



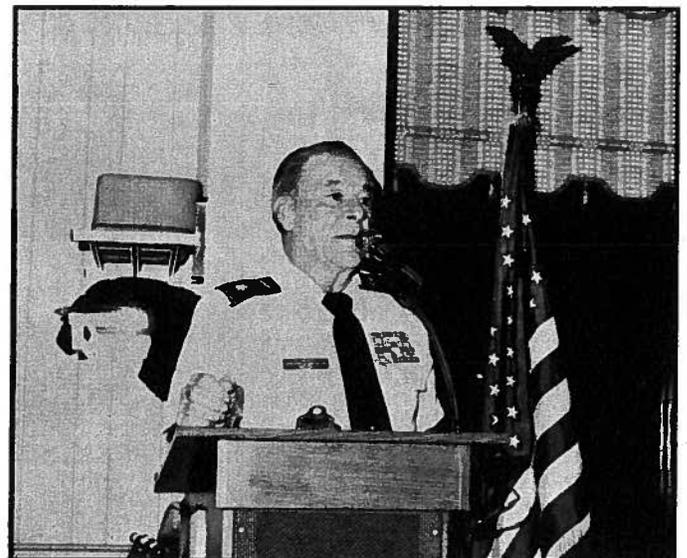
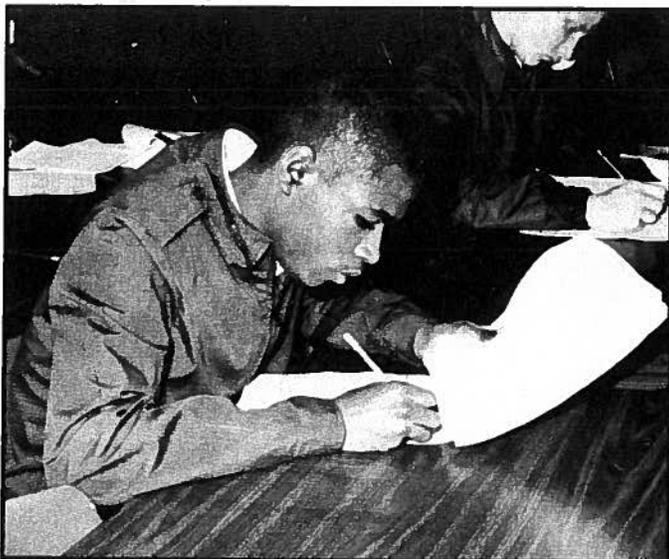
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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES BOARDS (see page 4)

Commander's Comment

Col. Richard Leighton

I wish to thank and congratulate each individual that participated in the Wing CDEX on Saturday 11 March. I'm sure you heard that we received a grade of "OUTSTANDING" from the Air Force. This is the first time the Region LO has issued an Outstanding to any Disaster Relief Evaluation in Florida. The following quote is from the report we received from Col. Glenn T. Caldwell: "The Florida Wing can be justifiable proud of the outstanding rating they earned on this DR evaluation. It is one of the best efforts observed by SELR evaluators to date." We had 421 members participate (286 Seniors and 135 Cadets) and 47 aircraft (19 corporate and 28 member owned) flew 63 sorties.

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NEWSLETTERS ARE IMPORTANT, HERE'S WHY:

FOR COMMUNICATION: A relationship can only be effective between people if they communicate. Take away communication and the relationship breaks down. We want to enhance that relationship between our members and we rely upon your communicating with each other. Through a unit newsletter you can educate, announce upcoming or important dates, inform about achievements and activities, explain items in print, give the unit member something "in their hands" to keep as a reminder, or a keepsake. You can use the newsletter for other reasons too, but it should all center around making everyone feel a part of that unit.

TO ASSIST IN ESPRIT DE CORP: Through a good newsletter the team spirit can be created, maintained, or enhanced - or all three! It can give the unit members something to rally over and become not only involved in but a part of. This type of communication can help shape an image by its very design, or name, and content. To portray a strong desirable image requires more than a weak newsletter. Good activities, well written reporting of them, prior planning of the newsletter are all required to present the kind of image you probably want to project. A weak newsletter can break down the team spirit: it can become an embarrassment, or a lecture, or a certain member's "property." Make sure your newsletter reflects the good image you want to enhance.

TO ASSIST IN RECRUITING: You might have plenty of prospective members visiting your unit meetings. Give them something to take home with them that keeps the memory, and invitation, alive. Use previous issues to show what your unit has done in the past. Use your newsletter as a handout for unit members when they invite someone to visit, or for placement at meeting places, airports etc. where you wish to become known.

HOW TO: This responsibility rests mostly with the unit Public Affairs Officer. By appointing a recruiting officer, and perhaps a historian the PAO will have a small committee with which to start your

newsletter. The Squadron Commander, and if a Composite or Cadet Squadron, the Cadet Commander should also assist. Don't spread the entire workload onto one or two people. Don't forget to utilize the cadets...

BASIC TASKS: Regardless of titles, here are the job responsibilities. Someone must do overall planning. This means they should use a calendar, and note activities they will want to "cover" or have someone write about. It also means assigning the other jobs, and making sure they're performed. Included is editing the final newsletter before actual printing, or copying. This person is usually called the "editor."

It's not a small task, even on a small newsletter. The editor must provide the consistency that every publication needs. The contents must work together as a whole: good grammar, style, spelling are a must.

Someone needs to write the "copy" or story for the newsletter. It doesn't just appear after an event! Proper rank/grade, spelling of names, and other pertinent data is another must. Making sure that what is written really tells the correct story. I recently read an article where the item stated that "...since this was my first flight the pilot went through a pre-flight check of the aircraft." (Or something to that effect.) Obviously this was NOT what they meant, and they gave credence to that later on in the article. The aircraft had already been pre-flighted, but since it was the cadet's first flight...

SO how do you write a good article? Remember the 5 W's? (And you can throw in HOW.) The lead paragraph, even perhaps the lead sentence should include as many as you can handle. After you have the basic necessary information (the 5 W's: who, what, when, where, why) then use the next paragraphs to tell more about what you stated in the beginning.

TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS: Some of you may not be able to copy photos into your newsletter, but those who want to try I have a few suggestions. Take black and white photos if you can. They reproduce the best. Make sure you focus, and hold the camera still. If you will hold your

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photo by 2LT Jim Brown, PAO

BOY SCOUTS

SAREX AND C.A.P.

by 1Lt Max Ortiz,
Seminole Cadet Squadron
ES Officer

On the weekend of 3-5 March 1989 C/Sgt Scott Britton and myself were invited by the Semorand Springs District of the Central Council of the Boy Scouts of America to participate and assist in a search and rescue exercise conducted at Camp Henrick Davis in Oviedo, Fl.

The purpose of the exercise was to familiarize the Boy Scouts on the basics of search and rescue. I held the basic SAR procedures and equipment, C/Sgt Britton assisted the Boy Scouts in basic drilling and military courtesies.

In the Boy Scout SAR event, 4 "survivors" were placed in the forest, the basic SAR, first aid, and orienteering they had learned during the day was put into practice: using the compass to find the way towards the target, procedures while searching in the woods, and finally upon finding "survivor" treating with first aid. The Sar/ex was very different from CAP but the activity itself and the learning that one acquires in such an event is just as fun and interesting as any sarex we have participated in.

We were the guest of Scout Troop 830 in Lake Mary where we were holding classes on emergency services at their meetings to get them familiar with the basics of sar. We look forward to more of the joint activities between our squadron and the Boy Scouts of America.

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breath just as you plan to take the picture, this will help steady the camera. A little too much light will reproduce better than one without enough light. Don't put light colored subjects against a light colored background. The same goes for dark. The 1550 shirt is light and may blend into a light wall, as will faces. Try to tell the story in a photo with fewer than 4 people. Groups shots are great for the record, but are crowded for news articles. Take more than one shot, move in closer (like waist-up or better, check your camera settings, and keep film and flash batteries handy, but out of the elements. Use only photos that show correct uniforming and grooming. Now, give it a shot!

REMINDERS: Be careful about what you put in your newsletter. Things that don't belong in the program certainly don't belong in your newsletter! Don't use copyrighted material until you've read what you, as a non-profit educational organization, can use legally. (If you do use other people's material, give them credit for it.) Use "bylines" with your articles and write "cutlines" for your photographs. You can use the Gator CAPers as an example. Keep it clean. Don't print slang or gossip. Credit those who write an "editorial" or opinion column. Print the facts.

WHAT YOU MUST DO: A few things to cover here. Make sure your unit name, and number appear somewhere on the front cover. Your squadron commander's and pao's names, along with the editor's if it is someone else, should be easy to find in the newsletter. Date your newsletter: month and year is enough. Send a copy to National HQ CAP-USAF/PAI, and to FL WG HQ/DPA. (Your Wing Historian has requested a copy also.) Abide by postal regulations if you mail your newsletters out.

THINK ABOUT IT and if you wish more assistance contact me. I'll be glad to help! One of my goals this year is to help EACH unit create a regular newsletter, whether monthly or quarterly. I hope this at least has you thinking! Greetings!



ACROSS THE WING

GROUP 1

08434 HQ Congratulations Outstanding Cadets of the Quarter for the period January through March: PHASE I C/Amn Erin Schulz, PHASE II C/MSgt Kevin Coggins, PHASE III C/FO Todd Perlman, PHASE IV C/Maj Terry L. Posey

08432 Tallahassee Composite Has plans to make trip to Ft. Rucker Aviation Museum, Dothan Alabama - May 5-7.

GROUP 2

08025 HQ Has begun a new Newsletter called The Banner.

08142 Gainesville Composite toured the Aerospace Engineering Laboratory at the U. of F.

08315 Citrus Co. Composite held a car wash and a yard sale. Local media published 7 articles ranging from growth to fundraising events.

08352 Cedar Key Composite had 4 members attend a flight clinic and 6 attend a Disaster relief exercise. 4 stories published by local media.

08360 So. Marion Cadet served Easter Dinner to Sr. Citizens at St. Theresa's Catholic Church and spoke to the AF Sergeants Organization, Ocala.

GROUP 3

08032 HQ cadets took part in a color guard at the opening ceremonies of the Top of Tampa Aviation Games and Music Festival.

08176 Tampa Cadet showed motivation when they had two one mile runs in February. Even Seniors took part with some finishing faster than some of the cadets.

08089 MacDill Cadet has for the past several months has provided a color guard for the Walden Lake Polo & Country Club for each Sunday afternoon's polo match.

08243 N. Tampa Cadet helped make a new parking lot and picnic area for the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

GROUP 4

08066 St. Petersburg Cadet spoke to the Westside Optimist Club and handed out 30 copies of unit newsletter.

08182 Pinellas Sr assisted the FAA with an Accident Prevention Program Mailing.

GROUP 5

08020 HQ took part in CDEX along with groups 9 & 10.

08015 Okeechobee Composite recently received Radiological Monitor training.

08031 Lakeshore Composite is in a recruiting drive as well as having a part in a recent E.S. Mission with Find.

GROUP 6

08362 Osceola Composite went to the Shuttle Launch in March as well as a spaghetti dinner. 5 local stories as well as PSA's on radio.

08116 Seminole Cadet is proud to announce that C/Sgt Pam Wise has been accepted by the Air Force Academy and will be leaving in June.

GROUP 7

08078 Port St. Lucie took part in a Cattleman's Day Parade with a float depicting a plane crash with casualties, D.F.'s and radios.

08293 Patrick Composite provided color and honor guards for ceremonies surrounding showing of Air Force Aircraft Paintings by artist Steven Williams at the Deland Museum of Fine Art. Paintings were shown by the Smithsonian Institute.

GROUP 8

08370 HQ Group 8 took part in CDEX and was responsible for having TV channel 20 air story twice. Also published 3 other stories by print media.

08023 Naples Sr took part in the CDEX. They also have a new unit NEWSLETTER called SKY-EYE

08040 Ft Myers Sr took part in the CDEX

08048 Ft Myers Shores Composite took part in the CDEX

08051 Charlotte Co Composite managed to get 10 stories into local press as well as having 11 members at the CDEX at Naples.

08314 Lake Placid took part in the CDEX

08335 Venice Composite Flt took part in the CDEX

08373 Naples Cadet took part in the CDEX

08376 Marco Island Sr held two recent fundraisers. They also had 16 stories with 13 photos published by local media.

08436 Cape Coral Cadet took part in the CDEX.

GROUP 9

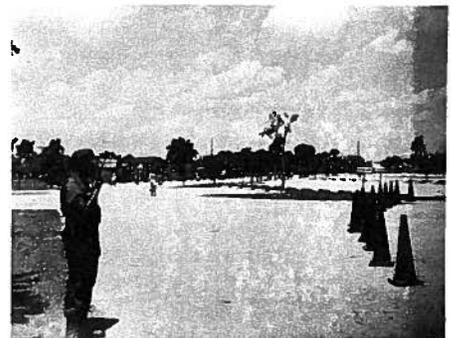
08016 Coral Springs Cadet Squadron was successful in having 7 stories published by media. Cadets served as security for the Honda Golf Classic.

08337 337 Composite besides taking part in the Wing CDEX they took part in a fox hunt and a dinner cruise.

GROUP 10

08010 HQ 1Lt. Angel Marquez is the new Group 10 director of Cadet Programs.

08335 Tamiami Composite has a brand new newsletter. Looks great!!!



Cadet Arnaldo Piedrahita checks in with the command center from his security post along the Harris Field course.

CADET PROGRAMS

LTC HENRY PRINE, DIRECTOR

All cadets wishing to serve on the Cadet Staff for ALL Encampment positions at BOTH Encampments shall attend ECCSS. ECCSS will be held 24-30 June, 1989, at Southeastern College in Lakeland FL. All cadets wishing to serve on either staff must apply by writing a letter in accordance with CAPR 10-1, submitting 3 copies of CAPF 54 and a fee of \$95.00 to the below address NO LATER THAN 1 June, 1989. The \$95.00 fee will cover ECCSS and the Encampment(s) fee.

Cadets attending ECCSS must have attained at least the rank of Cadet Tech Sergeant [C/TSgt] and must agree to serve at the position earned at ECCSS. Those not earning a position will not attend an encampment. All applicants must have attended a prior encampment.

ENCAMPMENTS

The Lakeland Encampment will be held 1-8 July at Southeastern College, Lakeland, FL. The cost of this encampment will be \$65.00 for all Cadets applying by 10 June 1989. This encampment is open to all cadets, regardless of where you live. This is the primary Wing Encampment and a large attendance is expected.

The Tyndall Encampment will be held 12-19 August 1989. The cost of this encampment will be \$75.00. Cadets from Groups 1 and 2 will have priority at this encampment. Applications for the Tyndall Encampment are also due 10 June 1989.

Encampment applications will be made by submitting 3 copies of CAPF 54 and enclosing a check made out to FL Wing, CAP.

Cadets from all Groups may attend either Encampment within the space limitations of Tyndall. The maximum cadets that can attend Tyndall is 125 including the Staff. It is strongly recommended that all cadets needing an encampment consider the Lakeland Encampment even if they apply for the Tyndall Encampment. These are the only two encampments planned for 1989. All Cadets planning to have their Mitchell or attend a Special Activity next year, and not having an encampment, must attend one of these encampments to be eligible. There WILL NOT be a Winter encampment this year.

Seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend the encampments. Even those who have never attended an encampment, who have no prior military experience and who might not be strong in the cadet program are invited to assist us in various ways. Don't think you are not needed: you are! We ask that any senior wishing to attend (or even considering it) please submit 2 copies of CAPF 17. Seniors will be charged \$45.00 to cover food.

Registration at Lakeland will be between 1300 and 1600 hours on 1 July 1989. All personnel WILL report in wearing the blue 1550 type uniform. All Cadets will arrive properly groomed [males: hair cut and off the ears, females: hair not below bottom of collar or on eyebrows, CHECK your manual] and having the proper uniform accessories. [This includes hat device.]

It is not the Encampment Staff's responsibility to provide a barber or take care of those duties assigned to the individual and the Unit Commander on a year-round basis. Each Cadet WILL be inspected upon arrival and those not meeting the standards set forth in CAPM 39-1 will be subject to disciplinary action.

ITEMS TO BRING TO THE LAKELAND ENCAMPMENT

- ___ sheets (2)
- ___ blanket
- ___ pillow
- ___ pillowcase
- ___ towels (2+)
- ___ washcloths (2+)
- ___ laundry bag
- ___ toilet articles
- ___ shower shoes
- ___ socks (for each day)
- ___ underclothes (for each day)
- ___ 1550 uniforms (complete)
- ___ fatigues (complete)
- ___ gym clothes
- ___ raincoat or dark jacket
- ___ shoes (low quarter, military)
[new shoes are not recommended]
- ___ pen
- ___ paper
- ___ ruler
- ___ CAP manuals
- ___ Handbooks issued
- ___ lock (preferably combination)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE CADET'S FULL NAME!!!

The Encampment Staff will not be responsible for lost items.

ITEMS NOT TO BRING TO EITHER ENCAMPMENT:

Food of any type, gum, tobacco, matches, alcohol, drugs, or medication (except with Doctor's prescription), radios (including clock), games, books not issued by CAP, weapons of any type (includes pocket knives), or large sums of money.

WEST ORANGE FLIGHTS

Cpt Jay Underwood, PAO

Second Lieutenant Jack Rabon of the West Orange FLIGHT of Seminole Cadet Squadron got more than he bargained for recently.

One Saturday 2Lt Rabon was one of four pilots who provided orientation flights at FLAGLER County Airport to 44 cadets from squadrons of Central Florida's Group Six. The large turnout of cadets meant that Jack and the other three pilots missed their lunch as they spent almost five hours flying cadets in three aircraft. Jack said he didn't mind since he would rather fly than eat, anyway. An unexpected bonus for cadets who attend the "fly day" was the opportunity to watch approximately 20 skydivers conducting jumps at the airport.

When Jack isn't serving as an orientation pilot, he works as an engineer for Reedy Creek Energy Services, the electric utility company at Walt Disney World.



2LT J. Rabon explains pre-flight procedure

RELEASE AGREEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

(TO BE COMPLETED BY PARTICIPANTS 18 YRS OF AGE AND ABOVE)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

RELEASE BY PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

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

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

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

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

(WITNESS FOR FATHER'S SIGNATURE)

(STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) ZIP CODE

(FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

(STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(WITNESS FOR MOTHER'S SIGNATURE)

(STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

(ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

NOTE: Parents are advised that Civil Air Patrol has a Cadet Accident Program with \$4,000 Medical Benefits. The \$4,000 Medical benefits are "excess" to any similar coverage that you carry.

SQUADRON APPROVAL

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

(SIGNATURE OF SQDN CMDR OR DEP CMDR FOR CADETS)

(DATE)

WING APPROVAL

ACTION BY WING HEADQUARTERS:

Approved

Disapproved

ATTENDANCE PRIORITY
(See CAPM 50-16, para 8-6b)

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE)

(DATE)

1st

2d

3d

COMMUNICATIONS

BLUE NOISE

by Maj John Sparling, Asst.
Communications Director

Have you heard a strange sounding elec-tronic buzzing noise on 149.925 MHz? It may be the sound of "packet radio" being transmitted. Packet radio is a relative newcomer to the amateur world and has only recently been approved for simplex use by CAP.

How it works - "Packet," as it is often called, works in conjunction with a VHF transceiver, a computer, some communications software, and a controller called a TNC. After proper installation of the hard-ware and setup of the TNC parameters (operating rules,) the operator "connects" to another packet station. During this connection, communication is typed onto the computer keyboard and is assembled into "packets" by the TNC and sent via the VHF radio.

Error Free Reception - At the receiving end, the packet is examined by the receiving TNC for errors. If errors are detected, the TNC rejects the packet and asks the sending TNC to send again (all this happens without the

operators' knowledge.) Only error free packets are displayed on the display screen and the whole process for a simplex conversation (send - receive) may take one or two seconds.

Long Distance Operations - How do I send a packet message to someone out of simplex range of my station? Built into the electronics of the TNC is a "digipeater," analogous to a voice repeater except it uses the same input frequency for output. For example, if I want to send a message to a packet station in Miami and I live in Boca Raton, and know of several packets stations within simplex distance of each other along the route to Miami, I can address my "connect" message to route to the addressee through those digipeaters.

What's The Cost To Get Into Packet? - TNCs can cost as little as \$100 (see Pac Comm's ad in the March 1989 Civil Air Patrol News, for example.) You can also pick up a lap top computer for around \$100 (some Radio Shack, Sharp, Sanyo models.) After some basic soldering to adapt the TNC cable to the par-

ticular VHF radio you own (you will need to have the wiring diagram,) you are now ready to spend some time reading the packet operations manual in order to learn the command sets used in packet. It's not difficult and after a few connections with other "packeteers" you will be right at home with the system.

Florida Wing is in it's infancy with packet radio. As al ways, we must walk before we run and so it is with the CAP packet network. We have a long-term goal of having an established packet network but must rely on local area nets (LANs) for the most part now. Those of you who are radio amateurs (hams) are aware of the vast network available to packet users throughout the State. In an emergency, appropriately licensed CAP/Amateurs may use the amateur networks to pass traffic.

I hope to hear more "blue noise" on the frequency soon. With your help we can add a new dimension to Florida Wing CAP Communications which can only be a positive factor in accomplishing our mission objectives.

NEWSLETTERS IN THE WING

CPT. J. STOCKTON, DPA

- Gainesville EXCITER
- Orlando CADRE
- St Pete. AIRKNOCKERS
- Tallahassee HQ NEWSLETTER
- Group 1 CADET NEWSLETTER
- Charlotte Co NEWSLETTER
- Central FL NEWSLETTER
- The GR - EIGHT NEWSLETTER
- Group Six SENIOR OBSERVER
- Group Two THE BANNER
- Seminole Cadet NEWSLETTER
- Pompano Beach Cadet-UPDRAFT
- Ormond Beach - The ORMOND ORBIT
- Group 10 TALESPIINNER
- Tamiami Composite PROP WASH
- Macdill Cadet JETBLAST
- Sarasota-Bradenton Comp
- The GATOR-AID
- South Marion Cadet The COMMUNICATOR
- Brandon Cadet HAWK'S HANGER
- Naples Sr SKY-EYE

**APPLICATION FOR SENIOR MEMBER ACTIVITIES
(INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION ON BACK)**

APPLICATION FOR SENIOR MEMBER ACTIVITIES (INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION ON BACK)		
1. TITLE OF ACTIVITY	2. LOCATION OF ACTIVITY	3. DATES OF ACTIVITY
4. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL	5. CAP GRADE	6. CAP SERIAL NUMBER
7. ADDRESS (Street No., City, State, ZIP Code)	8. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Include Area Code) a. Business _____ b. Home _____	
	9. PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED THIS ACTIVITY (YES OR NO) (If "yes," state date attended)	
10. DATE AND HOW LEVEL I COMPLETED	12. DATE JOINED CAP	13. CAP DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND INCLUSIVE DATES
11. LEVEL II SPECIALTIES AND RATINGS COMPLETED Specialty Rating 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	14. CAP AERONAUTICAL RATING	
	15. CAP UNIT NAME	
	16. CHARTER NUMBER	17. WING
18. CAP TRAINING AWARDS EARNED 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	19. PREVIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND YEARS ATTENDED (Include ECI Correspondence (SOS)) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	
	20. SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> High School _____ Years <input type="checkbox"/> College _____ Years	
	21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION	
	22. OUTLINE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS IN CAP	
23. MEDICAL INFORMATION (See instructions on back)		
24. REMARKS (Use additional sheet, if required)		
25. APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE
26. ACTION BY SQUADRON COMMANDER (If applicable) Information presented above has been reviewed for accuracy and completeness. This application has been evaluated in comparison with all other applications for this activity from this squadron.		27. SQUADRON COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE DATE
28. REMARKS		
29. ACTION BY WING COMMANDER This application has been evaluated in comparison with all other applications for this activity from this wing.		30. WING COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE DATE
31. REMARKS		
32. ACTION BY REGION COMMANDER This application has been evaluated in comparison with all other applications for this activity from this region.		33. REGION COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE DATE
34. REMARKS		

SENIOR PROGRAMS

LtC JOHN J LEHR, DIRECTOR

The TOP THREE Florida Groups in the Senior Member Academic Training Program for 1988 selected on seven (7) basic categories of training are:

#1 = Group 4 with 88.8% of their Senior Members completing Level 1 and placing 1st in 6 categories and 2nd in 1 category.

#2 = Group 8 with 88.4% of their Senior Members completing Level 1 and placing 2nd in 5 categories and 1st in 1 category.

#3 = Group 3 with 83.2% of their Senior Members completing Level 1 and placing 3rd in 2 categories, 4th in 3 categories and 5th in 2 categories.

The academic categories involved are completion of Level 1 Orientation, Squadron Leadership School (SLS), ECI-13 CAP Officer Course, Certificate of Proficiency, Corporate Learning Course (CLC), Region Staff College (RSC) and National Staff College (NSC).

CONGRATULATIONS TO GROUPS 4, 8 AND 3!

During January 1989, 19 applications and 24 tests were received for Extension Course Institute (ECI) courses in the Florida Wing.

Southeast Region Staff College, October 22-28, 1989, Maxwell AFB, AL. Applications (in duplicate) on CAPF-17 with \$50 check to "Civil Air Patrol" attached (repeat, ATTACHED) should be sent to Florida Wing HQ/TTN quickly as possible. CAP Officers who have completed training Level III and hold command or staff positions are eligible to attend.

GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD

Maj Fred W. Jones	08029	27 Jan 1989
Maj Joan M. Thompson	08434	27 Jan 1989

PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

Cpt Edna G. Davis	08116	26 Jan 1989
Cpt Ward I. Davis	08116	26 Jan 1989
Cpt Fred M. Hemmes	08433	26 Jan 1989
Maj W. D. Malouf	08153	27 Jan 1989
LtC Chester W. Plank	08025	17 Jan 1989

GROVER LOENING AWARD

Maj Bruce P. Smith	08054	17 Jan 1989
Maj Donald H. Swords	08078	17 Jan 1989
Cpt Michael E. Thompson	08353	17 Jan 1989
Cpt Marian C. Welch	08375	26 Jan 1989

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/LEADERSHIP AWARD

1Lt Lowell Logerwell	08310	8 Dec 1988
1Lt Karl L. Mitchell	08133	14 Dec 1988
1Lt Richard Bowlby	08027	22 Nov 1988
2Lt H. M. Goldberg	08016	8 Dec 1988

UNIT CITATION AWARDS

Given for outstanding achievements, exceptional service, and high degree of performance during the periods indicated.

Naples Senior Squadron 1 Jan 54 - 28 Nov 88
Headquarters Group 1 1 Jan 87 - 31 Dec 87

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Cpt David Horowitz for exceptional performance of duty during the period 26 Feb 1988 - 21 August 1988.

WING CALENDAR

JUNE 1-2.....SAREX GROUP 1

JUNE 10-11.....SAREX GROUP 8

JUNE 16.....WING STAFF MEETING

JUNE 30-JULY 8ECCSS. SE BIBLE COLLEGE

JULY 8-15.....CADET ENCAMPMENT
SE BIBLE COLLEGE,
LAKELAND

JULY 15WING STAFF MEETING

COME TO FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 3
OMNI INTERNATIONAL HOTEL - DOWNTOWN ORLANDO
400 W. LIVINGSTON

DISASTER RELIEF EXERCISE

by Cpt Anne Almsteadt, PAO

Six members of the CAP Cedar Key Squadron participated in the recent disaster relief exercise mission at Gainesville Regional Airport. Major Joseph Barron, commander of the Gainesville Composite Squadron, was the mission coordinator.

The State-Wide exercise include all CAP Groups and Squadrons in the Florida Wing, and operation bases were established at Naples, Lantana, Panama City as well as Gainesville. Each base followed its own scenario for the simulated disaster and acted upon it.

The Gainesville scenario was the story of a hurricane named "Andrew," and it's ravages, that included flooding, explosions, building collapse, bridge washouts, nuclear plant hazards, power outages, ELT signals, and sporadic communications throughout North Central Florida.

The mission of the 120 CAP seniors and cadets was to assess disaster damage, and rescue victims, using corporate and private aircraft and vehicles. A

complete communications center was set upon the premises and the airwaves were kept humming with incoming reports and outgoing messages, The Gainesville base was in constant touch with the Emergency Management Agency in Tallahassee.

Some of the duties of the Cedar Key squadron members included: radiological monitoring; Maj William Almsteadt; Lts. Pamela Wadley and Sherri Tweedy were aerial scanners; Lt Wadley also worked the flight line; Maj John Weidensall was an aerial observer; Cpt Anne Almsteadt was the Public Affairs Officer and also an aerial Observer; Lt Robert Obert participated in aerial search and also piloted students of aerial monitoring.

The exercise was visited by Florida Wing Commander, Col. R. Leighton, and Craig Fugate, director of the Alachua County Emergency Management Agency. On hand also were USAF officers who evaluated the day-long proceedings.

There was never a dull moment!

CDEX, MISSION TOO

1Lt Staten Corbett, PAO

Panama City...Members in the Northwest part of the Florida CAP Wing just completed several days of rigorous activities. To begin with, they participated in the Statewide Civil Defense Disaster Relief Exercise. The center of operations for CAP activities during this exercise was DeFuniak Springs Municipal Air port. This exercise for standardization, evaluation, and training assisted in determining the CAP ability to respond to civil defense needs in the wake of a hurricane and numerous tornadoes. These include aerial damage assessment, search for a missing aircraft and two missing persons. In addition the members were on alert to support American Red Cross and local hospitals with air and ground transportation of blood and sera.

Next they participated in "Cadet Aircraft Flight Orientation." This provided aviation training to

cadets, ages 13 through 21, in safe ground and air operating procedures.

Then reality-- a missing Cherokee 160 aircraft. The pilot was flying with visual reference to Interstate 10 from Tallahassee to Pensacola. Last radio contact at 11:30 pm placed him approximately nine miles north northwest of the Navarre bridge on a Westerly heading. During the search 359 CAP members conducted 87 aircraft sorties for a total of 250 flying hours and 32 ground search teams.

Participating in these activities from the Naval Coastal Systems Center were: Staten W. Corbett, Code 7522, Public Affairs and Safety Officer; Max Dannecker, Code 30P, Mission Observer; Brian Gray, Code 5330, and Michael Jones, Code 055, ground search and mission headquarters team members.

THE WALTON COUNTY "CDEX" MISSION

1Lt Pat Pollard, PAO

The Walton County Composite Squadron received an emergency Mission call, 14 March 1989. Mission Coordinator LtC George Williams of Group 1, Florida Wing, contacted Maj Rodney Ryals to open a mission base in DeFuniak Springs at the Municipal Airport at 12:15 pm. Mission #04-0458 was assigned to the mission in search of a Cherokee 160 Aircraft, tail #N5572W. the craft was enroute from Tallahassee, FL to Pensacola, with the last known position being around the DeFuniak Springs area. As the mission progressed Tuesday night, they found the last known position to be northwest of Hulbert Field. There was one passenger, Daniel Davis, a businessman from Pensacola, who had been flying approximately 8 1/2 years and was VFR rated.

We were assisted with the search in the area by Tyndall Composite, Panama City Composite, Pensacola Composite, Milton Senior, and Eglin Composite Squadrons. There were 52 persons, 6 aircraft, 19 sorties done. The mission base was closed at the DeFuniak Springs airport and reopened at the Milton T Airport at 7 am Wednesday 15 March.

Two area restaurants, Mom & Dad's, and Hardee's of DeFuniak Springs furnished dinners for personnel at the mission base.

Mission base opened at Milton T Airport and remained open there until the completion of the mission 18 March, when the Cherokee 160 was located, 3 miles north northwest of Hulbert Field at 4:30 pm.

This mission lasted five (5) days with there being approximately 250 flight hours, 250 CAP members from Florida and Alabama assisting. There were approximately 32 ground teams conducting interviews, ground search, communications and flight line duties during this mission.

Civil Air Patrol was assisted by the Santa Rosa County Civil Defense, US Navy, US Air Force, US Coast Guard, Florida Marine Patrol, and the US Army Reserve from Mobile, AL who supplied two helicopters. This mission was a joint effort from all these agencies. Other CAP units responded to the urgency of the mission from the following locations: Miami, Tampa, St Petersburg, Orlando, Gainesville, and Jacksonville to name a few.

This shows that CAP has the resources and is capable of getting the necessary personnel and equipment when needed whether it be a missing aircraft, a disaster or local missing person. We work as a team to accomplish the mission we are requested to assist in.

Participating from the Walton Co Comp Squadron were Cadets/ TSgt Bob Schottroff, Sgt Jason Spaid, Amn Glenn Geffer, David Hubbard, Richard Hasncome, Basic Leonard Palmer; Seniors/ Maj R. Ryals, 1Lts P Pollard, J Engels, 2Lt C Pollard, Sr Mem S Pollard.

CHARLOTTE CO REPORT ON CDEX

Cpt Charles Young, PAO

Naples...A simulated disaster relief emergency exercise was conducted Statewide Saturday 11 March 1989. CAP worked with other emergency services groups. The Collier County Courthouse in Naples was the Emergency Operating Center (EOC.) The CAP used their building/hangar at the Naples airport to originate damage assessment flights.

The scenario was damage caused by hurricane "Andrew". Collier County EOC had reported widespread flooding along the coastal areas and State EOC at Tallahassee had requested damage assessment

flights over the Panhandle area as soon as "weather permitted." We were able to get 16 sorties locally between 9am and 1 pm. Also included was a trip to Orlando to "obtain serum for a snake bite victim from Immokalee."

The local Red Cross Chapter provided meals to all local mission participants.

A number of news releases were sent to keep the public informed. A Naples newspaper reporter spent several hours at the hangar obtaining data, and a Channel 20 TV cameraman was present to record the operation. This film was later shown on the 6 o'clock news.

RECRUITING

LtC CHERYL S. MILLER

RECRUITING / RETENTION: I have been appointed to this position at Wing level. I will be looking at both the strengths and weaknesses in recruiting and retention at various levels throughout the Wing. We are going to try to pin down the definite problem areas and then **WORK ON THEM!** My first goals for this program are:

1. To get as much input regarding recruiting/retention methods and ideas as we can. This is where you come in! Please forward to me, by May 15th, those special methods and ideas that work for your unit, and also identify any you have tried or seen other use and failed. Describe specifically the recruiting and retention "turn-on's" and turn-off's" including: (a) type of activity, i.e. meeting, mission, presentation, training activity, etc. (b) senior, cadet or composite activity, (c) ratio of seniors to cadets [approximately], (d) time period [year and season]. Describe the positive or negative happening.

2. Recruiting and Retention Guide - we all have ideas and we've all heard stories, but do we know what works and when and why? Pointers and Hints as well as some guidelines will be put together into a booklet "tool" for CAP Members.

3. Let's make the biggest strides in recruiting and retention areas in the nation happen right here in Florida! **BE A PART OF THE POSITIVE CAP EXPERIENCE** and let me know what works and what doesn't. Let's take this often problem area and turn it around! We need to recruit and retain - they must go hand in hand!

Send your input to me at:
Cheryl S. Miller
7903 Citrus Park Blvd.
Ft. Pierce, Florida 34951

Group Commanders: Please submit the names of any Senior and/or Cadet Lt. & above who might be willing to assist in furthering this program. This would be an **ADDITIONAL DUTY** assignment. I know that we have some advanced Cadets in the program whose ideas will be great and who will feel worthwhile contributing them too!

Recruiting Tip of the Month: "Spread the News" -- Take your Civil Air Patrol News, once you've read it, and "pass it on" --to a non-member friend, co-worker or give it to your library, Doctor or Dentist for reading material in their waiting areas. Be sure it's marked with your unit meeting information. **DO THE SAME WITH YOUR UNIT NEWSLETTER!**

[Note: Anyone wishing a copy of the Gator Capers to be sent to their local airport, interested businessman, etc. need only submit their name and address to the editorial staff c/o HQ/DPA.]

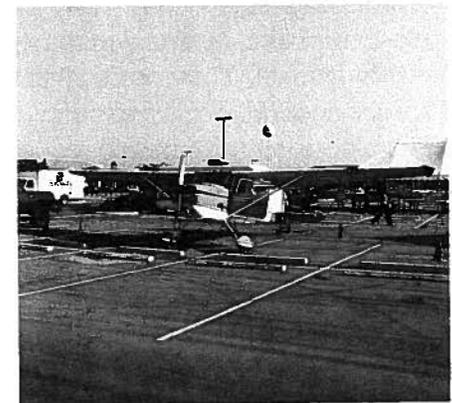
FAA RECOGNITION

Randal L. Miner was recognized for outstanding support and participation in the General Aviation Accident Prevention Program for the District Office at Orlando, Florida. Congratulations.



Lake Composite Squadron Members at their recruiting table. L to R LtC. Dave Fuller, C/Sgt. Joey Evans, Lt. Howard Barkdoll, and Lt. Earl LaBelle.

photo by Cpt. Charles Lloyd, PAO



Lake Composite Squadron pulled its Deputy Commander's Cessna 170 into position for public exhibit in the Shoppes of Lake Village on Highway 441 in Leesburg. For two days members explained CAP activities to hundreds of curious shoppers. West Orange Squadron Members also participated and provided the rescue vehicle shown on the left.

photo by Cpt. Charles Lloyd, PAO



Coral Springs Cadet Squadron Recruiting Booth. L to R are C/B Jude Morris, 2Lt Mike Goldberg, C/FO Todd Watermolen, and 2Lt Armando Pucci.
photo by 2Lt Armando Pucci



Truck from Rainbow RV Gallery in Leesburg, FL pulls flatbed trailer on which rests tailwheel of Lake Composite Squadron Deputy Commander Dave Fuller's Cessna 170. The aircraft was moved to Shoppes of Lake Village from Leesburg Municipal Airport under State Highway Patrol Escort for public display.

CPT WINDY BRINKMAN

Guess what? It's time to sharpen those pencils and get out the calculators. The year end is coming soon to those of us who are finance officers. Catch upon all those months of work not done yet, do your monthly tallies. Then when July first gets here all you have to do is tally up your monthly totals and mail in your finance report.

Remember your finance report is due to Wing Headquarters on or before July 31st. Remember membership dues collected are to be placed under account #340 not #300. If your unit has a vehicle or aircraft all payments to Wing HQ for insurance or maintenance, or radios, ect., are to be placed in account #410 not any other account. If you need help in any account matter let me know, I am here to help you. See you at the September Wing Conference.



Ft. Lauderdale - Col. Sam Berkowitz accepts the Cpt. Norman E. Baldwin, Jr. Award as "Distinguished Senior Member of the Year", Berkowitz is Commander of the 08337 Broward Senior Squadron. photo by S/M Willie L. Hill, Jr.

NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

by Cpt Marian Welch

St. Petersburg... The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans was conducted at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL during February 12-18 1989. Cadets from Skyway Bridge Composite Squadron in my command, and West Coast Cadet Squadron, in Clearwater commanded by Cpt Bill Anspaugh, in conjunction with the South Chapter of the American Red Cross, served as Nursing Home Patient Escorts for the evening of February 12, 1989.

It was a pleasure to see the faces of the Veterans ;in the nursing home light up when they saw their uniformed cadet escorts arrive. This was a positive experience for the cadets to have the opportunity of giving of themselves in assisting severely disabled veterans. One would be hard pressed to determine who gained the most from the evening, the veterans or the cadets.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, certificates of appreciation were presented by the Medical Center to Maj Jerry Welch, and Cpt Bill Anspaugh who accepted them in behalf of the cadet escorts.

Thank You

LtC. Ben & Mary Douglas wish to thank our many friends in the Fla Wing for their concern and get well wishes during the time Ben was in the Hospital for Heart Surgery. He is well on the road to recovery. We hope to see you all at the Wing Conference. Your wishes, concern and prayers during this time helped us over many a bad day.

Thank You,

Mary A. Douglas

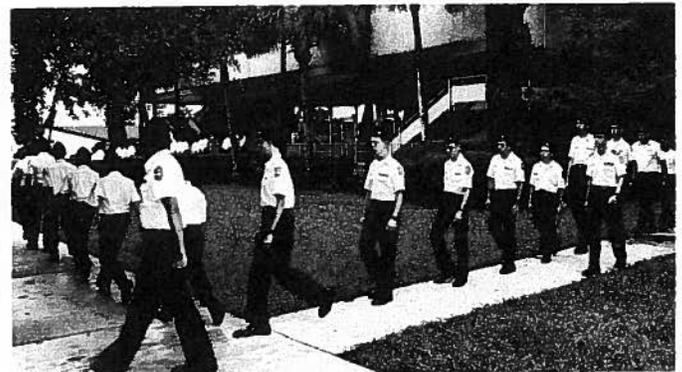
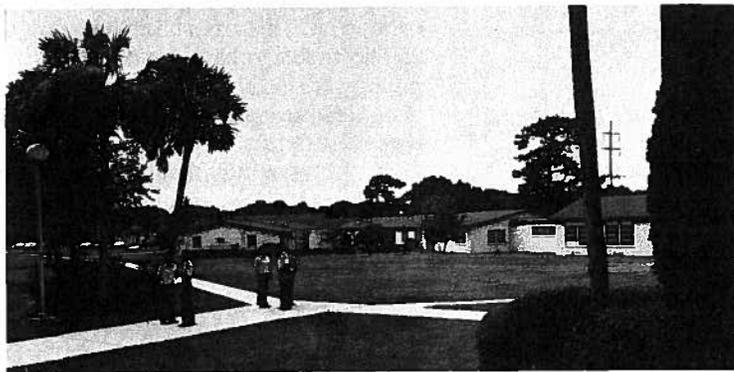


Why are these people smiling. They just attended an SLS (photo by 2Lt Armando Pucci)

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