Completing Phases I, II, III, IV and V of the CAP Senior Program, he has received the Exceptional Service Award, the Meritorious Service Awards, the Unit Citation, the Gill Rob Wilson Award, the Aerospace Award with Bronze Star, the Leadership Award with Silver Star, the ECI Ribbon, Senior Membership, the Senior Certificate of Proficiency, the Blue Service with two clasps, the ECI Award with two clasps, the SAR Ribbon with Prop and two clasps, Cadre with Clasp, Senior Recruiter with one clasp, Courier Service, Artillery Tracking and Coastal Patrol Ribbons.

He has a CAP Command Pilot with Multi Engine, Single Engine Land, Commercial, and sea ratings.

LColonel Owen serves as the Director of the Palm Beach County Civil Defense and is President of Quoniam, Inc. of Palm Beach. He is a graduate of the University of Buffalo with a BS Degree in Business Administration.

Married to the former Sandra Brown, who is a major in CAP and Coordinator of Women for Florida Wing, LColonel and Mrs. Owen make their home in Riviera Beach.

Cadet Saves Life

A 15-year-old Bayshore Middle School student became a hero recently when he was credited with saving the life of the infant son of a neighbor.

John Duey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duey of 4812 29th Ave. W., Bradenton, credited his training in the Civil Air Patrol for his part in successfully administering resuscitation to little Timmy Loveless, who had accidentally fallen into a swimming pool.

Cadet Duey was riding his bike after school when he heard screams coming from the house of Mrs. A. B. Gartman of 2702 49th St. W. John, who knew Mrs. Gartman, rushed into the home and found her and Mrs. Loveless attempting to administer aid to the baby who had accidentally fallen into the pool while his mother and Mrs. Gartman were visiting.

John, who had received training in resuscitation while a member of the Bradenton-Sarasota Squadron, reacted quickly and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The infant was taken to Manatee Memorial Hospital for observation and is reported to be completely recovered from the near-drowning incident.

An eighth grade student at Bayshore, John has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for the past 18 months.

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HELP

'Gator CAPers is your newspaper that serves each member in the Florida Wing.

The publication is designed to meet the needs of informing the members of all the activities, special events, human interest stories, as well as being a tool to assist members in knowing of current organizational changes and the status of the personnel.

Since 'Gator CAPers was not being published, unit Information Officers ceased sending in stories and pictures of the various unit activities. This issue, the first since November 1968, was a difficult issue to publish. We extended the publication date from March 1st to March 15th, hoping to get a few more stories.

We are not apologizing for its content because this is what has recently happened in the Florida Wing. You will have to agree with us that to insure we get the full coverage of the Wing we have to have good quality stories and pictures from you.

Unit Commanders along with the I.O.'s are being urged to follow up on the news and let Wing know about it.

Now that summer special activities, unit programs and activities are occurring we should have plenty of input to publish.

We will comment that not only do members of the Florida Wing receive the publication, but the United States Senators and Representatives along with the Governor, members of the cabinet and all members of the Legislature. It is necessary that we inform as many people as we can of our activities and program. If you have a particular person or organization you wish to receive a copy, please advise the Florida Wing Office of Information.

Do your part to make your 'Gator CAPers a publication that you, as a member of Florida Wing, can be proud of.

ASK YOUR INFORMATION OFFICER . . .

Civil Air Patrol, because of its responsibilities in the field of search and rescue, should be oriented towards mission activity. We should be able to respond to any situation within our capability.

Certainly missions, and many other activities, are news-worthy events. When we are searching for a missing aircraft, representatives of various news media will probably be asking us for information. A very important part of our mission, then, is knowing what to do regarding information.

Anything that is released to news media is basically the responsibility of the commander, whether of the unit or of the mission. His right-hand man is the Information Officer. The I.O. is the expert in his field, and knows what to say and how to say it.

No matter what the activity, when you are asked by anyone outside CAP for information, send him to the Information Officer, or the Commander.

There are several good reasons for this. First, of course, the Commander and the I.O. are responsible for what is released. But not everything can or should be released. For an example, at the start of a mission, we know the missing pilots name. But most likely his next of kin have not been contacted. In any case, we do not know the pilot's condition. Civil Air Patrol cannot, under these conditions release the pilot's name, or his passenger's to *anyone*. There are other items which should not be said, not because we are trying to hide things, but for good and valid reasons. Your I.O., with the guidance of his manual, CAPM 190-1, knows these things. Let him do his job. He is also an expert in how to word his releases, to give the correct impression. He should know the local media representatives, and knows what they are interested in getting.

We, as CAP members, should know all this because we deal with it on every RED CAP. But that is not the only time we may be asked for information, and it is not the only time the I.O. should be called upon.

Recently, a squadron was engaged in an activity which suddenly became a very news-worthy event, because of an accident. Unfortunately, reporters don't know who the I.O. is: they ask anyone. As a result, various members volunteered information, and the articles gave the wrong impression, at least. For example, one member termed the incident an "unavoidable accident." First, this *cannot* be known until the incident is investigated. (Similarly, on a mission, it is not our place to determine the cause of a crash.) But more importantly, consider what could have happened if what was said was "so-and-so made a mistake." This is printed in the newspaper. Parents of cadets involved read it, and sue so-and-so. It can happen.

Your I.O. knows what can happen. He knows what to say, how to say it, and who to say it to. That is his job. If you are asked for information, send the person to your Information Officer. Let him do his job.

Aerospace Education Officer

by LCol. Pierre de Remer, CAP
Director of Aerospace Education

Just what is aerospace education in the CAP program and what kind of person is needed to do the job?

Aerospace education is divided into two programs, one external and one internal.

The external program is aimed at the high school and college level to further knowledge of the impact of the aerospace age on the economic, sociological, political, psychological and physiological aspects of living in our world.

The internal program, where most of the work is accomplished, involves, in a lesser degree the same aspects as the external program, on a less intensive basis. This program also involves the teaching of specific technical subjects such as Navigation, Meteorology, radio aids, FAR's and in general the preparation of the Cadet and Senior member of CAP to meet the various achievement requirements established in the CAPRs to accomplish the prime incentive, especially for the Cadet, for joining CAP, namely to learn about aviation and aerospace and its advantages as a career.

What kind of a person is needed to fill the aerospace education post on the Squadron and Group level, the real *working level*?

First of all he or she must be a sincere *Volunteer*, a person who enters or offers to enter into any service of his own free will.

A sincere desire to help others is the only other major qualification necessary.

Since the program is well outlined, no past teaching experience is necessary, nor is it necessary that the aerospace educationist be a pilot. Of course teaching experience or aviation background is helpful, but not really a necessity.

As Director of Aerospace Education for the Florida Wing, it is my intention not only to meet but to exceed the goals for this post in this Wing as established by National Headquarters. To do this I need help on all levels.

If you meet these simple requirements and would like to do a job that pays off big in the feeling that you are doing something really worth while, we need you. Talk it over with your Unit Commander or contact me directly at Wing Headquarters.

New Beret



Major Sandra Owen models the correct way for the new beret for senior and cadet female members to be worn.

CAP Insurance

by LCol. Harvey R. Klein, CAP Wing Legal Officer

Many members of Civil Air Patrol are either confused or entirely misinformed as to the extent of the insurance carried by Civil Air Patrol for which the members individually pay no special premiums. The following constitutes a very abbreviated outline of the various types of Civil Air Patrol insurance:

Federal Employees' Compensation Act

CAPR 112-8 states that senior members or their surviving dependants may receive compensation under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act for personal injuries or death when such injuries or death occurs in the performance of Air Force authorized missions (RED CAP), provided that the senior member was acting under written orders in the support of said mission and that the injury or death resulted from performance of the authorized service or travel to and from such service. This Act applies to senior members only.

Senior Member Accident Insurance

Senior member accident insurance is available to senior members pursuant to CAPR 900-8 provided that the senior member applies for and pays the premium on such insurance. For further details the members are advised to read CAPR 900-8.

Liability Insurance

Civil Air Patrol pays the premiums on and maintains a comprehensive liability insurance policy which covers Civil Air Patrol and also covers the individual members to indemnify them against damages that might be incurred as a result of the negligence of the members acting within their duties in Civil Air Patrol. This insurance does *not* reimburse the CAP members for losses sustained by the member but protects the member against claims by third parties. Also there are certain limitations upon this insurance such as the fact that the insurance will not cover damage caused by an automobile owned by a CAP member unless such member has a private valid and collectible automobile insurance policy of his own. For further provisions of the Comprehensive liability insurance members are urged to read CAPR 900-5.

Cadet's Accident Insurance

Civil Air Patrol cadets are covered by an accident insurance policy as of the effective date of their membership, the terms of which policy are outlined under Section F of CAPR 900-5.

CHANGE OF COMMAND



Capt. William Pastore, left, receives unit charter as Commander of new Pompano Beach Senior Search and Rescue Squadron from Group 16 Commander LCol. Ted Cohee, Col. Cohee's last official action before being promoted to wing staff.



Capt. Gerald Mason, left, takes over command of Florida Wing Group 16 from LCol. Ted Cohee, center, as Florida Wing Vice Commander Robert Owens, right, conducts the change of command ceremonies. LCol. Cohee was promoted to wing Chief of Staff.



Wing Deputy Director of Cadets, LCol. Richard Leali, left, confers with LCol. Richard Krause, wing Training Officer, about wing bulletin on board at Group 16 headquarters at North Perry Airport, Hollywood, prior to change of command ceremonies, 18 February.

Capt. Gerald Mason, former Administrative Officer, took over command of Broward County's Group 16 at the first Commander's Call of the year on February 18.

Capt. Mason was officially installed by Florida Wing Vice Commander LCol. Robert Owen.

LCol. Owen also relieved former Commander LCol. Ted Cohee of the Group 16 command and presented him a set of magnetic car plates as he promoted Col. Cohee to Florida Wing Chief of Staff.

LCol. Cohee's last official act as Group Commander was to present a unit charter to Capt. William Pastore, commander of the recently organized Pompano Beach Senior Squadron, a specialized first aid and Sundown Patrol unit.

Capt. Mason made an auspicious start immediately upon taking over command of the nine-unit Group 16.

He presented a complete Group Manual on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Command Responsibilities.

Capt. Mason also outlined an appealing upcoming program for both cadets and seniors including the institution of a flying scholarship for cadets, right through to his or her pilot's license. The scholarship was initiated by the mother of the late Group 16 Cadet James Holmes of Pembroke Pines. The cities of Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Miami and Dade County have promised financial support to the project.

Other forthcoming cadet activities include a new training program allowing the cadets to obtain promotions faster, a program for cadets 16, 17 and 18 years old to qualify for a new cadet officers school, now being set up, a Group Award banquet to be held at the Officers Club at Homestead AFB on the 4th of April at which time the outstanding male and female cadets of the group will be honored and have a tentative bivouac set up at Camp Blanding, the U.S. Army training center south of Jacksonville, 23-25 April, a cadet Command School in June and a July summer encampment, both to be held at Patrick AFB.

Increased activity for seniors promised by Capt. Mason include a practice SARCAP in April in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, the installation of alert systems for RDCAPS and SARCAPS, an enlarged senior training program, the purchase by the unit of a sideband radio, and more flying activity.

The ceremonies were held at Group 16 Headquarters at North Perry Airport and were attended by LCol. Richard Leali, Wing Deputy for Cadets, and LCol. Richard Krause, Wing Training Officer.

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Betty McNabb, SER Information Officer and Vice President of the 99'ers gave a lecture on "Women in Aviation". Her talk included some of her varied experiences with the Civil Air Patrol and the 99'ers. Other speakers were Mr. Corey from Cape Kennedy Space Center, Mr. Jack E. Barker, Public Affairs Officer, Southern Region, FAA Atlanta, LCol. William G. Kobos, Florida Wing Information Officer, and Mr. N. Wyner. Mr. Wyner explained the operation of a fixed base operator and conducted a tour of the St. Augustine facility. All found "Breezy" as well as the other airplanes very interesting. Cadet Captain James E. Hughes, Jr., St. Johns River Cadet Squadron, and Miss. Christie Lore, St. Augustine, presented from "From Chicks to Falcons". The workshop ended with very enlightening trips to Cape Kennedy, Cocoa Beach, and the Air Traffic Control center at Hilliard, Florida. Captain Dorothy M. Loyd, Commander of Group 24 at St. Augustine, Florida, accompanied the workshop group on their field trips and assisted Mr. Perkins with his arrangements.

LOST SHIRT TAIL



EGLIN AFB, Fla.—Mark Wells, after soloing in the PA-18 in the background, has his shirttail cut off in the traditional post-solo ceremony at the Eglin AFB Aero Club. Doing the cutting are (l to r) William Wells (no relation to Mark), Charles Byrd and Daniel Delaune. All four boys, members of the Civil Air Patrol Eglin Cadet Squadron, are taking flight instructions at the club to obtain their private pilot's license. Presently high school juniors, the boys hope to attend the Air Force Academy and eventually become Air Force pilots. (USAF photo)

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You can spot a "professional" pilot a mile away. He constantly uses the checklist. Airline pilots, military pilots, corporate pilots and many CAP pilots use them. The beginner, the rookie, the amateur and the clod do not. The results are wheels-up landings and wrecked airplanes. The smart commander should welcome "professionals" and sweep out the clods.

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