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Mrs Beutlich Becomes First Florida Member At Large

Mrs. Rolf Beutlich became the first Member-at-Large in the Florida Wing on 15 November. Col. Joseph F. Moody, Commander Florida Wing, presented Mrs. Beutlich with her CAP membership card at Wing Headquarters. Marianne, wife of AF-LO, Florida Wing, has been putting in her hours at Wing Headquarters assisting in the administrative field. Mrs. Beutlich shares her husband's enthusiasm for the CAP program. Florida Wing welcomes Mrs. Beutlich and hopes to recruit a few of the young Beutlichs (5 in all) who range from the nursery set to high school age.

CAP Honor Guard To Greet Governor

Second Lieutenant Leroy E. Barnett, Jr., New Smyrna Beach Squadron, is coordinating with Daytona Beach Junior College on its official dedication on December 8, 1960.

Governor Leroy Collins will be met by a CAP Honor Guard from units of Group VI. A CAP fly-over will be a highlight of the dedication ceremonies.

Take a bow, Lt Barnett. This is the kind of community relations we need for Florida Wing prestige.

Group VI Staff Feted at Fly In Breakfast

Over 50 CAP Seniors and Cadets drove and flew in to Daytona Beach Municipal Airport to attend the monthly Group VI Fly-In Breakfast on Sunday, November 13.

The meeting was held at the AFRes Center. Major Charles Faraldo, Daytona Beach Squadron Commander, supervised preparation of the hearty breakfast.

Lt Col Al Rhodes, Group VI Commander, presided at the meeting. Major Rolf Beutlich, Florida Wing LO, briefed the group on the new Supply system and urged units to make their needs known to Wing. Equipment will be obtained when possible only after a request has been made. He pointed out that Squadrons could expedite procurement by contacting their area screening representative concurrently with requesting supplies through channels. Beutlich also discussed the broad national scope of CAP in Civil Defense if we can "get our house in order".

What'll You Have?

It isn't often that a newly formatted publication borrows its feature editorial; especially for the first issues. However, this excellent article was brought to our attention and we'd like to tip our hats to Captain Barbara Nelson of the Anniston Squadron, Alabama Wing, who edits Countdown from which this article was taken.

What do you have for senior training? Some squadrons have all communications, others all navigation, meteorology, etc., while others have no senior training at all.

Having heard the pros and cons of this type of training we would like to set forth a few ideas on the subject.

National Headquarters has put out some very good manuals that could and should be incorporated in all senior training programs.

Let's start with a class in CAPM 50-1, Introduction to Civil Air Patrol. We must all study this manual when we first join, but does it stay with us? A review of this manual for old members, as well as those just joining is well worth the time.

CAPM 10-1, Administrative Guide; and CAPM 20-1, Job Description Guide, are very good to acquaint all members with the proper procedures on letter writing, inclosures, etc., as well as who is to do what job. Being familiar with all staff officer's duties, stops confusion in who does what.

CAPM 50-4, Leadership in Management, Administration and Staff Organization, is a must for all personnel who wish to become staff officers or those who already hold staff positions.

All flying personnel will be interested in CAPM 50-5, The CAP Observer. Every year at the annual effectiveness test there is a shortage of qualified observers. We have enough aircraft in this Wing to get the 10 hours flying time required, so let's study this manual and get the ground instruction, too.

"Aerospace" is being incorporated into CAP more and more. CAPM 50-6, Aerospace Orientation, is another must.

Communicators as well as pilots and cadets, should study CAPM 100-2, CAP Guide for Radio Operators. Anyone who flies a CAP aircraft with a radio installed, and uses a CAP mobile unit or fixed station, HF or VHF, must study this manual to know the correct operating procedures.

There is also a Survival Guide to become acquainted with, as well as the seven cadet study manuals.

How about the CAP Regulations? Do you know all there is to know about them? Of course you don't; no one does. All that is required is a general working knowledge of all regulations.

Uniforms are a constant concern to all personnel and proper wearing of the uniform is good study material five or six times a year. People need reminding on these things.

Keep the program varied, 30 to 40 minutes for each class, plus a business session. This makes a good weekly meeting.

Let's hope that no one in the Wing is ever heard to say, "We don't have anything to use in senior training".

Col J Moody, Comdr

Lt Col E Campeau, Editor

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FYI

Since the last edition of this sheet made the rounds of the units, something new has been added. First, the Gator CAPers has a full time staff to handle its publication. The office has been relocated at Wing Headquarters and, as you can see, the format has been temporarily changed. Other changes are in the offing. The staff is trying to acquire photographic capability for your newspaper.

The staff, headed by Lt. Col. E.J. Campeau, Wing Information Officer, is made up of Majors Kip Moulton, Julian Case and SM Tom Davis.

Now that we are a centrally located unit we hope to be able to put out a well balanced news sheet with an assortment of stories and news items that will interest you and the 2700 others making up the corps of the Florida Wing.

In theory it goes like this. The staff collects all the information, selects items of interest and develops other ideas for story material. Then off to the printer and there you have it. But this is only in theory. We must have your help if we are to serve you. You can best help by keeping your unit IO informed. Your IO will in turn forward your stories to the Gator CAPers. If you do not have an Information Officer, send your material direct to the editor at Wing Headquarters, Orlando AFB.

Like any other news outlet, our greatest enemy is the time clock. Material must reach the editor's desk before the 25th day of the month. News items should be sent as they happen. This staff needs time to edit copy and by submitting your copy early we will be able to put out a better publication for your information and enjoyment.

Gator CAPers will only be as interesting as you make it. We cannot manufacture news from Headquarters. So, read it and if you are not satisfied with the coverage, do something about it.

Ed.

STUART Squadron Slates Anniversary Dance

Stuart Squadron, commanded by Major Al Keaton, plans to hold a 19th Anniversary Dinner-Dance on December 3rd. Col. Joseph Moody and Mrs. Moody, Major Rolf Beutlich and Mrs. Beutlich, and Lt Cols George Fisher and Al Whiteside will attend the celebration at Stuart.

KNOW THE WING STAFF



Lt. Col. Luther L. Dameron, Deputy for Cadets

Lt Col Luther L Dameron, Deputy for Cadets, became interested in aviation in 1936 and learned to fly at West Palm Beach. Enlisting in the Army Air Force as an Aviation Cadet in June, 1941, Dameron was discharged in 1944 as a result of a physical disability incurred in the line of duty.

As President of a Flyers Club in Ft. Lauderdale, Col Dameron made up his mind that he would organize a CAP squadron. Col Joseph Moody, then Deputy Wing Commander, activated the squadron at Ft. Lauderdale in 1949. Dameron commanded the squadron until July of 1952.

In the summer of 1951 he had escorted his cadets to the Wing encampment and upon arrival was appointed Encampment Commander when the assigned commander did not report in for duty. His extraordinary ability to organize, establish on-the-spot policies and implement procedures resulted in his appointment at the Tyndall Encampment as Director of Cadets for the Florida Wing. The success of the 1952 encampment was in large measure due to the judgment, acumen and effective leadership demonstrated by Lt Col Dameron. Major Gen. Lucas V Beau, then National Commander, CAP, initiated a letter of commendation for efficient encampment operation after a Southeastern Regional and National inspection.

Since his appointment he has served as Encampment Commander for 3 subsequent encampments, escort officer on IACE to Switzerland in 1955 and in 1958 was appointed Deputy Wing Commander. At the 1960 encampment, Col Dameron requested re-assignment as Deputy for Cadets. Dameron stated that his primary interest is in the Cadet Program and he felt that his efforts would be more beneficial to CAP and to himself in this capacity. His goal for the future is to see Florida Wing in the Number One position nationally on a cadet evaluation.

Luther and Louise Dameron are the parents of 3 children: Mike, 15, Linda 13, and Diane, 11. Louise has been a devoted CAP member and as a Captain serves as IO for Wing Cadet Headquarters.

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Georgia Comm. Officer Wants Communicators Pictures

Captain W.P. Clifton, Statesboro, Georgia, has come up with an interesting project for the SER Communicators. He has requested that Florida communicators send in their photos for publication in the proposed Southeastern Region Communicators directory. Capt. Clifton requested ID type photos of 1st and 2nd operator along with name, call sign and squadron. For further information, write to Capt. Clifton, Route 1, Statesboro, Georgia.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Earl V. Farmer

Chaplain Kullowatz, in his bi monthly newsletter, mentioned a very effective system of assisting Cadets in writing 1500-word essays. We have requested the National Chaplain to furnish us with a copy of this outline and as soon as we receive it, we will mimeograph copies for all the Chaplains in the Wing. Let us know what you think of this when you have received it.

The new Chaplain Application Kits are available for the recruiting program. This kit will give all the information necessary in applying for a commission as a CAP Chaplain. Please send in your request to the Wing Chaplain's office. Let's have a chaplain in every unit.

Application for renewal of Senior membership is something that should be looked after immediately by every Chaplain. Please send in your renewal application at once. Dues are as follows:

Major - \$15.00

Captain - \$10.00

EM-1st Lt. - \$7.00

Word has been received that Chaplain Jules D. Jernigen, Group 4 Chaplain, has moved to a new pastorate in Mississippi. Even though we regret losing him, we feel that there are great things in store for him in the Chaplaincy of the Mississippi Wing. We ask God's guidance for him in his new location.

Would each Chaplain in the Florida Wing be willing to give a thumb-nail sketch of his past history, present appointment, and family information for Gator Capers? Wing Chaplain feels that this would be an excellent method of introducing all our Chaplains to the Wing. Please let us hear from you.

The CAP Chaplain, by his presence and personal witness, imparts a highly desirable and needed spiritual influence on all CAP personnel - an influence greatly needed in our country today.

FLORIDA CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM SECOND IN REGION

The Wing can well be proud of the Chaplain Program in Florida. Chaplain Farmer can be proud of the record his staff has set. Florida rated second in the Southeastern Region and 22nd in the National rating for Chaplain activities during the first half of 1960.

Three Units Apply For New Charter

Eglin Cadet Squadron, West Miami Squadron and Carol City Flight have applied for new charters. Eglin Cadet Squadron is commanded by Second Lieutenant John R. Hyland. James K. Lanahan commands the West Miami unit and Carol City Flight is commanded by W/O Malcolm E. McCallum.

Hyland joined CAP in 1958 and was formerly a member of the Okaloosa Squadron. Unit Information Officer is listed as P. J. Friel. The Executive Officer for the new unit is Lt. William Kobos, well-known former outstanding Florida Cadet.

W/O McCallum joined the North Dade Squadron in 1958. He holds the aeronautical rating of pilot.

Lt Col. Stonesifer Returns From Western Vacation

Lt Col Robert M Stonesifer, Wing Supply Officer, returned from a week vacation taken in New Mexico early in November. He was loaded with Indian jewelry from the Land of Enchantment. Stoney is back on the job. Lt Cols Stonesifer and Fisher work practically all day, every day, handling the tremendous amount of administration funnelled to the Headquarters. The Wing is fortunate in having such dedicated CAP members who work so hard on behalf of the squadrons.

Assistant I.O. Returns From Key West Trip

Tom Davis, Assistant Information Officer, just returned to Orlando Air Force Base after a week TDY at Key West where he was sent to coordinate information activities with NASA, Navy and the Air Rescue Service for the recovery of a space capsule in conjunction with Project Mercury.

Davis, who is assigned to ARS, explained that the Air Rescue Service has been charged with the responsibility of recovering the astronaut from the space capsule should he land in the ARS assigned area.

The Key West operation was a practice mission to recover the space capsule from the sea. The model capsule was delivered from Cape Canaveral to Key West. Pararescue personnel, trained in SCUBA diving by the U S Navy, parachuted from SA-16 aircraft to affix specially designed flotation device to the capsule to effect recovery of the astronaut. These jumpers were outfitted with full SCUBA diving gear.

Pararescuemen, long recognized as precision parachutists, highly trained medics and experts at survival under any conditions, now have the additional capability of underwater rescue.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Davis returned the model capsule to Cape Canaveral before returning to the Orlando area.

General McElroy Lauds CAP Communications Net

General McElroy, our National Commander, is very proud of the 13, 212 CAP stations which represent the largest controlled Radio net in the world. The National Inspection Team urges all operators to increase the effectiveness of Communications and utilize equipment to the fullest. Commanders of all echelons should monitor their nets to receive information and traffic. We have the capability, so let's use it.

A Little Curiosity From Ft. Pierce Squadron

The Fort Pierce Composite Squadron found what they thought was an Aide de Camp to General Custer, but after a haircut and a close shave it was discovered he was one of General Black Jack Pershing's reconnaissance experts in Old Mexico who has agreed to enlighten the Gator Capers of life in the Olde Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. What Squadron carried the first mail?
 Who dropped a 16 lb sledge hammer in a Jenny fire?
 Who made the Adjutants irritated at Pershing's Headquarters?
 What Squadron had a Calvary Troup of burros?
 Who slept with the rattlesnake to keep warm?
 What Squadron went without breakfast because of a little Gilla Monster?
 The above subjects will be covered if you readers want the news from the Pancho Villa direct. Write to Pancho, in care of the editor.

Fort Pierce Airplane Disappears From St. Lucie Airport

One 4-place Beech Bananza. Painted yellow, black and white. Serial Number 4273-D. Disappeared from St. Lucie County Airport. United States Border Patrol and Fort Pierce Composite Squadron would like information regarding same. Please return to Chester Bolin.

Welcome Extended for Celebration

Fort Pierce Composite Squadron wants to extend a welcome to anyone who can fly in or drive in and get acquainted during the 19th Anniversary Celebration. The Special Project Officer is trying to arrange for a static arm display. We will have a CAPable female who'll prepare and serve hot dogs that promise to be out of this world. Refreshments will be available. Come to Fort Pierce and get into orbit.

Major Arnold Back on Job After Losing Bout With Horse

Ft Pierce Squadron Commander, Major Barbara Arnold, is back on the job after an uncomfortable and serious injury which put her in the hospital most of this month. Major Arnold was kicked by a horse. We're all glad to know that she's home and holding her own.

Plleeze!! Mr. Castro, We WANT to Go.

If Mr. Castro will just let the tension cool down a little, we may be able to have some aerial cover for our Ft. Pierce Anniversary observance, Sunday, December 4. Don't be too surprised if the Air Force band shows up. This writer spent 8 hours in the Pentagon trying to see General Spaats to try to have a CAP cover for the VFW National Convention in Philadelphia. From desk to desk and around and around, brief case inspection every other minute and we found out it couldn't be done. But the parade was covered. Good Old Air Force!

Better Watch out Santa Claus IS Acommin' t'town

It has been rumored that Santa Claus will fly to Fort Pierce on an early evaluation mission to visit the Squadron and to check on the conduct of the Seniors. He will land at the St. Lucie County Airport, Sunday, December 4 as reported by Mrs. Santa

North Dade Holds Practice SARCAP Mission

North Dade Composite Squadron held a practice SARCAP at Air Glades Airport, west of Clewiston, on the 30th of October. Warrant Officer Don Cunningham, Squadron Training Officer, served as mission Coordinator. Along with North Dade Squadron members, Capt Doane and members of Clewiston Squadron, Capt Ron Billib, Sarasota Squadron and Major Summerson and First Lieutenant Molynous, Group V staff participated.

Four targets were put on land and on Lake Okeechobee. All but one of the land targets were located before the mission was secured. Eight aircraft flew a total of 8 sorties with over 11 flying hours. Six mobiles were utilized, 11 radios were utilizing Channel 7 and 36 members and 8 cadets put in a total of over 430 man hours.

Major Bowen, North Dade Squadron Commander was well pleased with the capability of personnel to move into an advance base and conduct a mission with such a high degree of efficiency.

Tampa Squadron Aids County Sheriff After Crash

Captain Harvey Wittner, Information Officer, Tampa Squadron, commanded the Hillsborough County mission of guarding the wreckage of a Swift 145 piloted by Charles Brainerd during a flight from Peter O Knight Airport, Tampa, to a construction site about eight miles east of Tampa. Brainerd, flying blueprints to the foreman, dropped the prints and crashed approximately 100 feet from the drop zone. He was killed instantly.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Department requested the CAP to stand guard until FAA could complete an investigation. Major Pilche, Captains Wittner, Kelly, Jerkins, 1st Lt Garrett, Chaplain Farmer and Senior Members Myers, Keppel, Cadets Singleton and Murphy participated in the mission.

Courses Hold Key to Promotion System

With the new promotion requirements going in effect on December 1, it is believed that interest in ECI will increase. The Extension Course Institute is adding new courses all the time. Latest announcement of interest to CAP personnel is that of Education Technician, 7513. This course covers in theory and application, the duties and responsibilities of the education technician. No special qualifications are needed to enroll for the course.

Major Kip Moulton, Assistant Information Officer, completed the 7200 Course (Information Officer) in June. The IO section at Wing Headquarters would like to hear if any other IOs have finished the course or if they are enrolled.

Florida Well Represented At SER Conference

Florida Wing was well represented at the SER Special Conference at Stewart AFB, Nashville, Tennessee on 29-30 October. Col. Joseph Moody, Lt Cols E. J. Campeau, Al Charland, Majors Rolf Beutlich, Julian Case, Kip Moulton, Captain Don McLachlan and SM Tom Davis attended the session.

The Phased Recruiting Program was discussed by Col Ward Reilly, SER Commander. Col Oren H. Lane, AF CAP Liaison Officer, SER, Lt. Col John Buie, USAF, Lt. Col Sarah Duke, CAP and Major Jeanne Patten were on the agenda. Lt Col Betty McNabb discussed Training problems in the region.

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The Florida Wing stands 3rd in the SER Information program. With added effort and cooperation we can win first place.

To come in first we should have an assigned Information Officer in every unit. The IO must make regular monthly reports on Form 68 and submit to Wing Headquarters as outlined in CAPR 190-1. Carbon copies of releases as well as clippings should be included. This material must be received at Wing Headquarters on or before the 10th of the month following the month being reported. All special events, actual missions, or SARCAPS should be sent to Wing Headquarters within 14 days of the last date of the activity. A full IO report is most important. These reports should be forwarded in triplicate.

The Wing Information staff can help you only as you indicate your needs. Sample releases of wing-wide interest will be sent to you for local adaptation. Radio and TV spots will be sent. Just let us know what you need to do a better job and we'll get the material or the information to you just as soon as possible.

Any material sent to you from Region and National should be utilized to the maximum. This is costly mailing. Don't let it gather dust in a desk drawer.

Be familiar with the new IO responsibility in the recruiting of Patron Members and Members-at-large. This is a most important project and the IO must start now to fulfill his obligation with regard to this program.

In the Florida Wing, between 11 and 14 units have been reporting. This has put us in 3rd place regionally for the first half of 1960. Just think where we'd stand if the other units submitted regular reports!

Major Case to Head New Program

Major Julian Case, Asst. IO, is heading up the new CAP Patron program. The aim of this project is to acquaint persons of influence and stature about the purposes and goals of Civil Air Patrol. You'll be hearing more on this shortly from Major Case.

Region Names Sedita to Comm. Post

Florida Wing extends congratulations to Lt Col Ross Sedita, Birmingham, Alabama, on his appointment as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications.