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Major General E. E. Harwell and Col. R. Leighton congratulate Florida Wing Senior Member of the Year 1988 LtC. A.J. Donadeo at Florida Wing Conference. See Page 5 for more photos.

AIR FORCE LIAISON

LtC Donald H. Stalling, USAF

If you haven't heard already, Col. Ron Hudak has moved on to be the Director of Operations at HQ USAF-CAP. I'm Lt Col Don Stallings and it's a real pleasure to be here in Orlando as the AF liaison to the Best Wing in CAP. I can already tell this is going to be a great assignment and a lot of fun. So far I've only had the opportunity to meet your Wing Commander and some of the Wing Staff--soon I plan to be around the State and hopefully will get to meet most of you out in the field.

Just a little about me so you will know what/who you are dealing with. After college at Marshall University, Huntington, WV, I entered the Air Force late in 1969. Following OTSI completed Pilot Training at Reese AFB, TX in Dec 70. Drawing a T-39 SABRELINER as my first operational assignment, I had tours in Colorado Springs, Co: NKP, Thailand; and Maxwell AFB, AL eventually logging 2500 hours in the airplane. A transfer to McGuire AFB, NJ took me out of the cockpit for a few years while I broadened my career as a Chief of Social Actions and Headquarters Squadron Commander.

Like all of us who love to fly, I found my way back to the cockpit in 1979 and qualified in the C-141A and B models, spending several years with the 30th MAS as an aircraft commander and squadron executive officer. My promotion to major in 1981 took me out of the cockpit again and sent me to Shaw AFB, SC as the airlift planner for the Rapid Deployment Force. Alas, I again found my way back to the cockpit in 1984 as Chief Pilot and Operations Officer of the 18th MAS at McGuire. I spent 101 days of 1985 in Honduras as the US Commander of Airlift Forces returning to McGuire to become the Chief of Safety and staying current as an Aircraft Commander in the C-141B. The past year has been busy serving as Executive Officer of the 438th MAW at McGuire, but again they tried to keep me out of the cockpit (you would think they would learn.)

Well here I am in Orlando, back on flying status and I couldn't be happier. My wife Barbara and our daughter Vickie will be joining me in a few weeks and hopefully our home will be finished soon. We are all excited to be here in Florida and look forward to working with you in the near future.

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FLORIDA WING CAPMAP FOR 1988

Corrected status of the 1988 CAPMAP positions are:

- 1st place Group Four (2212 points)
- 2nd place Group Two (2052 points)
- 3rd place Group Eight (1872 points)

Inadvertently, two other groups were identified as achieving runner up positions two and three, and the 1988 award plaques will be corrected and awarded to group two and group eight accordingly.



Hinton in Glider



CPT. Jim Post USAF (left) and Cadet Col. Eric Espino of the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron (FLORIDA) pose in front of an F-16C at Mac Dill AFB after an orientation flight.

HISTORY AWARDS CRITERIA

LtC. Elizabeth Sedita

Who did what, where, and in which areas, when is the question asked of all Historians.

To expedite and ease the task of answering these questions, the following outline has been developed for use in the Florida Wing.

This format for the outline has been developed to cover the basic data needed. You are encouraged to amplify as you desire.

HISTORY AWARDS

1. A Certificate shall be tendered to each unit submitting a History.
2. A Commander's Commendation will be awarded to the unit historian submitting the best history of their unit.

CRITERIA FOR HISTORIAN

1. Introduction (5 points)
 - a) History of Squadron
 - b) Charter Number
 - c) Date 1 January 19__ through 31 December 19__
 - d) Unit Patch if applicable
 - e) Picture of Squadron Commander (not absolutely necessary, but nice)
2. Chronology (5 points)
 - a) Date
 - b) Event
3. Narrative (20 points)
 - a) History shall be written as a factual narrative beginning with 1 January and ending 31 December.
 - b) Refer to "Some Suggestions for Beginning a Unit History".
4. Appearance (5 points)
 - a) Loose leaf binder 3 ring.
 - b) Plain white bond paper 8.5 x 11 inches.
 - c) Type if possible. (If you do not type do not let this stop you from submitting a history. We need your history and you will be eligible if I can read it.
5. Supporting Documents (10 points)
 - a) pictures, clippings identified as to source, date, identified as to whom, event and etc.
 - b) Unit news paper copies attached.
6. Deadline (5 points)

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR BEGINNING A HISTORY

LtC. Elizabeth Sedita

So you've just been made Unit Historian and you don't know where to start! My Suggestion is that you pick any available current information, use it as a foundation and build on it.

For me, the easiest starting point is a list of facts and figures. If one is not already in being, begin with any or all of the following:

Name of the Unit - Has it changed or has it always been the same.

Names of current Commander and staff members.

Number of Senior members and cadets in the unit.

Location of unit - meeting place.

Current year special activity participants IACE, or other cadet or senior activities outside the local area, Include National, Region and Wing activities.

From this point on, you have a variety of possibilities. You may enlarge upon the current unit, listing the missions in which you have participated recently, the special events such as parades, Open House, the bake sale, etc., and noting any unusual things about the unit. (such as two sets of twins, multiple members from the same family, three generations of members, past or current, etc. You may also wish to delve into the history of the unit by talking to the older members or reading unit publications or local newspaper clippings.

One worthwhile project is to record the winners of any unit awards or trophies. Occasionally, trophies are lost, and too often the list of winners is lost with it. By making a permanent record in the unit history of the winners for each year or award period, the information will be available if it ever becomes necessary to make a replacement trophy. Your unit history could also include the names of the Falcon, Spaatz, Earhart and Mitchell award winners in your squadron, as well as the names of those who have

participated in National Special Activities. Senior achievements should be similarly recorded.

Wing and Region Histories should include the winners of such things as the Cadet and SAR Competitions, as well as the

names of Region Staff College Directors and project officers for other Region activities. The dates and locations of Region conferences and Commander's call should also be recorded.

A squadron, Wing or Region history might include information concerning members who have gone on to positions of leadership in higher echelons. Did a cadet from your squadron become chairman of the Wing or Region Cadet Advisory Council? Did your Wing Commander become the Region Commander? Don't be afraid to blow your own trumpet, if there is something to blow about.

If your unit is an old one, seek out former members and record their memories, preferably on tape. If your unit is a new one, try to create a complete history from its beginning. If your unit does not have a scrapbook, you might want to start one. Pictures, newspaper clippings, programs or invitations for unit events, and other memorabilia make interesting browsing for members of your unit or visitors. Don't hesitate to ask your members for their contributions. They might just have some old pictures they'd be willing to donate -- originals or copies. An attention-getter might be a photograph of the unit's first Commander, shown in the CAP uniform of the time. Your job as unit historian can be as interesting and productive as you make it, and if you are like me, you will get a big thrill when you receive an unsolicited letter containing photographs of early CAP activities or pieces of CAP insignia which have not been used for decades, with the comment: "I was going to throw these out, but I thought you might want them!"

SENIOR PROGRAMS

LtC John Lehr, Director

PAULE GARBERA AWARD (level 4)

Maj Richard W. Neal	08010	16 June 1989
Cpt Shirley N. Kern	08376	16 June 1989
Cpt Lanikai S. Miller	08237	16 June 1989
Cpt Charles R. Pirnat	08060	16 June 1989

GROVER LOENING AWARD (level 3)

Cpt Barry B. Bobes	08279	16 June 1989
Cpt Harold L. Cunningham	08001	21 May 1989
Cpt Shirley N. Kern	08376	21 May 1989
Cpt Glen G. Outlaw	08169	21 May 1989
1Lt Drew S. Daly	08116	7 June 1989
1Lt James E. Engels	08030	7 June 1989
1Lt Pat H. Pollard	08030	7 June 1989
1Lt Sergio B. Seoane	08090	16 June 1989
1Lt Donald L. Wood	08128	16 June 1989
2Lt Ibrahm Rodriguez	08090	7 June 1989

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/ LEADERSHIP AWARD (level 2)

Cpt Wilber C. Lemasters	08373	18 July 1989
1Lt James B. Herrick	08010	21 May 1989
1Lt Frank M. Newman, III	08279	16 June 1989
1Lt Carl V. Rongo	08090	7 June 1989
1Lt Kirk K. Steinhauser	08090	7 June 1989

Eight CAP officers for the FLORIDA WING graduated from the CIVIL AIR PATROL NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE conducted at Maxwell, AFB June 17-24, 1989. These 8 officers accounted for 12% of the total student attendees of the 1989 college. Congratulations are extended to:

LtC John J. Lehr	Florida Wing Headquarters	08001
LtC Seymour B. Orgel	Boca Raton Senior	08372
Maj Ronald G. Brown	Jacksonville Comp.	08383
Maj Larry Henderson	Group 8 Headquarters	08370
Maj Sindi Kalua-Miller	Group 3 Headquarters	08032
Maj Waldense Malouf	Group 4 Headquarters	08153
Maj Carl H. Pelzer	Group 8 Headquarters	08370
Maj David S. Rennie	Tarpon Springs Cadet	08327

Lieutenant Colonels Alex C. Field, Jr. (Marco Island, FL) and Frank E. White (Lakeland, FL) have accepted additional duties as Senior Training Officers in the Senior Program Section of Florida Wing Headquarters. Both officers are CAP members of long standing and quite knowledgeable in numerous staff and command functions of the organization. They will be available to assist in Wing or Group sponsored senior training activities in their respective geographical areas. Primary Duty for LtC Field is Disaster Preparedness Officer/Operations Section, and LtC White is Aerospace/External Officer in the Aerospace Education Section of Florida Wing Headquarters.

A THANK YOU FROM OAKHURST

by: LtC. Peter E. Murray, Commanding

Being new to the Civil Air Patrol, I had concerned myself with the inner workings of the squadron, with little attention being paid to other elements of the CAP world about me. But since the tragedy that befell the Oakhurst Squadron on 13 August 1989 the entire squadron has grown to learn of a deeper kinship that exist between us.

When the world outside of our squadron learned of our loss, your response overwhelmed us. The wonderful feeling that your prayers and thoughts gave us, rejuvenated our failing inner strength. Instead of falling deeper into the depths of grief, we became resolved to accomplish a higher goal. That goal was to prevent the lives of those now dead to be lost for naught. We have now determined to not only preserve the memory of CPT McKnight, C/LtC Kelley, C/CPT Flythe and C/A1 Weber, but to preserve and elevate the things that they stood for, the standards that they had already set, and the distinct driving spirits with which they led our squadron. Somehow I wish that this was an appropriate place to describe each of these men to you, as it would more fully explain the true extent of this loss—perhaps some later time. What can be simply said is that they were Americans. They loved their God, their country and their families. They lived to serve and they served to live, a route we can all follow. As a humorous C/CPT Flythe the would say, "They were all excellent dudes"!

Your cards, letters, donations, flowers and other communications contained the condolences that you meant to convey, but just as importantly they contained encouragement to continue on. One fine fellow inscribed "Semper Fi" on his squadron's card, "a potential Marine: I thought. But I had to explain the meaning of this term to the families that saw the card. Four times I explained, and with each time the meaning became deeper for us all.

We thank you many times over for your thoughts and acts on our behalf. You have helped from miles away. Perhaps someday one of us can return the favor under much different circumstances.

"Out of the flames and ashes rises the Phoenix", as one of our Lieutenants put it, "Something good must come of this." Within 48 hours of the tragedy the squadron was reconstituted by unanimous vote and CAP members transferred in from other squadrons to fill places made vacant. Our dead can never be replaced, so their names shall remain on our roster, and when roll is called, a "Here Sir" will be heard and we shall carry on.

It hurts only the more to think of these lives cut short—and what contributions they would have freely given us all. The only consolation that we can find is that they left us in honor and go to their maker pure of heart and soul now to do His bidding, but even still we of the Oakhurst Squadron shall never forget them.



Col/LtC Rodney Surratt receives plaque from the AFA's Col Roy Whitton honoring him as FI Wing Cadet of the Year 1988.



Orlando Cdt Sqd Color Guard under the direction of C/2Lt B. Pettigrew provided opening ceremonies for the Florida Wing Conference.



Southeast East Region Commander Col. William C. Tallent along with the National Commander Major General Eugene E. Harwell and Florida Wing Commander Col. Richard Leighton congratulates Major Norman Smith and Capt. W. Jean Stockton for a job well done. They had a plaque presented to President Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union from the Florida Wing. The plaque was in appreciation of their cooperation in the SARSAT/HOCNAC satellite program. An identical copy of the plaque given to President Gorbachev was presented to Major General E. E. Harwell to hang in his office. Capt. Stockton was also recognized as the Southeast Region Public Affairs Officer of 1988.



1989 FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE

by Maj Norm Smith, PAO

photos by: Cpt Wm. Clinton Stockton, Editor

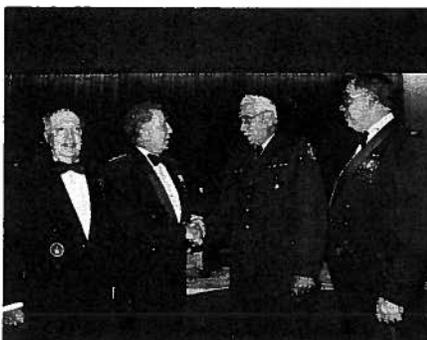
The Omni Hotel in Orlando became a solid sea of Air Force Blue when nearly 400 Civil Air Patrol members met for their annual Florida Wing Conference. Florida was fortunate in that Major General Eugene Harwell graced our presence. The weekend was extremely busy with award presentations, training seminars, shopping at the bookstore and depot as well as great fellowship.

The conference gave us all a chance to reflect back on the year as well as challenge us for the future. Those who attended are richer for the experience. They are also satisfied seeing that in spite of all the difficulties the final product is a successful Florida Wing. A new commitment left within the heart and pride of each member as they returned home to their units to make 1990 the beginning of even a greater decade in Florida Wing.

On Sunday morning memorial services were held for the Civil Air Patrol Pilot and the three Cadets who lost their lives while flying wearing the uniforms they were proud of. The Wing truly feels the loss of these members from the Oakhurst Squadron.



Col R. Leighton and LtCL. Upham congratulates Lt R. Caplinger (c) as 1988 Wing Safety Officer



Col Wm. Tallent, Maj Gen E. E. Harwell, Col R. Leighton (r) congratulates LtC Edward Johnson as 1988 SER Chaplain



Opening session was well attended.

ACROSS THE WING

Group 1

no reports.

Group 2

08025 HQ PAO M. Pennington trying to promote Public Affairs. Requests you send 2A's of PAO's plus copies of articles and unit newsletter from group 2.

08142 Gainesville Cmp received PR with coverage on a Ch 20 news story.

08311 Apollo Beach Cdt is a new unit and still forming yet has some ES training already. Welcome to J. Allen, PAO.

08352 Cedar Key Cmp had 3 members attend the National Board Meeting.

08360 So Marion Cdt had guest speaker from EAA. Also had a membership drive. Two radio stations are airing CAP information. PAO has been promoted. Congratulations 2Lt M. Pennington.

08383 Jacksonville Cmp C/FO Wayne Grimes received Mitchell.

Group 3

08089 MacDill Cdt welcomes SrM M. Alene, PAO. Unit is planning ES training.

08176 Tampa Cdt newsletter's new name "CAP TODAY". Unit marched in parade with POW group.

08274 Lakeland Cdt welcomes SrM S. Thomas as PAO.

Group 4

08033 Sarasota-Bradenton Cmp toured Delta Airlines complete with tour of a 727. Unit is active in ES

08066 St Petersburg Cdt provided support for families of accident. Visited MacDill AFB.

08182 Pinellas Sr held ceremonies for relatives of accident victims. US Coast Guard assisted in services held at Marine Corps League Bldg.

08368 Suncoast Cmp has a membership drive by encouraging each member to bring 2 guests to the meetings by Christmas.

Group 5

08020 HQ Group 5

08024 Stuart Cadet Cpt. Kasten received a Major Achievement Award at Oshkosh 89 for outstanding service to sport aviation. Summed up 04-1435A by finding it on the ramp.

Group 6

08019 HQ welcomes additional PAO SrM R. Regan. Group 6 also provided color guard for the FL Wing Conference. received TV interview and great exposure on local program. Been invited in Central Florida "Share Your Christmas" food drive. (goal 400 lbs) Assisted on 04-1601A.

08027 Winter Park Cdt created a nice newsletter: Flight Line. Welcome to C/Heath, PAO.

08049 Daytona Beach Cmp welcomes R. Sugas, PAO. Daytona Police Dept gave unit a drug awareness program. Worked 04-1601A.

08060 Deland Cmp had CPR classes and field trips to Pensacola and Forest Service. o73

08133 Orlando Cdt had PR booth at MacDill AFB Air Reserve Open House. Chaplain Tyler had a CAP article in the International Seminary Publication.

08210 Ormond Bch Sr had ELT "Find" at 5 am. Flew to river ranch, lunched and toured grounds.

08259 Central Florida Sr is active in ES training. Has created a Communication Support Team.

08362 Osceola Cmp nice news letter shaping up the "Aviator".

08378 New Smyrna Bch Cmp welcomes D. Rainey, PAO. Unit aided in Lakeland Mission.

Group 7

08272 HQ Welcome to new Group 7 PAO D. Lewis who is FL Wing 1988 PAO of the Year. Active in Mall displays with radio's, rocketry, etc. Also has a new Newsletter "Star Log".

08078 Treasure Coast Cmp honored CONGRESSMAN LEWIS at banquet. Aided in 04-1601 as well as many other community activities.

08267 Ti-Co Cmp busy putting up posters and in community activities.

08293 Patrick Cmp welcomes M. Gollent as PAO. "The Notam" is looking better and better.

Group 8

08370 HQ Held MC update, and assisted on SAR's.

08023 Naples Sr assisted in 04-1601A flying almost 5,000 miles. Commander had to work out new Airport Gate passes for unit since security has tightened.

08051 Charlotte Co Cmp welcomes back LtC Dever! Had a successful fundraiser pancake breakfast.

08335 Venice Cmp no longer a Flight. Been working on a Service Project for the City which entails highway clean-up.

08373 Naples Cdt Welcomes C/Laughton as PAO.

08376 Marco Island Sr media coverage of refurbished "unit" plane.

Group 9

08249 HQ Welcomes PAO LtC J. Frakes. Group assisted in 04-1601, 04-1658, 04-1874, 04-2052A. Ft Lauderdale Comp is now a Cadet Squadron. Group 9 hosted a Level 1.

08016 Coral Springs Cdt welcomes SENATOR PETER WEINSTEIN as new member. PAO received #1 unit scrap book award. C/MSgt B. McKenzie received the local AFA Cadet of 88-89 Award.

Group 10

08010 HQ Toured Wm. Lehman Aviation facility. Dr. Sharp, director is former member of CAP AZ Wing.

08116 Homestead Sr welcomes additional PAO 2Lt J. Brown and Cdt J. Buak. C/FO A. Clark received Mitchell.

08279 Homestead AFB Cdt welcomes back Cpt D. Ellis as Commander & PAO.

08319 Miami Springs Cdt welcomes E. Espino as new Commander & J. Diaz as PAO. Cmdr Espino finally received his F-16 Flight at MacDill AFB.

NEWSLETTERS RECEIVED

Group 1

08432 Tallahassee Cmp
08315 Citrus Co Cmp

Group 2 08025 HQ "The Banner"

08029 Riverview Cmp
08323 Fernandina Sr. Newsletter
08352 Cedar Key Cmp "FlyPaper"
08360 So Marion Cdt "Communicator"

Group 3

08089 MacDill Cdt "Jet Blast"
08176 Tampa Cdt "CAP Today"
08237 Brandon Cdt "Hawk's Hanger"

Group 4 08153 HQ Newsletter

08033 Sara-Brad. Cmp "Gator Aid"
08066 St Pete Cdt "Air Knockers"
08334 Gator Sr "GSS"
08327 Tarpon Spgs Cdt "BLTN"
08368 Suncoast Cdt "The Warthog"
08182 Pinellas Sr "Prop Wash"

Group 5 08020 HQ "Prop Wash"

08024 Stuart Cdt Newsletter

Group 6 08019 HQ "Sr Observer"

08027 Winter Pk Cdt "Flight Line"
08049 Daytona Bch "Cadet Flyer"
08060 Deland Cmp "UpDate"
08116 Seminole Cdt "Flying Seminoles"
08133 Orlando Cdt "Cadre"
08210 Ormond Bch "Ormond Orbit"
08259 Central Fl Sr Newsletter
08362 Osceola Cmp "The Aviator"

Group 7 08272 HQ "Star Log"

08293 Patrick Cmp "The Notam"

Group 8 08023 HQ "Gr 8"

08051 Charlotte Co Cmp "Coast Ranger"
08023 Naples Sr "Sky Eye"

Group 9 08249 HQ "Bulletin"

08016 Coral Spgs Cdt "Above & Beyond"
08227 Pompano Bch Cdt "Updraft"
08337 Broward Sr "Patroller"

Group 10 08010 HQ "Talespinner"

08117 Miami Univ. Cdt Newsletter
08279 HAFB Cdt "Falcon Flyer"
08166 Homestead Sr "Prop Wash"
08319 Miami Spgs "After Burner"



Col. Leighton with IACE CADETS from the Netherlands (L to R): Iris Tangerink, Mike Vandenberg, Maurice Groenen, (rear L to R) Anneke Kramer, Erik Buining, Escort J.G. Vancapple and Robert M. Camerling.

CHAPLAIN'S CONCERN

LtC. S. Edward Johnson, Chaplain

Greetings! Have you noticed how rapidly time is marching on, or is that a grite question? Another year will soon go down in the history books. Before we launch out into another decade, that of the nineties, we should take a least a quick look back over 1989.

If you are like me you have not accomplished all that you hoped at the beginning of the year. There never seems to be enough time to meet all demands on our time. But I have long since learned that it does no good to brood over what might have been. Most if not all of us accomplished some good things and now look forward to even better and greater things for our God and our service in Civil Air Patrol. I am happy I was privileged to attend the National Board Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, it was a good Board meeting and I was plesed to see some of you there. And then we had a good Florida Wing Conference in Orlando. I am sorry many more of you could not attend. Our Cheif of Chaplains Emeritus, LTC Avel Appel and our fine SER Chaplain, LTC John Magee was with us and both gave us some good leadership. We do need these get-togethers to check on our hopes and aspirations for CAP.

The next semi annual report will be due to me by 5 January, 1990. Please send them to my office at 461 Hacienda Village, Winter Springs, FL 32708. Once again I wish to remind you to put everything you do in or for CAP in your reports. If because of our chaplaincy shortage you are serving more than one Squadron with moral leadership etc. submit a separate report for each one.

I would still like to hear some of you on our radio net each morning, and the Chaplain's net each Saturday morning. Maybe your squadron or group can help you with a radio.

I pray you will all have a great and blessed and regarding season. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Joyful New Year.

God bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hand...

WHAT YOU SAVE YOU LEAVE BEHIND; WHAT YOU SPEND YOU HAVE FORA WHILE; BUT WHAT YOU GIVE AWAY INA WORTHY CAUSE, OR WHAT YOU DO TO BENEFIT MANKIND, YOU TAKE WITH YOU, AND THE LATTER IS WHAT LIVES AFTER YOU.

WING COMMANDER MEETS WITH IACE CADETS



Col. Richard Leighton greets IACE Cadets from Canada (L to R): Shelly White, Genvieve Blais, Gillian Proctor and Tiffany Keenan.

HAPPY 48TH BIRTHDAY CIVIL AIR PATROL!

DID YOU KNOW?

LtC. E. Sedita

The following National Commanders have visited our F1 Wing.

Brig General Leslie J. Westberg, USAF

Brig General S. Hallock DuPont, Jr., CAP

Brig General William M. Patterson, CAP

Brig General William B. Cass, CAP

Maj General Eugene E. Harwell, CAP

***The Florida Wing Staff
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holiday season***

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