

# Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol Newsletter



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## Commander's Message

By: Col Patrick O'Key, Commander, FL Wing



I can't believe it is already April 2007. With all of the activities and training going on around the wing, time is flying by. An exciting activity coming up in the wing is the Sun 'n Fun event held every year in Lakeland, Florida. This is the world's second largest air show event - second only to Oshkosh being held April 17th – 23rd. Go to <http://www.sun-n-fun.org> for more info. I hope many of you are making plans to attend. The other large event is the Florida Wing Conference being held June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grosvenor Resort the Downtown Disney Resort area of Orlando. You can register on line at <http://www.flwg.us> I hope to see many of you there to renew friendships, attend seminars, and see your fellow members being recognized for all of their hard work and dedication at the Annual Banquet.

As we get closer to hurricane season I would like all of you to take the time to renew your emergency plans for your families. A little thought and organization now will save you many hours of added grief trying to compete for the usual supplies such as water, batteries, canned goods, gas for the generator, etc. Also think about evacuation plans, where you will go, and what critical information you will need to go with you. Have a couple of large plastic tubs for family photos, insurance documents, and any other materials that may be impossible to replace. Please listen to any and all instructions by your local law enforcement or County Emergency Operations Centers about when to evacuate if ordered to do so. Your life may depend on it.

Many of you have commented about some of the recent changes I have implemented in the Florida Wing. I want to share with you my intent. We are still the largest wing in the country. In order to successfully run this wing, it takes a dedicated team. That is why I have added 3 Deputy Chiefs of Staff. It is an overwhelming task for just one, and I want to be able to support all of the missions of Civil Air Patrol without burning out good people. I feel the command team in place now will be able to bring the Florida Wing to a state of operational readiness to be able to support all of the customers and demands put upon us. We have many different tasks going on in the wing, and continued training is the key. The AFRCC is still one of our largest customers and we still have some challenges fielding a ground team to silence an ELT. We need to focus on the basics. I encourage all of the units in the wing to train UDF and Ground Teams. I encourage all of you to reach out to your local county emergency operation center and inquire about Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). Not only is it good practical knowledge, but it will get you acquainted with your local emergency managers. This in turn will help get the word out about Civil Air Patrol and what we can bring to the local community in time of need.

I am praying for a calm storm season for 2007, and ask each and every one of you to think before you act. Let's keep safety as a priority and remember, common sense is the best approach.

*Patrick O'Key*



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## FL Wing Contributes to Time Capsule

**By: Capt Terrance Power, FL Wing Director of Marketing & Public Relations**

Florida Wing Commander Col Patrick O'Key joined his fellow Wing Commanders this week in Washington, D.C. in submitting articles or mementos of their Wing's activities into a Civil Air Patrol Time Capsule that will be opened in the year 2072.

The Florida Wing submitted the two most recent copies of the Florida *Gator Capers* newsletter (copies of which can be found at <http://flwg.us/html/GatorCAPers.html>) as well as a personal letter from Col O'Key on behalf of the nearly 4,000 members of the Florida Wing. Excerpts from the letter are:

"On behalf of the 2007 Florida Wing of Civil Air Patrol, we extend our sincere best wishes to the Civil Air Patrol Members of the 2070's. It is likely that things are a little different in your time period than they are in ours, so here are some statistics about the Florida Wing:

We currently as of this date have 1680 Cadets and 2105 Officers (senior members) in the Wing, making the Florida Wing of Civil Air Patrol the nation's largest in terms of members. Our primary missions are Emergency Services, Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education, as they have been since our founding in 1941."

The letter continues on with a brief overview of some of our more recent tasks, including hurricane relief efforts, security flights over the Space Shuttle launch site, supporting our troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and an overview of our aircraft fleet, including the Garmin G-1000 glass-cockpit systems (which will probably be an antiquated system when the letter is read in 2072).

The plexiglas time capsule will be sealed and put on display at the National Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Our sincere thanks to the Florida Wing Public Affairs team, especially Florida *GatorCAPers* Editor 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Eileen Tonkinson and Assistant Editor 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Melody Clancy, for their work in preparing the copy and the documents so they could be printed with archive quality paper and ink.

Thanks are also in order to Florida Wing C/CMSgt Dillon Clancy from Marion County Composite Squadron who actually drafted the letter that Col O'Key submitted. His initials ("dmc") are located on the bottom of the letter, and hopefully they will bring back pleasant memories for him when the time capsule is opened – Cadet Clancy will be 80 years old when it happens. See the full article at <http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=462&category=>.

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## Three Deputy Chiefs of Staff Appointed

**By: Col Patrick O'Key, Commander, FL Wing**

The FL Wing now mirrors the program that National Headquarters and many other wings use by having three Deputy Chiefs of Staff who report to the Vice Commander. I feel this will cut down on the span of control and increase the effectiveness and efficiency. I am pleased to appoint the following:

**Lt Col Christian Moersch - Deputy Chief of Staff / Operations** responsible for Operations, Emergency Services, Standards and Evaluations, CISM

**Lt Col Art Giles - Deputy Chief of Staff / Support** responsible for Aerospace Education, Information Technologies, Communications, Logistics

**Lt Col Wes Hannah - Deputy Chief of Staff / Training** responsible for Professional Development, Administration, Personnel, Historian

The Vice Commander, Lt Col John Varsames, will handle the Public Affairs Department and the Legislative Offices. As the Wing Commander, I will handle the Group Commanders, Safety, Inspector General, Chaplain, and Cadet Programs.

### **FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE**

**8-10 June 2007**

**Grosvenor Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Orlando**

Find more information and register on line at <http://flwg.us>

# FL Wing Special Acts 2007

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jackie Zarrelli, FL Wing Public Affairs Officer

At Patrick Air Force Base, special things happened when 85 cadets and 25 senior officers from 22 squadrons and wing staff gathered. It was the annual Florida Wing review process to evaluate Cadets in different aspects of the program and allow them to compete for a slot in one of the over 30 summer activities "academies" run by Civil Air Patrol across the country. Capt Linus Gomez welcomed senior officers and cadets acknowledging their commitment to CAP and appreciation of their participation in this event. Review Boards were established for each of the Cadet Program Phases, in which senior officers interviewed each cadet individually. Cadets competing for Cadet of the Year, International Air Cadet Exchange and/or Career Shadowing had to appear before additional boards. They were graded on reporting procedures, uniform, grooming, military bearing and responses to a series of questions. Cadets also took a 50 question leadership aerospace test and ran a mile.

On behalf of the entire Florida Wing, Cadet Programs Director Major Margarita Mesones-Mori offers congratulations to all the Cadets for doing an outstanding job!!!

### Cadet of the Year:

**Phase IV - C/Lt Col Daniel Daley, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron**

**Phase III - C/1st Lt Jenna McCord, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron**

**Phase II - C/CMSgt Andrew Day, 8049th Cadet Squadron**

As Phase IV Cadet of the Year C/Lt Col Daniel Daley will represent Florida at the Region in hopes of becoming the next Southeast Region Cadet of the Year!!!



### **Mile Run:**

Fleet foot award, female - Amanda Lenardson, Pembroke Pines Composite  
 Fleet foot award, male - Robert Geier, Citrus County Composite

### **Written Exam:**

Highest Written Exam, Phase I - Christopher Hastings, Pembroke Pines  
 Highest Written Exam, Phase II - Andrew Day, 8049 Composite  
 Highest Written Exam, Phase III - Jack Miller, Central Florida Composite  
 Highest Written Exam, Phase IV - Troy Odierno, Coral Springs  
 Highest Written Exam Overall - Jack Miller, Central Florida Composite

### **Review Board:**

Top Board Score, Phase I - David Lee , Pembroke Pines Composite  
 Top Board Score, Phase II - Bryant Varela, Sweetwater Cadet  
 Top Board Score, Phase III - Andrea Batista, Miami Springs  
 Top Board Score, Phase IV - Daniel Daley, Coral Springs  
 Top Board Score Overall - Andrea Batista, Miami Springs

Photo Left by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Matthew Congrove.

Photo Below by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jackie Zarrelli

### **Overall:**

Top Score Overall, Phase I - Cristopher Hastings, Pembroke Pines  
 Top Score Overall, Phase II - Juan Romero, Homestead ARB Cadet  
 Top Score Overall, Phase III - Andrea Batista, Miami Springs  
 Top Score Overall, Phase IV - Chelsea Weiss, Central Florida Composite

Ranking	Cadet
1	Andrea Batista
2	Jenna McCord
3	Christian Chung
4	Deborah Leach
5	Jennifer Jay
6	Matthew Dion
7	Chelsea Weiss
8	Juan Romero
9	Bryant Varela
10	Daniel Daley



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## CAP Helps Boy Scouts Fly

By: *Capt Corey S. Halaychik, Group 9 Public Affairs Officer*



*C/A1C Riley LaBoy (L), Michael Sulsentì (C) and Dallas*

Civil Air Patrol members from five Central Florida squadrons came together on 27 January to assist the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) help boy scouts earn their aviation merit badges. The EAA event held at the Fantasy of Flight aviation attraction in Polk City provided Young Eagle Flights for more than 125 boy scouts and other youth. Young Eagle Flights are provided free of charge by the EAA and are designed to introduce youth to the wonders and joys of aviation.

Twenty members from the DeLand, Lake, Orlando, Polk County and Marion County Composite Squadrons supported the event by marshalling aircraft, working parking and escort details and providing safety patrols. CAP cadets also had an opportunity to share their knowledge of aviation as they talked with the boy scouts about their own CAP flight experiences and explained the historical significance of some of the aircraft on display at Fantasy of Flight.

Scout Master Jerry Sulsentì said "it's great to see my scouts get to spend time with other civic minded youths; especially ones so knowledgeable about airplanes." The support that CAP provided was greatly appreciated by all who attended and could best be summed up in the words of EAA member Steve Gatlin who commented that "CAP always does a fantastic job and we're lucky to have their help!"

See the full article at <http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=450>.

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## Wings of Freedom at Boca Raton

By: *1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jackie Zarrelli, FL Wing Public Affairs Officer*

When the Wings of Freedom with its array of WWII aircraft flew into Boca Raton Airport, cadets and senior officers of Group 6 were there helping with crowd control, directing traffic and performing miscellaneous duties. The CAP Officer in Charge, Captain Crowling, said the event went off like clock work because of the tremendous coordination, cooperation and camaraderie between veterans, the foundation, CAP members, the Airport Authority, Boca Raton Pilot's Association and the Boca Raton Fire Department Explorers.

Arriving early to help set up, two cadets, C/Maj Christina Zarrilli and C/SMSGt Katherine Jones, were fortunate to receive special tour from WWII Army Air Corp B 24 Bombardier, ex POW, and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient, Lt Irwin Stovroff. They saw where he was positioned in the belly of the bomber under the cockpit. The cadets heard how Lt Stovroff was shot down on his last mission over Germany and taken prisoner of war. He spoke about his experiences of living on the edge, as 50% to 60% of the ally aircraft did not return from their missions. He spoke of the fear he felt as he threw away his dog tags which identified him as Jewish, the intense interrogation as the enemy tried to extract information from him and his fellow Americans. Cadet Major Zarrilli said, *"It is amazing to talk with these veterans and to hear their stories. It really hit me hard to learn what Lt Stovroff went through. He was not much older than I am when he went to war and was captured"*.

A recruiting tent was set up where visitors also had the opportunity to learn about CAP. Lantana Cadet Squadron Commander, Lt Col Robert Masiker said, *"It is great working together with my colleagues from Boca Raton Composite Squadron and to see these Bombers."* C/MSgt Alejandro Lopez from Lantana piped in, *"Yes, it is real special. I couldn't believe how tight the space is inside! It was real hard to move around. They would have been wearing heavy clothing to keep warm up there. Man, those guys had to be tough."* The Collings Foundation, operating the bombers, with the local veterans certainly were successful in providing all who visited a glimpse into WWII.



*C/SMSGt Katherine Jones, C/Maj Christina Zarrilli and Lt Irwin Stovroff  
Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jackie Zarrelli*

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## Wings of Freedom at Fernandina Beach

By: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jim Layman, Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron



During four days in January the Fernandina Beach Municipal airport was transformed into a WWII bomber base. Visiting warbirds and visitors enjoyed static and historical displays, an authentic USO Canteen, and informative lectures and presentations by veterans and members of the Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron. The event, which was co-hosted by the Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron and the Amelia Island Museum, provided an opportunity to step back into history as well as to honor and say thank you to the WWII veterans.

The fully restored B-17 and B-24 operated by the Collings Foundation began their nationwide "Wings of Freedom" tour at Fernandina Beach where participants and visitors alike loved the bombers and other warbirds. They experienced the smoke, smell of gas and oil, and the noise all coming from those old and reliable round engines.

While the bomber crews gave ground and flying tours, CAP members and spouses organized and staffed displays. The very popular CAP exhibit showcased the squadron's aircraft and a multi-media presentation of CAP from WWII to the present. A number of potential members were identified and have begun the membership process.

See the full article at <http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=461&category=>

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## Wings of Freedom at Ocala

By: Lt Col Paul Blystone, Deputy Commander Marion County Composite Squadron

For three days in February, the Wings of Freedom Tour of the WWII Vintage Warbirds, B-17 Flying Fortress - B-24 Liberator, and the B-25 Mitchell were all on display at the Ocala International Airport. Also on display was the Marion County Composite Squadron's Communications trailer and C-182 Aircraft.

The event was a big success for our local squadron and Civil Air Patrol. We had good exposure, supplied plenty of recruiting materials, and improved our relationship with airport officials. The communications trailer served three purposes; communications, command center, and recruitment. We had a surprise visit from Lt Col Harry Jones who dropped by in the Gipsland GA8 Air Van.

Photo: Cadets Justin Young and Isiah Tamblinson in B-25 cockpit.



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## Squadron to Rebuild a Piece of Aviation History

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mark Sweitzer, Deputy Commander for Seniors, Suwannee Valley Composite Squadron

Members of the Suwannee Valley Composite Squadron have been provided the opportunity to recreate history. Watching films of World War II often will give one the opportunity to see a bomber, somewhere, dropping bombs on a target in the European or Pacific theaters. Invariably, that bomber is a B-17, also known as the Flying Fortress.

Recently, the Suwannee Valley Composite Squadron was given a B-17 engine in pieces - a kit purchased by the late husband of Rondi Alber. She donated it to the squadron for an Aerospace project. It is her desire to see the engine restored and put on display in a museum. The squadron commander, Captain Grant Meadows, took this challenge.

The engine is a cut-away model, so it will never be used to fly an aircraft. The goal is to clean up the parts and get it to full working order - or as much as a cutaway model can be working. This will occupy the squadron's AE meetings for quite some time. When the engine is fully restored, the last wishes of Mrs. Alber will be carried out and the engine will be put on display somewhere - the final location has not yet been determined.

See the full article at <http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=454>

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## Chaplains Assist MacDill Communications Unit

**By: Chaplain Maj Lewis McMullen, Deputy Wing Chaplain**

Florida Wing Chaplains Lewis McMullen and David Lefavor got a small sample of what it takes to prepare a unit for overseas deployment. Both chaplains were asked to lend religious support during an Operational Readiness Exercise for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Communications Support Element based at MacDill Air Force Base.

As part of their preparation, a request was made to the MacDill Chaplain command for chaplains to support the unit and help with any spiritual or emotional issues that might arise. Because of many requests made of the MacDill chaplain staff, Chaplain Major Hector Colon of the United States Air Force put a call out for any Florida Wing Chaplain's available to assist. Chaplains McMullen and Lefavor answered that call.

According to Chaplain McMullen, "Our main job was mainly a ministry of presence. We were there to talk, listen and encourage." Since the launch of the War on Terrorism, Florida Wing Chaplains have been assisting MacDill chaplains with military funerals, weddings and worship services at the base chapel. Chaplains Lefavor and McMullen are also two of the six wing chaplains who are supporting the Florida National Guard by serving as unit chaplain around the state. What makes this event so unique is that this is the first time a request was made to work with an active duty unit during training. Hopefully this experience will open the door for more of our chaplains and other personnel to serve in a support role for our troops.

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## CAP - Challenge Air Team Up

**By: Lt Col Virginia Montalvo, Palm Beach Military Academy Cadet Squadron**

For the past ten years at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, Civil Air Patrol has worked together with *Challenge Air* to give disabled children the thrill of their lives - a ride in the co-pilot seat of a small aircraft. Navy pilot Lt Richard Amber founded *Challenge Air* in 1993 as a not-for-profit organization which offers motivational, inspirational and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through flight. Lt Amber, whose injuries in Vietnam confined him to a wheelchair, continued to fly and was determined to encourage others, like him, to reach beyond themselves by establishing this terrific program.

CAP Cadets and Senior Officers from Group 6 Palm Beach County squadrons assisted proficiently and professionally in various areas of the *Challenge Air* Fly Day activity.

Over twenty-five volunteer pilots assembled with their private planes to support the *Challenge Air* goal of flying over 185 disabled youngsters with accompanying family members.

Banyan Airlines at Fort Lauderdale provided the facilities, and music permeated the air along with huge brightly colored balloons which filled the hangar. There was more than an ample supply of food that was donated for the event.



Photo by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Dean Knudsen

See the full article at

<http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=451>

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## Incident Management Utility Training

**By: Maj Van Vredenburg, Commander Group 9**



Twenty FLWG Incident Commanders (ICs) recently came together to learn the new Incident Management Utilities (IMU) program. The two day course, taught by Oregon Wing's Lt Col Peter Anderson, was held over the weekend of January 27th and 28th and was designed to get FL Wing ICs up to speed on the new program which will soon become the standard tool for use during missions.

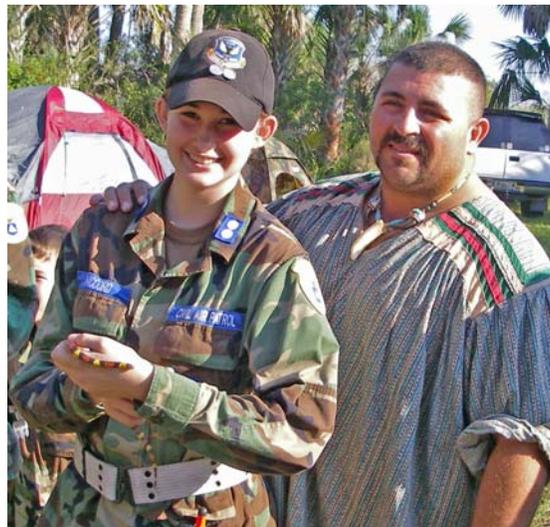
The IMU is a powerful tool which allows ICs and mission base personnel to access the member qualification information of those working a mission directly from National Headquarters' database. Additionally, the IMU provides several other helpful tools including the mapping of air and ground assets and allowing mission chiefs to assign tasks and sorties. Because the IMU program pulls information directly from National Headquarters, it is important for members to ensure their information is correct and up to date.

## Survival: Everglades

By: *Maj Nicholas Sacco, Commander, Group 11*

On 19 January 2007, over 30 members of the Civil Air Patrol's Florida Wing converged on Everglades National Park for Group 11's first Everglades Survival School. The Survival School is part of Group 11's new Diamondback Search and Rescue Academy (DSRA) created to provide consistent and ongoing search and rescue training to the members of Group 11 and the Florida Wing.

Scott Harap, former US Marine Corps Scout/Sniper and Everglades aficionado, was the guest instructor for this incredible training opportunity. Attendees learned how to cook fish without a fire and how to prepare heart of palm. They also were also instructed on which types of plant and animal life can be used for nutrition out in the glades. As a surprise to the cadets, Scott arranged for Glenn "Gator Man" Wilsey, Sr. and Gus "Onebear" Batista, from the Seminole Tribe's Billy's Swamp Safari, to drop by with a few "friends." Glenn and Gus brought with them a Coral Snake and an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. The two snake experts explained the dangers of these animals and how to identify and steer clear of them if they are encountered. They wrapped up the show by letting cadets handle the non-poisonous Scarlett Kingsnake. The Kingsnake, Glenn explained, uses its similar coloring to trick predators into thinking it is the deadly Coral Snake.



*C/1st Lt Jenna McCord of Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron poses with Gus "Onebear" Batista and a Scarlet Kingsnake*

"After a weekend of training like this, everyone should walk away with the knowledge that they could survive out here safely if they had to" said Scott. See the full article at <http://flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=453>.



## CAP Hosts Historical Society's Appraisal Faire

By: *Lt Col Lee Henderson, Commander, Marco Island Composite Squadron*

Dr. Wes Cowan, Ken Farmer, and Nan Chisholm, featured appraisers from the **Antiques Road Show**, worked the appraisal tables at the Marco Island Historical Society's Appraisal Event, held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Marco Island Airport Civil Air Patrol Hangar. The Spring Appraisal Faire was an outstanding fund raising success to support building an 8,000 square foot history museum and living history theater on Marco Island. It was also a good fund raiser for the Marco Island Composite Squadron due to the rental of hangar space for the event.

Participating at the faire were CAP cadets Chris Sajdak, James Heidings, and Sam Hine who helped direct the cars to parking spaces under the direction of Col Dave Gardner. Lt Col Lee Henderson, Marco Island Squadron Commander, Lt Col Ray Rosenberg, Capt Cindy Dohm and Capt Bob Dohm put in many hours preparing the hangar and helping at the Faire. Lt Col Ann Niess and Lt Col Richard Niess also assisted the Historical Society during the event.



*Col Dave Gardner and Lt Col Richard Niess*

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## Vaccination Needed for Adults

By: *Maj Sergio B. Seoane, M.D., FL Wing Medical Officer*

Why should we still be vaccinated? Two reasons. The first is to protect ourselves. Even if we think our chance of getting any of these diseases is small, the diseases still exist and can still infect anyone who is not protected. A few years ago a child in California who had just entered school caught diphtheria and died. He was the only unvaccinated pupil in his class.

The second reason to get vaccinated is to protect those around us. There is a small number of people who cannot be vaccinated (because of severe allergies to vaccine components, for example), and a small percentage of people don't respond to vaccines. These people are susceptible to disease, and their only hope of protection is that people around them are immune and cannot pass disease to them. A successful vaccination program, like a successful society, depends on the cooperation of every individual to ensure the good of all.



In the United States, pediatric immunization programs have been very successful with almost 80 percent of preschool children being immunized against targeted diseases. Because of the success of these programs, less than 500 children die annually of vaccine preventable diseases.

There have been marked improvements in immunization rates in adults 65 years and older, although the rates are still lower than in children. A review conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) compared vaccinations in elderly adults in 1989 and 2003. Pneumococcal vaccine coverage increased from 15 to 64 percent and annual influenza immunization increased from 33 to 70 percent.

In contrast to older adults, immunization rates for younger adults at risk for these two diseases remains extremely low. Only 12 percent of adults between 18 to 49 years at risk of pneumococcal disease have received the vaccine, and only 20 percent of those at risk for influenza have been immunized against influenza in the previous 12 months. It is estimated that nearly 70,000 adults die annually of these two vaccine preventable diseases alone.

Immunity to tetanus and diphtheria also continues to diminish among adults in the United States. Only 47 percent of adults over the age of 20 years had protective antibodies to both diseases and only 63 percent of adults with immunity to tetanus also had protective antibody to diphtheria. In contrast, 91 percent of children from 6 to 11 years of age had protective antibody to both diseases.

There are numerous new vaccines being introduced, for example, there is now a vaccine for Herpes Zoster (Shingles) and Human papilloma virus (responsible for nearly 100% of cervical cancer in the USA). Although our treatment of diseases continues to advance and our knowledge to improve disease outcomes continues to improve, the greatest protection is never to get the disease in the first place. So... **get vaccinated!**

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## Safety Corner

By: *Maj Bill Woody, FL Wing Director of Safety*

- ➔ The March 2007 issue of *The Sentinel*, the official safety newsletter of Civil Air Patrol, is at <http://level2.cap.gov/documents/Sentinel.pdf>. We can take on the spirit of Spring and check our equipment to make sure we're ready for CAP missions and activities. Please read through this issue and "catch" the briefing on colds. There is also news about the new On-line Safety Reporting System, the CAPF 78 summary and, on the last page, an article on Automotive Safety.
- ➔ Operation CAPESAFE is the way you can share your safety ideas and suggestions with ALL of CAP. Congratulations to Lt Col John Varsames, FL Wing Vice Commander. He is recognized for sending the Best Air Ops suggestion this month.
- ➔ The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's (AOPA) Air Safety Foundation distributed a movie on DVD titled "Do the Right Thing - Decision Making for Pilots". It makes some strong points and is highly recommended for squadron safety meetings. If you make the right decision it will guide you back to see what might have happened had you made the wrong decision. It has both VFR and IFR situations. Commanders or Safety Officers may contact <mailto:flwgsafety@att.net> if they do not have the DVD available.

Additional information is available in a pamphlet at <http://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/sa24.pdf> and in a seminar at <http://www.aopa.org/asf/product/decision.html>.

- ➔ The FL Wing is again conducting the **SAFETY POSTER CONTEST** with a \$100 GRAND PRIZE. Entries will be judged and the prize awarded at the FL Wing Conference in June. Details will be available shortly.

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## Cadet Awards

### Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

- Juan C. Arraya

### Amelia Earhart Award

- Joshua B. Anderson
- Joshua A. Baber
- Matthew A. Keyes
- Liam J. Lloyd
- Donald C. Lodge-Maragh
- Jonathan V. Mahadeo
- Jack M. Miller
- Mario L. Pozo
- Jonathan C. Samonas
- Justin T. Tellekamp

### Gen Billy Mitchell Award

- Jake M. Carpenter
- Andrew W. Day
- Heather N. Fellman
- Charles A. Lopez
- Aaron J. Lynch
- Jordan T. Marsh
- Benton R. Parry
- Brit Reuscher
- Denzel M. Samuel
- David L. Sneider
- Bryan M. White
- Justin A Story

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## Officer Awards

### Gill Robb Wilson Award

- Maj Crist D. Fellman

### Paul E Garber Award

- Maj Thomas A. Kuznar
- Maj Linda J. Pugsley
- Capt Bruce S. Sage
- Maj Edmond J. Tremblay

### Grover Loening Award

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mitchell J. Drucker
- Capt Milton R. Kaletta
- Maj Joseph A. Moldon
- Maj Paul H. Neuharth
- Maj Lee A. Powell
- Capt J. Thomas Ratliff
- Capt Gregory S. Thompson

### Gen Benjamin O Davis Award

- Capt Margaret J. Campbell
- Capt David A. Littlefield
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Owen R. Parry

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## Three Join Cadet Honor Society

*Cadet Michael Davlantes* from Jacksonville Composite Squadron, *Cadet Trung Tran*, and *Cadet David Terris* from the North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron are the 53rd, 54th, and 55th inductees into the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society. They have demonstrated an excellent academic record and are well-deserved of this award. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment!

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## Recent Officer Promotions

Lt Col David Crockwell  
Lt Col Arnold Glauser  
Lt Col John Hanigan  
Lt Col Raymond Hayden  
Lt Col Gene Kendall  
Lt Col William Rogerson  
Lt Col Elmer Schrag  
Lt Col Edmond Tremblay  
Lt Col John Varsames

Lt Col John Vredenburgh  
Lt Col William Westcott  
Lt Col Diane Westcott  
Maj Raymond Bass  
Maj Sharkey Baz  
Maj Steven Bollens  
Maj Wilfred DeCanio  
Maj Eric Duron

Maj Charlie Holliday  
Maj Toni Jennings  
Maj Robert Kadechka  
Maj Patricia Lovarco  
Maj Jimmy Macon  
Maj Joseph Moldon  
Maj Romolo Mongillo  
Maj Lee Powell  
Maj George Ramsaran

Maj Nicholas Sacco  
Maj Sebastian Schmitz  
Maj James Strickland  
Maj Robert Thompson  
Maj Lee Wedlake  
Maj David Wilkinson  
Maj Robert Wood  
Maj William Woody  
Maj Charlie Wright

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## *In Memoriam*

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt John William "Bill" Westbrook, Ocala Squadron**

## Calendar

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

31 Mar-1 Apr 07	Airfest 2007 - MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL
16-23 Apr 07	Sun 'n Fun Precautionary Mission, Lakeland, FL
17-23 Apr 07	33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, Lakeland, FL
27-29 Apr 07	Central FL Wilderness Survival School, Buckhead Ridge, FL
28-29 Apr 07	Lake City Air Show, Lake City, FL
24-26 May 07	FL Parent Educators Convention, Orlando, FL
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