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Project Launch '80 Closed

Project Launch '80, the Florida Wing recruiting campaign, closed 31 December 1980 with more than 40 units having met their cadet and/or senior recruiting goals and the final figures not yet in. A complete listing of Sector, Group, Squadron, and Individual awardees will be published in the February Plans and Programs Bulletin.

A special Awards Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the annual Wing Conference in May recognizing Project Launch '80 winners. □

WTSP TV-10 Recognized

WTSP TV-10, Largo-based ABC affiliate, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Florida Wing Director of Public Affairs, **Captain William G. Warner**, in recognition of the station's continued assistance to Civil Air Patrol.

The station produced an exceptionally moving and well-prepared segment on the Memorial Wreath Ceremony conducted by the Southeast Region Chaplain in July at the site of the Skyway Bridge disaster. The station airs Civil Air Patrol spot announcements on a routine basis and has maintained a continuing rapport with the Wing.

Reporter **Stephen Gauvain**, who covered the wreath ceremony together with cameraman **Les Rose**, accepted the certificate on behalf of the station. □

Florida Wing Staff Receives "Excellent" Rating In Southeast Region Evaluation

Florida Wing's staff operations received a preliminary overall "excellent" rating from the Region Evaluation Team led by **COL James Shattuck**, SERLO, on 17 January. **COL Shattuck** complimented the Wing Staff on its effort. Adding his personal congratulations was **COL L. H. McCormack**, SER Commander, who was present at the Evaluation Team's outbriefing.

Outstanding Rating

Senior Training was recognized as outstanding on the basis of the good planning and documentation and the impressive training program being developed by **LT COL James Mowbray**, who was commended by **COL Shattuck** for his work.

Emergency Services received an outstanding rating as a result of the air and ground operations being conducted and for the procedure of issuing "101" cards on an annual basis.

Excellent Rating

Cadet Programs was rated excellent with favorable comment made on record maintenance. The wide range of cadet activities developed within the Wing by **LT COL Thomas C. Welch** and his staff was commended.

Both the Chaplaincy and Communications were rated excellent and received favorable comment on record maintenance. The Communications records were viewed as outstanding.

Public Affairs was rated excellent, and **Captain William G. Warner** was recognized as doing excellent work and providing good training at subordinate levels.

Safety received an excellent rating with specific comment that directives regarding use of special purpose vehicles were impressive.

Satisfactory Rating

Aerospace Education received a satisfactory rating. **MAJ Paul Foster**, Director of Aerospace Education - External, was recognized for his excellent support of the Aerospace Education Congress in 1980, and **Captain Ray S. Taylor**, Director of Aerospace Education - Internal received favorable comment on his plan of action in the area of internal aerospace education.

Finance, Plans and Programs, and Personnel received satisfactory ratings, as did Operations.

Logistics, Transportation, and Supply were rated satisfactory. Supply control at Wing Headquarters was cited as excellent.

Marginal Rating

Administration received a marginal rating due to lack of records and Transportation Authorizations for 1980. **Captain George Metz**, Director of Administration, however, was complimented for the very obvious effort being made to meet administrative standards and the excellent job he has done since accepting the position.

Despite evidence of good data, inspection was rated marginal because of lack of documentation below Group level.

COL Shattuck closed the briefing by rating the command section as excellent, citing the obvious guidance and good goal setting provided the Wing by **COL Richard L. Leali, Sr.**, Wing Commander. □

Civil Air Patrol cadets meet Thunderbirds



Members of McCoy Cadet Squadron got a "bird's-eye" view of the aircraft, crews, and pilots of the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds when they performed at the Central Florida Air Fair thanks to the efforts of **Mr. Robert Hagood**, manager of the Wings and Wheels Museum, **MSgt Earl Godby** of the Thunderbirds, and **LTC M. Mills**, USAF-CAP Liaison Officer for Florida Wing.

McCoy Cadet Squadron members were joined by members of Howard Showalter Senior Squadron and Orlando Cadet Squadron for a briefing on Thunderbird operations by **SSgt Bob McCall**, USAF. A few lucky cadets, including **C/MAJ Charles Brown** and **C/Sgt Earl Triplett**, had a chance to chat with the pilots before their performance. □

Lake Wales Composite Squadron lines up bivouac site

Lake Wales Composite Squadron, Group 16, acquired a permanent bivouac site through the generosity of **Kenneth** and **Susan McCleery** and **David** and **Susan Downing**, who donated 2.5 acres of land in the Algar Subdivision south of Lake Wales. **1/LT Myrna Shank**, Squadron Commander, announced the donation in January.

HQ, Group 16 will assist the Squadron in improving the site which will be available to all local Civil Air Patrol units.

Captain Daniel B. Glisson, Group 16 Commander, stated the acquisition of a permanent bivouac site fills a definite need and will be invaluable as an informal training location for both the senior and the cadet program. □

Squadron Staff School a success

More than 60 Civil Air Patrol members completed the first Florida Wing Squadron Staff School at Florida Southern's Orlando campus on the Naval Training Center Annex in December. The Squadron Staff School, a pilot program developed by Florida Wing Director of Training **LTC James Mowbray**, provides basic, "hands-on" training for staff officers at both Group and Squadron levels.

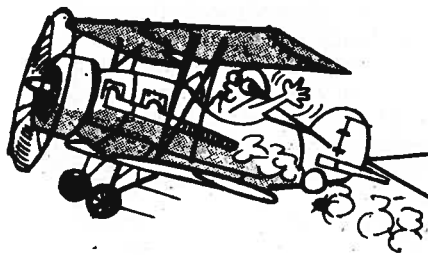
Response to the initial Squadron Staff School indicates it fills a definite need for staff assignment training, according to **LTC Mowbray**. Additional Squadron Staff Schools have already been scheduled, and details will be published in the Senior Training Bulletin as arrangements are finalized. □

Ocala Composite to support FAA pilot upgrade program

Ocala Composite Squadron announced that the unit will sponsor the "Pilot Proficiency Program" developed by the FAA, Southeastern Region to upgrade air pilots. **Mr. Robert J. MacDonald** of Venture Aloft in Ocala will direct the program.

The first phase, which began in December, will consist of 120 days of upgrade training including classroom instruction, films, and actual inflight performance. All aircraft — single and double engine, helicopters, and balloons — are included. Graduates will be awarded designated wings at completion of each of the three increasingly complex phases that make up the program.

Ocala Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer **1/LT R. L. Higgins** reported that sponsorship of the program will serve all pilots in the Ocala area. □



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RECRUITING

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RECRUITING — "ONE ON ONE" THROUGH '81

From the Editor's desk

Last April I had the pleasure of serving on the Senior Staff at the first Florida Wing Cadet Command and Staff School at MacDill AFB. The purpose of the CCSS was to introduce management concepts to the Senior Cadet Officers of Florida Wing using members of the Suncoast Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development as instructors. I know I personally benefitted from sitting in on the training sessions, and, being a Cadet Squadron commander at the time, I also saw the effects of that training showing up in the planning being done by cadet officers from my unit who had attended.

One of the training activities was the preparation of a speech on the subject, "The Role of the Senior Cadet Officer", to be presented before a panel composed of Air Force officers and a Reserve NCO, all of whom had worked with the cadets during the CCSS. Each speech was evaluated and critiqued by the panel on the basis of content and presentation. Each speech was distinctive, both in content and presentation; all were im-

pressive in the maturity and thought that had gone into them. One speech in particular, however, stuck a universal note; it dealt with concepts of leadership applicable to us all — senior or cadet, Civil Air Patrol member or not. It was not judged best overall speech because of a superior presentation by another cadet; however, the young man who prepared it learned from the experience and accepted the constructive criticism offered by the panel. He polished both his speech and its presentation, and at National Cadet Officers School this past summer he was recognized as "Outstanding Cadet Speaker". I would like to thank **C/COL Jay Warwick** for submitting a copy of this speech to *Gator CAPers*; it is published in this issue, and I hope each of you will take the time to read it. It, like **C/COL Warwick**, epitomizes the best of the Cadet Program... a program dedicated to producing the leaders of tomorrow.

Karen H. Cumler, Captain-CAP
Editor, *Gator CAPers*

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"CAP does it free" Who hasn't seen the bumper sticker that makes people do a double-take, for WHO does anything for "free" in these days?

Recently, someone asked me how much I got paid as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol. My answer was, "PAID??? Who wants to be paid for helping their fellow men? It even costs me to get to serve, and I thank God daily for the opportunity to do it through Civil Air Patrol."

This is a good way for me to show my appreciation for the blessings He gives me. "Count your Blessings" is a song we often sing, but then we forget all about it until the next time we're in church. What we really need to do is to keep that inspiration until we can get back out into a world that is hurting and needs a little help from us where we can turn those blessed thoughts into visible actions and show that we care... because God cares.



Commander's Corner

By **Richard L. Leali, Sr.**,
COL-CAP Commander, Florida Wing

Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, has been awarded the Unit Citation Award for exceptional performance during the period of 1 January 1980 through 30 June 1980. This is the fourth time that Florida Wing has received this prestigious award.

The recent evaluation of the Wing by Southeast Region and National personnel brought many comments on the fine work being done by Wing Staff and resulted in an initial — and still unofficial — "excellent" rating.

GEER '80 has come to a close, and congratulations are due to the personnel of Group 11, under the command of **Maj. Richard E. Leighton**, for their outstanding achievement in attaining first place. The personnel of Group 7, in second place; Group 14, in third; and Group 1, in fourth place, are also to be commended.

These achievements represent a benchmark against which to measure our performance during this new year. They are most certainly indicative of the dedication and commitment of the Civil Air Patrol members within Florida Wing. I congratulate you on that effort; and I urge you to continue it, for if you do, there is no limit to what you can accomplish in the future. □

Actually, every school, every hospital, and every other humanitarian organization was founded, not on the principle of making money, but on helping other people live safer, happier, and healthier lives, which originated in God's love for all of us!

The longer I'm in Civil Air Patrol, the more I appreciate its opportunities to serve. I hope you feel the same way. God bless you all.

George J. Rennard, LTC-CAP
Chaplain, Florida Wing

WING STAFF BULLETINS



Safety Corner

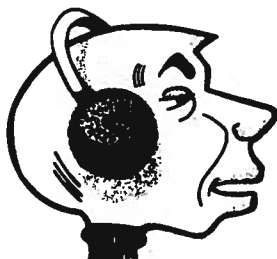
by **Russell F. Holdren, LTC-CAP**
Safety Officer, Florida Wing

FACT: Night vision deteriorates rapidly above 5,000 feet. Your landings and takeoffs will be sharper and night flying much safer if supplemental oxygen is used at night from the ground up.



FACT: Approximately one-third of General Aviation fatalities could be prevented by the wearing of shoulder harnesses and seat belts.

FACT: Your medical certificate is legally invalid during any period of illness that prevents you from performing your flying duties properly.



FACT: If you fly 6 to 8 hours weekly without ear plugs or other protection, you can experience some degree of permanent hearing loss within a few years.

Personnel Promotions

The Wing Personnel Section is experiencing difficulty in processing many promotion requests because of incomplete paperwork.

Promotion is a privilege to be earned, and there are many requirements that must be met other than time in grade. The unit commander requesting promotion must insure that completion of these requirements is properly documented. Promotion to 2/LT requires completion of Level I Orientation; all other grades require certain Level II requirements to be met; Major requires completion of ECI 7C and assignment to a job calling for the rank; Mission and Special promotion requests require submittal of copies of all paperwork verifying professional qualifications. Much of the above is included on the Quarterly Senior Training Roster; the unit commander should check the Training Roster to ascertain that the information is shown. If not, and in many cases the units are not properly updating the Training Roster, the unit commander must verify that the requirements have been met and submit copies of any necessary paperwork to do so.

In other cases, promotion requests are being submitted without Group approval. Be sure to follow the proper chain of command in submitting promotion requests.

Unnecessary delays are again often caused by failure to submit four copies to Wing.

Attention to these items will insure that the promotion earned is promptly granted.

Uniforms

Officers must project the best possible image of Civil Air Patrol. Promotion to grades requiring appearance before a Promotion Board will certainly be affected by uniform discrepancies or sloppy uniforms. Jumpsuits are not acceptable for appearance before the Wing Promotion Board.

Some of the most common uniform discrepancies are listed below:

1. Ribbons Not Worn on Service Uniform Coat

Ribbons are mandatory on the service uniform coat and pantsuit jacket (male uniform Combination 1; female uniform Combination A and C; and male and female semiformal uniform).

2. Ribbons Worn Upside Down

Examples: Membership Award (Senior); Grover Loening Aerospace Award.

3. Blue Plastic Three-Line Nameplate Worn on Service Uniform Coat

The blue plastic three-line nameplate is not authorized on the service coat (male or female) or the female pantsuit uniform coat. The black plastic nameplate and metal identification badge are still required.

4. CAP Cutouts on Coat Lapels Not Worn Parallel to the Ground

5. Wing Patch Worn More Than ½ Inch From Shoulder Seam on Left Sleeve

6. Officer Sleeve Braid Not Worn on Female Pantsuit Uniform

While no sleeve braid is worn on the female service uniform coat, it is required on the pantsuit uniform coat 2-½ inches from the end of the sleeve.

7. Specialty Insignia Not Centered Above Ribbons

Specialty insignia is centered ¼ inch above ribbons or ½ inch above left breast pocket (if ribbons are not worn) and ½ inch below wings, if authorized. Exception: Chaplain specialty insignia is worn ½ inch above wings, if authorized.

8. Outdated "Droopy" Wings Worn Instead of New "Straight" Wings

9. Regular Size Grade Insignia Worn on Shirts

Miniature grade insignia is worn on shirts; regular size is worn on uniform coats.

10. Incorrect Insignia Worn on Epaulet Shirt

Senior members with rank wear epaulet "sleeves" carrying both CAP and grade insignia; no collar grade or CAP insignia is worn. (This applies to cadet officers also.) Senior members without rank (S/M's) wear no epaulet "sleeves", but rather wear CAP cutouts on both collars of the epaulet shirt. (Cadet airmen/NCO's wear grade insignia on the right collar of the epaulet shirt and CAP cutouts on the left collar.) □

Senior Training Level I

The Level I orientation course is the first step the new senior member takes in a Senior Training Program that is essential within Civil Air Patrol and which can be of great benefit in his or her everyday employment. The course usually runs from 0900 HRS to 1600 HRS and concludes with a 70-question review/exam, corrected to 100%. The exam is retained by the students as a review tool. Only instructors certified by the Florida Wing Director of Training may teach this course; and to make it as widely available as possible, the Wing has been divided into five Training Areas under the direction of Chief Circuit Riders with the responsibility for supervision of Level I instructors, quality assurance, and reporting.

Any Group or Squadron commander or training officer may arrange for a Level I by contacting the appropriate Chief Circuit Rider. **ECI, ETC.**

During the Level I program, the student will be introduced to the wide

variety of training opportunities available within Civil Air Patrol. The ECI program offers a broad range of management and vocational correspondence courses to CAP members. The Florida Wing Squadron Staff School provides basic training in specific Group/Squadron duty assignments. Squadron Leadership School offers an overview of unit operations and leadership techniques to the unit command and staff officers. Staff Colleges are available at both Region and National level. A highly-trained and professional SAR Staff School, Aircrew Training Program, Mission Coordinator initial and update training, and SAR schools at Region and National levels. The Civil Air Patrol training program offers members an opportunity for professional training of benefit both in and outside of the organization, as well as an opportunity to meet their fellow volunteers from across the nation and exchange ideas. Take advantage of these opportunities.

Training Area Chief Circuit Rider Listing

- TNGA-1 Sector D — All Groups/Squadrons
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7432 Lily Street
Panama City, FL 32401
Phone: 904-871-3772 (Home)
- TNGA-2 Sector C — Groups 2 and 13/All Subordinate Squadrons
W.P. Dorough, 1/LT-CAP
5133 Ensign Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Phone: 904-771-7795 (Home)
- TNGA-3 Sector C — Groups 6, 7, 12, and 16/All Subordinate Squadrons
P. A. Mowbray, MAJ-CAP
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Lake Wales, FL
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305-237-4534 (Business)
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R. Jackson, CAPT-CAP
1953 Los Lomas Drive
Clearwater, FL 33515
Phone: 813-446-4170 (Home)
813-224-6153 (Business)
- TNGA-5 Sector A — All Groups/Squadrons
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CADET CORNER ★★

Minutes Cadet Advisory Council Meeting

18 October 1980 — Florida Wing Commander's Call Gainesville, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 1330 by the Chairman, **C/LTC Paul A. Griffith, Jr.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **C/LTC William H. Cumler**, Wing CAC Vice-Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting of the CAC, 30 March 1980, were read and passed unanimously as read.

C/LTC Griffith stated the ground rules for the CAC meeting.

C/LTC Cumler discussed the actions from the last SER CAC meeting, 25 July 1980. There was a brief discussion on the uniform section of the SER CAC minutes.

C/LTC Griffith explained the new SOP for FL WG CAC. After a discussion about certain technical points of the SOP, the SOP was passed unanimously, with the condition that a committee be set up to amend the SOP when conditions necessitate such amendments.

The committee is chaired by **C/LTC Cumler** and is composed of **C/LTC Matt Maranto** - Sector B Coordinator, **C/MAJ Robert Mattie** - Group 16 Chairman, **C/WO Marty Nichols** - Group 3 Chairman, **C/WO Alan Williams** - Group 6 Vice Chairman, and **C/MSgt Danny Vukmanich** - Group 9 Chairman.

The floor was then opened to old business.

1. Fraternalization was briefly discussed until **C/LTC Griffith** explained that the new policy is before the SER CAC.

2. Uniform items, such as black berets, ribbons, and uniforms, were discussed. This discussion was closed after **C/LTC Cumler** explained that all these items of argument are before the SER CAC or in CAPM 39-1.

3. Boot blousing was discussed, but the present Wing directive stands.

The floor was closed to discussion on old business and opened for discussion on new business.

1. **C/LTC Griffith** read a letter from **COL Leali** which stated that cadets of the New Modified Cadet Program are allowed to wear the jumpsuit to all Na-

tional activities, except Drill Competition (above Wing).

2. **C/LTC Griffith** discussed the possibilities of the Wing possibly having CCSS's (Cadet Command and Staff School) for Phases II and III, as well as the present Phase IV CCSS.

A break was then taken at 1500, and the meeting reconvened at 1515 in Room 319.

3. A discussion of Senior-Cadet relations was tabled until later on in the meeting.

4. **C/MAJ Thomas Kaczmarek**, Group 17, proposed a C/NCO Leadership School. After a discussion it was decided to table the discussion until after a working program was presented to the Wing CAC.

5. **1/LT Larry Anderson**, Senior Advisor to the Wing CAC, talked about a new program of cross chartering CAP Cadet Squadrons with Scout Explorer Posts. The program was endorsed by the Wing CAC. More information may be requested from **LT Anderson** through **LTC Thomas Welch**.

6. **LTC William Breeze**, SER DCP, discussed the SER CAC and SER proposal to move the National CAC meeting from the National Board Meeting to COS at Maxwell AFB. This was endorsed by the Wing CAC.

7. There was a discussion of the SER CAC proposal to grant the power of promotion and demotion of cadets by the Squadron Commander with the approval of the Wing DCP. The proposal was amended by the Wing CAC to read, "only the demotion of cadets should be allowed". This amended version passed unanimously.

8. A proposal to have Senior Cadet Officer and C/NCO instructors at the cadet portion of the Level I passed unanimously.

The floor was then closed to discussion on new business.

C/LTC Griffith then discussed Senior-Cadet relations. He stated that cadets needed to respect all senior members regardless of their own personal opinions. He added that it was up to the cadets to start this change in relations.

The floor was then opened to Group Chairman's reports.

After a final Wing CAC rebuttal, the Wing CAC staff made their reports. **C/LTC McLaughlin** emphasized the need for all Groups to send in their CAPF 2a's and meeting minutes.

C/LTC Griffith and **C/LTC Cumler** then briefly summarized the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1730 by the Chairman.

1. Table of Proposals Passed (Includes Endorsements)

A. FL WG CAC SOP, with the conditions it be amended

B. Cross chartering of CAP Cadet Squadrons with Scout Explorer Posts by **LT Anderson**, Senior Advisor to the Wing CAC (Endorsed)

C. The SER CAC proposal on promotion and demotion of cadets was amended by the FL WG CAC to read, "only demotions be allowed"

D. Change National CAC from the National Board Meeting to COS at Maxwell AFB (Endorsed)

E. Senior Cadet Officer and C/NCO instructors at the cadet portion of the Level I

These proposals go into effect throughout the Wing when approved by the Wing DCP, or appropriate authority. □

Cadet Promotions

C/MAJOR: **Douglas Sena, 08116**
Donald Barnes, 08116
Richard Woolverton, 08243

C/CAPTAIN: **Ernest L. Griffin, 08169**
C/2 LT: **Richard Raychell, 08116**
C/WO: **Bennie Guardado, 08116**
Teresa R. Taylor, 08090
Ron Chambers, 08089
Rene Gehring, 08026
William J. Travi, Jr., 08274
Lester P. Dupuis, 08026
David A. Horowitz, 08355

C/AMN 1: **Tom Dowless, 08116**
C/AMN: **Paul Bateman, 08116**



The Outstanding Senior Cadet Officer

by C/COL Jay Warwick
St. Johns River Composite Squadron

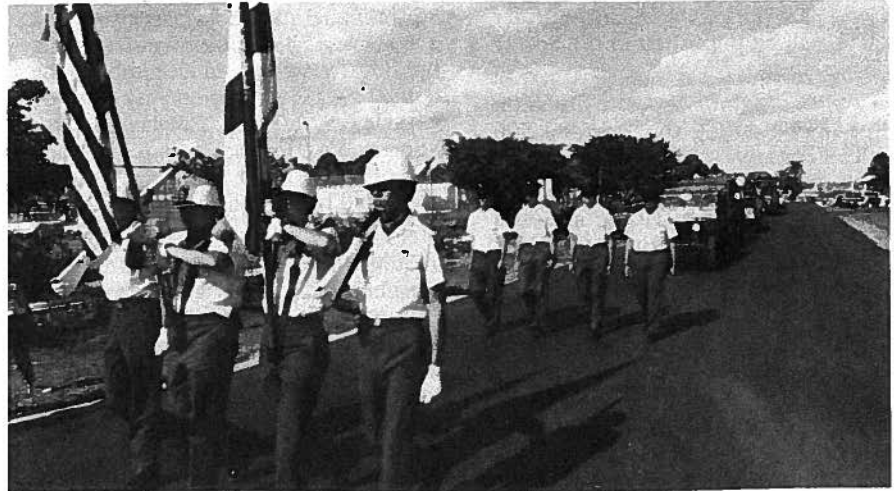
Why does he stand out in a crowd? What are the distinguishing characteristics that separate him from all other cadet officers? This type of leader meets responsibility. Meeting responsibility takes determination, dedication, and hard work. It takes will and effort. It takes vision and boldness that can only be brought about by mastering what I believe to be the two major factors that are indicative of the outstanding senior cadet officer — attitude and self-discipline.

Attitude is the state of mind in approaching every aspect of life. Attitudes are contagious. They slowly affect the actions of others. The cadet officer who displays a positive attitude provides the cement which bonds his or her unit into a workable force. He also promotes cooperation and esprit de corps. The senior cadet officer is looked upon by the basic cadet and the junior cadet officer as a guiding force in the cadet program, and it may be this senior cadet officer's proper attitude alone that provides the incentive for subordinate cadets to remain in the program. The inverse of this situation is the officer with poor attitude. This attitude may result in low morale and a breakdown in unit effectiveness. Proper attitude does not come overnight. It must be developed — developed by hard work and self-discipline, which is my next point.

If I had to pick one single word that compliments the outstanding senior cadet officer the most, it would be self-discipline. It is the absolute nucleus about which the effective leader and officer is centered. Once self-discipline is developed, all other leadership traits — such as proper military bearing, setting the example, integrity, professional competence, self-confidence, a sense of responsibility — all of these easily fall into place.

Self-discipline, like a proper attitude, must be developed. It may

Lantana-Lake Worth color guard leads Christmas parade



The Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron provided the Color Guard for the Greenacres Christmas Parade. The unit also fielded vehicles and marching units in the Lake Worth, Boynton Beach, and Lake Park's Christmas parades. □

mean many hours of sacrifice on the cadet's part, sometimes making the cadet want to give up. But remember, the cadet who does not give up can move mountains. I would like to challenge every cadet tonight to strive for this high degree of determination. The senior cadet officer is charged with maintaining and strengthening those academic, moral, and leadership characteristics that help to develop dynamic Americans and aerospace leaders. Your personal challenge is to stimulate other Civil Air Patrol cadets with a strong desire to excel in this challenging and rewarding program which offers leadership training unequaled anywhere in our nation for our age group.

The qualities of a senior cadet officer are best summed up in the familiar words of one of our greatest military leaders, **General Douglas MacArthur**, "Duty, honor, country — those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn." □

Cadet Activities

Special Acts

Where: Navy Training Center, Orlando

When: 7-8 March 1981

How Much: \$15.00 Per Cadet

How To Apply: CAPF 31 — Three Copies With Picture. Mail to:

FL WG DCP

3010 NE 12th Terrace

Pompano Beach, FL 33064

What to Apply For: All National Activities Except IACE. All Florida Wing Activities Encampment Scholarships, Solo/Flight Scholarships.

You may apply for all National Activities except IACE (apply direct for this activity — send information copy of CAPF 31 to DCP). No quotas are available at this time; airlift is NOT guaranteed.

Florida Wing activities will include Space Flight Orientation Course, On-The-Job Training and Water Survival Training at Homestead AFB, and Cadet Command and Staff School at MacDill AFB (open to Cadet Captains and above during the week of 12-18 April 1981. Wing will also award Encampment and Solo scholarships.

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ACROSS THE WING

SECTOR C is planning a Sector-wide picnic for 6 June. Tentative location is Blue Spring State Park. Further details will be published in the Sector C newsletter.

GROUP 6 will operate mission "FLYSAFE" during the Daytona 500 on 15 February.

GROUP 9 reports local units participated in an Open House at South Florida Aviation during October. Members manned a hot dog stand to raise funds and a Civil Air Patrol display which included a trainer "mock up" built by **Captain Frank Ventimiglia**.

GROUP 11 held workshops in Public Affairs, Communications, Personnel, Administration, and Finance at the Nurses Building, Manatee VoTech Center, for all Group 11 squadron personnel during October and November.

LAKELAND CADET SQUADRON was named Outstanding Cadet/Composite Squadron — 1980 by HQ, Group 16 at the recent Group Awards Banquet. Cadet Commander, **C/MAJ Robert P. Mattie** was named Group 16 Outstanding Cadet for 1980. The squadron also recognized **Cadet Delphia Wilcox** as Squadron Outstanding Doolie for 1980 and **C/MAJ Mattie** as the Squadron Outstanding Cadet. **C/MSgt William J. Travi, Jr.**, was recognized for completion of the Billy Mitchell Award requirements. The squadron's most recent activity was a survival bivouac at which it hosted Group 16 units.

MCCOY CADET SQUADRON hosted ORLANDO CADET SQUADRON at an ELT location training session recently. Under the direction of squadron commander, **1/LT Doug Horn**, cadets and seniors from both units spent the day tracking down ELT signals, successfully locating both moving and intermittent signals.

LANTANA-LAKE WORTH CADET SQUADRON has announced the formation of a Florida Emergency Assistance (FEAT) Team under the direction of **CWO James Lusk**, the squadron's Deputy Commander.

WINTER HAVEN CADET SQUADRON and LAKE WALES COMPOSITE SQUADRON members participated in a Radiological Monitoring Course at the Bartow Air Base in December. The course was presented by **Major Charles S. Myers**, Lakeland Senior Squadron's commander, and included use of radiological monitoring equipment and plotting data on radiological graphs.

SEMINOLE CADET SQUADRON members completed a Standard First Aid course recently. The class was taught by **CWO David LaMontagne**, a certified Red Cross First Aid Instructor and CPR Instructor, as well as a Florida Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

WEST MIAMI CADET SQUADRON became the ENTERPRISE CADET SQUADRON on 1 December in recognition of the U.S. space shuttle program.

SEMINOLE CADET SQUADRON members toured the Kennedy Space Center in November. Five seniors and six cadets visited the Vehicle Assembly Building, the Central Instrument Center, the Astronaut Training Facility, Launch Complexes 34 and 39, the Air Force Titan 3 Complex, and the Hall of History.

GROUP 16 held a Level I Clinic in Lakeland during December. The course was taught by **Major Paulette Mowbray**.

EVERGLADES CADET SQUADRON believes **Cadet Joe Douglas** of Miramar set some sort of record when he joined the squadron on 15 January. His application and check were accepted at 1857, and within six minutes he was in formation — in uniform.

SEMINOLE CADET SQUADRON held a model rocket launch in October at the Central Florida Fairgrounds after three weeks of intensive classroom instruction. Twenty cadets participated in the activity under the command of **C/CAPT Doug Sena. Lt. Ward Davis** served as senior advisor. **C/SSgt Brian Honeyager** had the first successful launch and recovery, while **C/WO Richard Raychel** had the only 2-stage rocket successfully launched.

PINELLAS SENIOR SQUADRON's Sundown Patrol assisted three sailboats in two separate incidents during November and December. On 23 November, **2/LT B. Holzapfel** and cadets **J. Walters, B. Williams** and **W. Seibert**, stood by until assistance reached a disabled sailboat off Indian Rocks Beach. On 13 December, **2/LT L. Kryston** and air crew members **1/LT M. Shannon** and **2/LT B. Kelly** spotted two disabled sailboats off the Redington Beach Pier. After notifying the Coast Guard, **LT Kryston** circled the first sailboat until another boat came to its assistance and remained in the area until the Coast Guard reached the second craft.

GROUP 6 met at Martin's Restaurant in Orange City for their monthly Commander's Call. Guests included **Major Linda Eddy**, Sector C Commander; **LTC Earl Pilcher**, representing Florida Wing; and **Captain Clarence Willey**, who greeted the Group as Mayor of Orange City. Four of the five Group 6 squadrons participated, with 20 members attending.

LAKELAND CADET SQUADRON was represented by **C/Sgt Peter Franzen** at the recent Annual Youth Recognition Banquet sponsored by the Imperial Optimist Club of Lakeland. **C/Sgt Franzen** received a framed certificate and a trophy from the Optimist Club recognizing his participation in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program which the Optimist Club has supported for many years.

UNIVERSITY CADET SQUADRON was represented at the Squadron Staff School in December by **2/LT's Joe Martinez, Beverly Press, and Bill Press**.

HQ, GROUP 5 participated in dedication ceremonies for the new weather surveillance radar located at the weather station at the Palm Beach International Airport. **MAJ B. R. Sypniewski, LT Winn Hull, and LTC Robert Croft** represented Civil Air Patrol.

LAKE WALES COMPOSITE SQUADRON was represented at the recent Squadron Staff School by **S/M Mike Langford**, who attended the Cadet Programs training track.



OCALA COMPOSITE SQUADRON's Public Affairs Officer, 1/LT R. Higgins, got some excellent publicity for the Civil Air Patrol program recently when the Ocala Star-Banner carried a photo feature on the Corporate aircraft -Zero-Six-Tango - assigned to the squadron.

McCOY CADET SQUADRON was presented a squadron flag by **S/M Don McTarsney**. The silk flag depicts the unit logo, a hawk on a field of yellow and red. **2/LT Robert Hough**, Logistics Officer for the squadron, said, "We started pricing flags and soon tabled the idea due to the price". **S/M McTarsney**, recruited by his son, **C/2LT Shaun McTarsney**, made the squadron's dream come true.

BROOKSVILLE CADET SQUADRON hosted a bivouac at the Hernando County Airport recently. 38 cadets from Brooksville Cadet and Inverness Cadet attended. Under Cadet Commander **Joe Stanley**, the cadets managed food and all activities, including a Drill Competition and a dance Saturday evening. **Cadet Donald Grogan** was named, "Cadet of the Encampment".

LAKELAND CADET SQUADRON provided a color guard and ushers for the Heritage Baptist Church of Lakeland on Civil Air Patrol Sunday. The church was also provided bulletin inserts by **Chaplain Hugh Harris**. The squadron had previously provided a color guard for the church on Armed Forces Sunday.

DE LAND COMPOSITE SQUADRON sponsored a Flight Clinic in November. Twelve CAP pilots and five non-member pilots attended.

NORTH TAMPA CADET SQUADRON recognized **C/MAJ Richard Woolverton** in November when **MAJ Thomas Stambaugh**, USAFR Assistance Officer, presented **C/MAJ Woolverton** his Amelia Earhart Award. **C/MAJ Woolverton** joined North Tampa Cadet Squadron in January 1978. He has held the positions of Information Officer, Leadership Officer, and Cadet Commander. He currently serves the squadron as a Counselor and is Recorder, Group 3 CAC. He holds the Amateur Radio Operator rating of Novice A3.

SARASOTA COMPOSITE SQUADRON hosted a bivouac for Group 11 units at the Hi-Hat Ranch which attracted 101 cadet and senior members, making it the largest bivouac held in the area in many years. Training included ground and air search and rescue techniques, map and compass use, first aid, and air and ground search patterns, as well as communications and field base operations and administration.

GROUP 6 reports **LTC Clayton** and **Captain Lillie Miller**, DeLand Composite Squadron; **1/LT Barbara Goddard**, GP 6 PAO; and **S/M William VanInwegan**, Orange City Composite Squadron, attended the Squadron Staff School in December. □

Nov. Promotions

- LTC** Kenneth L. Jackson - 08060
 Bruce T. Wright - 08182
 Jack W. Gary - 08322
 William R. Stack, Jr. - 08340
- MAJ** William V. Kielhorn - 08023
 Rudolph O. Wagner - 08060
 Samuel G. Spiecker, Jr. - 08164
- CAPT** George D. Metz - 08001
 Leopold A. Maynard, Sr. - 08026
 Franklin E. Thornton - 08044
 Thomas W. Fuger - 08044
 Harold C. Petersen, Jr. - 08066
 Ernest N. G. Zeldenryk - 08165
 Donald T. Hasty, Jr. - 08237
 Horace M. McMorrow - 08259
 Rosemarie C. Doane - 08314
 Jerry R. Koolstra - 08322
 Robert W. Howard - 08355
- 1/LT** Timothy W. Duffy - 08025
 Michael R. Hinson - 08040
 James Lumb - 08040
 Kirk K. Steinhauser - 08090
 Leon L. Robinson, Jr. - 08166
 Justo H. Venegas - 08259
 Myrna E. Shank - 08341
 Virginia S. Harvey - 08347
 Marsha E. Dickler - 08349
 Elissa V. DeLotta - 08359
- 2/LT** Brady J. Pawson - 08001
 Daniel H. Gomez - 08023
 Marjorie A. Dupuis - 08026
 Robert G. Francesc - 08040
 Sally L. Woodring - 08040
 Shirley J. Francesc - 08040
 Preston R. Woodring - 08040
 Charles E. Buchanan - 08047
 Dennis J. Glass - 08078
 Edna G. Davis - 08116
 Beverly Press - 08117
 Michael D. Scott - 08130
 J. L. Mancinelli - 08130
 Myron L. Murray - 08130
 Mary L. Horn - 08143
 Carolyn L. Massara - 08237
 Alex D. Blanton - 08237
 Evelyn C. Grady - 08259
 Patricia C. Brien - 08259
 Lawrence B. Brooker - 08259
 Jerry L. Stimpfling - 08315
 Wilton L. Wallace - 08327
 Ronald H. Tyre - 08336
 Jesse L. Murrill - 08336
 Quitman Strickland - 08336
 John A. Miller - 08340
 John A. Miller - 08340
 Richard A. Zeigler - 08352
 John L. Blizzard - 08352
 James E. Fountain - 08358
 Wesley H. Frank - 08359
 Diana L. Gemma - 08359
 Jonathan B. DeLotta - 08359
 Richard DeLotta - 08359

Wing Staff Schedule

Wing Commander's Staff Briefing	Month	Wing Staff Saturday Work Days
3rd	March	21st
7th	April	18th
5th	May	16th
2nd	June	20th

Cadet Activities (cont'd)

Outstanding Cadet of the Year — 1980

Nomination forms for Outstanding Cadet of the Year — 1980 have been mailed to all Cadet/Composite Squadrons and Groups. This award is made on the basis of activity during 1980. Deadline for nominations is 1 March 1981.

Encampments

The Easter Encampment at the Navy Training Center has been cancelled. Every effort is being made to locate an alternate location for the Encampment. However, attendance may be limited. Cadets interested in attending should submit two copies of CAPF 54, Application for CAP Encampment to the DCP.

To apply for cadet staff, submit a military-style letter indicating the position desired, past Encampment experience, and staff positions held in your unit.

Reminder

All cadet paperwork should be mailed to: Thomas C. Welch, LTC-CAP
FL WG DCP
3010 NE 12th Terrace
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

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— Special Announcement —

**Summer Encampment
set for
Navy Training Center,
Orlando
20-27 June 1981
Plan Now To Attend**

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National Aerospace Congress

Full details on the National Aerospace Congress, scheduled for 2-5 April in San Antonio, Texas, were published in the February Aerospace Education Bulletin and distributed to all units in Florida Wing.

Unit Aerospace Education Officers are reminded to submit applications as soon as possible and watch the March Aerospace Education Bulletin for updates on airlift schedules. □

Florida Wing Calendar of Activities

MARCH

- 7- 8 FL WG Special Acts Selection NTC, Orlando
- 12 GP 14 Inspection
- 14-15 FL WG Squadron Staff School South/Southwest Florida Location TBA
- 20 Deadline - May Issue, *Gator CAPers*
- 20-21 NEC Meeting Maxwell AFB, AL

APRIL

- 5 FL WG Mission Coordinators Review Gainesville
- 2- 5 National Aerospace Congress San Antonio, TX
- 12-18 FL WG Cadet Command and Staff School MacDill AFB
- 12-25 FL WG Encampment (Tentative) Location TBA
- 13-17 National SAR School (East) Governor's Island, NY
- 26 GP 8 Inspection

MAY

- 2- 3 FL WG Squadron Leadership School Jacksonville (Tentative)
- 9 FL WG Squadron Management School South/Southwest Florida Location TBA
- 10 GP 16 Inspection
- 12 GP 9 Inspection
- 16 Armed Forces Day

JUNE

- 4 GP 5 Inspection
- 6 Sector C Picnic
- 12-13 SER Conference Holiday Inn, Gatlinburg, TN
- 24 GP 19 Inspection
- 29-3 July FL WG Officers' Training Academy Weber College, Babson Park, FL

Upcoming Activities

- 26 JUL - 1 AUG SE Region Staff College Maxwell, AFB, AL
- 29 JUL - 7 AUG National Staff College National Cadet Officers' School Maxwell AFB, AL

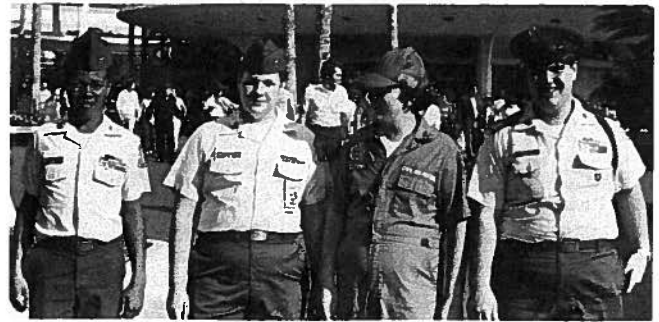
Updates to this Calendar of Activities will be published bi-monthly. Additions, corrections, and/or deletions should be submitted in writing to:
HQ, FL WG — CAP/XR
8850 Binnacle Way
Orlando, FL 32812

Florida Wing Fun Day at Walt Disney World a Success



The Annual Florida Wing Family Fun Day at Walt Disney World was an extremely successful activity. Held on Saturday, 7 February 1981, over 1300 Civil Air Patrol members from Florida Wing, their families, and their friends spent some twelve hours at the Magic Kingdom enjoying themselves. Blue uniforms and jumpsuits were to be seen throughout the park at every attraction. A few of those attending were caught by our cameraman and look pretty happy about the activity. Disney World provided two large banners at the entrance into the Magic Kingdom so all who attended that day knew Civil Air Patrol was there. Many compliments were received from others at the park about the courtesy shown them by our cadet and senior members.

The success of this activity has prompted Special Projects Officer, Captain Karen H. Cumler, to schedule our 1982 Family Fun Day at Walt Disney World for 20 February 1982. She has again agreed to serve as Project Officer for Family Fun Day, and her ambition is to make the Florida Wing Family Fun Day the largest gathering of Civil Air Patrol members in the nation, so mark 20 February 1982 on your calendar right now!



North Tampa Cadet Squadron cadets enjoying the Magic Kingdom.



Senior cadets with C/MAJ Barbara Vola.



Cadets & seniors at Disney World entrance.



M/SGT Larry McGlashen, USAF-LO-CAP and his family attended the activity.



C/LTC Paul Griffith, Florida Wing CAC Chairman, CPT Karen Cumler, Disney project officer, C/MAJ Barbara Vola, Sector "C" CAC Chairman. (Barbara isn't out of uniform, she works at Disney World.)



LTC Tom Welch, Florida Wing director of cadet program with happy cadets.

Project Launch '80 Winners Announced

Project Launch '80 closed on 31 December 1980; although the Wing overall did not attain its goal of a 10% increase in membership, many units and individual members met the challenge. Unit winners are listed below; individual winners will be announced at the Wing Conference in May.

Outstanding Sector - Sector A
 Outstanding Groups in - Group 15 Sector A
 Each Sector - Group 11, Sector B*
 - Group 7, Sector C*
 - Group 1, Sector D

*Achieved over 100% of goal in both senior and cadet membership.

Outstanding Squadron in - Indiantown Cadet Squadron,
 Each Sector - Sector A
 (Highest % Over Goal) - Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron, Sector B
 - West Orange Composite Squadron, Sector C
 - None, Sector D

Squadrons Meeting - Central Cadet Squadron
 Goal (10% Increase) - Everglades Cadet Squadron
 of Exceeding Goal - Westview Cadet Squadron
 - Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron
 - Tamiami Senior Squadron
 - Black Sheep Cadet Squadron

Blue Max Composite Squadron
 Osceola Composite Squadron
 Marion Oaks Composite Squadron
 Tico Composite Squadron
 Headquarters Senior Squadron
 Honorable Mention - HQ, GP 13
 (GP HQ Units — Not HQ, GP 14
 Eligible for Awards HQ, GP 15
 Meeting Goal) HQ, GP 16
 HQ, GP 1

In addition to the above units meeting or exceeding their goal of 10% increase in membership, twelve cadet/composite units met their goal in senior membership but not in cadets, and ten cadet/composite units met their goal in cadet membership but not in seniors.

Individual Project Launch '80 recruiting winners will be notified by mail to appear at the Florida Wing Conference in May to accept their awards. All Florida Wing members who met the challenge to recruit one new member during Project Launch '80 will be awarded Project Launch '80 certificates by their unit commanders who will accept the certificates for all members of their units at the Wing Conference.

The Project Launch '80 motto will be carried forward into 1981 as, "One on One Through '81".

Florida Wing Spring Conference

The Florida Wing Conference will be held 2-3 May 1981 at the Ramada Inn, North Tampa, Busch Boulevard. Information on registration fees and reservation cards to be mailed directly to the motel to make room reservations will be sent to all units in the March mail-out. See your unit commanders for reservation cards and full details.

Below is a Conference Registration Form to be completed and mailed to Wing Headquarters for Conference pre-registration. Please hold this Registration Form until the mail-out reaches your unit with full information on registration and banquet costs. Pre-registration will cost less than registering at the Conference on arrival.

FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**2-3 MAY 1981
 RAMADA INN — NORTH TAMPA**

Please pre-register the following members for the Wing Conference:

 (Name) (Rank) (Unit) (GP)

 (Address) (Phone)

 (Name) (Rank) (Unit) (GP)

 (Address) (Phone)

Enclosed find check, made payable to Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol, covering _____ at \$ _____
 No. of Persons

each for a total of \$ _____ covering Conference Pre-registration, coffee breaks, seminars, and banquet ticket.

NOTE: Reservations for rooms at the Ramada Inn will not be handled through Florida Wing.

Mail to: Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol, WG HQ/Conference Pre-Registration, 8850 Binnacle Way, Orlando, FL 32812

APPLICATION FOR CAP ENCAMPMENT

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		CAP GRADE	CAP SERIAL NUMBER
CURRENT ADDRESS			PHONE NUMBER
WING	UNIT NAME		UNIT CHARTER NUMBER
SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	AGE	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY <input type="checkbox"/> Cadet <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	DATE YOU JOINED CAP
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE			
STATUS IN CADET PROGRAM (<i>Cadets Only</i>). Circle the phase of the cadet program you are in and the number of achievements completed			
PHASE	I	II	III
	IV	ACHIEVEMENT	
		1	2
		3	4
		5	6
		7	8
		9	10
		11	12
		13	14
		15	
PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT			
PREVIOUS ENCAMPMENT EXPERIENCE			
TYPE (A/B)	DATES ATTENDED	POSITIONS HELD	LOCATION
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
DESIRED ENCAMPMENT			
TYPE (A/B)	DATES DESIRED	DESIRED POSITION	LOCATION
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INSURANCE		ATTACHMENTS: Attach all of the following:	
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Company _____	Company _____	• Money Order, Personal Check, or Certified Check	
Policy Number _____	Policy Number _____		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE			
PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CLOSEST RELATIVE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:			
Name _____	Relationship _____		
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	Home	Area Code	Local Number
	Business		
<i>I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF</i>			
_____		_____	
<i>Date</i>		<i>Signature of Applicant</i>	
TO BE COMPLETED AT ENCAMPMENT—DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE			
ENCAMPMENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT		MEDICAL DATA (Limitations, Medications, etc.)	
SENIOR MEMBER ASSIGNED		CADET ASSIGNED	
Quarters _____	Squadron _____ Flight _____		
Duty Telephone _____	Barracks _____ Bed Number _____		
Duty Location _____			

RELEASE AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I am submitting my application for Civil Air Patrol Cadet Encampment Activities, and I hereby volunteer entirely upon my own initiative, risk, and responsibility for an assignment to participate in this activity at the first available opportunity and with full knowledge that such activity may include:

Traveling by land, sea, or air in US military, commercial, or privately owned vehicles from regular place of residence to site of activity, travel incident to the activity, and subsequent return to place of residence.

Participation in aeronautical activities as a passenger or a student trainee in US military, commercial, or privately owned aircraft.

Living for a period of one week or less on diminished rations and minimal shelter simulating actual survival conditions.

Being quartered and/or subsisting away from regular or normal place of residence for an extended period of time.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the benefits of the instruction, equipment, facilities, and other training and necessities I will receive from Civil Air Patrol, Inc., and/or the United States of America (US Army, US Navy, or US Air Force, as appropriate), I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators remise, release, and forever discharge the Government of the United States of America; Civil Air Patrol, Inc.; all officers, directors, employees, and agents, acting officially or otherwise, of both the United States of America and Civil Air Patrol, Inc., from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action on account of my death or on account of any injury to me which may occur by reason of my participation in this activity and other incidents relating thereto.

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

RELEASE BY PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the benefits _____ derives by participating in the activity referred to above, I, as parent or guardian of said minor child, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators remise, release, and forever discharge the Government of the United States of America; Civil Air Patrol, Inc.; all officers, directors, employees, and agents, acting officially or otherwise, of both the United States of America and Civil Air Patrol, Inc., from any and all claims, actions, or causes of action on account of the death of or on account of injury to the applicant which may occur by reason of the activities referred to above. In addition, by my signature below, I certify the applicant:

- a. *Is my minor child or ward.*
- b. *Was born on _____*
- c. *Has no history of injury or disease which might be affected by this activity except: (If any, explain in detail. Attach sheet if necessary) _____*

However, in case of injury, disease, or other illness, permission is hereby granted to treat the applicant as required, and if the applicant is released from the activity before recovery from said injury, disease, or illness, further treatment will be provided by myself.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the undersigned has (have) set his (her) (their) hand to the foregoing this _____ day of _____ 19 _____.

(WITNESS FOR FATHER'S SIGNATURE)

(FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

(STREET)

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(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(WITNESS FOR MOTHER'S SIGNATURE)

(MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

(STREET)

(ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

SQUADRON APPROVAL

I certify that the applicant is qualified to attend a CAP encampment and recommend approval of the application. Flying (is) (is not) authorized by cadet's parent or guardian.

(SIGNATURE OF SQDN CMDR OR DEP CMDR FOR CADETS)

(DATE)

WING APPROVAL

ACTION BY WING HEADQUARTERS:

Approved

Disapproved

ATTENDANCE PRIORITY
(See CAPM 50-16, para 16-6b)

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE)

(DATE)

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Aerospace Education

Results of Florida Wing Aerospace Education Resource Questionnaire

by **Ray S. Taylor**, Captain — CAP
Director of Aerospace Education -
Internal

In October 1980, a questionnaire was distributed with the Aerospace Education Bulletin. The purpose was to give me an overview of the state of internal aerospace education in Florida Wing and to serve as a basis of action to improve this important program. While the results have been valuable in terms of the depth of thought on the part of the respondents, they have been disappointing in terms of quantity. Thusfar, I have heard from approximately 15% of the units in Florida Wing — not a very good statistical basis for action. I would like to sincerely thank those individuals who took the time to consider their internal aerospace education program and respond.

Following is a summary of the results of the questionnaires returned. I will discuss the responses first, then editorialize some on my thoughts as a result.

The first section addressed the availability of personnel to conduct an aerospace program within the units. Thirteen of the seventeen responding units indicated that an Aerospace Education Officer was assigned; the other four said that someone was acting in this capacity. About half were pilot and/or teacher qualified; very few were members of aerospace associations. More than half of the units use senior cadets to instruct aerospace classes, although the reviews on the success of this approach were mixed. About half indicated the part-time use of non-CAP individuals as instructors.

The second section of the questionnaire addressed the content of the aerospace education program. Almost all units had classes, ranging in frequency from one per meeting to three per year. Orientation flights were not conducted as frequently as the classes, with about half of the units reporting flights from twice per year to once per year. Labs and tours were also used by most units with frequencies ranging from once a month to once a year. In the "other" category of activities, glider orientation flights, hot air balloons, and model rocket and aircraft contests were mentioned. All

units indicated that they pre-scheduled their aerospace education activities, although the lead time varied considerably. All units indicated on-going or periodic use of the training aids listed. Predominant was the sectional aeronautical chart. Many listed additional literature, over and above *Your Aerospace World*, which they use in support of their programs. (I'll make this list available in a future Aerospace Education Bulletin.)

The next section questioned the frequency and logistics for orientation flights. Eight units reported that they used pilots within the unit for this support; a higher number reported that pilots were obtained from a different unit. About half of the units indicated that they used Corporate aircraft in support of their program while the others used privately-owned equipment or a combination. With respect to orientation flight goals, not all units reported. Of those that did, a higher percentage met their 1979 goals than those for 1980. Two units reported that they had had no orientation flights at all and that this constituted a serious problem in their aerospace programs. Two units reported that their cadets helped to fund the orientation flights through working in exchange for the rides. Types of work mentioned were hangar painting and aircraft washing. This may be food for thought for those units wondering how they might pay for this important program.

The questionnaire next addressed the use of non-CAP resources to support the unit Aerospace Education effort. A number of reporting squadrons indicated that periodic use was made of these resources, with general aviation, USAF, FAA, flying clubs, ROTC, and Air Force Association assistance mentioned. In addition to direct involvement in the program, these resources were also mentioned as "latch keys" to resources which otherwise would have been unavailable; for instance, tours.

I intend to discuss the various sections of the questionnaire in greater detail in upcoming issues of the Aerospace Bulletin. I have, however, drawn some conclusions from the overall exercise; the information submitted, and the lack of it. I've concluded that the greatest impediment to im-

proving the Aerospace Education Program for Florida Wing is the lack of people to address the issue, full time. Aerospace is a subject which cannot be "left-handed". Without motivated individuals to prepare lessons, teach, counsel, and coordinate resources, we won't be able to do much more than limp along. I'm inclined to think that those questionnaires which were returned were done so because of the interest and involvement of the responders and, conversely, that I didn't hear from the majority of the units because of the lack of these people. One of my first priorities for 1981, therefore, will be the emphasizing of the need to recruit and train Aerospace Education Officers for both Groups and Squadrons.

Aerospace Education, like most activities with which CAP is involved, cannot be improved by one person; it must obviously be a team effort. My feeling is that the Groups are key in furthering this due to their ability to work with and influence the units under them most directly. I think that the Group Aerospace Education Officer position is thus vital to our collective efforts toward improvement. Those Groups which do not have assigned AEO's should make every effort to recruit and fill this position. We will then be in a much better position to move forward with Aerospace for the Eighties. □

Attention All Members

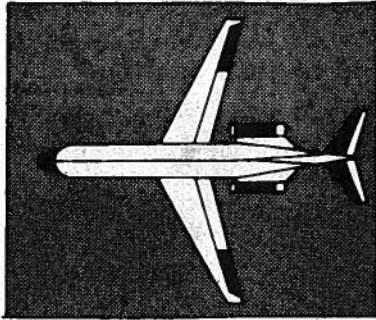
Listed below are the deadline dates for editorial material for the 1981 issues of the magazine. In order to meet our publication dates, it is imperative that we have your material by the deadlines indicated below:

Wing Editorial Deadlines

March 27	May 29	July 30
October 2		December 3

Please send all editorial material to Civil Air Patrol member (designated by Wing Headquarters) by Wing editorial deadline date.

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