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## Over 400 Attend Conference



Col. Lee McCormack addresses the Group Commanders Meeting.



Senior Member of the Year- LCol. Robert Pinney. For work far beyond the call of duty.



Wing Commanders Award- Maj. Mary Douglas. For outstanding support of the Wing commander.



Outstanding Wing Staff Member, Capt. Al Seechaff. For bring Fla. I.O. rating up from 29 to #2 in the Nation.

Over four hundred people attended Florida Wing's Fifteenth Annual Conference and Special Activities Selections. The consensus was that this conference was one of the best.

Impressively, the General Assembly room was nearly filled on Saturday morning. Colonel Walter Riley National Headquarters, CAP and Colonel L.H. McCormack, SER Commander were the guests of honor. At the General Assembly Florida Wing Certificates of Merit were presented to units which equalled or surpassed their Project Launch goals. Colonel Richard L. Leali, Florida Wing Commander presented his "State of the Wing" message. Florida is on the move upwards thanks to all the efforts of its members.

Afterwards the section meetings were well attended (many to over capacity.) Dr. Richard Ovington, National Headquarters, CAP, conducted the Squadron Leadership School with the assistance of LTC Richard Curran, SER Chief of Staff. All participants of the school rated it highly and enthusiastically. The cadet selection process was efficient and thorough although at times hectic.

Saturday night was the culmination beginning with the cadet coke party and the senior cocktail party. Several of Florida's distinguished state legislators attended the Awards Banquet. Trophies and awards were presented to outstanding senior and cadet members for their contributions and achievements within the Civil Air Patrol.



LCol "Lib" Sedita receives SAFETY award from LCol. Russ Holdren for Group 12, for support and prompt reporting.



Barbara Goddard accepts the I.O. award for the outstanding Group, Group Six.



Maj. Slapo presents the Communications Award to LCol. Bob Croft.



### NEW EDITOR

Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol extends its heartiest thanks to Captain Diane Kittendorf for a difficult job well done as editor of the Gator Capers.

We are pleased to welcome as new editor, a former editor, Diana Roder. Good Luck to both Diane and Diana.

Mail all future entries for the Gator Capers to:

Diana Roder  
12822 SW 12 Terrace  
Miami, FL 33184

The quality and proliferation of articles submitted to the "Gator Capers" is encouraging. Keep the articles and photos of your unit activity coming but remember to send it to the new editor; otherwise your submission may be too late to include in the next issue.



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## Commander's Column



### FLA 7TH IN 1977

Through the effort, enthusiasm, and hard work of all senior and cadet members of the Florida Wing, we managed to place number seven in the National Evaluations of all the wings in Civil Air Patrol. In 1976, the Florida Wing placed ninth in these evaluations. How did the Florida Wing achieve its higher rating this year in these evaluations? By the hard work and dedication expended by each cadet and senior member in the Wing. You, the senior member, who gave your time to fly cadets on orientation rides or fly on SAR missions, who administered the cadet program or planned and executed senior activities, or you, who manned the radios and passed traffic for the various commands, or you, who wrote publications or taught aerospace educations, or gave speeches to increase the public awareness or recruit new members or the other various and vital duties which need to be performed to keep CAP viable and active. Are you one of Florida's fine cadets who strived to complete achievements, marched in drill competition, performed community service projects and contributed in a hundred other ways for the betterment of Civil Air Patrol. With each cadet and senior member's additional contribution, Florida Wing will be great in '78. CONGRATUALATIONS! I salute each member for a job well done.



## CDEX

### 20 may

The Florida Wing CDEX will be  
20 May 1978

It will be a Saturday ONLY exercise. Beginning promptly at 07:00. Please be "SELF SUSTAINED" Part of the grading will be that each individual can "sustain" himself in the field. Food, water, first aid etc. The Prime location will be Deland with the secondary as Leesburg.



## IACE

Florida Wing will host the International Air Cadet Exchange this year. For two weeks six female British cadets and two escorts will visit the Miami area. Before arriving in Florida the young ladies will visit Washington D.C.. After leaving Miami the cadets will once again join the contingent of cadets and escorts from all the participating countries in Orlando to visit Disney World and Cape Kennedy before returning to their homelands.

Escorts selected from Florida Wing are: Col. Henri Casenove-Great Britain, Capt. Al Seeschaaf-Germany, Capt. Glenn Pena-Turkey, Major John Wise-Korea.

# CADETS CORNER...

## CAC report

### LET'S REORGANIZE

The Cadet Advisory Council is now in a state of total--reorganization. Under C/LtCol Glenn House, the council is now attempting to make the Council a more efficient operating machine. The Vice-Chairman is the head of many new committees and is in the process of getting them working. If any cadet is interested in working on a committee then, contact:

Vice Chairman  
4539 W. Jean St.  
Tampa, Fla. 33615

The recorder is busy compiling all these reports from the new committees.

Florida Wing has issued the Cadet Advisory Council a Single Sideband Radio. The call sign is Crane 321. C/LtCol House is the operator, and will be on the air most nights, between 4 and 6 on weekdays and on morning nets. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

The Councils stand in relation to the article published last month on "Rangers" is:

None of us on the Council staff has had much contact with the actual. I, (C/LtCol House) have had little contact with ranger training. So as a result, I will go to one of the ranger schools as an observer and then form an opinion. I urge all other people to do the same. Do not make judgements on past events. Most times, things have changed, if not well, you'll know that quick enough.

## Ranger School? No

YES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All of the below letters were recieved in rebuttal to the Ranger article published last month, written by C/Col McLuckie. All of the following are addressed to C/Col McLuckie in care of cadet page.

Mr McLuckie:

I have been in the feild with a ranger group and not once did I see one person talking about something he or she did not know something about.

So my advice to you (all due respect sir) is to keep your comments to yourself unless

you know what you are talking about and if you don't know that much, I suggest you find out more before you start to cut down an organization as fine as the rangers.

Mike Morrison

Dear Sir:

During the summer I visited a squadron in Penn., which supported the Ranger program. I participated on a ranger bivouac. At first naturally at first, I was pesimistic, but as the weekend progressed my eyes were gradually opened to a more optimistic approach to it. I was impressed with the competency of the cadets within the program.

I do not agree with entirely with the Penns. Ranger program, but if certain aspects are applied to Florida the program could be utilized effectively.

Robert A. Daugherty

To Ed McLuckie:

I will admit some rangers are a bit egotistical, but in a way they have a right to be. I have been in the program for 7 years, and people have been putting me and the program down for 7 years.

The ranger program does not believe that cadets on a mission are only good for flight line and go-fers to get the seniors coffee. On the last mission that we participated in, my cadets were used in several capacities at Mission H.Q. as well as put in the feild as a ground team (to do the job we were trained for.)

Next you stated that the other patches were alright. That's nice, but all patches we wear are earned by the training we take and approved on the national levels.

Now, before you start writing letters cutting down the program, learn the facts...Or if you desire to come out to the Glades School and learn something about what you are knocking, even you are invited to attend.

Rick Taylor, 1 Lt.

Some of the above letters were edited because of their shere size. To those of you who flooded the mailbox of the Cadet Page, thank-you. I only have so much space, and these express the veivs of all pretty well.

### RELIEF

Yes... It is finally here. A permanent Cadet Editor has finally stood up to take his punishment. Now you may flood his mailbox instead of mine. It is a great honor to write for a paper such as this. Keep the articles coming and the opinions unique. As long as the cadets can express themselves in a way with no demening and slanderous blurbs, the seniors will respect what we have to say. No doubt, the cadets will always have something to say.

G. House



Your NEW Cadet Editor...  
MIKE WEST  
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GRADITUDE

I would like to thank all of the Seniors and Cadet that have contributed articles to the paper in the cadet section while I was editor.

Also on another note. Thank-you cadets for being, and acting so well at Cadet Special Acts.

## rumor mill

The Black Sheep are on the rampage. And sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, look and there is B.S.

Starsky and Hutch are still in there everplayful mood. Recently being reported seen at wing special acts, a strange sound was heard in the back of the banquet as an award was given to some cadet. Where will Starsky and Hutch be next month?

## Cadet Selections

### CADET OFFICERS SCHOOL

1. Navarini
2. Epstein
3. McAleese
4. Seone
5. Finney
6. Benjamin
7. Reed
8. Puentes
9. Armstrong
10. Hardy P.
11. Healey
12. Devall

### SFOC

1. Peseux
2. Wolff
3. Feyer
4. Kennedy, D.
5. Clark
6. Welch

### NEAT

1. Hardy, B.
2. Litz
3. Vitruk
4. Parsons

### CADET OF THE YEAR

1. Navarini
2. House
3. Devall

### CAPTAIN ALICE HOLMES AWARD

1. Finney
2. Litz
3. Welch

### MSOP

1. Croteau
2. Artemik
3. Geroux
4. Sargent
5. Muscara
6. Vola
7. Wiles
8. Colchamiro
9. Stark
10. Mulligan

### AFLCOP

1. Burke
2. O'Meara
3. Lee
4. Smith
5. Henry
6. Rogers
7. Freeman
8. Kuschner
9. Rouse
10. Rea
11. Day
12. Chase
13. Nitz
14. Taylor

### SOLO

1. Moyer
2. Sweezy
3. Carter

## Maintenance for T-Birds



Cadets from Group 3, Florida Wing, talk over maintenance problems with S/Sgt Ted Foster, USAF Crew Chief for one of the Thunderbirds aircraft, at a recent Open House held at MacDill AFB, Florida. Cadets are, from left to right: 2/Lt. J. Card, Tampa Cadet Sq.; C/LTC Hartel; HQ, GR 4; C/Lt W. Cumber, Imperial Cadet Sq.; and C/Lt S. Taylor, North Tampa Cadet Sq. S/Sgt Ted Foster is at far right.



AWARDS FOR 1977



Fla. Wing's' own LCol. Russel Holdron was nominated for and Received the PAUL W. TURNER Safty award, as well as the Region Safty Award. He deserved it for the uphill fight he battede to get reports.

Cadet Phillip G. Anderson received the National Life Saving award. Cadet Erik Hartel recieved the Frank Borman Falcon Award.

### Safty awards

Wilford Thompson, Commander Group 2 for no accidents.

LCol. Dennman, Commander Group 12 for support and prompt report.

LCol. Robert J. Miller, for Initive in designing and using a new form approved by the Wing safty officer.

Maj. Jim Mauney, Group 6, Safty with the greatest number of hours flown.



### Information Awards:

Barbara Goddard, Group 6, Florida Wing Information Officer Award.

LTC C.S. Mead, Daytona Beach Comp Sq Outstanding Individual Unit

### Communicator of the Year:

LTC Bob Croft

### PROJECT LAUNCH:

#### Cadet Recruiting Awards

#### Groups;

1. Group 10
2. Group 7
3. Group 4

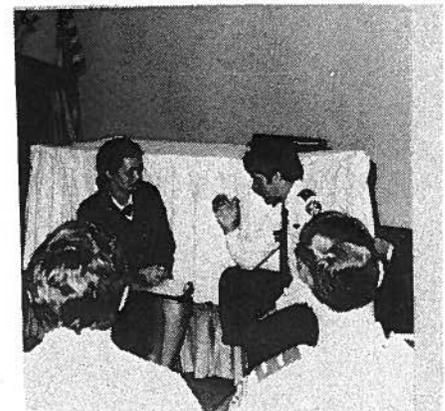
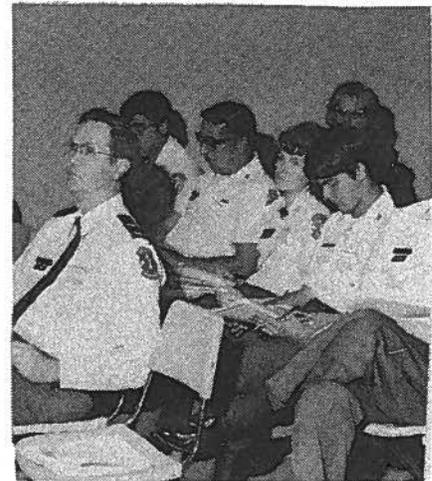
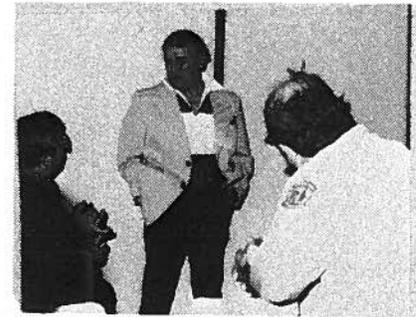
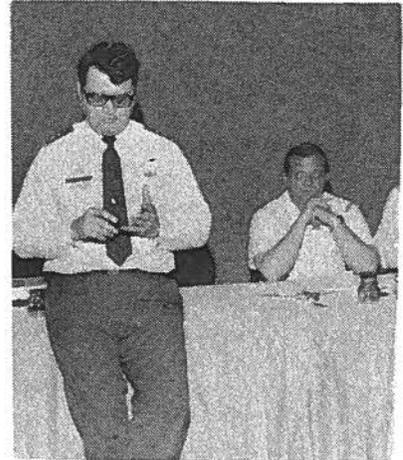
#### Squadrons:

1. Dade City Composite Sq.
2. Miami Aerospace Academy Cadet Sq.
3. North Miami Composite Sq.



# SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Now a requirement before you can attend National Staff College, the New Squadron Leadership School helps you prepare for a Leadership Role in CAP or in your everyday work. The problem is put before the group, even acted out and solutions suggested...for that one member who can't seem to mix, where to use him, how to cope with him yet use his talent. This, among many others is the order of the day. Plan on attending one ...Soon.



## Senior Recruiting Awards:

- Groups:
1. Group 5
  2. Group 6
  3. Group 4
- Squadrons:
1. Suncoast Senior Sq.
  2. E. Duval Composite Sq.
  3. Dade City Composite Sq.

## Exceptional Service Awards:

- .TC Robert Pinney
- .TC John Milner, Jr.
- .TC Alton Anderson
- Major Doris Anderson
- .TC Howard A. Gelbman
- Capt Glenn Peña



## Meritorious Service Awards

- Major Helen Smith
- .TC Elizabeth Sedita
- ? Lt Jon Nicholson
- .TC Joseph Lill
- Capt Willie McClintock
- Capt Jay C. Greenberg
- Major Dorothy McCoy
- .TC Richard Zaloudak
- Capt Albert Seeschaaf
- Capt Clifford McInturff
- Capt Diane Kittendorf
- Major Frances Dorough
- Major Arvilla Clarke
- Major Mary Douglas
- .TC Russell Holdren
- Major Paul Foster
- .TC William Clarke
- .TC Robert Croft
- ! Lt Gilbert Day



## Outstanding Cadet Sq. of 1977

Palm Beach Cadet Squadron

## Outstanding Senior Sq. of 1977

Pinellas Senior Squadron

## Outstanding Group of 1977

Group 4



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## Headquarters GIVES AWAY MONEY!!!

In the belief that the name of the game is ACTIVITIES, Florida Wing Headquarters is giving away money. Can't believe it?...Read on.

If you have the desire to improve your squadron, to make it grow, and believe that some activity would help, then your squadron could earn \$100.00 free funding to institute these ideas.

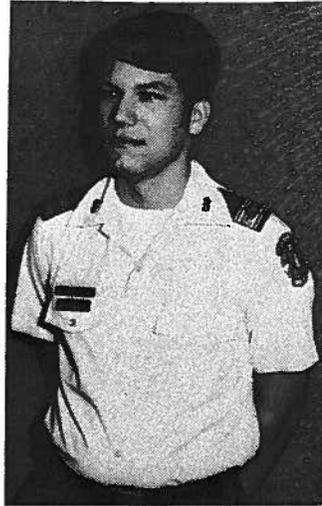
One Hundred Dollars could aid fund raising, orientation flying, spot landing contests, fly-ins or maybe an old fashion Barbecue, who knows.

Recently the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron was the recipient of a \$100 check. If your unit has a good idea, submit it!!

Submit your ideas in writing to LCol Howard Gelbman, Wing Finance Officer, Box 14, 999 Brickell Ave. Miami, Fla. 33131, to be screened by a committee and approved by the Wing Commander. Submit as many entrees as you like. Each idea must be in a separate letter detailing the activity and why you think it will improve the program.

If your idea wins approval your squadron will be sent a check in advance and after proof of completion of the activity the \$100.00 belongs to your squadron.

Squadrons are eligible for multiple awards.



## Award PIX cont.

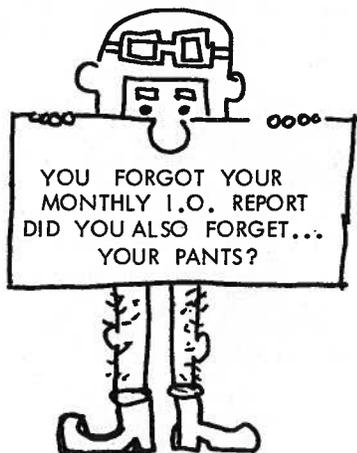


Recent Air Force Academy Appointments include C/LCol David O'Meara of Tallahassee Comp. Sq. and C/LCol Carl W. Cushner of So. Brevard Comp. Squadron ( Pictured here).

Other cadets receiving Nominations were ; Richard Mackolise , Mike West, Doug Boone, Chris O'Donnell and others mentioned in the last Gator Capers



## WEATHER OR NOT .....



SE Region  
**Conference**  
 in  
 Biloxi, Mississippi  
 June 30 - 1 July 1978

Pete Fountain's  
**Buena Vista**  
 HOTEL - MOTEL  
 Biloxi, Mississippi



### ROOM RATES

Mini-Suite \$35.00 - Regular Suite \$50.00  
 Single \$15.00 - Double \$20.00 - Cadets \$5.25 each (4 to a room)

The above room rates are available to CAP personnel through 4 July 1978. If you wish to stay over, please register 2 weeks in advance and tell them you wish to stay thru the 4th.

### Child Care Center

A child care center will be set up for young children all during the SER '78 conference, also at night upon request. The charge of .50¢ per hour will go to the cadets.



## Engagements



MUNDY - GOODRICH

Mrs. Virginia M. Mundy of Harrisburg, Penn., announces the engagement of her daughter, Lt. Susan A. Mundy, to Lt. Bert F. Goodrich. Lt. Goodrich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Goodrich of Malcom, Iowa.

A summer wedding is planned and will take place in Bethlehem, Penn.

Lt. Mundy is a former Pine Hills resident. She graduated from Florida Technological University in 1976 and is presently stationed at Pruem Air Station, Germany. Lt. Goodrich is a 1976 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and is currently stationed at Neu Ulm, Germany.

Susan is also a recent recipient of the Frank Borman Falcon Award. It was applied for long ago but was lost in the mail. The hard part now is getting it to her in Germany. Congratulations.. Susan.

## GROUP ONE new commander

The Florida Wing Commander, Colonel Richard L. Leali, recently visited the Group 1 Commander's Call at Tyn-dall AFB. A plaque and a testimonial were given to LTC. John Milner, Jr., the outgoing commander, for ten years of continuous service as group commander. LTC Milner will remain Task Force 4 Coordinator. Florida Wing and its members wish success and good luck to the new Group 1 Commander, 1 Lt. John F. Hobbs. It will be difficult to surpass the accomplishments of LTC Milner.



## SHORT SHORTS



### ATTENTION!!!

Wing dues should be mailed to Headquarters on a UNIT Check- (That's for New Memberships...) New member pays Unit Unit for wards a Unit Check to Wing. ALSO Cadets and Seniors are SEPARATE Checks...Please.



## CAP- DOES IT FREE

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Mission Coordinators School held recently at Patrick AFB. L to R LCol. Nat Brittingham, Col. Richard Leali, LCol. David Mosely, Capt. Pena, Capt Al Seechaaf

WINGS OF MERCY  
(an original poem by 2Lt Elaine Pavone)

We wear our wings proudly, both pilots  
and crew,  
As we give our service to the Red, White  
and blue.

We look for the downed aircraft in skies  
of blue,  
And hope that the person down there  
isn't you.

The Air Force often calls a "mission",  
in the middle of the night,  
To look for planes and persons  
on a lost flight.

All hopes are on finding them  
well and alive,  
But it's not always the case, and  
sometimes they die.

Whether it's on the ground or  
in the air,  
The Civil Air Patrol is always  
there.

Always vigilant is the motto  
we share,  
But it means something more,  
and that is WE CARE!



THELMA DAWSON of 99's presents a check to finance officer, Lt Carl Hartley of Brooksville Composite Squadron.

IT PAYS....  
....to have friends

08301--CAP Air Fair is paying off. The July 4, 1977 Air Fair almost forgotten, only occasional stories around the meetings about the lousy weather at Brooksville. Just at the time we had planned a colossal money jingling affair that ended in zero weather all three days, we have suddenly been blessed.

Those lovely 99's the Suncoast Chapter came to our financial rescue with \$200. Their aim is to promote aviation and one good way was to give Brooksville Comp. a big helping hand. And Brooksville promises to return the favor if and when needed. -----P. Foote



W/ Art Ceders, explains instrument panel to Cadet Dave Alvarez, before orientation flight provided by Hillsborough 1 Senior Squadron for Group 3 Cadets.



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