



# 'Gator CAPers



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## \$2000 IN AWARDS AWAIT TOP RECRUITERS

This is Florida Wing's massive recruiting drive during the period of September 1 through December 1978. The goal is to increase cadet membership by 20%, senior membership by 15%, and charter three new squadrons per Group. The following awards and incentives are offered for outstanding performance during Project Launch.

First, second and third place plaques will be given to the outstanding group and squadron for cadet and senior recruiting.

All units attaining membership goals will receive a Florida Wing Certificate of Merit.

Awards are to be given to the top three Florida cadets who recruit the most new members. First place recruiter will receive a \$300 solo scholarship, second place award is a \$174 Clegg FM radio, third place an encampment scholarship and a set of CAP regulations.

Top three senior recruiters will also receive awards. First place is a solo flight scholarship or a complete mess dress. Second place is a \$174 Clegg FM radio, and third place is a \$50 Book Store credit and a set of CAP regulations.

The outstanding Cadet recruiter in each Group will also be recognized. First place is an encampment scholarship, second place is a \$25 Book Store credit, and third place is a set of CAP regulations.

First, second and third place outstanding senior recruiters in each Group will also receive awards. They are, respectively, a \$50 credit towards any Senior Activity, a \$25 Book Store credit, and a set of CAP regulations.

Everyone is urged to participate in this recruiting drive and help to make Florida Wing GREAT IN '78!

### GOALS FOR NEW CADET MEMBERS

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Goal</u>
1	49	8	61
2	12	9	118
3	49	10	127
4	21	11	52
5	21	12	16
6	53	13	32
7	64	--	--

### GOALS FOR NEW SENIOR MEMBERS

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Goal</u>
1	45	8	49
2	38	9	17
3	15	10	68
4	39	11	58
5	44	12	38
6	59	13	20
7	77	--	--

## Florida Begins Year Round Encampment Schedule

Florida Wing's summer encampment program has been expanded from summer to year round. The first winter Type A Encampment will be held at Camp Owissa-Bauer in Miami, December 16 - 21. Another December encampment is planned for the Naval Training Center in Orlando, and McDill AFB will host one in April. Definite dates have not yet been arranged for these two locations. Further information and costs will be announced. An application form for the Owissa-Bauer Encampment is on page 13 of this issue. The cost is \$30 and checks and applications must be received by the Director of Cadet Programs, 1674 Bresee Road, West Palm Beach 33406 by December 10. Cadet orientation flights will be held at all the encampments so cadets should be sure to bring along CAP Form 77. Captain Harry Jones will be project officer for the Miami encampment.

Florida Wing is the first wing in the nation to go to a year round encampment schedule. Dates will be arranged to coincide with school vacations. The expanded schedule will make it possible for more cadets to

have the encampment experience necessary for the completion of the portion of the cadet training leading to the General Billy Mitchell Award. These cadets will then be eligible for the National Special Activities. Recruiting and retention of cadets in the local squadron is enhanced by the opportunity to attend an encampment. Unit commanders should encourage their members to attend and help the unit meet its goals. Priority should be given to first time cadets. This will give them the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have acquired in squadron training programs, to develop a greater understanding of CAP and its capabilities, and to develop their potential as future aerospace leaders.

The forty hour encampment course will cover USAF familiarization, the relationship between CAP and the Air Force, physical activities including individual and team sports, moral leadership, leadership lab including drill and ceremonies, electives chosen by the encampment commander, and cadet orientation flights.

### APPLY NOW

Squadron Officer School

Nov. 11-12

Type A Encampment

Dec. 16 - 21

# Commander's Column...



BY COLONEL RICHARD L. LEALI, SR.

Next month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and we here in Florida Wing have many things to be thankful for. In the coming year we will again be devoting our full energy and concentration to achieving the goals that have been set for us. Perhaps now would be a good time to take a moment to look back at all we have accomplished in 1978.

Florida Wing has 3500 members promoting emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. Because of their devotion to duty, their energy and enthusiasm, and their unselfish volunteering of time and talents, they are assets to the communities in which they live. They are the ones who made possible these many successful activities during the past year.

## January

Florida nominated Outstanding Safety Officer in the nation--LColonel Russell Holdren, CAP.

Group Seven Awards Banquet. Major Charles Smith recognizes the outstanding members of his group.

## February

Eagle School is held in Palatka. Major Wilford Thompson teaches novices the basics of Search and Rescue.

In-service Mission Coordinator Class held at Patrick AFB, Captain Glenn Pena presiding.

## March

Annual Florida Wing Conference and Special Activities Selection is best attended in past ten years. Over 400 members register thanks to Captain Angela Artemik and SM Mary Leali. In addition, first Florida Wing Squadron Leadership School is conducted, a fine effort on the part of LColonel Dick Corran, SER Chief of Staff.

## April

Outstanding Group One Commanders Call held in Panama City...outgoing commander LColonel John Milner is presented a plaque in recognition of his many years of devoted service to Civil Air Patrol.

Florida Wing Drill Competition is held in West Palm Beach...much enthusiasm from all cadets. Unfortunately only one winner is possible. There's always next year!

Air Force Association Awards Banquet held in Fort Walton Beach. Congratulations to LColonel Robert Pinney, Outstanding Senior Member in Florida and to Cadet Colonel George Navarini, Outstanding Cadet in Florida Wing.

## May

CAP presentation is made to State Civil Defense Association in Tallahassee by Colonel Richard Leali, CAP, and LColonel John Hanks, USAF.

Group Two Awards Banquet. Many members are recognized for outstanding service to CAP. SM Ed McLuckie at last receives his General Carl Spaatz Award.

A successful CAP/CD Exercise shows that the CAP Emergency Services team is ready to respond when needed for disaster relief.

## June

Florida sends record number of participants to National Staff College and Cadet Officer School held concurrently at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Governor Reubin Askew signs into law the annual state appropriation which provides \$50,000 for Florida Wing. (LColonel Ted Cohen, Wing Legislative Liaison Officer, breathes a sigh of relief.)

Southeast Region Conference is held in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is well attended by Florida thanks to USAF airlift.

## July

Wing Aircraft Maintenance Conference held in Orlando. All squadrons with aircraft are represented. Everyone agrees to help make the new plan work.

Type A Encampment at Naval Training Center. LColonel John Hanks made it possible by finding the location after Patrick AFB cancelled. LColonel Tom Welch and his staff can take credit for an excellent training program.

The British I.A.C.E. female cadets have an enjoyable visit in Florida thanks to the efforts of Major George Jackman, Major Charles Smith, 1Lt Marty Bishop and many others. They will always have fond memories of the Florida Wing.

## August

"We Do It Right" over 100 cadets are told by Major Howard Cumber at the Type A Encampment at Hurlbert Field. They do...and it is one of Florida Wing's best encampments.

A three week visitation program is conducted by Florida Wing Commander Colonel Richard L. Leali, Sr. All thirteen groups are visited, as well as several squadrons.

A great Air Fair is conducted at Vandenberg Airport sponsored by Hillsboro Senior Squadron....Hats off for a job well done!

## September

Eighty members of the Florida Wing attend the National Convention in Phoenix...an interesting and rewarding meeting.

Three SAR tests conducted in Florida--Panama City, Group One, Major John Hobbs--North Perry Airport, Group Ten, Major George Jackman--Daytona Beach, Wing, LColonel Nat Brittingham--All successful!

Type B Encampment Weekend Daytona Beach.....200 cadet orientation flights.

## October

Squadron Leadership School conducted in Orlando earns record as the largest ever held in all of Civil Air Patrol--71 graduates.

Flying Clinics--This is a good month. Daytona Beach, October 21, Major Mauney; St. Petersburg, October 28, LColonel Lill; Miami, October 28, Major Jackman.

## November and December

Many good things yet to come.....

# LETTERS ...

SERCC

Colonel Richard Leali, CAP  
Commander, Florida Wing

Dear Dick,

I want to express my appreciation to you and the Florida Wing for the outstanding team which Florida sent to the 1978 SER Cadet Drill Competition.

Although they did not win it, they can all be proud of the outstanding manner in which they conducted themselves, the fine showing they made in the competition, and of their good sportsmanship. They very well represented Florida and you can be proud of them.

I also appreciate your support of this program and wish you to pass my appreciation to all the cadets and your staff who were responsible for fielding this team.

I was sorry that you were not able to get up to the competition but look forward to seeing you at the National Board in Phoenix.

Sincerely,

L.H. McCORMACK, COLONEL, CAP  
Commander, SE Region, Civil Air Patrol

Commander, Florida Wing  
Civil Air Patrol

It is with great regret that I must inform you of the death of Lt. Colonel John J. Reilly, CAFSN 000000359.

His death was caused by a heart attack on the 13th of September, 1978, at his home in Clearwater, Florida. His next of kin is his wife, Lois B. Reilly, (CAFSN 000000358) of 2410 Franciscan Drive, Clearwater.

Colonel John Reilly has been a member of Civil Air Patrol since 19 August 1942. He was active in the CAP Anti-Submarine Program during World War II where in 1942 he served as a pilot with the Coastal Patrol Base No. 17 at Suffolk, L.I., N.Y. In 1943, 1944 and 1945, he served as a pilot in the 17th and later in the 22nd Tow Target Squadron based at Hyde Field, Md., Fishers Island, N.Y., and Baltimore, Md. respectively.

After World War II, Colonel Reilly was extremely active in the Puerto Rico Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Colonel Reilly was a retired Eastern Air Lines Captain. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Joseph V. Lill, LTC  
Commander, Group 4  
Florida Wing, CAP

Major William Anderson, Project Officer  
Group 3 Fla Wing CAP

Dear Major Anderson:

On behalf of the Florida Special Olympics, I would like to personally extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your support of our State Games.

It was, in my opinion, one of the most successfully staged meets we have had. I know the participants were pleased with the accommodations and enjoyed the outstanding hospitality shown by the people of Tampa.

All of the reports I have received are positive. The volunteers were most enthusiastic and the many hours that went into the preparation were extremely rewarding.

It was the most exciting athletic event that I have participated in and I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to work with and for the retarded and handicapped, children and adults, from our great State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Straub  
State Games Director

Colonel Lee McCormack, CAP  
Commander SE Region Civil Air Patrol

Dear Colonel McCormack

We were extremely fortunate in having Major George Jackman of the Florida Wing, from your Region as a member of our Staff at the 1978 GLR/SER Regional Staff College held at the University of Louisville-Belknap Campus in Louisville, Kentucky, 17-24 June 1978. Major Jackman performed his duties and responsibilities as a Seminar Advisor in a truly outstanding manner.

The successful outcome of the Staff College can, in part, be attributed to his outstanding performance and the manner in which he carried out his assignment. We sincerely appreciated Major Jackman volunteering his valuable time, expertise, efforts and money in assisting us. His keen insight and astute management capabilities coupled with his experience and overall knowledge of the Civil Air Patrol program proved to be a most valuable asset in the overall operation of the school.

We are hopeful that Major Jackman will be able to find time in his crowded schedule to be with us each year as a part of the College Staff; but, if not, we were most fortunate that he could and did in 1978 and we all benefitted from his outstanding performance as a Seminar Advisor and active member of the Staff College.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMANDER

Lawrence W. Stys, Major, CAP  
Director-1978 GLR/SER Regional Staff College  
Commander, Milwaukee Comp Sq 5, Wisconsin Wing

## senior member promotions — june, july & august '78

08001	Major Kenneth Rand	08020	1Lt H. Postlethwaite	08058	Capt. Henry Buttman
08001	2Lt Hugh Grimes	08026	1Lt Leopold Maynard, Sr.	08060	Capt. Clarence Willey
08001	Major Diane Kittendorf	08029	Capt. Glenn Michael	08060	Capt. Lillie Miller
08001	Major Albert Seeschaaf	08032	2Lt Kathryn Fuqua	08060	Capt. Carolyn Mauney
08006	Major Walter Horn	08040	Capt. Clarence Kimball	08066	Major William Boyd
08013	1Lt Gene Strickland	08040	2Lt Gertraud Mariel	08067	Major William Ware
08013	1Lt Willis Melvin	08040	2Lt Gordon Holley	08067	2Lt Delores Ware
08013	2Lt John Weir	08040	2Lt James Lumb	08084	2Lt Jesse Wright
08013	1Lt John Norman	08043	2Lt David Rennie	08090	2Lt David Allen
08013	1Lt Phillip Wall	08049	2Lt James Ashmore	08090	1Lt Daniel Levitch
08020	1Lt Mark Rader	08054	2Lt Alfred Vazquez	08090	1Lt Judith Ferdman
08020	1Lt J. Postlethwaite	08054	1Lt Velma Fischbach	08125	2Lt Marian Anderson
08020	2Lt Linda Fischbach	08058	1Lt Arthur Demario		(Continued page 6...)

Notes  
from the  
Chaplain...

The Reverend

Frank E. Ockert



FROM A BUTTERFLY

As I sat beside a stream one day  
It happened that there came my way  
A butterfly, and sat upon my hand.  
I asked just how he came to be  
A Golden Monarch, and then he  
Gave me these words, in thought you understand.

When I was just a little worm  
All I could do was crawl and squirm  
And eat my fill of leaves and buds and such.  
My world was very small, but good,  
For all I sought was ample food  
And other things just didn't matter much.

Time passed along, as time will do,  
For even worms, as well as you,  
Until I longed for that one day to come  
When I could spin myself a nest  
And settle down and take my rest  
And end my days in a little shrouded home.

For this, I thought, was death for me  
And, certain that's how it should be,  
I was content to accept it as my fate;  
But one day, much to my surprise,  
There opened up before my eyes  
An unknown world for which I couldn't wait.

For me with wings of golden hue  
There's so much more that I can do  
And so much more I now can understand;  
The death I thought would be the end  
Allowed me to begin again  
In this new world, this blessed promised land.

I thanked the butterfly that he  
Had shared this wonderous thought with me,  
There was within his words a promise given;  
That just a poor worm such as I  
Will learn, as did the butterfly,  
That death is nothing but a door to Heaven.

--F.E. Ockert

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USAF-CAP Liaison Officer  
LColonel John G. Hanks

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Major Albert E. Seeschaaf

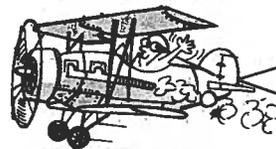
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editor's note

We are trying to get organized to the point where we can get Gator Capers on a regular publication schedule monthly. To do this we will need the cooperation of all who contribute a column each issue. This material must be sent to the editor in time to be received by the first of each month. We will try to have the news letter ready for the printer by the seventh and into the mail by the fifteenth. Notices of flight clinics, bivouacs, or special activities should be sent to us as far in advance as possible.

We would like to feature stories on Florida Wing CAP members. If you have someone in your unit who is a very long-time member, building his own plane, a CAP family, etc. please send us a story and some pictures.

The unit information officers are doing a very good job with releases to Gator Capers and the quality of the photos received is much improved. In regards to photos, the column width of our layout is 4 1/2 inches, so the 8x10 size prints usually have to be reduced. It would be much more convenient for us to receive the smaller sizes that are closer to the column width. If you do your own printing of photos, please keep this in mind.



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MEMO FROM THE USAF/CAP LIAISON OFFICE — ORLANDO

During the month of September the Florida Wing conducted three search and rescue (SAR) training exercises. Having visited all three, I can tell you from personal observation that we now have an abundance of well trained people capable of running a SAR mission in the most professional manner. Following are some comments and praise I would like to pass along.

The Cadets at all three exercises were truly marvelous. They demonstrated discipline, dedication and energy that should be a model for all of us. My congratulations to every Cadet and those Seniors who supervised their activities.

My congratulations also to those "Rookies" who tackled the tough training problems. They made mistakes, but quickly corrected and learned from them. I look forward to seeing those people perform on their first mission.

And to all members who gave their time and efforts in

making these exercises a success, I want to express my thanks. Your willingness to forego the normal weekend pleasures in order to sharpen your "life saving" skills is what makes the Florida Wing such a great organization. I'm proud to be associated with you.

These exercises have greatly enhanced the SAR capabilities of the Florida Wing, but this is no time to quit. We are entering a period of increased tourist travel and bad flying weather that traditionally produces an increased number of SAR missions in the State of Florida. In the next few days or months someone's life may depend on your job knowledge and ability to perform. I urge all of you to periodically review CAPM 50-15 and keep your skills sharp.

*John G. Hanks*

JOHN G. HANKS, LCOLONEL, USAF  
USAF/CAP Liaison Officer, Florida Wing

# SAR Training Exercise Tests Group I Operational Readiness



On the first through third of September, Group I conducted a SAR training exercise at the Panama City Airport. The exercise was evaluated by the Florida Wing IO, LTC John G. Hanks and the Florida Wing Director of Operation, LTC Nathaniel Brittingham.

A total of 59 CAP members (19 cadets and 40 seniors) took part in this exercise. Cooperating agencies were Bay County Airport Authority, Bay County Office of Civil Defense, Salvation Army, Bay County Sheriff, and the American Red Cross.

This exercise was conducted to test Group I capabilities to deploy personnel and resources, provide upgrading, currency, standardization and proficiency training for all assigned personnel.

By 0700, 2 September, forces were in place with all operational positions set up. A ground team was dispatched for target placement (a Bellanca Super Viking N40894) located 2 miles west of Highway 77, 1 mile south of Highway 388. Mission Briefings were given by Task Force 4 and Group I commanders. Captain Paul Fouche, Group I Operations Officer acted as Mission Coordinator. His resources included: 59 personnel, 8 aircraft, 9 vehicles, 37 radios, 3 command post tents and 3 power generators. By 0945 hours the first aircraft was airborne. LTC John Milner set up classes in one tent for personnel not assigned. Briefings were presented by instructors on various Specialty Tracks. At 1030 hours a briefing for the news media was conducted by Captain Robert Gall followed by a TV interview with the Group I commander. The single problem experienced was that no ELT Search Training could be conducted due to the fact that Florida Wing did not have a Training ELT licensed.

The target aircraft was located late in the afternoon and ground teams were dispatched.

On 3 September, the Exercise was restarted at 0800 hours. Sorties were launched and ground teams dispatched. At 0900 hours Sunday Services were conducted by Major Hall. Aerial photography sorties were launched to get photos of the crash site. The ground teams picked up the target aircraft at 1200 hours and returned to Panama Aviation, the fixed base operator. A total of 21 sorties for the SAR portion of training were flown.

A charge of \$5.00 per member was made to cover the cost of food in the field and the cost of cadet flights. The mission was closed out at 1800 hours, 3 September.

—Major John Hobbs  
Group I Commander  
—Captain Paul Fouche  
Group I Operations



## New Squadron Report —

The newly formed Tamiami Senior Squadron, located at Tamiami Airport in Southwest Miami, has grown from just three members in April 1978 when it started to over twenty as of the end of September. Best of all, most members are active and enthusiastic—17 were present at the last meeting.

Captain Ken Lifland, Commander of the Squadron, is the motivating force behind the phenomenal growth. Mainly through his efforts, members are quickly involved in the business of squadron operation, training, SAR practice programs and new member recruiting. In the

six months since start up, the squadron has assumed a position of full participation in nearly every phase of the CAP action programs. A fully manned Sundown Patrol operates every Saturday, Sunday and holiday including one or two mid-week sorties. The patrols are already credited with two "finds" of disabled boats that were adrift in the Atlantic.

Recently, Tamiami Senior Squadron moved into larger quarters donated by the FAA's Flight Service Station located at Tamiami Airport. The large meeting room provided is complete with desks, blackboards, movie and slide projectors and various other aids that help make meetings both comfortable and productive.

—SM Oscar H. Segal, IO, Tamiami Sr Sq

# Your Flight Plan -- An Investment In Safety

By LCol Louis Shwarootz

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION				Form Approved OMB No. 04-R0072		
FLIGHT PLAN						
1. IFR IFR VFR	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION	3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	4. TIME ESTIMATED	5. DEPARTURE POINT	6. DEPARTURE TIME PROPOSED 12 ACTUAL 3	7. CLOSING AIRPORT
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT						
9. DESTINATION (Name of Airport and City)		10. EST. TIME ENROUTE HOURS MINUTES		11. STAKEOUT		
12. FUEL ON BOARD HOURS MINUTES		13. ALTERNATE AIRPORT (S)	14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE		15. NUMBER APPROVED	
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT			CLOSE VFR FLIGHT PLAN WITH _____ FSS ON ARRIVAL			

About two minutes with a pencil can be your only cost for a life insurance policy you can't buy any other way or for any amount of money. This policy is called a FLIGHT PLAN.

Strangely enough, there are a lot of private and commercial pilots who don't know the protection a flight plan offers. They have a vague idea that if they don't report in on time, somebody is going to be looking for them, but beyond that they can't tell you who, when, or how.

This protection is provided on a nation-wide basis under the National Search and Rescue Plan which incorporates the services of a huge army of specialists in every phase of search and rescue. The key to the whole thing is the individual pilot who must take the responsibility of filing a flight plan. If he fails to arrive at his destination on schedule, it won't be long before the intricate machinery of Air Rescue will go into action in the attempt to find and save him. However, if no flight plan was filed, it may be some time before the downed plane is missed and help may be a long time in coming.

In some cases, flight plans are required. These include IFR flights, and flights to any foreign destination and to Key West if flight is not made down the island corridor. Remember, for safety--PLAN YOUR FLIGHT--FLY YOUR PLAN!

## sr. member promotions (cont.)

08130 LTC William Archer  
 08143 1Lt Alan Hammerschmidt  
 08143 2Lt Warren Kelsay  
 08143 1Lt W. Hitchcock, Jr.  
 08165 Capt. Alfred Taylor  
 08165 Capt. Donald Gregory  
 08176 Capt. Lawrence Miller  
 08176 2Lt Ted Strohm  
 08176 2Lt Paul Brett  
 08210 2Lt John VanWicklen  
 08227 1Lt David Nuce  
 08237 Capt. Elsie Hasty  
 08274 2Lt Robert Gerber  
 08288 2Lt Glenn Sprague  
 08288 Capt. George Schauerte  
 08301 Capt. Charles LeMaster  
 08301 LTC Willard Davis  
 08301 Major Marshall Crum  
 08303 Capt. Virginia Day  
 08310 2Lt George Driggers  
 08310 1Lt George Schumacher  
 08310 1Lt Lisa Kiger  
 08317 2Lt Robert Yount  
 08317 2Lt Gloria Geoghegan  
 08317 2Lt Dorothy Godbey  
 08317 2Lt Roger McDade  
 08317 2Lt Donald Chambers  
 08317 2Lt Raquel Rivero  
 08319 2Lt Ney Baez  
 08319 Capt. Richard Greeson  
 08323 1Lt James Williams  
 08420 Capt. Robert Gall  
 08420 Major John Hobbs  
 08425 Major John Milner, Sr.

## New Requirements To Become Effective 1 Jan 79



National Headquarters has declared a moratorium on Level II, III, and IV criteria of the Senior Training Program. In a letter distributed to all units earlier this year, National HQ said that the new awards criteria "caught an inordinate number of senior members with portions of the criteria completed, in effect, penalizing our long-time members." As a result a moratorium was declared on certain requirements in the above training levels.

Briefly, Level II criteria for the Certificate of Proficiency are 1) completion of the ECI-CAP Officer Course 7C, and 2) attainment of a Technician rating in any level II specialty track. The requirement to attend a Squadron Leadership School (SLS) is waived through 31 Dec 78.

Level III criteria for the Grover Loening Aerospace Award are 1) a current command or staff assignment,

2) attendance at National Staff College, 3) attendance at an additional Nationally approved training course (e.g. SAR School, AFRCC SAR Seminar, National Communications School, etc.), 4) attend four Wing, Region, or National Conferences, 5) read CAPP 300, 301, 302, and 303 "Theories of Effective Leadership." These requirements apply through 31 Dec 78. The requirement to complete ECI Courses 2E and 2F (Squadron Officers School) is waived through 31 Dec 78.

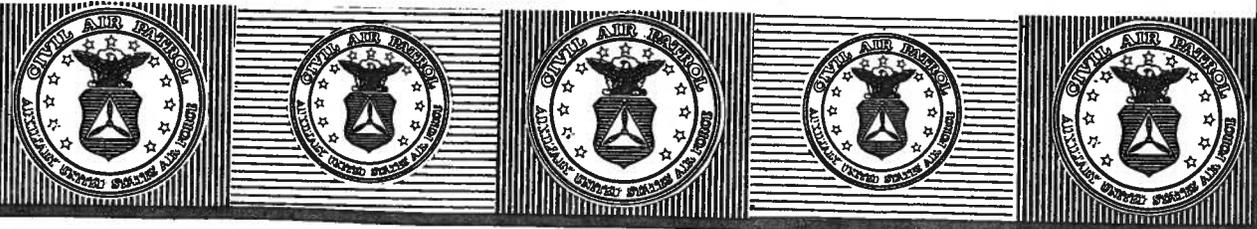
Those members who have completed Level III under the old program and have been awarded the Grover Loening Award may be eligible to earn the Paul Garber Award in the new Level IV.

Applications for the Garber Award must include 1) the date of receipt of the Grover Loening Award, 2) year completed National Staff College, or

attach ECI Air Command and Staff College Diploma, 3) titles of three aerospace books read, 4) topic of speech presented to a non-CAP group (e.g. Lions, Optimists, Kiwanis, etc) or attach copy of manuscript published or submitted for publication. Squadron Officer School Courses 2E and 2F are not required for the Garber Award.

All senior members who are eligible for senior awards during this interim period must submit on the new CAP Form 24 all required information and documentation to be received at Wing HQ postmarked no later than 31 Dec 78. Unit commanders should make every effort to see that forms are completed correctly before they are sent to Wing.

Beginning 1 Jan 78, the new program criteria become effective in Levels II, III, and IV. For further information contact Sr. Training Officer.



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FAA / CAP

General Aviation Survey

Florida Wing

In 1972 and 1975 the Federal Aviation Administration, with the assistance of Civil Air Patrol, conducted two general aviation surveys. The results of these surveys have proven invaluable not only to the FAA but other organizations such as CAP, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and others in the aviation community.

In addition to providing useful and timely information the survey disclosed the need for new data which was not available under the existing data bases but essential to the investigation of general aviation activity. It was apparent that another survey would enable the agency to develop a highly reliable data base for its own use and that of the public.

To this end, the agency, with the support of the Civil Air Patrol conducted another survey during July and August 1978

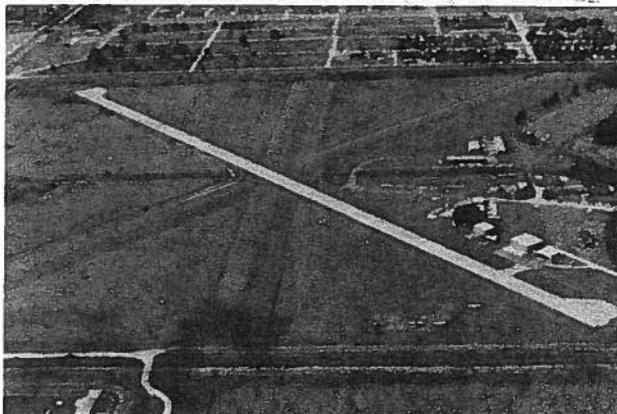
OBJECTIVES The objectives of the 1978 survey were:

- 1) To update the aircraft and pilot information compiled in the 1972 and 1975 surveys.
- 2) To collect data which is not available in existing data bases.
- 3) To cross-check FAA's other data bases.

SURVEY DESIGN AND PLAN The survey was designed to be conducted in two parts:

- 1) Part I is interviewing general aviation pilots at airports to compile aircraft/pilot activity information for updating aircraft and pilot profiles and developing new profiles.
- 2) Part II is counting airport traffic to investigate airport traffic density by airport categories. The results will be used for calculating traffic density between airports and estimating total general aviation operation.

Both parts were conducted by CAP on two days during July and August--one weekday and one day on a weekend.



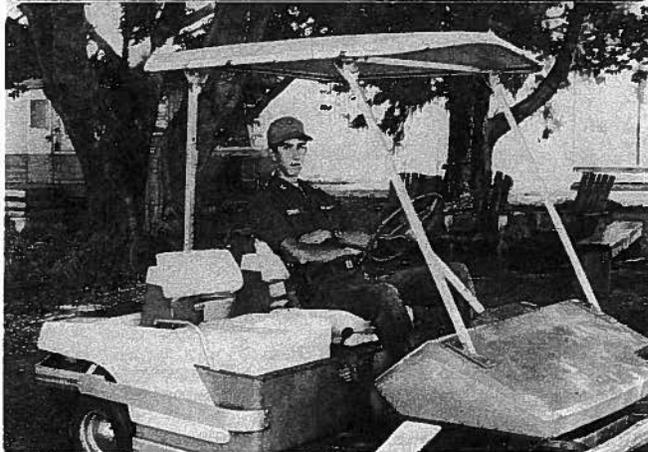
Both pilot interviews and traffic count covered about 250 airports randomly selected among all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The FAA coordinated directly with CAP Wing Commanders to determine the survey dates for each selected airport. Each airport was surveyed regardless of weather conditions.

Nine airports in Florida were selected for the survey and eight CAP units were assigned to them. They are listed below. Those marked with an \* sent written and photo reports to us. Their stories are on the following pages.



Sarasota-Bradenton Airport Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida	*Sarasota Composite Squadron
Clewiston Airport Clewiston, Florida	*Clewiston Composite Squadron
Palm Beach Gardens Airport Lake Park, Florida	Palm Beach Senior Squadron
Naples Municipal Naples, Florida	Headquarters Group 8
Tallahassee Commercial Airport Tallahassee/Havana, Florida	Tallahassee Composite Squadron
Herlong Airport Jacksonville, Florida	Headquarters Group 2
Sebring Airport and Industrial Park, Sebring, Florida	*Blue Max Composite Squadron
Flying Seminole Ranch Chuluota, Florida	*Orlando Cadet Squadron
Coastal Airport Pensacola, Florida	*Pensacola Composite Squadron

Photos this page--(Top) C/Captain Robert A. Daugherty at Sarasota-Bradenton Airport; (Center) Aerial view of Sebring Airport; (Bottom) Aerial view of Clewiston.



## CLEWISTON



Story and photos by 2Lt Bob Adams

The Clewiston CAP squadron conducted the FAA survey on July 14 and 15. The cadets were hardly overworked, however. Wight cross-country pilots were interviewed Friday and five on Saturday before the rains set in.

The purpose of the survey was to gather more knowledge about the effect of general aviation on the national aviation system. The Clewiston airport is evidently having an effect considering local traffic was twice that of cross-country flights. Cadets Mark Kersey, Brad Miracle and Jim Purvis, under the direction of Cadet Commander Bud Jones, did most of the leg work and interviewing and, although the traffic was slow at times, they all enjoyed the opportunity of helping with the project.

Clewiston (population 5000) is located just below Lake Okeechobee and its airport is much larger than the size of the town would seem to indicate. The county-maintained facility has three lighted runways, the longest of which (3000) feet is paved. Leon Underwood, corporate pilot for nearby United States Sugar Corporation says that the size of the airport and its services are influenced by the presence of USSC. The company, which uses the airport for its corporate aircraft, has furnished additional money for general aviation in the area.

Underwood is also a Captain in CAP and recently was appointed commander of the local unit. A certified instructor, he brings to the squadron considerable expertise in flight operations and training and has been instrumental in doubling the active membership in the months since April.

The Clewiston Squadron is in a good position for mission work in the South Florida area. The airport and its facilities are a definite plus to the squadron and the area. The FAA survey should document this fact.

## SARASOTA - BRADENTON



Story and photos by 2Lt Charlotte E. McCoy

Cadets from Sarasota Composite Squadron participated in the FAA Survey on July 28 and 29 at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport.

Teams worked from the airport tower, Hanger I, and Jones Aviation collecting the required data on aircraft and pilot activity.

PHOTOS: Above--On approach to Clewiston Airport....SM James Walker and Clewiston Squadron's Cessna....C/WO Mark Kersey waiting for incoming planes. Below--C/IC Michael Pope, C/Sgt Thomas Boswick and C/IC Susan Prine at Hanger I, Sarasota.





## FLYING SEMINOLE RANCH



Story by C/Sgt Patty Gagnon and Capt. Linda J. Eddy  
 Photos by C/MSgt John Gagnon, C/1Lt Richard McAleese, and Capt. Linda Eddy

On July 28 and 29, Orlando Cadet Squadron participated in the FAA Survey at Flying Seminole Ranch. This was in conjunction with a squadron search and rescue bivouac as well as cadet orientation flying.

Flying Seminole Ranch is a small, grass field primarily used for glider flying. Cadets participating in the survey interviewed pilots and kept the traffic count. They worked right on the field and took turns throughout the two days averaging about three hours each working time. Those participating from Orlando Cadet Squadron were C/1Lt Richard McAleese, C/A Ben Foronda, C/B Douglas Smith, C/A David Smith, C/B James Shawn, C/B Sandy Bernstein, C/Sgt Randy Brown, and C/MSgt John Gagnon.

While the FAA survey was going on, the squadron also held classes on search and rescue. They covered emergency services, first aid, communications, flight line procedures, line searches, map reading, and navigation. When the training was over in the evening, everyone relaxed around a campfire.

On Saturday, cadet orientation flights were given. Captain Russ Madison of Howard Showalter Senior Squadron was the pilot. He supervised the cadets through a pre-flight check before each ride.

## SEBRING



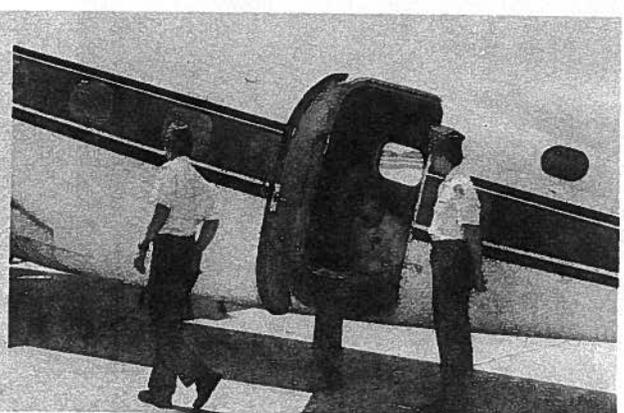
Story by SM Shirley Krekel; photos by "Archie"

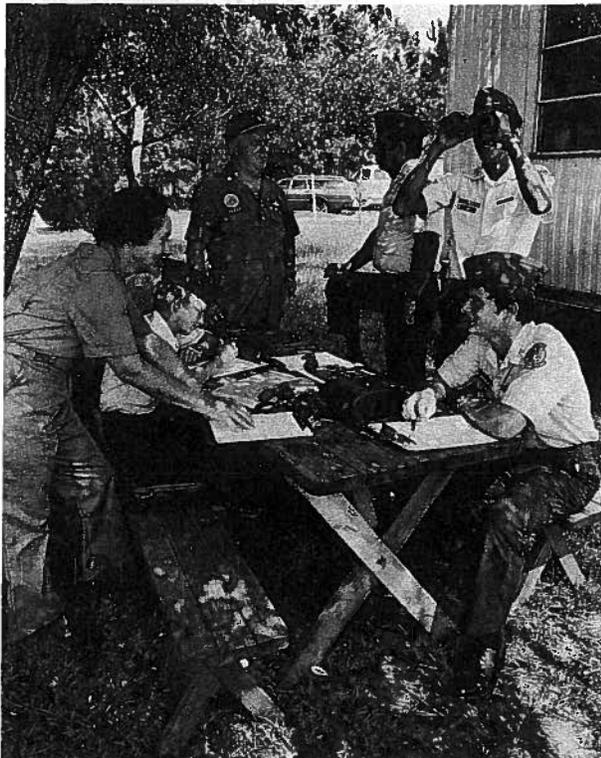
The FAA Survey at Sebring Airport was carried out over July 14 and 15. A senior and two cadets started each day at 6 a.m. and others relieved them in shifts throughout the day. The work was conducted from the FBO office.

A total of seventeen members and two future members of the Blue Max Composite Squadron participated. The cadets were M/Sgt Tammy Doane, S/Sgt Alan Hawkins, C/2C Nathan Whitton, C/2C Marie Barnett, Sgt John Short, Sgt Bruce Anderson, C/1C Bill Badman and S/Sgt Keith Krekel.

Senior members were Captain William Doane, 1Lt Rose Doane, SM Ken Krekel, SM Shirley Krekel, SM Pam Rose, SM Floyd Blair, SM Frances Short, SM Al Hawkins, SM John Short, and future members Ivor Weatherby and Judy Tish.

PHOTOS: Above--Cadets Patty Gagnon, David Smith and Shawn James interview pilot Robert W. Gottschall, Flying Seminole Airport...SM David Felton and Cadets McAleese, Douglas Smith, and David Smith review SAR procedures.....Captain Russ Madison gives an orientation ride to cadets Randy Brown, David Smith and Ben Foronda. Below--Cadets Bill Badman & John Short on duty at Sebring Airport.





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Story and Photos by SM Margaret Restucher

Pensacola Composite Squadron interviewed pilots during July 14 and 15 at Coastal Airport in Pensacola. On Friday we started at seven a.m. and stayed until seven p.m. This day was slow, but we had three shifts of personnel both cadets and seniors. On Saturday it poured rain all day, but did not dampen the spirits of our stand-by crew. Our pilots were most pleasant and none refused to cooperate.

Everyone in the Pensacola Composite Squadron participated either on Friday or Saturday. The members pictured are only a few of those who did a tremendous job. We had coverage in our local newspaper.



## Wing Commander Visits

Florida Wing Commander Colonel Richard Leali visited the Dade City Composite Squadron at their headquarters in Zephyrhills recently.

Colonel Leali commended the squadron for a super job in the area. They were number one in the Wing for recruiting. For this achievement they were awarded a trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. Airlift for the cadets will be arranged when military schedules permit.

Dade City Composite Squadron is undergoing reorganization. The senior squadron and the cadet squadron will be separate units with new names. They will be the East Pasco Senior Squadron and the East Pasco Cadet Squadron. The senior squadron will be forming a ground search and rescue unit using 4-wheel drive vehicles. Lt. Kosinski of the Sun Coast Squadron ground search and rescue unit was on hand to speak on this aspect of the CAP SAR program.

--Ms. Harriet Chambers  
Dade City Comp Sq



Pictured from left to right: LCol. Joseph Lill, Group 4 commander; 2Lt. Gloria Geohagan; Col. Richard Leali; and 1Lt Michael Alessandro at Dade City Comp Squadron Headquarters.

## SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

November 11-12; 0930 Hours

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North Campus - Auditorium 2151

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## Perry Sq Flight Crew Locates Overdue Boat

Major John F. Hobbs, Group I commander, reports that two members of Perry Senior Squadron flying a corporate aircraft at the request of Taylor County Sheriff Authorities located an overdue fishing party in the Gulf of Mexico in late August.

Daron Kelley and William McDougall located the disabled craft with two adults and an 11 year old boy aboard adrift in the Gulf three miles off Keaton Beach.

After notifying authorities to dispatch a rescue craft, the CAP plane circled the area until the boat was taken in tow and brought to safety.

Sheriff Von Whelan expressed high praise for the professionalism of the CAP members in their rescue efforts.

—Major Al Seeschaaf  
I.O., Florida Wing

## Cutler Cadet Training To Serve with Green Berets

Cadet Colonel Erik Feyer of the Cutler Cadet Squadron will become one of the elite Green Berets of the US Army. He is training to serve as a combat medic in the Special Forces.

Feyer is a Spaatz Award winner and also participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1976 for saving the life of an elderly victim of an automobile accident.

He will be taking his basic medic and airborne training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

—1Lt Brenda Litz  
Cutler Cadet Squadron

## Mitchell & Earhart Awards Presented to C. Brevard Cadets

Mr. Jerry Griffin, Deputy Director of the Kennedy Space Center was the guest speaker at the annual awards meeting of the Central Brevard Composite Squadron. He spoke on flight safety with emphasis on aviation weather and the proper use of aircraft checklists and pre-flight preparation.

Mitchell Awards were presented to Cadet WO William Dundas and C/2Lt Mark Bayless for their successful completion of the aerospace education phase of the cadet training program. Cadet Captain Timothy Carroll received the Amelia Earhart Award for his completion of the Leadership phase.

Guests included LCol. Ross Sedita, SE Region Communications Engineer; LCol. Elizabeth Sedita, commander of the Patrick Cadet Squadron; Captains Gilbert and Carla Day of Vanderberg Squadron; and parents of the cadets.

—Major Al Seeschaaf  
I.O., Florida Wing

## Air Fair '78 — Great !



Sunday, August 20, will be long remembered at the Vandenberg Airport, Tampa. It was the day that the Hillsboro Senior Squadron put on its first Open House and Air Fair under the direction of Project Officer Bob Brown. Colonel Richard Leali, Florida Wing Commander, cut the ribbon to start the day's activities.

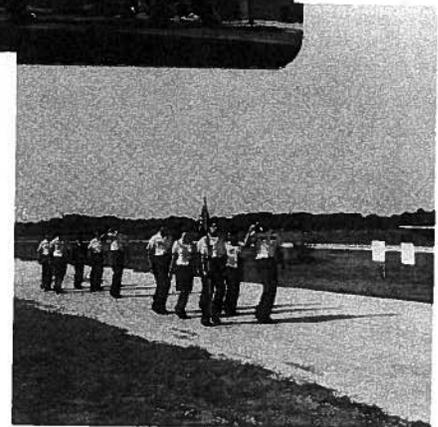
Colonel Leali reviewed the Group 3 cadets and spoke briefly to all CAP members and guests about the CAP program and the direction the Florida Wing would be taking for the balance of this year.

Among the events enjoyed by the general public (about 2000 people) were parachute jumping, bomb drops, spot landing contests, and a display of Coast Guard, Air Force and Sheriff's Department helicopters. The Experimental Aircraft Association flew in with bi-planes which proved to be real attention getters.

For those who worked up an appetite looking at all of this, there were hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, pizza, and cold drinks available.

The last event was the ascension of two multi-colored balloons into a cloudless blue sky. The perfect end to a perfect day.

—1Lt George Schumacher  
I.O., Hillsboro Sr Sq I



(Photos) Colonel Leali cuts the ribbon to make the opening of the Air Fair. Assisting (left to right) are C/LCol Glenn House, Major Howard Cumber, and 1Lt. Bob Brown.....Group 3 cadets pass in review. Although recruiting was not the object of this event, many visitors showed interest in the cadet and senior program.



# C.A.P. FLIGHT CLINIC



Group Six will host a Flight Clinic at the Daytona Beach Regional Airport on the week-end of October 21 and 22. The Daytona Beach Composite Squadron facilities will be used.

The ground school phase will be open to all CAP members, including cadets, and to non-CAP pilots for a nominal fee.

Assistance in both the ground school and flight phases has been promised from General Aviation District #7. Mr. Don Hedstrom, chief of GADO 7, and Mr. James Brown, safety specialist, were consulted and were enthusiastic about helping out with the clinic.

This clinic is designed to update rated pilots on Federal Aviation Regulations, flight safety, general emergency procedures, flight plans and flight planning, terminal area procedures and operations, and aviation weather.

The flight phase will be equivalent to a Biennial Flight Review and will count as one for those who need it.

Each pilot will be expected to pay for his own aircraft rental and CFI fees. Pilots who furnish their own aircraft may use them for the check ride.

Project Officer is Major Harry Criss, CAP.

Group Ten and the Aviation Department of Miami-Dade Community College will co-sponsor a Flight Clinic on the week-end of October 28-29.

The ground school portion of the clinic will be held at Auditorium 2151, North Campus, Miami-Dade Community College on Saturday October 28 from 0830 to 1900.

Instructors for the course will be Peter Even, James Turnham, George Argey, Harry Jones, Theodore Robbins, and Charles Flowers (all CFIs) and Ken Cohen, IGI, Ken Lifland, IGA, Gary Rarher, IGB, and representatives from the FAA and the Weather Bureau.

About 75 pilots are anticipated to participate in both phases of the clinic. The flight check portion will be conducted primarily from Opalocka Airport and from New Tamiami Airport from 29 October until completed. Flight checks will be scheduled at the convenience of the pilots and instructors.

Project Officer is Major George Jackman, commander Group Ten.

Each Group Commander in Florida Wing has been requested to see that at least one CAP Flying Clinic is sponsored in his Group during the period 1 July 1978 through 30 June 1979. The Flying Clinic may be a combined effort of CAP and another agency such as the Federal Aviation Administration or the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. In fact, obtaining participation of private pilots who are not members of CAP is highly encouraged.

## C.A.P. Blood Bank Account Is in Need of Donations

By Major Howard Cumler, Commander Group 3

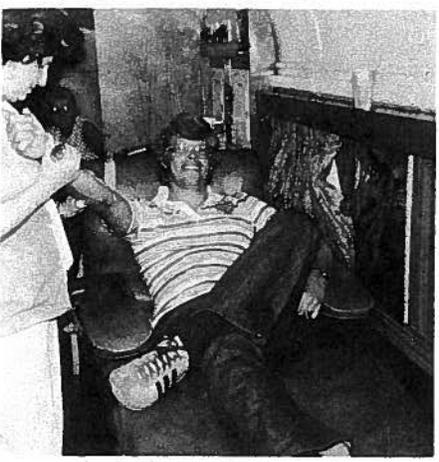
Does time make us forget so quickly? Not long ago four Florida Wing CAP members were hurt in an airplane crash that stunned us all. The need for blood was evident from all transmissions throughout the Wing and everyone was eager to help in any way they could.

Groups 3 and 4 responded with approximately 30 units of blood from their Blood Bank Account at the Southwest Florida Blood Bank in Tampa. The blood, we hope, saved lives and everyone was eager to repay the

Group 3 and 4 account.

To date, however, just 11 units of blood have been repaid, and nine of these came from Group 3 personnel --where are the rest of you? Since it appears this account is the only one in Florida Wing, unless it is built up, it will not be available should a need arise in the future.

If you can donate blood, please specify that your blood donation be credited to the Southwest Florida Blood Bank, Inc., Tampa, Florida, Civil Air Patrol account. Let us know you gave.



SM Joe Hinson (at left) and Major Howard Cumler (right) contribute to the CAP Blood Bank account. The mobile unit of the blood bank was brought to the regular meeting of the Hillsboro Senior Squadron I and a total of nine pints were donated by squadron members.



Photos by 1Lt Schumacher, CAP Hillsboro Senior Squadron I.O.

# TYPE A ENCAMPMENT MIAMI — DEC 16-21



Mail application & check to Director of Cadet Programs  
1674 Breesee Road  
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## Encampment Application

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Charter # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Encampments \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent's Permission

My child has my permission to attend this Type "A" Encampment. I certify that he/she is in good physical health and that all personal belongings are properly marked with his/her name. I assume responsibility for his/her transportation to and from the Encampment.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit Commander's Permission

I certify that this cadet is a current member in good standing of CAP and has my permission to attend this Encampment. In my judgement, he/she is mentally and physically prepared to attend this activity.

Unit Commander's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant's Request

I request permission to attend the Florida Wing Type A Encampment. I understand that I can be sent home for medical and/or disciplinary reasons or for non-regulation haircut.

Cadet's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Encampment Commander  
Captain Harry Jones, Florida Wing

Forms will not be accepted unless they are legible. Deadline for applying is Dec. 10.

Make your check for \$ 30 payable to the Fla Wing CAP Encampment Fund.

# CAPers Participate in Jerry Lewis Telethon

## ...in Miami

Labor Day Weekend North Miami Composite Squadron cadets Harold Cunningham, Frank Smith, Chris Marshall, Timothy Gaither, Eddie Saunders, Bobby Saunders, Robert Thompson, Cindy Colon, John Mesa, Michael Durovick, Carl Swafford, Susan Merker, Samuel Gozman, and Rickey Astvdillo along with members of other area CAP units participated in the Jerry Lewis Campaign against Muscular Dystrophy and helped to raise almost \$1400 for Jerry's Kids.

All those participating were pleased that they could contribute something to this worthwhile program. The transportation for the cadets was provided by Lt. Jan Kendrick.

—C/Sgt. Eddie Saunders  
Reporter for "Cadet Echo"  
Newsletter N. Miami Cadet Sq

## ...in Tampa

Group Three seniors and cadets participated in the nationwide Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon over the Labor Day Weekend. Forty-five seniors and thirty-nine cadets made up from six squadrons in Hillsborough and Polk Counties provided services to the Telethon.

Civil Air Patrol members assisted with communications security, and helped in the commissary which was set up for the twenty-four hour period. In addition, the cadets took pledges over the telephones while seniors typed and sorted pledges after processing.

The Tampa Telethon location was televised each hour when the local TV Channel 44 gave coverage to the event for viewers on the West Coast of Florida.

Civil Air Patrol received outstanding public recognition in the worthwhile community undertaking. A booth was set up and many inquiries were received asking about the CAP program.

—1Lt George Schumacher  
I.O. Hillsboro Sr Sq I

## Two New Group Commanders Named



Effective 1 October 1978 the following named units are transferred and assigned to Headquarters, Group 13. The new Group will be under the command of Captain Edward A. Amsbury, CAP. The units are Gainesville Composite, Ocala Composite, and St. Johns River Composite.

Group 2 has a new commander, SM Edward McLuckie, who will replace Major Wilford Thompson effective October first.

## Wing Information Office Names Top Ten Units

Standings of the 10 top units for information points as of June 30, 1978 as released by the Wing Office of Information are as follows.

<u>Unit Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
08032	Headquarters, Group Three	2546
08020	Headquarters, Group Five	2041
08122	Central Brevard Composite	1677
08090	West Miami Cadet	1402
08044	Manasota Senior	1280
08293	Patrick Cadet	1225
08159	Palm Beach Cadet	1184
08274	Lakeland Cadet	1139
08173	Santa Rosa Cadet	1110
08033	Sarasota Composite	1096

Standings of other units may be obtained from the Wing Information Officer.

(Photos below) Cadets Card, Taylor, Cumler and SM Taylor take calls and record pledges.....Cadets sign in and receive assignments from Lt. Cumler.....SM Taylor and 1Lt. Schumacher type pledge cards.



# CADET CORNER...

## Space Flight Orientation

By C/Lt. Frank Smith

On the 16-22 July, I attended one of the most fantastic events of my entire life. The Space Flight Orientation Course, besides being a National activity, was fun, informative, and interesting.

Four other Florida cadets and I arrived on the 15th in the beautiful rolling countryside of Alabama. The course was held at Marshall Space Flight Center (NASA). The center is surrounded by the Redstone Arsenal.

The 16th was all free time, but on Monday the tours began. We saw all of the different Army Missile Systems and took a tour of the NASA Space Museum. Tuesday, we began our four days of tours which included Space Shuttle, Skylab, and other interesting sights. I cannot say enough about how NASA and the Army cooperated with us. We got to see sights that a lot of people at NASA have never seen.

All in all, it was just a fantastic experience that I really enjoyed. It was all topped off when, at Graduation, we were each given a medallion. This medallion was made from metals that Neal Armstrong took from the Lunar Lander EAGLE and the Command Module COLUMBIA. Very few people are given these and I am proud that I am one of them.

I would like to thank all those who helped make this activity one of the best in the Nation.

Editor's Note: Gator Capers welcomes first person reports from cadets who have attended special activities. Remember to clear all copy with your commander.

## Miami Cadets Attend Task Force 1 SARCAP

Eleven cadets and three senior members took part in a simulated Search and Rescue Mission held by Task Force One.

These cadets and seniors formed three Ground Search and Rescue Teams that searched an area three miles west of University Drive and 3/4 mile north of State Road 84 in Broward County. This was done after a sighting was made of a target.

Flight crew members Lt. Warner of North Miami Sq. and Lt. Flanagan of West Miami Sq. circled over the area and directed the ground teams to it. Upon arrival the teams verified the sighting and released the aircraft to return to its home base.

Working together, cadets and seniors secured the simulated crash site from sightseers and preserved the scene for possible investigation by members of law enforcement agencies.

Team members taking part in the exercise were Cadets Cunningham, Gaither and Saunders from North Miami Composite Squadron; Cadet Hames from University Cadet Squadron; and Cadets Davis, Hayes, Horowitz, Murry, C. McDermott, and J. McDermott from West Miami Cadet Squadron. Seniors attending were Lt. Dickler from Group Ten HQ, Lt. Kendrick from North Miami, and SM Gilpin from West Miami.

The practice mission was designed to test the overall effectiveness of these units.

--Lt. David P. Allen  
I.O., Group Ten

## Mike West Cadet Editor



Cadets should send their letters or news items for this page to C2/Lt. Mike West, Post Office Box 167, Lake Mary, Florida 32746.

## CAP Goes To Sea

No, the Civil Air Patrol is not starting its own Navy. However, several members of the University Cadet Squadron went through the Air Force Water Survival School at Turkey Point recently.

Twenty-four cadets and senior members, along with about 80 US Army personnel, completed the all-day training session in September. All came through in splashing colors.

The course consisted of the 45 foot "slide for life" from a tower into the ocean with a parachute harness. Once in the water, members were instructed in escape procedures, how to board various sizes and types of rafts, and how to free themselves from a soaked parachute. The final class of the day was the use of several types of helicopter rescue devices.

This course is normally reserved for the military, but since the unit has such a good relationship with the Air Force and Army in the area, they were invited to attend. All the squadron members made a good showing. Everyone had a good time at the feast afterwards when they were treated to hot-dogs, hoagies, and sodas.

--LTC Robert J. Miller  
I.O. University Cdt Sq

## HAWK MOUNTAIN RANGERS

Two members of Cutler Cadet Squadron, CWO Todd Fox and Cadet WO Frank Skirlo, attended the CAP Search and Rescue School at Hawk Mountain, Penna. The ten day school trains students in the skills necessary to locate and rescue victims of aircraft crashes and other catastrophes.

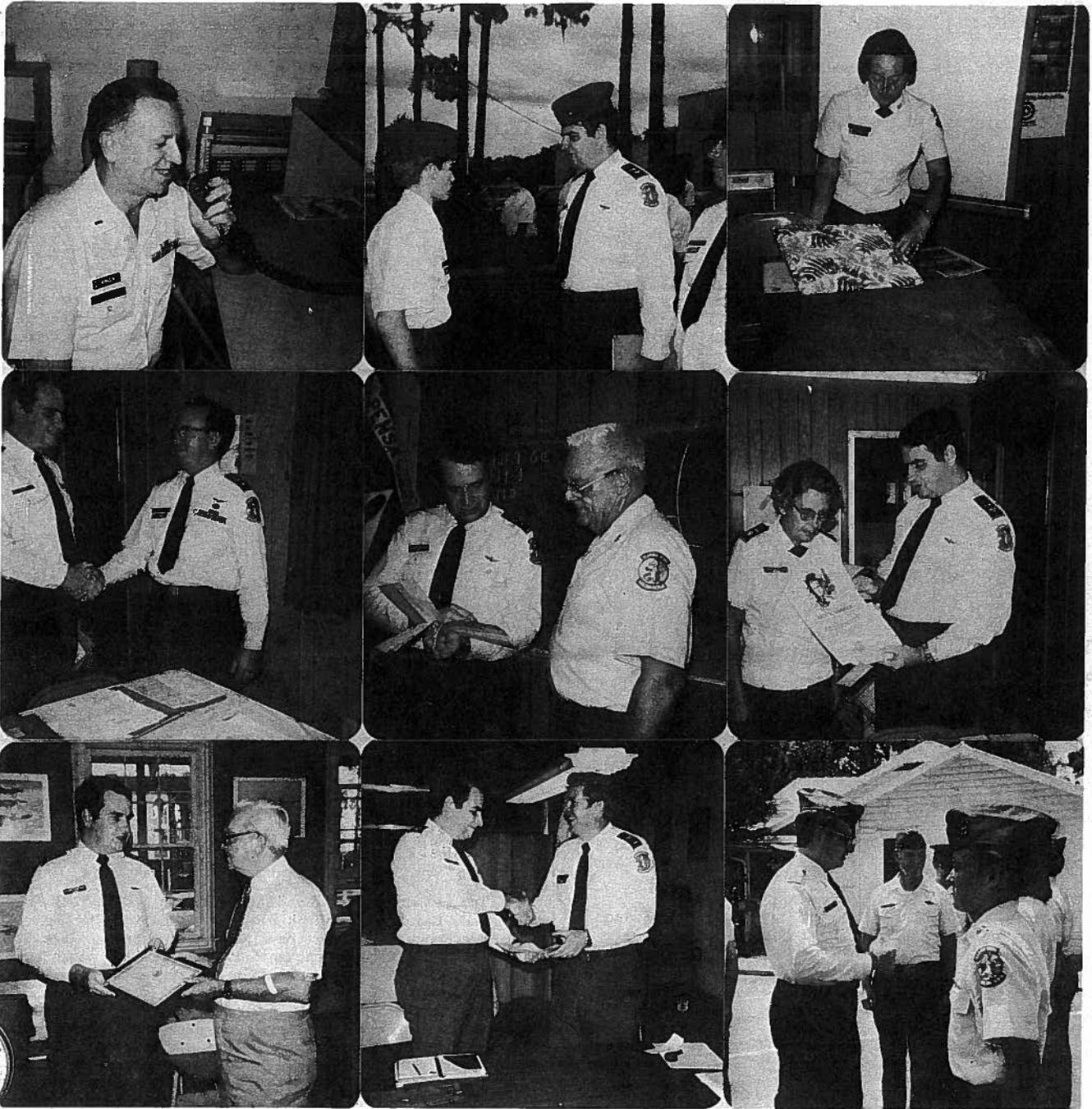
The training was extensive, vigorous and exciting. Activities included repelling, survival foods, and woodsmanship. The physically demanding school required participants to be in good physical shape as they negotiated this training.

Cadet WO Skirlo completed the Staff Training Course of the school, earning his Yellow Scarf and a place on Ranger Staff. Cadet Skirlo as well as Mr. Fox are graduates of the Florida Everglades Search and Rescue School.

--LTC Brenda Litz  
Cutler Cadet Squadron

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