



1 March 96

Commanders Notes:

On 2 March 1996 LtC. Charles A. Dinsmoor assumed command of Group Eight at a short ceremony at the Naples CAP hangar. I welcome LtC. Dinsmoor to the ranks of my outstanding group of commanders and I look forward to working with him. I also wish to thank LtC. James Spieth for the service he has rendered.

The recent National Board meeting provided a forum for the passage of a great deal of information about the activities engaging our National leaders and staff. A few substantive decisions were made, mostly non-controversial.

One item of overriding interest is that we in CAP must mount a massive effort to explain to our Congressmen in Washington the value our CAP volunteers provide to the nation. For a pittance, I think it was cited as one hour's worth of the annual DOD budget, we provide resources and services worth many, many times the small amount of funding we receive. In Florida our Vice Commander, LtC. Bob Gray, is heading up the effort to "sell" our story to our legislators. We have a similar challenge in the Florida legislature as well as in the U. S. Congress. THIS IS VITAL. Work with Bob Gray. Talk to your legislators, State and National. LtC. Mikelson, CS, has prepared a Report to the Florida Legislature for 1995. Ask for a copy of it, you will need it when talking to your local legislators. Note: It is your local legislator, the one you know and the one you vote into office locally, who is the important one for you to talk to. A reception for Congressmen will be held in Washington, DC on 17 April in furtherance of "selling" our story.

Another item of general interest is that National has decided to increase the funding for Cadet orientation flights. Within the limits of available funds we will be able to reimburse pilots for considerably more than the \$5 per cadet ride as in the past. Incidentally, it was brought out during the meeting that there is no bar to providing orientation ride over and above the five rides provided for by the structured cadet program.

National has also decided to pay the freight costs to transport uniforms from the Arizona warehouse to the various Wing headquarters. We will be taking advantage of this and laying in stocks of uniforms for Cadets and Seniors alike.

The 911T program was made permanent. If an emergency arises and local officials call for action I, with the concurrence of the LO, can authorize deployment of our assets on SAR/DR missions, including the launching of aircraft, without waiting for a mission number from AFRCC or ANSEP.

In other news, National is developing a training course for Senior to learn more about becoming cadet leaders. The cadet age requirement was clarified (modified, actually) to read 12 years of age OR attending the sixth grade. A national color guard competition was established to allow smaller units to compete. The teams may be as small as four cadets and one escort.

The membership non-renewal policy was amended to provide an appeal mechanism similar to that provided for termination actions.

We were briefed on the new MOU's with the FAA and with the Soaring Society of America. The FAA MOU calls for us to fly with FAA equipment to check nav aids.

Still under study and review are other initiatives such as CAP becoming the operator of the AFRCC, and the idea of a contingent in DC, or perhaps even a complete HQ move to the DC area.

The actual directives or revisions to our manuals and regulations will be forthcoming on many of the above items. The information in this bulletin is advisory, only.

Cadet Programs: (LtC. Fred Swearingen)

Cadets planning to attend the Wing Conf must sign in and report to the DCP Office. A special "Commandant" will be appointed to monitor and assist with cadet related problems. Once a cadet signs into the activity they may not leave the hotel without checking out with the DCP Office.

Cadets must be in proper uniform for the function they are attending.

All cadets must be present for the DCP seminar. Special awards and recognition will be given to cadets participating in special activities and winners of the encampment scholarships will be announced. A special prize (from LtC. Massey) will be presented to the top 5 cadets. The top five cadets are:

- #1. C/LtC. John Russo
- #2. C/FO. John Martin
- #3. C/LtC. Brian Lau
- #4. C/Ssgt. Jose Monroy
- #5. C/Maj. Richard Martin

Cadets must be present to win. 6th place was C/Msgt. Melei who finished .55 behind C/Maj Martin. LtC. Swearingen will provide an award for C/Msgt Melei. Cadet will be notified by letter from the DCP as to what special activity they have been nominated for. National has asked us to nominate 5 primary winners. (I will assign the balance by score as alternates). It is possible to attend more than one activity on a space available basis.

Information on the SER cadet encampment will be coming out shortly. The cost is expected to be about \$60.00 and will be held in Georgia.

Again, we are asking unit commanders to have ALL cadets escorted to and from the activity.

Just a reminder that if you do get selected for a National Activity you will get a notice in the mail to your home address. You will need to follow the direction sent to you by National. You will also have to make a copy of the postcard that you send back to National and send the copy of the postcard to LtC Swearingen. Make sure that you send the original postcard back to National HQ. If after you have accepted the selection for your activity you have to cancel or can not make it, you must notify LtC. Swearingen ASAP. If you have any questions about any Special Activity, please contact LtC. Swearingen.

Encampment:

If you would like to go to either the MacDill Encampment or Eglin Encampment now is the time to send in your paperwork. You will need to 3 CAPF54's and 3 CAPF 60's and a \$25.00 deposit along with a self address stamped envelope. The envelope is for us to send back to you your acceptance notice, a letter to your parents and an equipment list. The total cost of encampment will be \$130.00 per person. Deadline for the full amount is 1 May. Please mark on the envelope which encampment you are applying for and send to:

LtC David H. LaMontagne  
3931 Magnolia Lake Lane  
Orlando, FL 32810

Cadet staff for both encampments will have to attend the Wing Conf in Ocala for Encampment Staff Training (EST). If you can not attend this training program, please let me know ASAP. You still have time to apply for a staff position for either encampments. As soon as we have all the request for staff positions, we will let everyone know what position they have been chosen for.

Bus Available for Eglin Encampment:

Maj. Rodney Noren, Group 6 Commander has scheduled a Motor Coach to take cadets and seniors to the Eglin Encampment. The bus trip will start at Coral Springs with stops at Ft. Pierce, Orlando and Ganisville on it's way to Eglin AFB, Duke Field. The cost for this round trip will be \$55.00. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Maj. Rodney Noren at H). 407-273-4895 or fax him your request at 407-381-3264.

### Cadet Competition:

This years Cadet Competition will be held at MacDill AFB on 4-5 May 96. The cost will be \$50.00 per team. Please make check out to FL Wing. Any team that would like to compete in this years competition needs to send at letter of intent with the following items:

- » Team Name
- » Team Cadet Captain Name
- » Team Senior Member Project Officer Name
- » Project Officers Phone numbers and Address

Send the letter of intent and the check for \$50.00 to: LtC David LaMontagne  
3931 Magnolia Lake Lane  
Orlando, FL 32810

Deadline is 10 April 96.

### Wing Conference: (Project Officer: LtC Fred Swearingen)

The Wing Conf will be 26-28 April, Ocala Hilton I-75 at Sr 200. Room rates are \$49.00 & \$59.00. Each members should make their own reservations (1-800-Hiltons). The cost of this year conf is as followed:

Meeting and banquet - \$40.00 senior \$35.00 cadet  
Meeting only - \$20.00 senior \$15.00 cadet  
Banquet only - \$28.00 per person

Walk-in cost for meeting only is \$25.00 and on space available for banquet is \$30.00.

We will still several additional staff workers which can be cadets (conf. workers get a reduced conf rate), so if you want to help out please call me. If you do need to call me, please do so between 1800-2000 daily except Wed at (352) 495-9283.

### Public Affairs:

Congratulations to those units who have had articles published in the CAP News and Around the Region. Keep the articles flowing. The addresses to send them to are:

CAP News (attention: James Tynan)  
1055 Hansell Street  
Building 714, Maxwell AFB, AI 36112

Around the Region (attention: Melinda Lord)  
2640 Van Davis Road, NW  
Charleston, Tn 37310-5003

If you don't have a long article or are just trying to get started, simply write a paragraph or two for the Southeast segment of the CAP News.

### UNIT DISPLAY BOARDS (Strut your Stuff) -

We will be looking for a prizewinner for the finest squadron display board at the Wing Conference. The unit winner will get \$100 and bragging rights for a year. This is an excellent tool for use in recruitment and in selling the CAP Programs year-round.

### UNIT PAOs- KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY INFORMED!

Create some media attention for your local newspapers. Invite them to Color Guard presentations, awards and banquets. Invite them to your next SAREX. Be sure to assign a dedicated Mission PAO to assure maximum positive and appropriate potential from this opportunity.

### TAKE PICTURES -

If you don't have a lengthy article - send a picture with a caption. You can get good coverage this way and develop media contacts for the future.

### LOOKING FOR HELP?

I can be reached in the following ways: Allan Rose  
3508 Broken Woods Drive  
Coral Springs, Florida 33065  
Phone: (954) 755-8079  
Voice Mail: (954) 897-2212  
E-Mail: Rose@onet.com

## CAP Flight Call Signs:

1. Effective immediately all FLWG corporate aircraft are to begin using CAP Flight call sign on all frequencies to include VHF/FM for all operations. The CAP Flight Call Sign replaces the tactical call sign (Sparrow) for corporate aircraft. National HQ has indicated the reason is to avoid confusion with multiple call signs. Member-owned aircraft will use a temporarily assigned call sign only on funded missions. FLWG DCL has issued 15 temporary call sign numbers to the primary alerting officer, alternate alerting officer, and Wing CD officer.
2. The identifier and call sign are used in conjunction with a flight number that has been assigned permanently to FLWG aircraft. Aircraft will use CAP Flight 8\*\* with ATC and CAP units on VHF/FM. All Florida call signs begin with an 8 and are followed by two digits.
3. The CAP Flight call sign is used instead of the N number with ATC. When filling a flight plan, pilots must use CPF 8\*\* (i.e. CPF 835) in the aircraft id block. In the remarks block, CAP Flight 8\*\* and the N number of the airplane must be input. This is used by ATC to identify the N number of the aircraft with the CAP Flight number. The pronunciation of the call sign is CAP Flight and not C.A.P. flight.
4. The use of CAP Flight does not eliminate or change the use of additional ICAO call signs such as CAP Flight Rescue 835 or the normal abbreviation of call signs such as CAP Flight 35.
5. Any questions or comments can be addressed to CPT Luis Garcia, Standards/Evaluations Officer or MAJ Mike Brown, Wing Licensing Officer.

"CAP Flight" numbers have been issued for all corporate aircraft in Florida Wing, and other key wing staff personnel under the guidelines issued by national, regional and wing headquarters. The Florida Wing DOV has issued guidelines for the use of these numbers. In short, the "CPF" "CAP Flight" will be used by corporate aircraft at all times (including FM CAP frequencies) and member owned aircraft will only use them on funded missions. The issued numbers are as follows and are permanently assigned without regard to the location of the assigned aircraft as long as it remains in Florida Wing or are assigned to the staff position as indicated:

801	Commander	COL George O. Pringle
802	Vice Commander	LTC Robert W. Gray, Jr.
803	Chief of Staff	LTC David L. Mikelson
804	Director of Communications	MAJ James S. Elston
805	Standard/Evaluation Officer	CPT Luis A. Garcia
806	Director of Operations	LTC Robert E. Greenfeld
807	Legal Officer	LTC Joseph T. Barron, Jr.
808	MSI, Mission Support	LTC David H. LaMontagne
809	Inspector	LTC Arthur H. Little
810	Director of Logistics	LTC James K. Massey
811	Safety Officer	MAJ Roger N. Thomas

### Aircraft call signs:

820	N9822V	C172	40J (Perry-Foley)	830	N734WA	C172	DED (Deland)
821	N98708	C172	GNV (Gainesville)	831	N98684	C172	COI (Merritt Island)
822	N98120	C172	CRG (Craig Municipal)	832	N736EI	C172XP	MKY (Marco Island)
823	N9828L	C172	SRQ (Sarasota)	833	N98580	C172	APF (Naples)
824	N98592	C172	X16 (Vandenburg)	834	N99261	C172	PGD (Punta Gorda)
825	N9665H	C172	CLW (Clearwater)	835	N96867	C172	HWO (Pembroke Pines)
826	N99265	C172	SPG (St. Petersburg)	836	N758NE	C172XP	TMB (Miami)
827	N98494	C172	LNA (Lantana)	837	N99941	C172	OPF (Miami)
828	N6498F	C172	55J (Fernandina Bch)	838	N4949N	C182	2R4 (Milton)
829	N74SM	C182	ORL (Orlando)				

Any questions concerning the use of the CPF numbers should be directed to CPT Luis A. Garcia, DOV, at his home (305)-267-6034 or email sf311a@aol.com. CAP is no longer licensed by the FCC but is now licensed by the NTIA, the federal agency which licenses the military in the U.S. Consequently, Florida Wing will no longer use the FCC designation "KGA 351". Further, the SAR base and mobile unit designations will also change. These stations will only be noted in the communications roster and not have FCC call signs or unit numbers assigned under a fleet license.

Some units in the past have received permission from the FAA to use an alternate frequency (121.75 Mhz) for their practice ELT stations. While that is commendable due to local interference problems, that frequency has never been licensed by CAP in the Florida Wing and violates CAPM 100-1. The only frequency licensed at this time in Florida Wing is 121.6 Mhz. Pursuant to CAPM 100-1, National Headquarters delegates licensing to the wing under its direction. ALL requests for licensing MUST be submitted to the Florida Wing DCL prior to use.

National HQ has submitted the list of tactical call signs to the NTIA for approval. Florida Wing MAY still have the "Sparrow" designation but that remains to be seen. Wing Communications will keep you posted.

The results of the communications exercise announced on 1 January 96 are in. The total wing response was approximately 50%. The purpose of the exercise was to comply with CAPM 100-1 which mandates an annual exercise and to update the communications records, some of which were many years old. Thanks to those who responded and keep spreading the word - updates will be accepted at any time.

Communications: (Major Jim Elston)

The out come of the Florida Wing graded exercise. The communications portion of the SAREX was given a score of 100, which is an outstanding rating. I would like to thank all the communicators that participated in this exercise. If it were not for you the Wing would not have scored the way they did.

A communications meeting will be held at the Wing Conference in Ocala, we will have a meeting room for communications all day Saturday. Items of interest will be APRS for position reporting of aircraft while in the grid. Packet will be discussed, as well as the single side band net, and CAP flight call signs.

We will have a temporary repeater installed on the roof of the hotel, and it will be on the primary frequency 148.150, roam tone. Also there will be a SSB station and a base station in the communications room.

On Sunday we have scheduled Amateur Radio testing to take place in the communications meeting room. All levels of tests will be administered, time to be announced. If you think you are going to take a test, drop me a note or give me a phone call or E-Mail.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Wing Conference.

Operations: (Cpt Luis Garcia Standards/Evaluation Officer (SF311A@aol.com))

Effective 20 Feb. 1996, all pilots need to forward copies of their most recent form 5, form 91, pilot data summary, and the FLWG authorization letters for chief check pilot, check pilot, mission check pilot, cadet orientation pilot, and instructor pilot. In the future, unit operations officers will forward a copy of any new form 5, form 91, and additional authorization letters to DOV. Any pilot assigned to FLWG HQ will forward their paperwork directly to DOV. The address to send the paperwork is listed below. The paperwork is necessary to update all wing records and personnel authorizations. All groups will also forward the name, address, and phone numbers of each Group Chief Check Pilot. I look forward to visiting training sites around the wing in the future.

1975 Red Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33155  
(305) 267-6034

Florida Wing Display Board :

We need color pictures (copies) of CAP activities for the Wing display board representative of the whole Wing. Ideal format for these would be a color xerox 8X11 with a caption of the activity. Please include names and grade wherever possible.

These can be sent to Wing HQ attention PAO.

Personnel:

Group 10 has a new squadron. Kendall Senior Flying Squadron - 08012. Suncoast Comp Squadron - 08368 in Group 4 has been deactivated. Coral Springs Cadet Squadron - 08016 has earned a Unit Citation.

Chaplain: (LtC. Kermit Davis)

A special thanks to all who submitted the semi-annual report on time. It sure made my job easier. A couple made their reports late, but hope they will do better in July.

The Wing will have two Cadet Encampments this year- one at MacDill AFB (15-22 June), and one at Eglin AFB (22-29 June). We need at least one Chaplain, and two if possible at each encampment. A Chaplain is also needed for a week at Camp Blanding during the Emergency Services School (7-13 July). Camp Blanding is between Green Cove Springs and Stark, FL. We also need one or more Chaplains at Patrick AFB for the AF Space Command Familiarization Course (10-17 August). Please let me know if you can attend any of these events for all or part of the time.

Plan now to attend the Wing Conference Chaplain Seminar at Ocala on Saturday, 27 April, and the SER Chaplain Course at Maxwell AFB April 29-May 2. If you need registration forms please contact me at (407)898-8800.

Aircraft Maintenance: (LtC. Malouf)

It appears that some FBO's and Aircraft Inspectors only verbally communicate discrepancies to our Commanders and Maintenance Officers. When we pay for an inspection we should have a detailed squawk list, if any. Most maintenance shops do submit a list in writing.

It has happened in three instances in our Wing where "little things", mostly non-critical to flight safety, have been "put off". This has built up to require an unusual amount of work all at one time. This increases the cost.

Because the "little things" are not promptly addressed, Wing Maintenance never learns about them until the build-up becomes a major concern to the squadron maintenance officer. Therefore, I request all inspection results (squawks) be communicated to Wing in a timely way.

The "little things" grow to "big problems". I future request each maintenance officer, or assistant, or Commander in charge of an aircraft to let the Wing Maintenance Officer know no matter how small the squawk. If you cannot reach me, then leave word for me at Wing HQ. I would like to know of any discrepancies and matters needing maintenance before the problems enlarges.

I ask that pilots help maintenance officers by reporting any discrepancies found during their per and post-flight inspections. I suggest that maintenance officers perform inspections at least twice a week depending on flight activity levels.

Again, I remind all members that: 1). Squadron and Group maintenance officers should ground the aircraft in event of a problem or discrepancy. No Commander should attempt to override the decision; 2). Only maintenance officers and Commanders (or their designee) can contract with anyone regarding aircraft maintenance and only after they have obtained a work order number. In Florida there is a doctrine of ostensible authority or agency. Anything contracted must be paid by CAP. However, without a work order, or one updated, before the work is commenced on the aircraft, the individual engaging the work will be billed by Wing HQ; and 3). There should be diligence in things like, but not limited to, keeping proper tire pressure, keeping the aircraft clean and polished, proper oil and fuel levels, clean windows, proper tie downs and proper water levels in batteries.

The next corporate aircraft corrosion treatment program is scheduled for 9 March 96 at Port Charlotte. Your aircraft maintenance officer has been contacted if your aircraft is scheduled to be there. Please contact me if you have questions (813) 784-1116. LtC Malouf. We need additional host for North Florida and the Panhandle, so let me know if you want to host a corrosion treatment day.

# FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE APPLICATION

Dates: April 26 - 28

Place: Ocala Hilton, I-75 and SR200

## One Name per Form

Check one: Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Cadet \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it will appear in your badge)

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(I.E. Naples Cadet Squadron or HQ Group 4 or Wing Staff ect)

Position in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Operations Officer, Cadet Commander, Admin ect)

FEES: (Check the one you are paying for)

<b>Package I</b>	Conference and Banquet	I want this one _____
Seniors	\$40.00	
Cadets	\$35.00	

<b>Package II</b>	Meetings only	I want this one _____
Seniors	\$20.00	
Cadets	\$15.00	

<b>Package III</b>	Banquet only	I want this one _____
Per person	\$28.00	

**Walk-ins** Meeting only \$25.00 (everyone)  
Banquet only \$30.00 (if seating available)

Register early and save: Deadline is 12 April. (MUST be received at Wing HQ on or before 12 April). (So Mail it by 4 April)

Mail to: HQ FL Wing/CAP-Conference  
Attn: Mr. Glenn Hendricks  
2700 Eagle Staff Ct  
MacDill AFB, FL 33621-5000

Make checks out to "Civil Air Patrol". Do not send cash or stamps.  
Questions: Call LtC. Fred Swearingen at (352) 495-9283 between 1800-2000 only. Do not call Collect. Messages cannot be returned.

Wing use only: Recd \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Init \_\_\_\_\_



# FLORIDA WING CALENDAR

1 MAR 96

## HEADQUARTERS FLORIDA WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY 2700 Eagle Staff Court, MacDill AFB, FL 33621-5000

15 Mar  
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SMTR due to Nat'l HQ / TTN  
Nominations for Brewer Award due to Wing  
Deadline for Encampment Staff application - For both MacDill and Eglin  
(Send to: L/C David Lakfontagne 3931 Magnolia Lake Lane, Orlando, FL 32810  
(407) 294-8320)  
Articles due for Wing bulletin

25 Mar

5 Apr  
10 Apr

Public Affairs report due to Wing  
Deadline for paperwork for Cadet Competition (Send to: L/C David Lakfontagne  
3931 Magnolia Lake Lane, Orlando, FL 32810 (407) 294-8320  
Cost: \$50.00 make check payable to FL Wing CACP)  
Deadline for early registration for Wing Cont  
Articles due for Wing bulletin  
Wing Conf (Ocala Hilton - Project Officer: L/C Fred Sweanigen, For room  
reservations call Hilton direct 1-800-Hilton. For Conf info contact L/C Sweanigen  
between 1800-2000 only at 352-495-9283)

12 Apr  
25 Apr  
26 - 28 Apr

1 May  
1 May  
4 - 5 May  
25 May

Aircraft the down inspection report due to Wing  
Deadline for Encampment paperwork  
Cadet Competition (MacDill AFB - Project Officer L/C: David Lakfontagne)  
Articles due for Wing bulletin

1 Jun  
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Annual Inventory S-1,S-2,S-3 due to Wing HQ  
Real Estate Statement due to Wing LG  
Group 4 Summer Bash (Contact person: L/C: Larry Upham in the Springhill/Weeki  
Wache, Brooksville area)

12 - 20 Jun  
15 - 22 Jun  
15 Jun  
15 Jun

USAF Space Command Familiarization Course (Peterson AFB, CO)  
Pararescue Jumper Orientation Course (Kirland AFB, NM)  
SMTR due to Nat'l HQ/TTN  
MacDill Encampment (Project Officer Maj Mary Lejerson)  
PAO Quarterly Reports due to Wing HQ

20 Jun  
22 - 29 Jun  
22 - 30 Jun  
22 Jun - 2 Jul  
22 Jun - 6 Jul  
25 Jun

Eglin Encampment at Duke Field (Project Officer L/C: David Lakfontagne)  
National Flight Encampment (Oshkosh, WI Session 1)  
Advanced Pararescue Jumper Orientation Course (Kirland AFB, NM)  
National Ground Search & Rescue School (Miller School, VA)  
Articles due for Wing bulletin

3 - 11 Jul  
5 Jul

National Flight Encampment (Lake Hearst, NJ)  
Chaplain's semi-annual Report due to Wing

6 - 14 Jul  
7 - 13 Jul  
10 - 21 Jul  
13 - 21 Jul  
13 - 20 Jul  
20 - 27 Jul  
21 - 28 Jul  
25 Jul

Ranger School (Hawk Mountain, PA)  
FL Wing ES School (Camp Blanding)  
Cadet Officer School (Maxwell AFB, AL)  
National Flight Encampment (Oshkosh, WI Session 2)  
AETC Familiarization Course (Columbus AFB, MS)  
Pararescue Jumper Orientation Course (Fort Knox, KY)  
AETC Familiarization Course (Langhlin AFB, TX)  
Articles due for Wing bulletin

27 Jul - 3 Aug  
27 Jul - 10 Aug

Pararescue Jumper Orientation Course (G. Washington N11 Forest, VA)  
National Blue Beret (Oshkosh, WI)

3 - 11 Aug  
10 - 17 Aug

National Flight Encampment (McClellan AFB, CA)  
USAF Space Command Familiarization Course (Patrick AFB, FL)

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