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C/Majors Tracy Kern & Paula Cervia Take Advantage of Waiting Time

(See "Cadets Assemble" Page 3)



Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

This office has requested a PAO roster from all Group Commanders and thus far I have received a reply from only one group. If this PA program is to succeed, the team has to work together.

It has also been noted by the Wing Commander that all units **must** send in the PA quarterly report . . . whether you have anything to report or not, the report must be sent in . . . in order for us to achieve our CAPMAP points.

From National Headquarters:

Dear Wing/Unit Public Affairs Officer:

In an effort to enhance and increase Civil Air Patrol's national visibility, we in HQ CAP-USAF/PA need your assistance.

A list of 1987 planned CAP events or in all Wings and Regions has been compiled here at the Headquarters. We will determine which events we can support with our staff coverage, or that we need for CAP PAO assistance. (In many instances, we will supply the film, guidance and processing; the PAO can supply the photographer.)

Such photo coverage can expand publicity for your organizations by providing us a greater selection of quality action photography for publication in the **Civil Air Patrol News**, the **Annual Report to Congress**, and numerous other media sources. Also, we can feature more events on CAP's traveling displays.

In addition, this gives our staff more opportunities to provide you with useful

feedback, and perhaps a chance for professional briefings or seminars.

When we send you a list of selected events, we will ask for a point of contact who can discuss your area events, activities and photo opportunities. Likewise, if there are other events which lend themselves to good action photography and a good storyline we could get published in a national publication, let us know well in advance.

Our point of contact for this project is **SSgt. George Wendt**, PA Creative Products, our Staff Photographer. AUTOVON 875-5416 or COMMERCIAL (205) 293-5416.

Think and produce **QUALITY**. Thank you.

The following form is to be used for Recruiting and PA materials:

NEW ASSIGNMENT:

Welcome aboard to **Lt. Col. Norman W. Lund**. Col. Lund will be assigned to Internal Affairs, including the Bulletin.

To expedite, all information to be included in the Bulletin should be mailed directly to Col. Lund at the following address: P.O. Box 1897

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DEADLINES:

The following deadlines have been established for copy to be published in the Wing Bulletin:

April 10

May 15

June 12

July 10

Aug. 14

Sept. 11

Oct. 9

Nov. 13

Dec. 11

The Wing PA Office requests, "Help Us to Help You."

As I have said many times before, I am here to help you and I am as close as your telephone.

There will be a scrapbook contest this year. So, please bring your unit's scrapbook. The following are the criteria for judging:

- Size of album
(no more than 11"x14") 10 points
- Continuity 20 points
- Local media coverage
of your unit's events 15 points
- Local
community involvement . . . 15 points
- Photography 20 points
- Story & picture captions 20 points
- TOTAL 100 points

SEE YOU ALL AT THE CONFERENCE

Cadets Observe Inflight Refueling

Five cadets from the Cape Coral Cadet Squadron recently went to Homestead AFB for a refueling flight in a KC-135 tanker. During the three hour flight sixteen aircraft consisting of F-16's and F-15's were refueled enroute to MacDill AFB. Each cadet was given the opportunity to view the refueling procedure from a position next to the boom operator.

The flight was rated by the cadets as "awesome" and it was an experience that will never be forgotten.



Cape Coral Cadets Tom Hauseu, Tom Drumm, John Johnson, Max Ramsahoye

and Andrew Desroches are shown aboard the KC-135.

Cadets Assemble for Special Activities Testing

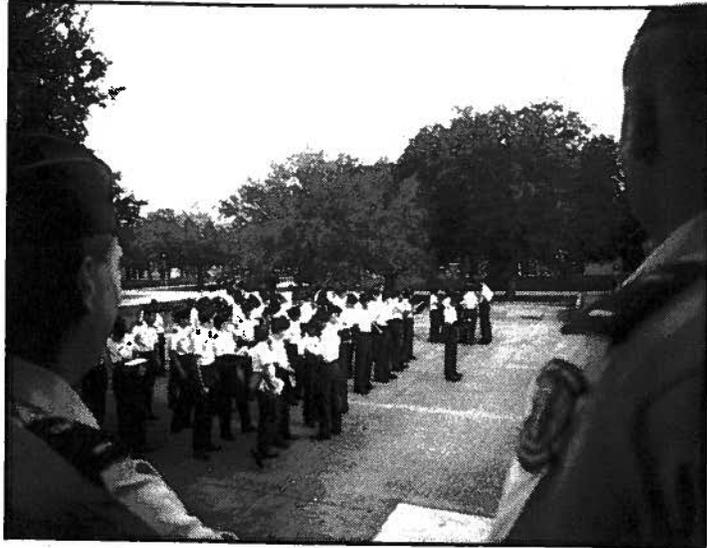
Photos & Story By Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO

You could feel the tension and anxiety in the air as 200 Civil Air Patrol Cadets formed up at 0700 hours, psyching themselves for the Cadet Special Activities Testing board. They came from all parts of the State of Florida to meet the board at the Naval Training Center in Orlando.

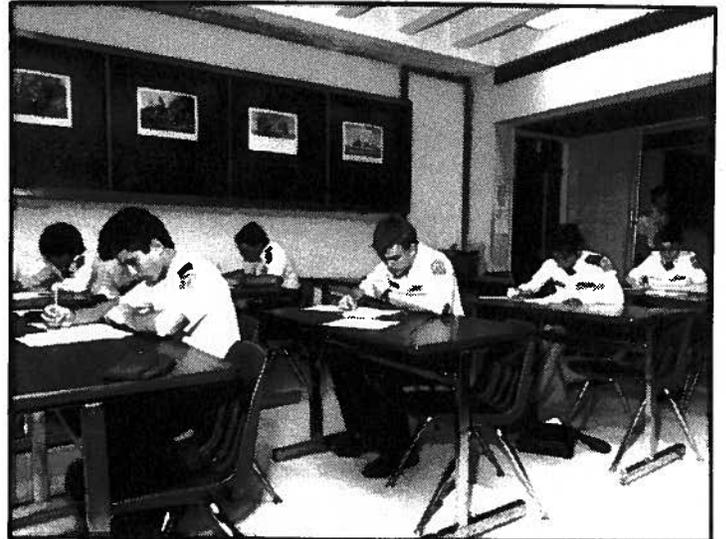
The word finally came, at 0745 hours, to file into the classroom for final instructions. There they were briefed as to what was expected of them and how they would be graded. There were five areas of consideration for grading each cadet: **Demeanor** — consisting of behavior, conduct, manner and how the cadet answers the questions and how they act before the board; **Military Bearing** — the "sharpness" of the cadet's movements, the way they sit and talk; **Uniform** — its cleanliness, neatness, whether or not items are placed properly on it and shoes shined and proper fit of the uniform; **Grooming** — the cadets' cleanliness, neatness and proper haircut or hairstyle; **Response to Questions** — is what the cadet says correct?

Captain David Horowitz, coordinator of testing said, "The written test has been broken down into three different tests, corresponding to the board levels that each cadet will have. We're trying to make the competition more competitive within each different level of achievement." Horowitz was instrumental in developing this system, because as a cadet he and other cadets felt it was highly unfair for the higher ranked cadets to compete against the lower ranked cadets. They wanted to try and make it more competitive for the cadets on the lower ranked level, so they would feel like they are achieving within their own group.

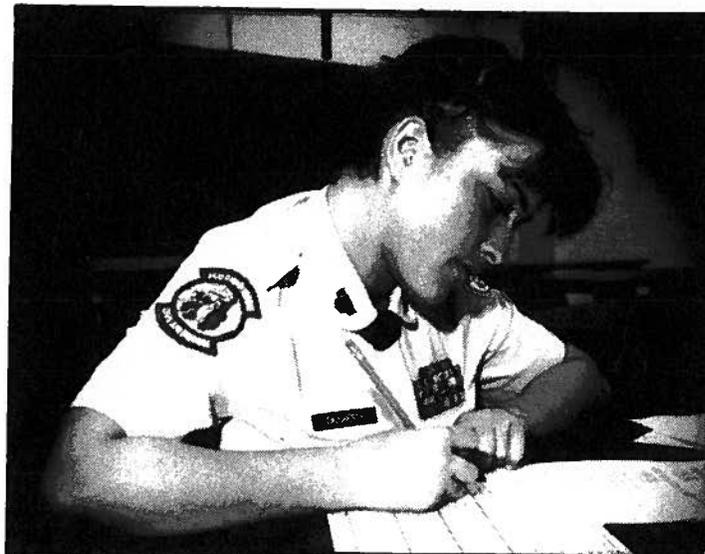
Horowitz indicated that, "The amount of cadets here today is not a problem, we have been able to handle the testing and the boards for a large number of cadets for many years. The only challenge we find this year is keeping them organized as to which cadet is going to get to which board and which test at the same time and, to make sure they complete everything they are supposed to complete in order to compete. The way we have broken it down is that we are trying to keep people that are in phases 1 & 2 competing against each other and phases 3 & 4 together. We realize that when we broke it down we had to break the boundaries slightly in order to facilitate what we had to work with. Therefore, we feel it's highly competitive within the different groups. We were finding that a lot of the officers and higher ranking NCO's were scoring amongst the highest and the lower cadets that did not have a lot of training were coming in at the bottom level of testing. This was hurting their attitudes toward the activity and that's what we are trying to avoid. We try to have the cadets here, have a good time, learn something, find out what they know and help build their Civil Air Patrol career."



At 0700 hours, cadets line up at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida. They gathered from all parts of the state to participate in testing for the Cadet Special Activities for 1987.



Buckling down to the task are left to right: C/2nd Lt. Aaron Wessner, C/MSgt. Michael Couture, Enterprise Cadet Sq., Miami, C/2nd Lt. Linda Leali, Lantana Lakeworth Cadet Sq. and C/TSgt. Karen Geiger, Palm Beach Cadet Sq.



Not to be outdone for testing for Cadet Special Activities is C/Sgt. Stephanie Daugherty, Eagle Composite Sq., Orlando.

Eagle Composite Squadron Hits Musical High

By: Lt. Col. Sid Birns, PAO

While driving home from a photo assignment, I heard this wonderful announcement, "Civil Air Patrol and Tupperware are sponsoring a musical concert by the noted composer/conductor Mantovani . . . etc."

As Wing PAO, you can imagine how thrilled I was to hear this announcement, especially during the home-bound rush hour traffic. I couldn't begin to imagine how many people heard it, but I was extremely pleased with the person who dreamed up this wonderful idea, put it together and got it off the ground . . . so much so, that I tracked him down and asked him to please write to me giving me all the details on how it was done.

Before you read his letter, I want to personally congratulate him for an outstanding activity . . . applause, applause . . .

Dear Col. Birns:

This letter is in reply to your letter of 28 Jan 1987, requesting information on the Mantovani concert to benefit the Eagle Composite Squadron. I will outline the steps I took to produce this event and will make recommendations that you may find helpful to other units, if they are considering a similar event.

Let me first say that the concert was successful in the public exposure of Civil Air Patrol and our squadron; however, it was not profitable in the monetary sense.

This idea for this project came about a year or so ago. I have always enjoyed classical, big band and traditional patriotic music and was attempting to start a community orchestra, sponsored by the Eagle Composite Squadron. (It would have CAP members in uniform doing shows like the Navy Band does.) In the process of locating a band director, I met the Vice President of Mantovani Productions Associates. He told me the Mantovani Orchestra would be interested in performing a concert to benefit the squadron. After giving me some tentative play dates for the orchestra, I wrote letters to the Tupperware Auditorium, the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre and to the First Baptist Church, requesting possible use of their facilities to put on the show. We were politely turned down by the church (a 5,000 seat facility) and as for the Bob Carr facility, I was told we would have to fill out a large stack of forms and go before a city board to be considered for it. That was a 2,300 seat facility. The Tupperware auditorium people wrote back and donated the use of their facility for a night (a 2,000 seat auditorium) which would normally rent for \$2,000. We would, however, have to pay labor costs to produce the show, which was estimated to be around \$1,000, if we had a full house.

We started looking for a concert sponsor. Several personal letters were written to vari-

ous well-off businessmen in town . . . no interest generated. We then got lists of area businesses . . . 300 of them . . . and sent letters requesting sponsorship of the concert — again, no community support, even when the sponsors were promised advertising credit.

In order to put on the concert, Mantovani was going to charge about \$6,000, which is about \$2,000-\$3,000 less than they generally get for a regular concert. Since we couldn't get sponsorship, we were going to call off the concert until Mantovani came back with an alternative suggestion. The deal they offered was that they would take the proceeds from the first 600 tickets sold, the second 600 tickets would be ours, and the last 800 tickets would be split evenly. The tickets sold for \$12.00 each.

So, you can see we were covered, except for the \$1,000 in labor costs, to put on the concert. Mantovani made estimates that with minimal advertising, 1,200 tickets would be sold.

To sell the concert we knew we would have to advertise. I had counted on the local radio and TV stations to air the event as a Public Service Announcement. I had a radio spot professionally made and sent copies of it to all the major radio stations, expecting them to run the spot once or twice a day. Later, I discovered we were lucky if they ran the spot once in the two-week period before the concert. Unfortunately, the TV spots that Mantovani provided to us were not properly aired, also the information tag at the end of the spot was left off by channel six when they dubbed it and sent it around to the other stations. By the time I discovered this, it was too late to re-do the spots. So, people that watched the television spots heard the information about the concert, but didn't get any information about CAP, or when or where the concert would be held.

Two weeks before the concert, we had only sold 150 tickets, all due to poor advertising. At this point, I approached WSSP and WDBO radio, for tickets for radio spots trade . . . (the spots you heard). This trade used tickets that would not have sold anyhow, so they were essentially free spots. I think these spots generated most of our customers. We also got a very good writeup in the Orlando Sentinel the weekend before the concert, which probably helped increase the sale of the tickets.

All in all, the concert went well. We only sold 500 tickets, so the Squadron didn't make any money. Mantovani made enough to cover expenses and I paid the \$700.00 for the labor charge from Tupperware. (The squadron had no cash and I accepted this responsibility.) The people at the concert did get a good impression of CAP and they en-

joyed the show, so we did make progress there.

In closing, my recommendations are as follows:

1. Get a sponsor who can cover both labor costs and also pay for quality advertising on radio, TV and newspapers. I estimate that cost to be about \$5,000.00.
2. Spots can be traded for time, with tickets that the station can use as give-aways.
3. You must advertise. Mantovani is a good group that draws large crowds. The previous day, they sold 3,000 tickets for two shows in Sarasota . . . so you see, they can make money.
4. PAO's can help promote CAP by frequent news releases. Our major problem in getting a sponsor was that, people don't know who or what we are.

Please call me anytime, if you have any other questions.

Thanks for your interest.

Capt. Clark L. Morris, CAP

It Pays To Advertise

By Lt. Col. Joseph E. Day, PAO

This slogan is not new. But, it works when you advertise Civil Air Patrol and all its youth activities.

The luncheon was delightful, and after the speechmaking, we left but not without accomplishing something. The businessmen at the meeting were so impressed by our glowing praise of Civil Air Patrol that they donated \$200.00 to the treasury of the Suncoast Cadet Squadron. The manager of Denny's restaurant in Port Richey, Florida Mr. Michael Pozesny wrote out a check on behalf of Denny's restaurants.

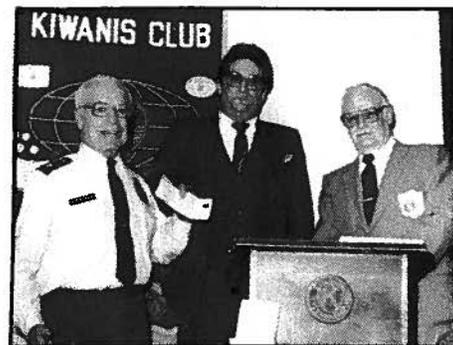


Photo reading L to R: Lt. Col. Joseph E. Day, PAO; General Manager Michael Pozesny of Denny's Restaurant; Robert Gipson, President of Hudson Kiwanis.

Birns Receives Fellows Award

NEW YORK — Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Public Affairs Officer, Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol (headquartered in Orlando), was one of five honored recipients of the Jimmy Doolittle Fellows Award.

The Iron Gate chapter of the Air Force Association, presented this distinguished award to Lt. Col. Birns, who resides in Apopka, Florida, in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the Chapter, The Air Force Association and the Nation.

Named after the famed aviator and World War II Medal of Honor recipient, General James H. Doolittle, this Fellowship Program was established in 1974. Funds received through the program assist the Foundation in its varied educational activities and the Aerospace Education Center's conduct of in-depth forums and discussions on the most important aerospace, defense and military personnel related issues of our times — and to distribute widely the proceedings as a major contribution to aerospace education.

The Iron Gate Chapter is the leading sponsor of Jimmy Doolittle Fellows in the country and naming five additional Fellows today, brings the total to 125.



Shown in photo left to right: Dan H. Huebner, President of the Iron Gate Chapter, Air Force Association as he presents the award to Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Civil Air Patrol.

Marion Oaks Squadron Holds Awards Banquet

By: Susan Lanier

The Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron #08360 of the Civil Air Patrol held an annual awards banquet at the Belleview VFW on January 13th. Major Joseph Barron, Jr., Commander 1/Lt. John T. Matthews, and 1/Lt. Leonard Williams presented the awards.

Several promotions were received. Flight officer promotions were received by Cdt. Gregory Lehev and Cdt. Jason Pennington. Airman 1st class were received by cadets Kenneth Berry and Matt Pennington. Airmans were received by cadets Kerry Ohman, Stephen Pierson, and Glenn Curtis.

Cadets receiving the highest awards were Cdt. Flight Officer Gregory Lehev and Cdt. Flight Officer Jason Pennington who both received the "Billy Mitchell Award." These cadets also received "Red Service Ribbons" for two years of service. Cdt. Flight Officer Jason Pennington earned his 101 card and his emergency services card allowing him to go anywhere in the state during an emergency. Jason Pennington also received 2nd place in "meeting attendance." All of the following cadets received Certificates of Appreciation and 1st place winners also received a check.

Cdt. Airman Kerry Ohman received 1st place in "meeting attendance," 1st place in "recruiting," 1st place in "activity participation," and 2nd place in "fund raising." Cdt. Airman Glenn Curtis received 1st place in "fund raising" and 2nd place in "recruiting." Airman 1st class Steven Schnetzler received 2nd place for "activity participation."

Certificates of Appreciation were given to three cadets for Civil Air Patrol presentation at school. These cadets were: Cdt. Sgt. Brian Santiago, Cdt. Airman Kerry Ohman, and Cdt. Airman Stephen Peirson.

Major Joseph Barron, Jr., 1/Lt. Leonard Williams, and Pastor Perry Shenk also received Certificates of Appreciation. Certificates for the Marion Oaks Lions Club and Ladies' Auxiliary were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Santiago. The Marion Oaks VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary, Marion Oaks Women's Club, and Bobby Spruill of the Marion Oaks Investment were sent certificates.

The banquet, a success, was prepared by the ladies of the Belleview VFW. The cadets served their families and guests. The banquet was paid for by the cadets from the money they earned from their fund raising projects.

West Orange Composite Wins Two Out of Three

By: Capt. Jay Underwood

West Orange has done it again. For the second time in three years, West Orange Composite Squadron of the Year for 1986 in Florida Wing Group 6. The award was announced at the Group 6 awards banquet at the Orlando Naval Training Center.

Recognized for individual achievement was West Orange cadet Captain Richard Rose who received the Group 6 Cadet of the Year award.

The squadron was evaluated along with eleven others in a six-county area and was recognized for outstanding performance in the CAP emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. The awards followed a very active year in the squadron.

Representing the Florida Wing in April by winning a statewide competition, a ground team from West Orange won a third place standing in competition with teams from the Southeast Region at Knoxville, Tennessee.

In July, West Orange organized a tour of the National Air and Space Museum, national monuments and other points of interest in Washington, DC and later in July, squadron members were part of a team which located the wreckage of a missing aircraft in northwest Florida.

Safety Lt. Col. William Archer

All we hear about now is the DUI problems, but I don't believe we need to elaborate on this as I think that CAP members are more mature and educated about the pitfalls of alcohol and drugs (there are a few exceptions, minor I hope).

However I think as we get older, **the fatigue factor** is our biggest problem in both driving and flying. Let's face it, our reaction time is slower. Although we do things automatically, our recall and memory factors are slower.

At night, whether flying or driving, we can get mesmerized or even hypnotized by bright headlights. Signs alongside the highways are sometimes spotlighted too bright. Even flying, bright city lights can distract you, cut down your vision, especially if the windshield is dirty, so make sure it is clean before you take off. Early morning dew or condensation in Florida contains lots of salt particles thus reducing visibility.

So the more restrictions to our visibility, the harder we strain to see and therefore the more fatigued our eyes and whole body get, i.e. slower reaction times.

Another fatigue cause is sitting around doing nothing, like waiting for assignment during missions. Pick up A.I.M. or safety bulletins and read, this will help keep your mind awake and alert. Get up and walk outside, fresh air will help. Don't sit next to a smoker. One cigarette reduces your night vision five to fifteen percent, even if you don't smoke but inhale others' smoke.

Weidensall Conducts Aerospace Program

By: Lt. Henry Olsen

Captain John Weidensall, Aerospace Officer of Florida's Group Four is **NOT** lying down on the job. Under the direction of **Major Paul Vandiver**, Group Four Commander, he has just completed the first of a six-part Senior Member aerospace program which is the first of its kind in the Florida area and probably the first in the nation.

Weidensall's course will be conducted over a period of a year in six different seminars to include rocket model building. Completing this course will qualify its students to be Aerospace teachers on a Wing level. Weidensall will be teaching this course again next year and invites senior members of other Wings and Groups to join.

For more information call (813) 856-2880. This writer has attended the first seminar and sincerely recommends it for both new and older members.

I found during my 33,000 hours of flying that the actual flight time didn't tire me as much as the sitting around operations between flight legs.

Weather is a tiring factor whether driving or flying. It is caused by seemingly unnoticed anxiety or irritations such as being late caused by rain or accidents, or loud music.

So be alert to the causes of fatigue, it can kill you!

Paragon Technologies Extends Offer to CAP

By Maj. J.C. Arenburg

Paragon Technologies, a local organization, maintains a file of stolen amateur radio equipment. They have very courteously extended this privilege to Civil Air Patrol.

In reporting a theft, give the **make, model, serial number, identifying marks, modifications**, etc. Give the **name, address, phone**, and specifics of the robbery, **where, when, how, police case or report number, contact name, phone number**, etc.

This is a long shot, perhaps, but it might help. Also if you are buying equipment out of channels, it is possible to check to make sure it is not stolen.

Their address is: Paragon Technologies, P.O. Box 163135, Miami, FL 33116. Telephone (305) 238-7226.

Brandon Cadet Squadron Does It Again

By: 2nd Lt. Rosalie Van Evers, PAO

For the second year in a row, the "Squadron of the Year Award" and trophy for Group 3 Civil Air Patrol, covering the entire Tampa area, was presented to Brandon Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol at the recent Florida Wing Group 3 Banquet held in Brandon. Brandon's **Capt. Katherine Hope Wolf** was presented the trophy for "Group 3 Cadet of the Year."

Brandon squadron Commander CAP **Capt. Sindi Kalua Miller** presented the squadron awards for 1986. **Flight Officer Kyle Koncak** received the "Cadet of the Year" trophy. **Flight Officer Jeanie Jones** received the "Outstanding Cadet in Brandon Cadet Squadron" trophy. **SSGT Ronald Della Valle** received the "Dooley of the Year" trophy given to the outstanding new cadet. The "Senior Member of the Year" trophy was presented to CAP **Lt. Lanikai Miller** for her outstanding work with the cadets.

Cadet commander **Capt. Katherine Hope Wolf** presented CAP **Capt. Sindi Kalua Miller** with a plaque from the cadets in appreciation of the time and hard work she has given to Brandon Cadet Squadron.

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Squadron Studies Leadership in the Field

By: 2nd Lt. Lanikai Miller

Break away from the ordinary. Take your leadership classrooms and drillpad to the field. That's what Brandon's 237th squadron did.

The mission objective was improved leadership knowledge. It was held at a beautiful state forest, where three areas of National Cadet Competition were practiced.

Innovative drills were rehearsed while forest wildlife looked on. Seniors and cadets participated in competition volleyball, enjoying the open air. Other events, added for teamwork orientation, included a Tug-O-War, First Aid Relay, and Swiss Seat competition. During "duty hours" military customs and courtesies were more closely followed, in keeping with the overall theme.

Later that evening, the cadets sat around the campfire while a mock "panel quiz" was given and marshmallows were toasted.

Participants were judged for their morale and Espirit-De-Corps, as well as their performance. Before "Lights Out," there was a better understanding of Leadership lab for the newer cadets; and for the more experienced, it was a fun, new approach to learning.



Cadets Niver, Miller, Koncak, Noble, Romero, and James experience the "Thrill of Victory" as their teammates win an event in the leadership competition.



The new Fort Myers Senior Squadron Beechcraft Musketeer since becoming operational in December 1986, already has a record to be proud of.

It has flown many evening coastal search patrols, flown a dozen cadets and has a mission find to its credit.

The squadron recently flew orientation flights for 17 cadets using also the T34 owned by Capt. Wiefenbach.



BASE LICENSE EXPIRATIONS 1987

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| 11-24-87 | 0416 | DAY, JOSEPH — LTC. | 18/351 |
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| 12-14-87 | 0019 | ALEXANDER, WM. E. — CPT. | 02/323 |

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for helping me recover my missing aircraft.

To Col. Harvey Klein for his legal advice; To Maj. Harry Libscomb for putting my plight out on the net; To Maj. Bill Werner who actually found the plane within 24 hours; and to so

many other people whom I've never had the pleasure to meet, especially all of the Cadets who performed so well with the ramp search.

It gives me great pride to be part of Civil Air Patrol, the greatest organization in the world.

Respectfully,
Fred J. Karl, Maj. C.A.P.



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