



## FLORIDA'S SIXTH SPAATZ AWARD



Cadet Colonel Frederic G. Winter, Jr., became the latest Florida Wing Cadet to win the coveted General Carl A. Spaatz Award. The award was presented by Brig. Gen. William W. Wilcox, National Commander of CAP, at the November meeting of the National Board at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cadet Winter thus becomes the sixth Florida Wing Cadet to earn the highest Phase III Award.

He joined CAP in 1961 and is a member of the Naples Composite Squadron where he advanced through the cadet program to be eligible for the award.

Currently he is attending the University of Florida in Gainesville where he is enrolled in USAF ROTC. Upon completion of college Cadet Winter is planning to make a career as a journalist.

## Cadettes On IACE

It was recently announced at the National Board Meeting that female cadets will begin this year to participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange.

Plans are now being completed so that nine female cadets from the United States will be exchanged with cadets from Great Britain.

It is anticipated that there will be one female cadet selected to represent the Florida Wing. The selection for this appointment is to be made at the Annual Wing Meeting.

The requirements for the participant will be the same as are for male cadets being selected.

## DRILL COMP

It was recently announced by Col. S.H. duPont, Wing Commander, that the Annual Wing Drill Competition will be held April 6, 1968, at McCoy Air Force Base, Florida.

According to Col. duPont, every Group in Florida Wing will have a drill team to represent the cadet organization within the Group's.

He advised that the drill teams would be composed of individual squadron teams, or if a squadron could not obtain the required number, that they could have a joint team composed of both male and female cadets.

## New Process

Florida Wing will be participating in a National Headquarters administrative experiment starting December 1, 1967.

New and renewal memberships, both senior and cadet, will be sent direct to National Headquarters.

All new senior memberships, which is \$13.00 per person, will be combined on the same CAPP 44. Renewal senior memberships, which is \$11.00 per person, will be combined on the same CAPP 44. It was advised that a unit cannot combine new and renewal senior memberships on the same CAPP 44.

New cadet memberships, which is \$6.00 per cadet, will be combined on the same CAPP 28. All renewal cadet memberships, which is \$5.00 per cadet, will be combined on the same CAPP 28. A unit cannot combine new and renewal cadet memberships on the same CAPP 28.

Units will issue all checks, whether new or renewal senior and new or renewal cadet, payable to National Headquarters—Civil Air Patrol. A check for each classification will be required. No unit will be required to send Florida Wing Headquarters a check.

Each unit is advised however, that the Group Dues of \$1.00 for each senior member, will be sent direct to the respective Group Headquarters.

This new administrative procedure will eliminate all finger print cards and pictures being presently required.

The complete explanation and procedures will be forth coming to each unit form Wing Headquarters.

## C/PILOTS



C/ILL John Blair, Cadet Commander of the Miami-Dade Composite Squadron, and C/ILL Alicia McFadden, have enrolled in the Career Pilot Course at Miami-Dade Junior College.

They both joined Civil Air Patrol four years ago to fly and both had flight training before entering Miami-Dade.

Cadet Blair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blair of Miami Springs. He attended Miami Springs Junior High School and graduated from Miami Springs Senior High in June of 1967. He received a Solo Flight Scholarship from the Florida Air Pilots Association in May of 1967 and soloed a month after.

After completing the Career Pilot Course, Cadet Blair plans to enter the Army as a pilot. Eventually he hopes to fly for the airlines. Cadet McFadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McFadden of Hialeah, is also a 1967 Miami

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AERIAL RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING OF A FLORIDA CITY

Florida Wing members put approximately 4100 man hours in the 1967 Civil Defense Exercise from October 28 and 29.

Seventy-five aircraft, thirteen nine ground support vehicles, one hundred and seven mobile radio units along with one-hundred and ninety-four observers took part in the largest C.D. test in the nation from Florida.

Facts and figures don't tell the whole story however. In communications, Florida Wing was restricted to a 12 minute time segment each hour, this allowed only three minutes per Task Force to transmit necessary information.

Lt. Colonel Joseph M. Heape, Mission Commander, coordinated the mission from Jacksonville, assisted by the four Task Force Commanders. Task Force I, was commanded by Major Donald Cunningham; Task Force II, ILL John E. Otradove; Task Force III, Capt. Al Olsner; and Task Force IV, ILL Oscar J. Moulton.

Civil Defense area headquarters were set up in eight of the largest cities. According to state C.D. officials, the exercise had four main objectives, to test plans for increasing readiness measures, to provide a means of evaluating aspects of emergency plans, to give local and state C.D. officials opportunities to locate problem areas in the shelter emergency period and to provide the simulated emergency conditions to test decision making processes.

Civil Air Patrol aircraft operating under emergency conditions flew simulated emergency supplies to the areas said to be in need. This included thirty-five sorties and 34 RADAF missions.

This year's test had several new aspects, that included a concept of emergency protection under nuclear attack.

State Civil Defense Director, Colonel Tarkington, "enthusiastically approved" the new concept and agreed that the procedures instituted were outstanding.

Colonel A. T. Herbert, Chief Liaison Officer for the Southeast Region, along with Lt. Colonel Robert H. Pinner, Florida Wing Liaison Officer and Major Arthur Georgia Wing Liaison Officer, served as the Air Force evaluator team for the CAP portion of the mission.

## National IACE MEETING

Aviation-minded young men from 14 European and Near East countries as well as Canada and Great Britain, will exchange home-land visits this summer with the United States in the 1968 International Air Cadet Exchange. This was one of the key agreements emerging from an IACE Planning Conference held October 1, at Oslo, Norway.

The number of the cadets to participate in the program has not yet been finalized but increases were indicated by Austria, Portugal and Turkey.

Sponsored by Civil Air Patrol, the International Air Cadet Exchange is to be held next year from July 22 to August 15. This is the 21st consecutive year Civil Air Patrol will have participated in the Exchange, one of the national highlights of CAP's cadet special activities program.

Representatives from National Headquarters, CAP-USAF and the Civil Air Patrol attended the three day conference to hear the plans drawn up for the Exchange.

Cadets from Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Israel and the United States will participate in the 1968 program.

Among the other items discussed at the conference were the wearing of the CAP uniform, the CAP blazer and matching slacks while Civil Air Patrol Cadets are visiting the foreign countries on the exchange. Information is forthcoming on instructions to the participants, officials disclosed.

Each visiting cadet group will be escorted by male adult members of its sponsoring Air Force or aero club activity and will be guest of the Civil Air Patrol Wings while visiting the United States.

Purpose of the Exchange is to foster international understanding, goodwill and fellowship among the youth of the free world. CAP Cadets and their counterparts from the foreign countries are chosen for character, academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

## National Encampment

Plans for the National Cadet Encampment are nearing the final stages. It was recently announced.

The dates for the four two-week encampments begin on June 16, 1968, and run through July 27, 1968. The location will be Stead Air Force Base, Reno, Nevada.

To be eligible for selection for the National Encampments cadets must meet the following requirements: (1) receive the Billy Mitchell Award by January 1, 1968; (2) reach their 15th birthday by January 1, 1968; (3) have a physical examination 60 days prior to the encampment.

Cadets who will be selected to serve as Cadet Staff Officers for the encampments must meet the following requirements: (1) have received the Amelia Earhart Award; (2) have attended two wing summer encampments; (3) have reached their 16th birthday by January 1, 1968. Cadets who have received the General Carl A. Spaatz Award will have priority for selection as Cadet Staff Officers.

Both male and female cadets will be eligible for selection to attend the encampments.

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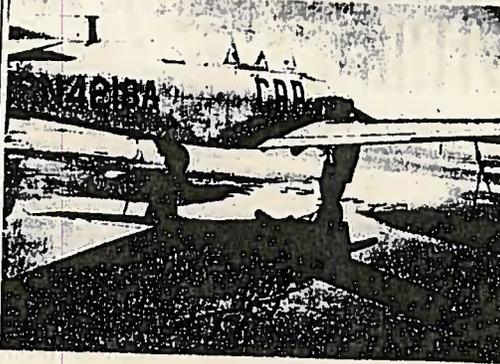
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# UNITS LOCATE A/C & PILOT



Florida Wing was alerted at 1:00 A.M. October 18th, to search for a missing Piper Cherokee which left Vero Beach, at 2:00 P.M. on the 17th.

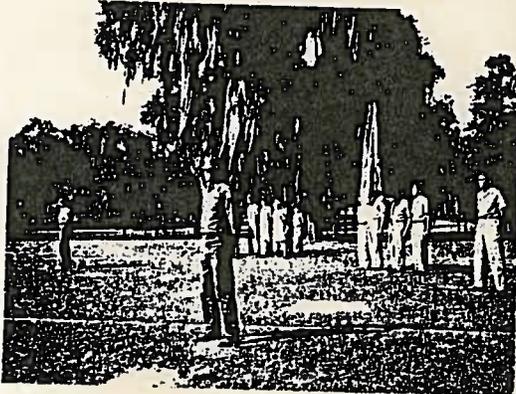
Fifteen CAP members of the Jacksonville-Fernandina Beach area participated with radio-equipped planes and mobile units to locate the white and blue plane which was piloted by Mr. Romero of Honduras.

At 9:15 A.M. a CAP search crew located Mr. Romero and his plane safe at Destin Airport in Fort Walton Beach.

It was disclosed that Mr. Romero flew into bad weather conditions and because he was unable to speak English well, was instructed to land at a non-controlled airport. He located the Destin Airport and landed, failing to close his flight plan. When found he was making arrangements to continue his trip.

In the photo above the CAP plane, belonging to the Lakeland Composite Squadron, stands-by to join the search for Mr. Romero. In the photo below Capt. William A. Harvey, Squadron Commander, receives word by radio that the plane had been located. (Photos by: Tom Hughes)

# NORTH FLORIDA HOLDS CLASS "B" ENCAMPMENT

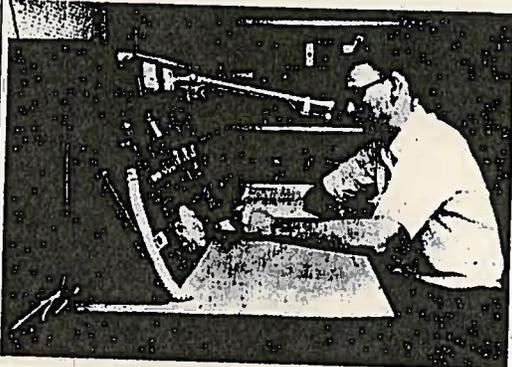


North Florida CAP Cadets are at the half-way point in their Type "B" Encampment, a program encompassing four weekends of training and physical activity.

The thirty cadets, under the command of Major W.T. Bristow, visited the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, touring the 679th Air Force Radar Squadron; the famous Hurricane Hunters, VW-4; Radar Air Traffic Control Center, Operations; and the Fleet Weather Facility. Sgt. R.A. Birmingham, Air Force Recruiter, spoke to the group and showed a training film.

The male and female cadets are scheduled to spend the third and fourth-stage weekends, November 10-12 and 17-19, at Camp Montgomery, Keystone, to further complete the various aspects of training such as search and rescue procedures and leadership programs progressively challenging categories of responsibilities—leading, advising, counseling and conducting drill and ceremonies.

Certificates for completing this encampment will be presented to the Cadets on November 19th at Camp Montgomery. Parents and friends will be welcome to attend.



# Seniors Show Increase

Published reports from National Headquarters, according to Col. S.H. duPont, Wing Commander, indicate that the Florida Wing now has a total of 1,946 senior members, an increase of 113 over the previous month, reverses another year old trend towards continually dropping membership, and shows that the Wing may be pulling out of the senior membership slump.

Each month there is a cut down in the deficit in membership in both senior and cadet to the point that the Wing shall soon see definite improvement in recruiting and retention rates, Col. duPont said.

# Promotion

Major William L. Clarke, Commander of Group 20, recently announced the promotion of 1Lt. Lizzie B. Snow to commander of Lake Sumter Cadet Squadron in Leesburg.

Lt. Snow, a native of Florida, was educated in schools at Graceville, Florida and Los Angeles, California. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan, before returning to Florida to make her home.

Living with her husband and daughter, in Sumter County, she finds time other than her busy CAP schedule for raising cattle and fighting game chickens.

Since her joining CAP in 1965, Lt. Snow has held every position except communications officer.

# CADETS INCREASE IN FLA

The Florida Wing now has 2,437 cadets who are carried by National Headquarters as members of the Wing, according to Lt. Col. W.R. Bass, DCS/Cadets.

Col. Bass advised that this does not compare favorably with last years total at the end of October, which was 3,106, but it is an improvement from the end of September, when the Wing was 682 cadets behind last years total.

Florida is now behind 669 cadets which is the first month during the past year when we have reversed a trend and started gaining on the deficit in cadet membership from one month to the next, Col. Bass said.

Cadets who failed to renew by the end of the month of October, have been taken from the active rolls and have been partially replaced by those new members who have joined the Wing during the past 30 days.

Col. Bass emphasized that Wing members are to be reminded that "man to man" offense is still the best recruiting system in CAP.

# Successful Recruiting

Putting on one of the most intensive recruiting drives in its five year history, the Lakeland Composite Squadron has raised its ranks from 12 to 40 cadets.

Spearheaded by Capt. William A. Harvey, Commander, 2Lt. Jeanette Hughes, Recruiting Officer W/O Thomas A. Hughes, Information Officer and Cadet 2Lt. Steve Lawson, Cadet Commander, the squadron gained an enviable 28 cadets during its drive.

Assuming that it's best to "start'em young", the drive was aimed at the junior high schools to recruit as many 13-15 year-olds as possible.

The main theme of the drive was "Join the squadron on the go—the Lakeland Composite Squadron."

Cadets who joined before the start of the new cycle, were offered free orientation rides in a T-34 and a Mooney.

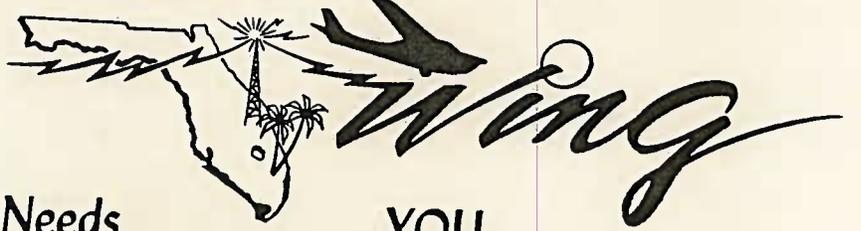
The highlight of the drive came when the squadron held an "Enlistment Day", during which the free rides were given.

With the seniors and cadets present at Lakeland's Municipal Airport, the bulk of the recruits, both boys and girls, flew and reported they had a "thrill of a lifetime", as many of them had not flown before.

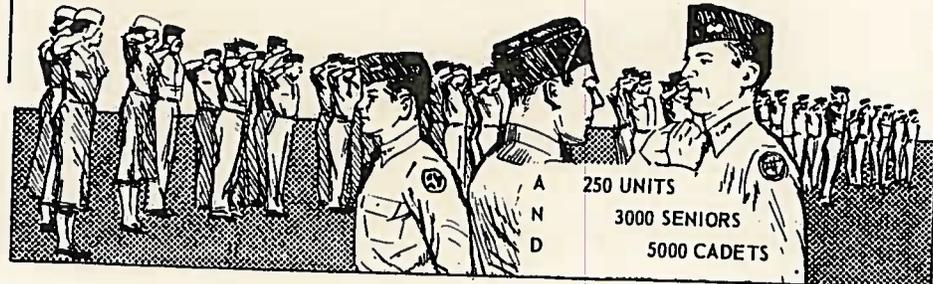
The squadron is now well into its Phase I Cycle with graduation slated for December 18th.

Another membership drive is slated that month to bring in new cadets for January.

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# 1967 WING ANNUAL MEETING

The following is the schedule for the 5th Wing Annual Meeting.

FUNCTION	TIME	ROOM	PROJECT OFFICER
November 24, 1967			
Cadet Registration	0800-1200	Spanish	Lt. Col. Wm. R. Bass
Chaplains	1000-1300	Eola East	Chaplain Driscoll
Cadet Review Board	1000-1500	French	Lt. Col. Wm. R. Bass
Examination	1000-1700	English	Lt. Col. Wm. R. Bass
Wing Staff Meeting	1930-2330	Eola East	Col. S.H. duPont
November 25, 1967			
General Meeting	1000-1300	Eola Ball	Col. S.H. duPont
Cadet Advisory Council	1000-1300	English	C/Col. George Mead
Information Officers	1430-1730	Eola East	Major Wm. G. Kobos
Administration & Personnel	1430-1730	French	Lt. Col. Henri Casenove
Cadets	1430-1730	Eola West	Lt. Col. Bass & Lt. Col. d'Obrenovic
Medical Officers	1430-1730	Spanish	Lt. Col. Saber
Commanders, Ops, Emergency Svs. & Communications	1430-1730	Eola Ball	Appropriate Staff
Social Hour	1830-1930	Upper Lobby	
Banquet	2000-2230	Eola Ball	Lt. Col. Wm. R. Bass
Dance	2230-0130	Eola Ball	Lt. Col. Wm. R. Bass
November 26, 1967			
Wing Staff & Group Cmdrs	0800-1100	Eola West	Col. S.H. duPont
Cadet Advisory Council	0800-1100	English	C/Col. George Mead

The uniform for section meetings will be 1505 for men and cotton cord or dacrons for the women. Cadets will wear the same type uniforms with ribbons for the special activities selection process.

All males, senior and cadet are requested to wear light weight blues with white shirt and black tie. Cadets may wear 1505's if blues are not available. Female seniors and cadettes may wear uniforms or appropriate civilian dance clothes.

Tickets for the banquet and dance will cost \$5.00 per person and are available from Col. duPont at his office in Miami. The address is P.O. Box 48-1367, Miami, Florida 33148. Each squadron is requested to order their tickets by mail and have the checks made payable to: Florida Wing - Civil Air Patrol. A limited number of tickets will be available until 1:00 PM, Saturday, at the Robert Meyer Hotel in the lobby. Due to the necessity of giving a food guarantee to the hotel, it is requested that members who plan to attend, not to wait until they arrive at the hotel to purchase their tickets. Cadet tickets are included in their in their fee which must be accompanied with their application and will be provided to them when they register.

All members are requested to make their own motel reservations with the Robert Meyer. The registration forms you have received should be sent directly to the hotel. The Robert Meyer will send back a confirmation when they receive and process the reservation. There have been 225 rooms reserved for this night at very favorable rates. Members flying in, will have transportation available from Herndon Airport, by calling the hotel upon your arrival.

Mr. John V. Sorenson, Assistant Deputy for Aerospace Education, National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, will be the Guest Speaker at the Annual Awards Ball.

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Chaplain, Lt. Col. George M. Hickey, USAF, National Chaplain, will be the guest speaker for the Chaplains Conference, Friday, November 24 1967.

# CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 1968

The Cadet Special Activities will be increased for 1968 with more activities available than ever before. Added to this year's available appointments are the National Cadet Encampment and Eastern Airlines Stewardess School.

Lt. Colonel William R. Bass, DCS/Cadets, at present has not been advised by National Headquarters on how many vacancies will be available to Florida Wing for these two new activities. This information will be available in a few months as soon as plans are completed.

There will be over fifty available primary appointments for Florida Wing Cadets and an almost equal number of alternate appointments available to be selected at this year's Cadet Special Activities Selection to be held at the Fifth Wing Annual Meeting, at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Orlando, November 21th.

The following are the Cadet Special Activities, the number of tentative appointments and activity description:

**International Air Cadet Exchange - Five appointments**  
A one month program to foster international understanding, goodwill and fellowship. The Exchange will be with 14 European and Near East countries as well as Canada and Great Britain. This activity will be for male and female cadet 17-19 years old.

**Power Pilot Flying Encampment - Six appointments**  
Approximately a four week course designed so that cadets who have completed their written FAA Private Pilots exam may obtain their Private Pilots License. This activity is for both male and female cadets 16 years.

**Glider Pilot Flying Encampment - Six appointments**  
Approximately a three week course designed so that cadets who have completed their written FAA Private Glider Pilots exam may obtain their Private Glider Pilots License. This activity is for male and female cadets 16 years old.

**Space Age Orientation Course - One appointment**  
A one week program planned and conducted by the Chanute Technical Training Center at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. The course is designed to further the aerospace education of the cadets and to motivate them toward careers in aerospace and allied sciences. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates, and must have successfully completed one year of high school chemistry or physics.

**Jet Orientation Course - One appointment**  
A one week program planned and conducted by the Air Defense Command, Perrin AFB, Texas. The course is to provide orientation in the basic elements of jet aviation and to stimulate interest in the USAF as a career. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

**Federal Aviation Agency Orientation Course - 1 appointment**  
A one week program planned and conducted by the FAA Academy at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The course is designed to acquaint the cadets with the history and organization of FAA and to develop an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of its various units. It also provides information on career opportunities in FAA and entrance requirements. This activity is for male cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

**National Cadet Summer Encampment -**  
A two week encampment to be held at Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada. The proposed encampment would be a CAP Cadet Academy to have Air Force Academy Cadets serve as tactical, training and flight officers. The training program is scheduled to provide leadership and aerospace education as well as a two day survival course.

**Aerospace Age Orientation Course - Four appointments**  
A one week course planned and conducted by the Air University, at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and is supervised by WAF personnel. The course is designed to provide information on career opportunities for women in the USAF and in aviation. This activity is for female cadets who are seniors in high school or graduates.

**Spiritual Life Leadership Conference - Eight appointments**  
This one week course gives its participants a detailed conception of moral leadership. It is designed to further inform the cadets of the responsibilities of a chaplain and a career as a chaplain.

**Southeast Region Girls Exchange - Sixteen appointments**  
A twelve day program to foster national understanding, goodwill, and fellowship, and to afford an opportunity to learn more of the cultural and historical background of the United States.

**Southeast Region Orientation Course - Three appointments**  
A one week program to foster national understanding, goodwill and fellowship, and to afford an opportunity to learn more of our national military installations and their purposes.

**Eastern Airlines Stewardess School -**  
A one week course planned and conducted by the Eastern Airlines In-Flight Training Section. The school is designed to orient the cadettes of what a future as an airline's hostess entails and its advantages.

The cadets being selected for the 1968 Cadet Special Activities Program will be selected on their merits obtained from the results of a written examination and personal evaluation by a board. The examination and personal evaluation will cover aerospace education, military leadership, moral leadership and Civil Air Patrol knowledge.

Announcement of the cadets and the activities they are selected for will be made at the Annual Cadet Ball, November

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## Units Combined Search Fails



Mr. O.A. Toole, a pilot for Burnside-Ott, above joins the search with CAP members, to locate the downed aircraft that was piloted by one of his associate instructors. On the ground Mr. Toole discusses with Captain Grant Albaugh, Commander of the Hollywood Senior Squadron, the areas that have been searched and the possible area the plane could have gone down.

CAP planes purred across South Florida skies searching for a twin engine light plane that took-off recently from the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

"Nothing has given us any leads at all," worried Lt. Col. Melvin Weiser.

"And I think this is the hardest place in the country to find anything," he said.

Missing aboard the plane were two experienced pilots, Ernest Serrago, 32, of 611 NW 65th Way, Hollywood, and Roger E. Wilson, 25, of 832 NE 16th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale.

Wilson, a licensed pilot, was receiving instructions from Serrago for his twin instrument rating when the plane disappeared.

Lt. Col. Weiser said lush tropical growth in the Everglades hampered the search efforts.

"You have to fly at the right angle. It might be right under you and you wouldn't see it," he said.

The 10 planes in the air were concentrating their search west of U.S. 27 between West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, he said.

There was no radio contact with the twin-engine Comanche after it left Burnside-Ott Aviation Training Center, Inc. at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

The two men were scheduled for an hour-long routine training flight. They had five hours fuel aboard.

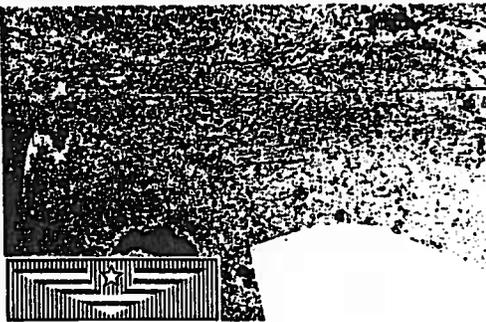
"We know their take-off time—and that's all we know," Col. Weiser said.

"We don't know what happened to their radio. That's hard to say," Serrago is married and the father of two children. Wilson, a bachelor, is an engineer at Radio Station WMJR.



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## SAR FIND RIBBON



A forthcoming change in CAPR 39-3 will include provisions for a new ribbon to be awarded for "finds" on search and rescue missions. Col. Howard E. Reed, USAF, DCS/Personnel at National, has announced.

Design of the new SAR Find Ribbon, shown in the accompanying reproduction, includes a red

and white striped triangle with a white star on a solid blue field.

The new ribbon will be awarded by wing commanders, or a subordinate commander if a wing commander delegates this authority, to CAP members making an actual "find" on search and rescue missions. For a member to qualify for the ribbon, the "find" may be either from the air or on the ground. It may involve downed aircraft or lost persons, or both.

The ribbon will be available from the manufacturer in the near future. Commanders may start making the awards immediately, and upon receipt of the ribbons, wing commanders will be advised so that they may order the new ribbons for qualified members.

## TOUR

Six members of the Sarasota Cadet Squadron, recently visited the Tampa International Airport and the radio transmitter site at MacDill Air Force Base.

The instructor, S/M William Kiddy of Venice, was in charge of the tour.

The cadets left Sarasota by auto at 11:00 AM and studied navigational problems while enroute to the Tampa Airport.

Arriving at Tampa International Airport they were taken on a tour of the radar control center and observed three "blips" of the Sarasota Rescue Squadron leaving the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport.

Explaining the various operations of the control tower were Don Keelin and Don Leighton both controller at Tampa International.

After the tour of Tampa radar center the cadets then visited MacDill Air Force Base, where they were given a tour of the radio transmitter site by Mike Rogers and Ben Field.

The following cadets participated in the tours: Marilyn Arbuckle, Rosemary Arbuckle, Pixie Boyle, Bill Garman, Mike Sanford, Danell Martens, William Kiddy, Jr., and William Kiddy.

## CHAPLAINS

The Florida Wing, now boasts a total of 86 chaplains assigned to its 135 units. Although this is still less than 70% manning as for the National average, it makes quite an improvement in the totals for the wing during the past two months, when 27 chaplains renewed late from the previous two years.

Chaplain, Lt. Col. Paul Force, Wing Chaplain, announced that the wing was re-establishing the monthly chaplains newsletter to better help the wing's chaplains to know what is going on in the Wing in general as well as their area.

According to Chaplain Force, Florida has long been a leader in the use of the chaplain in the CAP program, and we are presently going through a re-emphasis of this fact.

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