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Florida Wing Earns Outstanding Rating on SAREVAL

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Ormond Beach, FL — May 17, 2009 — OUT-
STANDING! Is how 88 Florida Wing members felt about participating in the Wing SAREVAL 15-16 May 2009, and that's the overall grade given to the Wing by the Air Force evaluators.

As SAREVAL Incident Commander Lt Col Mike Cook said, "Florida has now received an outstanding on every Air Force evaluation this decade."



Florida Wing Commander, Col Christian Moersch (right), and Ormond Beach Mayor, Fred Costello, review the CAP aircraft on the flight line during the SAREVAL.



The IMU status board keeps everyone in the Operations area up to date on sortie status while Maj. Scott Martin and 2nd Lt. Aaron Fleming concentrate on dispatching another flight.

Every two years the Air Force conducts an extensive evaluation of each Wing for mission readiness, safety, and the capabilities to respond to multiple missions and taskings under adverse conditions. Every functional area of a mission from the Chaplain to Flight Line is graded, and this year no functional area scored below an excellent, meaning they met all Air Force standards for performance and many areas exceeded standards earning a grade of outstanding.

Friday evening the evaluators gave the mission a scenario that included an overdue aircraft at the same time Hurricane "Chris" was coming ashore with the need for numerous disaster relief missions. As the simulated storm cleared out Saturday morning the tasks kept coming in including a second missing aircraft, non-distress ELT activations, HLS missions across the state, and aerial impact assessment missions of the damage caused by the storm. While the air and ground crews were busy executing their missions, the mission base staff was kept busy with everything from a distraught parent of a missing aviator to a power outage where the entire base had to

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Florida Wing Commander’s Message —

Christian Moersch, Col CAP - Florida Wing Commander

Florida Wing “Committed to excellence in our missions in service to our communities, and our nation.”

That is our mission statement for Florida Wing. So now, we ask, exactly how do we achieve those results? What exactly does excellence look like? How do we turn the idea into a way of doing business? Once we create excellence, how do we maintain it?

There is little doubt that this wing is committed to serving the missions of CAP. We maintain the highest operations tempo in the nation, responding more frequently and serving more members than any other Wing. Your results have earned Florida Wing nationwide recognition this year in Aerospace Education, Disaster Relief and Cadet Programs. Thank you!

When I accepted command, over a year ago, your command team developed our guiding precepts to ensure our long-term success,

- “Plan with People” - Not “for” people so our organization is not all “top down”
- “Train with Purpose” - To make the best use of the time and talent of members
- “Execute with Excellence” - Because we have a duty and responsibility
- And, as a result, we “Make the Future Happen.”

The common element necessary to make these precepts successful is

“The common element necessary to make these precepts successful is teamwork.”

teamwork. You, each and every member of our wing, are the key to making “Team Florida” successful.

Success breeds success. This will allow us to accomplish all of our missions in the highest traditions of our organization.

There are countless articles that have been written on developing effective and successful teams. I certainly won’t be able to cover the entire subject here, but I believe that certain areas form the critical mass for building our “Team Florida.” Those key qualities are discipline, proficient technical skills, teamwork, and communication. The first two qualities form the foundation necessary to allow the last two qualities to be effective.

Recently I discussed discipline with our check pilots using the following definition for discipline, “the strength of will to develop the necessary skills and to execute sound judgment in the presence of temptations to do otherwise.” This definition does not just apply to flying, but applies across the entire spectrum of our CAP missions.

It assumes the willingness to undertake a course of study and preparation to attain skill and proficiency. Each member must undertake a commitment to attempt to do the right thing at the right time.

This hits at the heart of integrity, of words and actions. Skill is the learning process.

Whether in Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, or Emergency Ser-



Christian Moersch, Col CAP

vices, there are basic, intermediate, and advanced skill sets to be learned and mastered. One part is theory, study and classroom experiences, and the other part is application of learning to actual situations, practical and field experience.

When theory and application are combined together, with constructive feedback, we become more effective, then increasingly efficient in our role.

Without these skills, our contribution to the team is limited and we become frustrated and disillusioned.

However, when we acquire the skill and develop proficiency, we discover the personal confidence needed to contribute as an effective team member.

One of the tricky things about skills is how perishable a resource they are. Once skilled, we cannot just rest, but we must insure that we maintain our proficiency.

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New Wing Patch Makes Debut

Christian F. Moersch, Col., CAP
 Commander, Florida Wing



I am very happy to debut the new Florida Wing command shield that will also be worn as our wing patch. It was designed by Capt. Matt Congrove during his tenure as Deputy Director of the Wing IT department. It is available through Vanguard at the same cost as our current patch. The current patch may still be worn as prescribed until 07 Mar 10.

Dark Blue Field - This area represents space and fulfills the AF requirement for ultramarine blue within the design.

Stars - There are eight stars, representing Florida being the eighth wing in CAP. White in color represents the collective wisdom of our membership and all the synergies we bring when we work as a team.

Gold Arrow - This represents honor and also the manned space flight aircraft (the Orbiter, and soon Ares). Its inclusion shows our support of NASA operations, and its great impact on our organization and community.

Silver Arch - This represents the flight path of the space flight aircraft. It separates the dark blue (space) and light blue (sky) fields. It's silver, which is representative of the moon, where NASA plans on venturing next.

Light Blue Field - This field represents the sky, our "primary theater of operations."

Compass Rose - This represents the prime directions of travel, plus the four red corners represent our four wing precepts.



It takes more than just one person to tell the story of CAP, it takes a team.

The volunteer service offered by CAP members is a vital and cost-effective resource for our communities.

The need is as great as ever before to make certain the local communities recognize the value which the capability and capacity of the Civil Air Patrol brings.

Learning the skills needed to work with the media, create dramatic photographs, write compelling stories, and digitally preserve the CAP history in audio, video, and still formats will allow you to make a difference in your unit and your community.



Left to right: Major General Amy Courter, CAP National Commander, Lt Col John Lynn and Rob Brewer.

Lt Col John Lynn is Recognized for Lifetime Achievement

Article by National Headquarters Marketing Staff

San Antonio, TX — Lt Col John Lynn, Florida Wing's Director of Aerospace Education was awarded the Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's National Board.

Nominees for this award must be CAP members who are also educators, state aviation officials, fixed-base operators, state superintendents of public instruction, members of the armed forces, members of Congress, have performed a noteworthy aerospace achievement or made significant contributions to the aerospace field for a period of more than 20 years.

The award for this category is not necessarily presented each year, but the achievements of Lieutenant Colonel John J. Lynn for more than 50 years in the U.S. Air Force, the aerospace industry and CAP could not be overlooked. His interest in aviation dates back to World War II, when he was a youngster building model aircraft powered by rubber bands.

In 1952, Lt Col Lynn joined the Air Force, working as an airframe and power plant mechanic on the B-47 Stratojet. He left military service in 1956 to become a student at St. Louis University, where in 1959, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering.

For the next 30 years, as a professional military aerospace designer, he was employed by aerospace giants like Northrop, Siemans, Martin-Marietta and Chicago Aerial Industries. Projects he and his teams worked on included the Pershing Missile, SR-71 Blackbird, LANTIRN (low altitude navigation targeting infrared for night), GAM-83 and SLAT (supersonic low altitude target). Six of his professional engineering years were spent in aerial camera design, including panoramic aerial cameras and adaptors for military use.

While an engineer, he earned his FAA private pilot, airframe and power plant certificates. After purchasing his own aircraft, he started giving co-workers' children their first airplane rides. When he retired in 1992, CAP seemed a natural next step, and he was a perfect fit for Aerospace Education Officer, soon attaining the senior members' highest recognition, the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

Four years after joining CAP, Lt Col Lynn was appointed Commander of Florida's Lake Composite Squadron, where he did double duty as the AEO. Involved in CAP cadet exchange programs in Belgium and China, Lt Col Lynn caught the attention of the Florida Wing Commander, who appointed him Wing Director of Aerospace Education in 2000.

By 2001, Lt Col Lynn had left the wing to start of a series of first-place National Aerospace Education Mission Awards. Now serving on CAP's National Aerospace Education Committee, Lt Col Lynn has promoted aerospace education in other national programs – often in cooperation with CAP – such as the Air Force Association, Women in Aviation Conference, Middle School Teachers Conference and the Science Teachers Conference.

Seemingly tireless when it comes to aerospace education, Lt Col Lynn recently presented a program *Feats of Flight* at four separate branches of the Orange County Library System in Florida. It was so well received, it has now been requested at the system's other 11 branches.

Influenza Alert: Fighting Swine and Seasonal Flu

Sergio B. Seoane, M.D.
Lt Col, CAP - Florida Wing Medical Officer

Influenza (the flu) is an acute respiratory illness caused by influenza A or B viruses, which occurs in outbreaks and epidemics worldwide nearly every year, mainly in the winter season. This is called Seasonal Influenza. In healthy children, influenza is generally an acute, self-limited, and uncomplicated disease. Nonetheless, it causes an appreciable disease burden (e.g.: school and work absence, increased frequency of outpatient medical visits). In addition, in certain "high-risk" groups of children, the infection may be complicated and severe.

In addition to seasonal influenza, there is a new and novel influenza strain which was identified in April 2009 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This new flu strain has been named Swine Flu (H1N1).

A feature of this new Swine influenza

strain is severe infection disproportionately in individuals who are not at the extremes of age. In contrast, seasonal influenza is more likely to cause severe disease in infants, young children, and elderly individuals.

The main way that influenza viruses are spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. This is called "droplet spread." It can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person are propelled (generally up to three feet, but can be six feet) through the air and deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Though much less frequent, the viruses also can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets on another person or an object and then touches their own mouth or nose (or someone else's



mouth or nose) before washing their hands.

Symptoms of flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The period when an infected person is contagious depends on the age and health of the person. Studies show that most healthy adults may be able to infect others from one day prior to becoming sick and for 5-7 days after they first develop symptoms. The symptoms of seasonal influenza and Swine Flu are the same. A person with Swine Flu may also complain of vomiting and diarrhea.

Several methods can be used to prevent or limit the spread of influenza.



- 1. By far, the single best way to prevent the flu is for individuals, especially people at high risk for serious complications from the flu, to get a vaccination each year!**
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
3. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
4. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve.
5. Hand washing, use soap and water to wash hands when hands are visibly soiled, or an alcohol-based hand rub when soap and water are not available,

and hands are not visibly soiled. Wash hands to the extent possible between contacts, such as before meals. Wash hands for 20 seconds (long enough for children to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice). When using alcohol-based hand rub, rub hands thoroughly until the alcohol has dried.

6. Ensure that sink locations and restrooms are stocked with soap and paper towels or working hand dryers. Ensure that the mess hall is supplied with alcohol-based hand rub when sinks for washing hands are not readily accessible.

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7. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches some thing that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
8. Individuals should try to maintain a distance of \geq six feet from the person with an Influenza like illness (ILI). An influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined as a fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater), cough or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause other than influenza.
9. Interactions with individuals with an ILI should be as brief as possible.
10. The ill person should be asked to follow good cough etiquette and hand hygiene and to wear a face mask, if available.
11. Individuals at increased risk for influenza complications should avoid individuals with an ILI
12. If you must be in a crowded setting, minimize your time there.
13. Use hygiene and social distancing precautions. Stay home if you are sick.
14. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.
15. Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
16. Avoid close contact (within six feet) with co workers.
17. Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
18. Keep frequently touched common surfaces (for example, telephones, computer equipment, etc.) clean.
19. Try not to use other workers' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment. Clean equipment prior to use if the equipment must be used.
20. Minimize group meetings; use e-mails, phones and text messaging. If meetings are unavoidable, avoid close contact (within six feet) with others and ensure that the meeting room is properly ventilated.
21. Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.
22. If wearing gloves, always wash your hands after removing them.

More information about Swine Flu and Seasonal Influenza can be obtained at Flu.Gov. or www.cdc.gov

Five Year Anniversary Marked by Cadet Earning Highest Cadet Achievement

Jackie Zarrilli, 1LT, CAP
FL Wing Cadet Programs
Public Affairs Officer

Seventeen-year-old Andrea Batista from Florida Wing's Group 7 Miami Spring Optimist Cadet Squadron successfully earned Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet achievement, the Carl A. Spatz Award.



Exactly five years to the date of joining Civil Air Patrol, Cadet Colonel Andrea Batista earned the Carl A. Spatz Award, the highest cadet achievement.

This accomplishment bestows upon her the grade of Cadet Colonel.

She passed the rigorous tests at her first attempt. This is no surprise for those who know her. She is a high school senior at the School for Advance Studies, an intense dual enrollment program in which Batista has already earned 22 college credits with a weighted GPA of 4.5. Andrea is also a certified scuba diver.

Cadet Batista has been very active in her five years with CAP. She has taken advantage of the training CAP offers, having completed her Emergency Service, Radio Operations, Urban Directional Finding, CPR, First Aid and AED Certifications.

In her squadron she has served as color guard commander and cadet commander and earned numerous recognitions such as Air Force Association's Squadron Cadet of the Year.

With Group 7 she was the Cadet Advisory Council Chair and Assistant Cadet Programs Officer. She has attended five Wing encampments and held various leadership roles; most recently serving as Cadet Deputy Commander at Summer Encampment 2009.

In addition, she is a graduate of Cadet Officer School and earned her solo wings at National Flight Glider Academy.

International Air Cadets Visit Florida

Jackie Zarrilli, 1LT, CAP
Florida Wing Cadet Programs Public Affairs Officer

Florida - - International Air Cadets Exchange sent teenage ambassadors from around the world to Washington DC where they all gathered for orientation and a few days of site seeing. Then the cadets were divided up and sent with adult escorts to various parts of the country. Eight cadets and one escort representing Canada, England and Hong Kong came to Florida. Cadet Warrant Officer First Class Theresa Hanna from Canada said, “I was so excited to be assigned to Florida. The day after we arrived here we got to see some alligators when they took us to the Everglades!”

The cadets and escorts were kept busy for two weeks. They enjoyed the Florida sunshine and daily summer thunder storms. Their agenda included airboat rides, orientation flights, excursions to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Shark Valley and Fort Lauderdale Airport Control Tower, shopping at Sawgrass Mall, behind-the-scenes view of Kennedy Space Center, stops at Homestead and MacDill Air Force Bases, visits to Orlando and a Flight Museum, and squeezed in between all these outings were trips to the beach.

While the International Air Cadet Ambassadors were here, Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members played host; providing housing, transportation, pool side barbeques and outings such as kayaking, bowling, playing miniature golf and a fine sampling America’s famous fast food restaurants; McDonald’s, Chili’s, Moe’s and Pizza Hut. Cadet Lt. Colonel Christina Zarrilli explains, “It is my pleasure to reciprocate by being a host family. It is my way of saying thank you because last year I participated in IACE and was CAP’s US Ambassador to Japan. My Japanese host family was most gracious.” Cadet Second Lt. Stephen Hamilton who is hosting young men from Canada and England said, “It is very interesting to hear about how their cadet programs are run.” There are many similarities and distinct differences. One difference is Canadian cadets get a stipend for their service. A major similarity in all the countries is the keen competition to get a coveted IACE slot. Cadets must meet age and rank requirements, submit detailed application with essays, school transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation and pass intensive interviews. “It is a real honor and privilege to represent one’s country as an IACE ambassador,” said United Kingdom Cadet Warrant Officer Ben Holding.

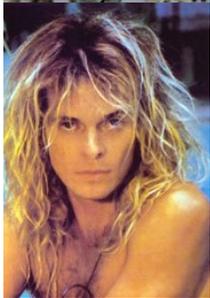
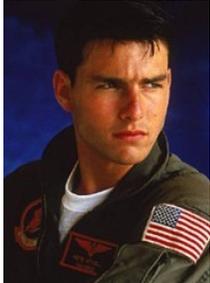
Florida Wing commander Colonel Christian Moersch met the group at Boca Raton Airport where Maj. Jim Utterback coordinated orientation flights. Colonel Moersch welcomed the cadets and recalled his IACE trip to Germany when he was a teen. Then it was time to fly in CAP’s Cessna 182s with pilots Lt. Col.s Luca Bencini-Tibo and Dave Moruzzi. “I have never seen such a gorgeous site,” said Canadian Cadet Warrant Officer Second Class Josh Amelia upon his return, commenting on his flight along the Florida coastline. They managed to get all eight cadets and their escort, Flying Officer Julian YY Lui from Hong Kong up before an afternoon thunderstorm hit. Col. Moersch said, “Our Civil Air Patrol cadets and these fine young people are the future leaders of the world and the International Cadet Air Exchange is one step in promoting greater communication and understanding among the nations’ next generation.”



Photo: International Air Exchange Cadets with Florida Wing Commander Colonel Christian Moersch at Boca Raton Airport stand in front of Civil Air Patrol Cessna 182. Left to right (Back Row) Cadet Warrant Officer Ben Holding (UK); Cadet Warrant Officer 2nd Class Josh Amelia (Canada); Colonel Christian Moersch (US); Cadet Sergeant Daniel Murphy (UK); Cadet Warrant Officer 1st Class Nathan Palmer (Canada); Front Row: Cadet Warrant Officer 2nd Class Shivani Achrekar (Canada); Cadet Corporal Gail Choi Yu Hang (Hong Kong); Flying Officer Julian YY Lui (Hong Kong); Cadet 1st Class Gionnie B G Wong (Hong Kong); Cadet Warrant Officer 1st Class Theresa Hanna (Canada).

You're In Good Company

David B. Bellis, 2LT, CAP
Florida WingSpan Editor



The next time you are at a local airport and hear the voices of Indiana Jones calling for permission to enter the pattern or hear *Star Trek's* Lt. Worf asking for taxi instructions, you are not imagining it.

Harrison Ford and Michael Dorn are among the many famous personalities that enjoy general aviation. Most people are aware of actor John Travolta's interest in flying. In one of the *Look Who's Talking* movies, his own aircraft is an "extra" in the airport ramp scene.

Actor Tom Cruise may have been inspired by starring in *Top Gun* to earn his commercial pilot's license in 1998, along with his airplane multiengine land and instrument rating.

What could actor/director Clint Eastwood, singer/actor Kris Kristofferson, actor Lorenzo Lamas and rock star David Lee Roth all have in common? They all hold rotorcraft ratings. Kristofferson also holds a private license for airplane single engine land.

The political world also has its fliers with former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry all holding Commercial pilots' licenses. Kerry also holds private privileges for glider aero tow.

Country entertainment has its aviators as well. Singer/musician Roy Clark, singers Aaron Tippin and Alan Jackson all hold multiengine ratings with Tippin also having his Airframe and Powerplant (A&P).

Television personalities Hugh Downs, Chuck Woolery, *Chips* star Larry Wilcox, talk show host Dr. Phil and *Daniel Boone* star Fess Parker are all licensed pilots along with vacuum cleaner CEO David Oreck.

Some well-known personalities that have made their final flights include Mel Tormé, (the Velvet Fog) John Denver and, most recently, Patrick Swayze.

Rusty Wallace, Ricky Rudd, Matt Kenseth, Carl Edwards, and Bill Elliott not only know their way around the NASCAR circuit they are as comfortable doing touch and goes as they are speeding around some of America's greatest racetracks.

If you are a "Parrothead" (a fan of singer Jimmy Buffett), you'll be pleased to know he holds private pilots privileges for single engine land and sea, commercial pilot, multiengine land and sea, instrument airplane and is type-rated in the Citation, Falcon and others.

It is said that you are known by the company you keep. So if you find yourself having a cup of FBO coffee with Dennis Quaid, Morgan Freeman or Arnold Palmer, know you are in good company.

Visiting Cadet: Incredible Experience

Guest Writer: Josh Amelia
Cadet Second Class Warrant Officer
Canada's Royal Air Cadets

This summer, I participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) from Canada.

I was chosen to go to the United States for two and a half weeks during the summer. I left British Columbia on July, 17 for Ottawa where I toured our national capital for two days. Soon after the third morning, I departed for Washington D.C. where I spent two days touring the American Capital and meeting the cadets from the many countries that were touring with us.

On July 24, I left Washington for Florida where I spent the majority of my exchange. We arrived in the Fort Lauderdale Airport to be greeted by a senior member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); a program very similar to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. We were then escorted to our first host's house. Ben (a British Cadet) and I were billeted with the Zarrilli Family.

Later in the trip we were able to billet with another very welcoming family, the Martin's.

During the first day after we arrived in Florida, we went on a tour of the everglades in Shark Valley. After the amazing tour in the incredible heat and humidity, we drove to Pennekamp Coral Reef for a snorkel tour. Due to weather, we were not able to participate in the tour so we spent a few hours in the near-by beach.

The entire trip was filled with many fun and interesting tours. We went to several beaches, a sea aquarium, museums, the Kennedy Space center, and even Disney World. Our host wing planned a boat and bus tour of Fort Lauderdale. We were able to tour the prestigious and



Photo by Josh Amelia
Canadian International Air Cadet Josh Amelia thought the Florida coast was the most beautiful sight he had ever seen.

historic parts of the city by bus. The tour bus was amphibious and proceeded to take us on a canal tour of some of the most expensive and elegant homes in the city. Some were worth more than 100 million dollars.

During the evenings we mostly spent time with our host families. We would either spend the evening in or go to places such as the mall, bowling alley, arcade, and movie theater. These were the times where we bonded with the families and made good friends.



Throughout the trip, I was very eager to go to the beautiful, sandy beaches of Florida. Needless to say, they were the destinations that I enjoyed most. On the second day in Florida, we went on an orientation flight that brought us down the east coast. The view of the endless beach and turquoise water was absolutely stunning.

The International Air Cadet Exchange was an incredible experience where we made many great friends from all over the world. Without a doubt, that was the highlight of the exchange. We met people from China, Japan, Great Britain, France, Germany and many other countries. We all had very similar interests, and this provided an amazing opportunity to make great friendships. It was a life changing opportunity, and I will never forget my IACE experience.

Senior Florida CAP Officer Leads Rappelling Training at National Ranger School

While most people from Florida are not usually associated with the challenging art of mountain climbing and rappelling, this was not a limitation during the 2009 Summer Ranger School.

Lt. Col. Art Giles, a native of Miami, Fla., led the team that set up and made the 70-foot rappelling tower at the Ranger School safe for the more than 270 students and special guests utilizing the tower. He also served as Chief Ropework Instructor during the school, leading a team of highly qualified officers and cadets who instruct basic and advanced rappelling throughout the week.

Giles, 54, has attended the Ranger Training School since 1968, first as a student and later as an instructor. He is one of only 230 CAP members to have earned the grade of Expert Ranger and the right to wear the school's coveted "black belt". He credits the challenging training and rigorous discipline of the school as being a pivotal event in his life. "I would have never made it to the Air Force Academy or the Fire Service without first going through Hawk." said Giles.

At home, Giles served as Deputy Chief of Staff – Operations for Florida Wing, after two stints as Wing Vice Commander, as well as Wing Inspector General, and Group Commander on four occasions. He is a 29-year veteran of Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Department, where he serves as Fire Captain. His is a CAP family, with his wife Mary, and son Thomas active both locally and as members of the staff at Hawk.

Now in its 53rd year, Hawk Mountain Ranger Training Center is Civil Air Patrol's premier school for land search and rescue, wilderness survival, field medicine, and leadership development. Many of its graduates have gone on to positions of responsibility and command within CAP, the military and government, and the private sector.



Photo by CAP cadet Nicholas Cocco

Miami, Fla. native Lt. Col. Art Giles tests the ropes on the rappelling tower at the National Ranger Training Center at Hawk Mountain, Pa. Giles, who serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff - Operations for Florida Wing, was the Chief Ropework Instructor at the Summer Ranger School.

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quickly switch over to generators for electricity.

Members from all over the state participated in the exercise including some who never got to the base in Ormond Beach but conducted remote missions and reported their results back to the base. By the end of day two, more than 1,400 man-hours had been invested, nine CAP aircraft had flown 27 hours, and 27 vehicles had been checked into the mission. All of the tasking and mission information was entered real-time into

IMU (Incident Management Utility) allowing radio operators, operations, and other groups to run the mission from multiple buildings and trailers while continually giving all teams the big picture of the changing mission needs.

Florida Wing members not only showed their professionalism and mission abilities to the Air Force, but during one mission flight a small forest fire was spotted and reported to authorities who were able to respond before the fire grew too large. Congratulations to the entire Wing for the preparedness and training of all our members to support our communities.

CAP Members Tour New Collier County Emergency Management

Richard C. Niess, Lt. Col., CAP
Public Affairs Officer, Marco Island CAP Composite Squadron

CAP members from the Marco Island and Naples Squadrons were conducted on an extensive two-hour tour of the newly opened Collier County Emergency Management Center (EMC). Arranged by Dan Summers, the EMC manager and his staff, members were met in the lobby of the EMC by CAP Major Jim VonRinteln, the County Emergency Management Coordinator.

The EMC is a four-story 111,000 sq ft building, constructed for Category five hurricane resistance, is self-contained for continuous operation. It includes redundant telephone, satellite and radio communications, with 100 percent back-up electric power provide by two 2.5-Megawatt diesel electric generator sets. It is believed to be one of, if not the most, state-of-the art facility of its type in the nation.

Occupancy is provided for: Sheriff's office and Communication Center with 911 dispatch facility, East Naples Sheriff's Sub-Station, Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Management Department offices and Emergency Medical Services administrative offices

"We all are very proud to be living in a community that cares so much for their residents to design, build and man such a state-of-the art facility," said LtCol Lee Henderson, Marco Island CAP Squadron Commander.



CAP Members in the Operations Center

Cadets Provide Color Guard for AFA Celebration



(L-R) SSGT Steven B. Wallace, SSGT Timothy L. Cripe, AIC Amber-Nicole Launder and AIC Analaura L. Stewart, members of FL-021, Civil Air Patrol, Lake Composite Squadron proudly display the colors.

Richard A. Ortega, VP,
Aerospace Education, CFC, Florida

The AFA Florida Central Florida Chapter traditional Fourth of July Patriotic Celebration was held at the Shades of Green at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Approximately 100 members and guests were in attendance. President Jim Callahan called the meeting to order at and directed the Color Guard to, "Post the Colors."

Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Lake Composite Squadron proudly posted the Colors. The official act of Posting the Colors was orchestrated by Lt. Col. David Moseley, Squadron Commander.

Bill Yucuis, VP of the Central Florida Chapter, supervised the air pressure launching model rockets contest and Jim Callahan, President of the Chapter and Bonnie Callahan, the Chapter's Program Director and AFA National Director Emeritus, supervised the Fourth of July Game, consisting of 20 questions about historical events. Members of the color guard received prizes in both events as well as high praise for their obvious high-level of training.

Cadets Prepare For FAA Exam

Group Five Holds Cadet Aviation Ground School

Capt. Jeff Carlson,
PAO, Group Five - Florida Wing

Recently, 26 cadets from across Southwest Florida participated in Group Five's Cadet Aviation Ground School in Sarasota. Lt. Col. Fran Gleockler, Group Five Commander, coordinated the program designed to prepare qualified CAP cadets for passing the Federal Aviation Administration's Private Pilot Knowledge Test.

To be selected for the ground school, the cadets needed to demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing their private pilot training. In addition, they must have maintained academic rigor while successfully participating with their assigned squadron. By completing the course of study, cadets can further their progress toward achieving their dream of becoming a pilot. This represents a significant step of progress whether they are aiming for a military or commercial academy. The primary benefit of this activity is that the cadets learn that they are personally responsible for their own success. This prepares them for the personal focus and determination that will be required to complete the practical skills portion of flight training. The school's Safety Officer, 1Lt Bob Little said, "The ground school allows us to help develop a cadet's area of interest while guiding them towards a service-oriented way of thinking."

The ground school is an example of Gleockler's vision for the role CAP plays in Southwest Florida communities. In this case, it is a role that brings a unique opportunity to the area's youth, feeds their interest in aviation and helps them to recognize it is a realistic goal to pursue. The in-residence format of the school is a cost-effective way to bring this type of opportunity within reach of cadets who, for eco-

nomie reasons, might not find other aviation programs accessible to them. At the same time, key elements of the mainstream cadet program are being reinforced. The forty hours of class time is balanced with periods of physical fitness activity, while the demanding curriculum fosters a cooperative learning environment where cadets tutor each other and leadership skills are exercised.

Gleockler attributes the success of this year's activities to the cooperative efforts of the community and CAP members. "We were able to build upon the lessons learned from the prior year's ground school so we were well prepared and had tremendous volunteer support from a growing number of cadet parents and CAP senior members," said Gleockler. The continued fund-raising efforts led by LTC Virginia Cullity have allowed the dream of a cadet ground school to be turned into a reality. Having access to the Sarasota Military Academy's newly renovated facilities is vital to being able to offer the in-residence program.

The schedule of instruction exposed the cadets to the entire Jeppesen ground school curriculum which includes three stage tests and a final exam. The first test tends to be a wake-up call for the cadets signaling that this is a serious undertaking. Those scoring over 70 percent on the final exam had their logbooks endorsed to take the FAA private pilot knowledge exam. Other classroom activities included ATC simulations, video presentations, group problem-solving, and movies that focused on various milestones in the history of aviation. One of the highlights of this year's ground school was former having former Navy test pilot, Capt. Philip "Rowdy" Yates,



teaching the segments on the fundamentals of aerodynamics. The high-quality of instruction is possible by the generous volunteer efforts by the team of talented certified flight instructors led by LTC Richard Petrucci. The other instructors included former Navy pilot Doug Kirkland, Sport Pilot instructor Jim Crone, Chief Flight Instructor Ed Barros and Group Five Standardization and Evaluation Officer Capt. Peter Baker.

This type of programming is an example of what can be achieved by blending two of CAP's primary missions. The combination of the cadet program and aerospace education creates a fertile environment to develop young people's interest in general aviation. It also serves as a benchmark to demonstrate how community and CAP resources can be effectively combined to have a positive impact with lasting effects. The community effort to generate the funding created an opportunity for the youth to use their summer schedule in a productive manner while steering them away from detrimental influences. It is a little investment that can provide a big return in the future.

Plans are already underway for next year's event. "This year's ground school saw an 86 percent increase in enrollment and we anticipate similar growth for next year," said Gleockler said. "That's proof enough for me that we are on the right track."

Teamwork

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“Life long learning” is critical to our success. We must maintain an active role, in our position and in our unit.

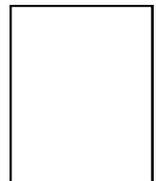
Teamwork is combining the skills of each member into an even more powerful tool. For effective teamwork, leadership, good followership and collaboration are all important. Generally speaking, leaders set the expectations

and standards. Standards reflect our core values and the needs of our missions Leadership must be responsive to the current capabilities and qualifications of the team. More experienced teams require coordination more than direction. Lastly, good leadership must eliminate the boundaries between factions within the team.

In all of these, effective communication is essential. Bottom-up communication is equally as important as the

top-down communication. How we communicate the message is just as important as the message itself. The CAP Pamphlet 151 “Respect on Display” illustrates the value of respect, respect as a two-way street and giving others the benefit of the doubt. I urge you to look for the value in your fellow members and respect their contribution, especially when it differs from yours. There is a purpose for each of us in “Team Florida!”

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