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Discussing upcoming encampment parade ceremonies are, left to right: Col. Howard Cumler, Commander Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol; U.S. Navy Commander Dennis L. Zueare, Naval Training Center, Executive Officer Recruit Training, Orlando and Lt. Col. Richard Read, U.S. Air Force Liaison Officer to Florida Wing, CAP. (Details in Center Fold Section)

The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

(This month's contributor to "The Early Years" historians column is Maj. Ruth Clifford Hubert, Commanding Officer Pinellas Senior Squadron. All members who can do so are urged to send copy and photographs to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, 1660 Rochelle Pkwy., Merritt Island, FL 32952).

By **Maj. Ruth Clifford Hubert**

In 1941 the war was escalating in Europe and the United States was helping its allies with the Lend-Lease program. One phase of the Lend-Lease program consisted of training pilots for the Royal Air Force and other allies. Since many of these pilot training schools were located around the state of Florida, the civilian population began to think seriously about civil defense and what they could do to protect themselves in case we were involved in the war. General aviation pilots felt that they had unique assets to offer to the civil defense program and started organizing civilian air patrol groups around the state.

Around October, 1941, one such civilian air patrol group was organized at the Lakeland Municipal Airport by local private pilots who wanted to donate their airplanes and skills to the defense effort. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Lakeland Municipal Airport was closed to private aviation and all of its facilities were utilized in the training of air corps cadets. At that time, all civilian airplanes were moved to a little grass field just west of Bartow known as Armour Field, and the civilian air patrol affiliated with the new Civil Defense organization known as the Civil Air Patrol, becoming the Polk County Squadron.

Meetings of the Civil Air Patrol were held at the National Guard Armory in Bartow, and on weekends the pilots all congregated at Armour Field and began intensive training in the skills which we felt would be needed by us. These skills included bomb dropping, message pick-ups, low level search techniques, and tight formation flying. The yellow Piper Cubs and other airplanes belonging to the group donned the insignia of the Civil Air Patrol and the members the khaki uniforms of the day. At the meetings classes were held in Morse Code, search techniques, military courtesy and discipline, first aid, and close order drill. A cadet program was organized and many young men and women who were too young for the military services turned out for these meetings.

During the all-out war effort women were encouraged to participate in all phases of civil defense and the Civil Air Patrol was no exception. As I remember, there were four female pilots in the Polk County Squadron at that time: my sister, Mary Clifford, and myself, Ruth Cliford; Dixie Gentry; and Virginia Wolffe. All four of us flew right along with the male pilots in all squadron activities. We also had several girls who were student pilots at the airport. Mary and I were both working for our commercial pilots certificate and we both obtained them in 1942. I continued my training and obtained my instructor's rating February 1943. Shortly after this, Mary joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and went to Sweetwater, Texas, for training by the Army Air Corps. At that time, I decided not to go into the WASP because I was needed as instructor pilot at the airport and was training many young men who were planning on going into the Air Corps. I also had my eye on the Coastal Submarine Patrol which was being organized. I was to be disappointed in this, because the edict came down that no women were to fly Coastal Patrol.

Polk County Squadron assisted the Air Corps in an intensive recruiting drive by flying over many of the cities in central Florida and bombing them with leaflets supplied by the Air Corps. This was a major project for us and resulted in widespread publicity. We also had a number of search missions, one looking for a missing person whose body was finally located in one of the lakes in the area.

New airports were being built all around the state and most of them were used by the Army and Navy in their pilot training programs. One beautiful new airport at Winter Haven was promised to the Polk County Squadron of Civil Air Patrol as an operating base. Since I was the only instructor available at the time, I was promised that I would be the airport manager. However, a male instructor showed up and the job was given to him. This disappointment, combined with the glowing reports I was receiving from Mary about the training she was receiving in the WASP, convinced me that my future career was not in the Civil Air Patrol after all, so I joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots and began my training at Sweetwater in March 1944.

Many years later, in 1974 I rejoined the Civil Air Patrol as a member of Pinellas Senior Squadron. I have served as Administrative Officer, Operations Officer, Deputy Commander and am now Commander of Pinellas Senior Squadron. I am grateful to Civil Air Patrol because I have once again become active in aviation and have spent many enjoyable days participating in cadet orientation rides, practice and actual missions, ELT missions, sundown patrol and other flying activities; not to mention commander's calls, wing, region and national conferences, leadership and staff schools, National Staff College, etc. Hopefully all sexual discrimination has disappeared from the organization. One thing is for sure — the pay is equal!

During its 41 years of existence the Civil Air Patrol has matured from an inexperienced group of amateurs, who took on a tremendous job and did their best with what they had available, to a mature organization that strives for more and more professionalism. One thing has not changed, however. We are still a dedicated group of volunteers giving our skills and assets to help wherever we are needed.

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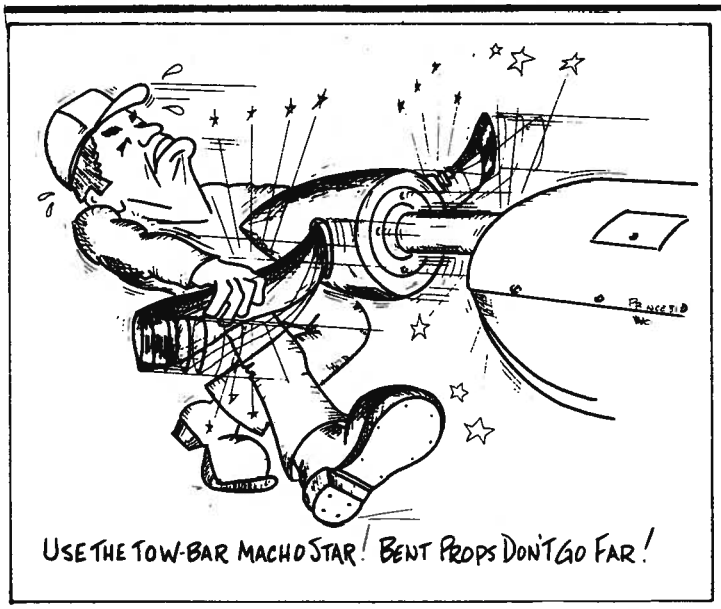

From "Wyoming Wings", Wyoming Wing CAP

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Florida Wing has a new vehicle in its fleet and we believe it may be a FIRST.

A wrecker, appropriately named "DR. HOOK" in honor of its assigned duty, retrieving other vehicles for repair or reassignment within the Wing. Completely refurbished and painted Air Force Blue with proper seals and numbers, it is now an attractive and welcome addition to our corporate vehicle fleet and remains in the custody of **Capt. John Souza**, Wing Maintenance Officer who proudly displayed DR. HOOK at our recent conference in Tampa. DR. HOOK evoked some praise as well as criticism but will remain as assigned despite protests and some jovial threats.

By **Wm. G. Warner,** Maj. CAP

Sergeants Association presents scholarship

The Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Gold Coast Chapter #558 of Lake Worth recently presented **C/TSgt. James C. Thurbur** of the **Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron 08054** with a $200 Scholarship Award. The scholarships are presented from the **AFSA** to selected young people in the community who demonstrate leadership ability.

The purpose of the scholarships is to create a channel between the young people (CAP cadets) and the Air Force as well as to promote their interest in careers in the armed forces and in serving their Country. The scholarship was presented by Lewis Boone, president of the AFSA Chapter.

Group 3-Group 17 Combined Effort

By **Capt. George Schumacher,** *Public Affairs Officer, 08310*

Group 3 Hillsborough County and **Group 17 Pinellas County** held a joint USAF Practice Mission at Vandenberg Airport, Tampa.

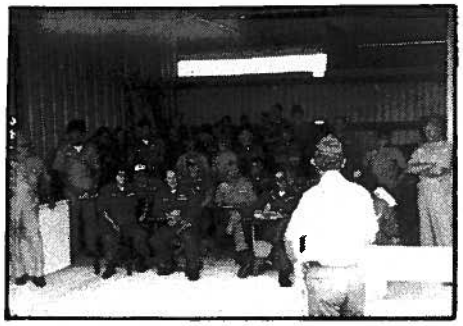
Approximately one hundred members took part in the practice mission which included a helicopter unit from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and members of the County Civil Defense Emerency Preparedness Unit as observers.

Ten aircraft took part in the simulated search for two downed aircraft and an ELT search.

Cadets performed ground crew duties and participated with the communications network. The Medical Team from Pinellas County **Bay Area Senior Squadron** also took part with their Med-Tech Team.

Lt. Fitzsimmons was the Mission Coordinator and **Capt. Hensel, Group 17 Commanding Officer** assisted throughout the mission along with **Maj. Portlock,** Commanding Officer, Group 3.

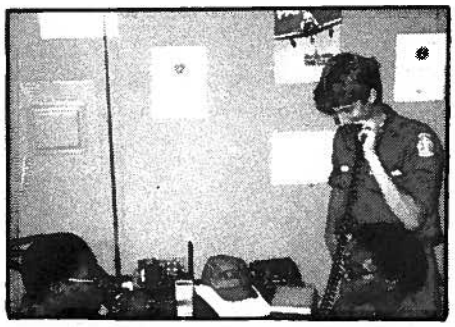
Lt. Col. Read, USAF, evaluated the practice mission as very successful and was pleased with the cooperation and coordination of the two Bay Area Groups.



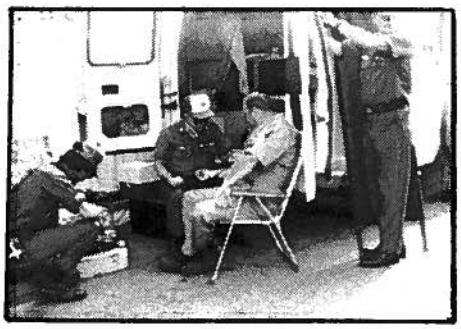
Capt. Hensel, Commander Group 17 addresses members on particulars for search of downed aircraft during practice mission.

Sheriffs Deputies Lt. Hart and Deputy Harrell, helicopter pilots, go over chart with Capt. Hensel and Lt. Fitzsimmons.

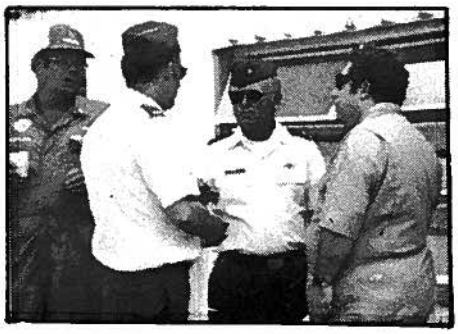
Cadets Spangler and Perry provide flight protection as first aircraft leaves flight line during practice mission.



Cadets Brown (twins) and Dusold of MacDill Cadet Squadron maintained communications with base, aircraft and ground teams.



Lt. Milges, Medical Technician of Bay Area Senior Squadron checks equipment while Capt. Dean checks Capt. Ceyers' blood pressure after search mission.



Maj. Portlock, Commander Group 3, Mission Coordinator Lt. Fitzsimmons, USAF Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Richard Read and Capt. Nogueira, Commander Hillsboro discuss mission.

Cloud Cover 17½ Hours Daily

Chaplains in Florida gave 3,186 hours of service to CAP during the first half of 1983, according to reports submitted to Wing Chaplain **Lt. Col. Dave Denslow.** They also led 183 Moral Leadership discussions with a total attendance of 2,714 persons.

Group 6, under the command of **Maj. Harry U. Criss,** had the largest number of squadrons reporting.

Chaplain **Maj. William C. Herndon,** Marianna, Group 4, had the best report among Group Chaplains, followed closely by Chaplain **Maj. Chester W. Plank,** Jacksonville, Group 2, and Chaplain **Maj. Charles J. Rigby,** Brooksville, Group 18, according to Chaplain Denslow. They were judged on the basis of hours given, meetings attended, visits to homes and units, and Moral Leadership discussions conducted.

Among local quadron chaplains, outstanding records were compiled by Chaplain **Capt. Bill R. Glidewell** of Bradenton, Chaplain **Capt. William S. Koschny** of Sarasota, visiting clergyman **James L. Cline** of Brooksville, visiting clergyman **Antonio Cesar Gonzalez** of Miami, Chaplain **Maj. William H. Livesay** of Tampa, Chaplain **Capt. John C. Williams** of Tampa and Chaplain **Capt. Chester J. Williams** of Tampa. Denslow said he judged them on the basis of studies completed, hours of service, number of Moral Leadership discussions led, and special acts of service beyond routine.

Practice Makes perfect

By **Capt. Jay Underwood,** *P/A*

Civil Air Patrol members from **West Orange Composite Squadron 08353** encountered a major accident only four days after participating in an exercise simulating one.

On Saturday, 29 May two squadron members were enroute to a land navigation exercise north of Apopka when they were requested to assist in directing traffic at the scene of an accident. A bus with 47 students and a driver aboard had overturned on US 441 in Zellwood. **2nd Lt. Danny Wallace** who lives in the area helped set up a detour around the accident. Wallace and **Capt. Jay Underwood** continued directing traffic until the roadway was partially cleared and some traffic flow could be restored. Squadron members had participated as mock "victims" at a simulated crash of a DC-10 airliner at Orlando International Airport on the previous Tuesday. This was a test of Preparedness for the airport, area hospitals, and emergency agencies.

Civil Air Patrol Takes Over Naval Training Center . . .

(Story & photos by: Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)

"Where have all the kids gone?"

Would you believe they are attending a two week Civil Air Patrol summer encampment at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida?

Two weeks ago, most of them didn't know what hospital corners meant, today, they can make them. Not only can they make them, they've taken it one step further. Their sheets and blankets are so tight you can bounce a quarter off of them . . . well almost.

Two hundred thirty Civil Air Patrol cadets from just about every county in Florida, converged on the Naval Training Center, to cram two weeks of intensive training into their lives. Up at 0530 every day, with just enough time to make their beds, clean their areas, then on to a hearty breakfast.

These young people, ranging in age from 13 to 18 years, are members of Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education program. They have worked hard all year at their respective squadrons to be able to put into practice what they have learned, while at the encampment.

They put in a full day of classes in such subjects as aerospace, military courtesy and discipline, communications, first aid, organization and function of Civil Air Patrol within the community, leadership and, of course, everything is done in a military manner, with lots of 'spit and polish.'

On the physical side, the cadets, male and female, participated in simulated water survival, as instructed by Navy personnel.

Rounding out their training, were briefings on Air Force tactics and Search and Rescue lectures and aircraft orientation.

Saturday was THE day . . . a chance to fly. The ultimate dream of most cadets, a reason for being . . . an opportunity for "hands on the stick," to actually feel what it's like to say, "I'm really flying this plane." The feeling of exhilaration that one gets from first flight is almost without comparison.

The cadet ground crew were at the flight line at 0630, just in time to see the sun rise. By 0800, the first flight for cadet orientation was airborne. Before the day was over, CAP seniors had flown 87 sorties for a total of 197 cadets, using a total of 23 aircraft, some private aircraft owned by the members and CAP corporate aircraft. Florida Wing, CAP, probably set an unrecorded record for flying more sorties and cadets in one day than any other unit in Civil Air Patrol.

Back in quarters that evening, the excitement of the day was still crackling through the conversation . . . "wasn't it great?"; "I did my first 180 degree turn"; "flying straight and level was a lot harder than I thought"; "I was sure I was going to be air sick, I never even had time to think about it, I just loved every minute of the flight"; "when are we going flying again?"

Sleep for the cadets, after Fly Day, didn't come easy, talk still centered around their flights and the up-coming "pass in review" parade on Sunday morning and the actual graduation ceremonies of receiving their Certificates of Accomplishment.

Surprise highlight of the graduation ceremonies was the 34 female cadets taking top honors as the best squadron for the encampment. They will long remember this day with fond memories, for a job well done.

Civil Air Patrol pilots attend flight briefing at 0700 hours in preparation for cadet orientation flights. Pilots are receiving instruction as to flight times, airport patterns and CAP communications frequencies. Shown L to R are: Lt. Col. Charlie Cox, Operations Officer; Maj. Larry Upham, briefing pilots; Lt. Col. Bill Archer, Evaluation Officer and Lt. Col. Robert Pinney, Deputy Commander, Florida Wing.

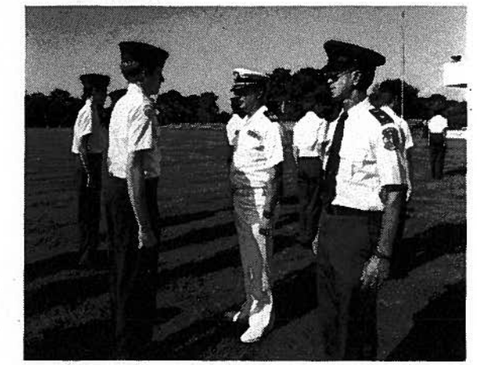
First things first . . . before taking off you must pre-flight your aircraft, checking all moveable surfaces and checking visually for anything unusual, so says pilot, 1st Lt. Harry Geiger (left) of Daytona Beach Squadron to C/Lt. Darrin Wargacki of Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron.

Pilot, Chaplain, Maj. Burkey watches as his two "nervous" cadets kiss old terra firma before they take off on their first flight.

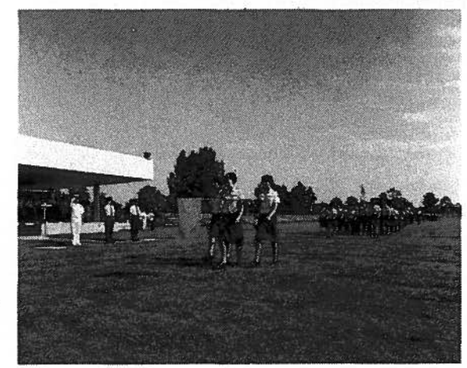
"Imagine, my first flight in an airplane and it's out to Epcot Center." What could be more exciting . . . two great activities for the price of one.

"Sparrow 177 Air Mobile, rolling . . ." CAP pilot keeps in touch via radio with C/SSgt. Laura Miller of Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron. Miller handled communication throughout the day, passing information to and from pilots to flight operations officer.

Flight over, cadets Melanie Star (left) of Lantana Cadet Squadron; S/Sgt. Denise Field (center) of Suncoast Cadet Squadron and Sgt. Flora Schule (right) of Enterprise Cadet Squadron relax and have lunch and rehash all the maneuvers they each did on their flights.



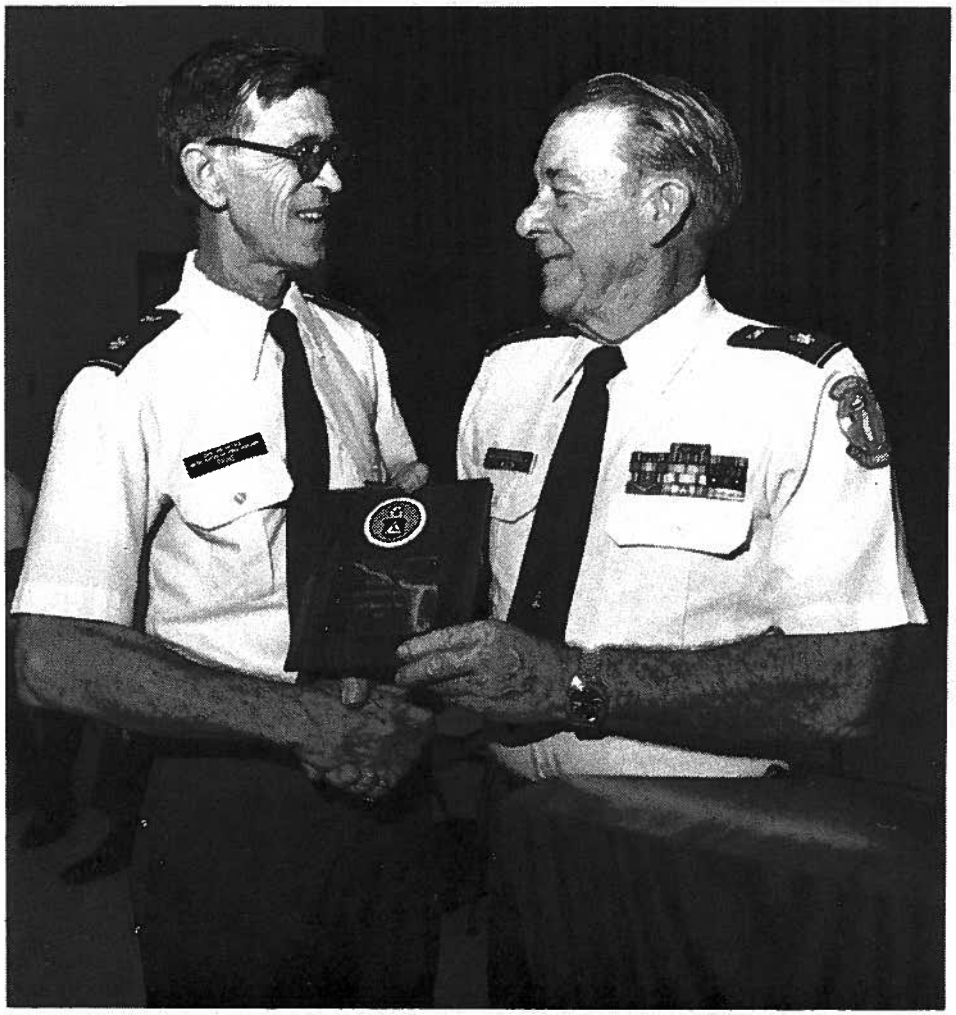
U.S. Navy Commander Dennis L. Zueare inspects cadet corps prior to the final parade and review. Looking on at right is Maj. Henry Prine, Encampment Commander.



Civil Air Patrol cadets "Pass in Review" as part of their final activity of the summer encampment. Taking the salute from the girls' squadron is U.S. Navy Commander Dennis L. Zueare.

Tossing hats into the air is the joyous action when the girls' squadron got the word they had been picked as top squadron for the entire encampment. Esprit de corps was high throughout the encampment and for the girls to take top honors was no easy task.

ACROSS THE WING



Maj. Henry Prine, Summer Encampment Commander, receives plaque (left) for an outstanding job as commander of the encampment. Presenting plaque is Lt. Col. Tom Welch, Director Cadet Programs Florida Wing. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)

Group 4

Member of **Eglin Composite Squadron 08423** recently braved 90 to 95-degree heat selling soft drinks at the Eglin AFB Open House.

Seven members attended a Multimedia Standard First Aid Course and have received their cards. Those that attended were **Capt. John Kiger, 1st Lt. Ron Smith, SM Harry Tomlin, C/Lt. Col. Vincent Mayfield, C/WO Louis Erickson, C/A1C John Harley** and **C/A1C Howard Hulsey.**

Group 5

At a recent Group 5 Commander's Call Commander **Major Ben Myers** presented **1st Lt. Thomas Deringer** and **1st Lt. Norma Deringer** their captain's bars.

The **Lantana-Lake Worth Squadron 08054** recently participated in a countywide hurricane shelter drill run by the Civil Defense of Palm Beach County. The squadron worked closely with the local police and medical forces, Civil Defense personnel and ham radio operators in running a controlled radio network throughout all of the emergency hurricane shelters.

Group 6

The **143rd Composite Squadron 08143** has announced the promotion of **Linda B. Leggette** to the grade of 2nd Lt. Leggette is also the Associate Advisor for the aviation Exploring post sponsored by the squadron. In civilian life, she is an employee of Delta Air Lines at Orlando International Airport.

Jack A. Rabon has also been promoted to 2nd Lt. He has been assigned as the Disaster Preparedness Officer for the squadron, and is also a private pilot.

2nd Lt. Gary F. Leggette has been promoted to 1st Lt. in addition to being a pilot, he is also an FAA-certified airframe and powerplant mechanic and is an employee of Delta Air Lines.

Group 10

Effective 1 September, **Lt. Jay Hakerem** has assumed command of **Homestead Senior Squadron 08166.**

This past June fifty-one cadets and senior members, from the **Homestead Senior Squadron** and the **Homestead, University and Enterprise Cadet Squadrons** ran a practice search mission. Aircraft were launched to search for a simulated downed aircraft. Air Force liaison officers, monitoring the practice search, described it as one of the best conducted missions they had observed.

Group 13

Members of **Gainesville Composite Squadron 08142** were presented a program by **Mr. Mitch Hudson,** Civil Defense Director who expressed a desire to work closely with the squadron. Training sessions with Civil Defense are planned for the very near future.

Group 16

Representatives of **Orange County's Department of Emergency Services** met with members of **West Orange Composite Squadron 08353** recently. **Tom Wellman** and **Bob Lemley** explained the operations of Orange County Emergency Medical Service and Civil Defense agencies at the squadron's regular meeting.

Lemley discussed the systems used for ambulance to hospital communications and CD communications. Wellman explained disaster and emergency procedures and policies currently in use in Orange County.

Before the meeting ended, both answered many questions about department operations and closer coordination with CAP and Civil Defense.

Group 18

The following personnel of **Lakeland Senior Squadron 08328** have completed their communication training and have been presented their ROP cards: **2nd Lt. George Driggers, WO Tim Stevens, Senior Members Charlie Bonner, Don Ferris, Warren Fox, Sam Hopewell, Roger James, Frank Koch, Bon Larson, Jack Mars, Harold Snyder, Hank Steiner, Dick Westmoreland** and **Don Witherspoon.**

Group 20

Lt. Odessa O'Brien, and **Lt. Ira Wiggins,** pilot were involved in an ELT search near the Immokalee airport. They located the signal in a plane that had "belly landed" the day before with the pilot "walking" away. O'Brien and Wiggins landed at the airport and climbed into a Sheriff's jeep and with O'Brien holding the DF, they located the plane and turned off the signal.

Gill Robb Wilson Award to Major Joseph F. Connolly, II

Among the many awards presented during the recent Florida Wing Conference was the highest award in the Senior Member Training Program — the Gill Robb Wilson Award. It is worth a moment to reflect upon the requirements for this most prestigious of senior training awards.

The Wilson Award represents completion of Level V of the Senior Member Training Program. In terms of training, this includes:

a. CAP Orientation Course (Level I Clinic); b. ECI-7C CAP Officers Course; c. Master rating in at least one specialty track; d. Squadron Leadership School; e. ECI-Squadron Officer School; f. CAP Region Staff College; g. CAP National Staff College; h. Aerospace study; i. Aerospace presentation to non-CAP group or manuscript for publication; j. 4 Wing, Region, or National conferences; k. Minimum of 3 years experience as a commander or staff officer; l. Air War College.

In addition, this year's Wilson Award recipient also has completed the Air Command and Staff College, National Search and Rescue School, each ECI course on a Level II specialty track, and has earned the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members Award and the CAP Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency.

Major Joseph F. Connolly, II, Commander of the 143rd Composite Squadron, Group 6, received Gill Robb Wilson Certificate number 27.

The Gill Robb Wilson Award is an ambitious and noble goal for all CAP members.

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Tamiami Cadets Celebrate Third

By **2nd Lt. Theresa Willingham,** *P/A*

Tamiami Cadet Squadron 08355, Group 10, of the Florida Wing, recently celebrated its third anniversary. The squadron was formed from a senior squadron and begun with just 15 cadets. In a short period of time, it rose from obscure infancy to an established Emergency Services trained unit with over thirty active cadets and six senior members.

In just three years, six cadets have earned solo scholarships through their dedicated work in the cadet program and ten cadets (one of them through the first Florida Wing Solo Encampment) have soloed successfully. Three cadets have been accepted at Academies and Universities through military scholarships and one senior member. In addition, the squadron has flown to Charleston, SC five times with the 90th Aerial Port Squadron (Homestead Air Force Base) where they participated in tours of Charleston's historic landmarks, the Yorktown, the Citadel and a nuclear submarine.

Cadets have consistently turned out in large numbers for CAP events like summer encampments at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, OJT's at Homestead Air Force Base, Group SAR Exercises and Special Acts Review Boards, in which three TCS cadets scored in the top ten this year. Cadets have also been instrumental in their own Emergency Services Training, participating enthusiastically in cadet run Sundown Patrols, and helping to develop an ELT/DF slide presentation which was widely used as a training film in various squadrons and shown before various CAP groups. Work was recently begun on a similar Sundown Patrol presentation.

The squadron has also been active in a number of Everglades bivouacs, played a large role in the first Florida Wing Solo Encampment last year, put well over 200 hours on the squadron aircraft with orientation and training flights and this year, is sending one cadet to Switzerland on the IACE program. With all of this in mind, many of the squadron members share the cadet commander's feelings on their third anniversary.

"With all we've learned and accomplished these last three years," said **Lt. Turano.** "I can't wait for the next three!"

New PAO Joins Florida Wing

Lt. Col. Sid Birns, has been a member of Civil Air Patrol since 1952 and from that point in time to currently, he has been Squadron & Group PAO, as well as Squadron and Group Commander. He has also served as New York Wing PAO and then onto Northeast Region PAO.

Birns was with United Press International for 17 years then left them in 1966 to open his own commercial photo agency in New York City. June of 1980, he sold his interest in the business, to persue a long desired interest in photojournalism.

Birns has just relocated from New Jersey, to the Orlando area and has now become a member of Florida Wing Staff.

He is looking forward to meeting all the PAO's and will be available to one and all for any help he can give, either photographically, writing stories and captions, or in any way to help you do a better job for your unit.

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★CADET CORNER★

Two cadets and one senior member from **Tamiami Cadet Squadron 08355,** find themselves academy bound this year. **C/Lt. Col. Michael Durovick,** who has been a member of CAP for five years and of TCS for two, received notification of nomination to the Air Force Academy in Colorado back in January. He was nominated by Congressman William Lehman of Florida and received verification of his appointment in March. Cadet Executive Officer Durovick holds a student pilot certificate and was one of the cadets attending last year's first Florida Wing Solo Encampment where he earned his solo wings. Durovick will attend the Academy this summer.

C/2nd Lt. Greg Faltin, Cadet Leadership Officer and a member of the squadron for two years, received his appointment to the Academy after having been nominated by Florida Senator Paula Hawkins. Faltin had initially been accepted to the Citadel at Charleston, SC, but he declined the Marine Corp Scholarship to attend the Air Force Academy. Among other achievements, he will complete requirements for his pilots license within the month.

WO Juan Quiros, a senior member at TCS for about two years and a native of Costa Rica may be a recipient of an Academy appointment. He was nominated by Costa Rican President Monge, the only student from his country to have been so honored. He was aided in his efforts by U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, the Honorable Francis McNeal.

In addition to these military academy appointments, **C/2nd Lt. William Witzig** received a Marine Corp scholarship to Georgia Tech. Witzig is also very close to his private pilot certification and is Cadet Aerospace Officer at Tamiami.

Shown at left is C/Capt. John McDermott of MacDill Cadet Squadron, as he receives his Amelia Earheart certificate. Presenting award is Col. Howard Cumler, Commander Florida Wing (fourth from left). Congratulating McDermott is Lt. Col. Richard Read (third from left) U.S. Air Force Liaison Officer Florida Wing. Looking on is U.S. Navy Commander Dennis L. Zueare (second from left) Executive Officer, Naval Training Center, Orlando and at extreme right is Maj. Henry Prine. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)

1st Lt. Stephanie Gray of **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** was presented the Certificate of Proficiency at the last Wing Conference.

C/1st Lt. John McDermott, C/Lt. Col. Les Preston, 1st Lt. Susan Preston and **Capt. Les Preston** recently received the Commanders Commendation Award.

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Cadets Mike Rogders and **Tammy Bell** of **DeFuniak Springs Composite Squadron 08361** have received the Red Service Ribbon for two years of outstanding service to their squadron and Civil Air Patrol.

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Dennise Field, Joseph Lund, Robert Getz, Tod Johnson and **Christopher McBride** of **Suncoast Composite Squadron 08360** attended the summer encampment at the Naval Training Station in Orlando.

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Naples Cadet Squadron 08373 had a color guard and marching unit in the annual 4th of July parade in downtown Naples. They won an Honorable Mention.

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C/Lt. Col. Lester Preston of **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** was recently presented the Air Force Association Citation from the Jerry Waterman Chapter, AFA MacDill Air Force Base. This citation was presented in recognition of Preston's performance in Civil Air Patrol for 1982. This is the first time the Jerry Waterman Chapter AFA, has recognized a CAP cadet in this manner.

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C/Lt. Col. David Horowitz of **Tamiami Cadet Squadron 08355** was accepted as an International Air Cadet Exchange participant. His assignment was Switzerland.

C/WO Michael Guth recently completed his first unsupervised solo flight becoming the eleventh TCS cadet to do so in its three-year history.

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C/WO Kimberly Gray of **MacDill Cadet Squadron 08089** was recently presented the Billy Mitchell Award at the regular squadron meeting by the Group 3 commander, **Major Kenneth Portlock.**

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David David Teetsell of **Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron** recently was promoted to C/Sgt.

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C/2nd Lt. Greg Faltin and **C/2nd Lt. William Witzig** of **Tamiami Cadet Squadron 08355** successfully passed their final check rides and became the first TCS cadets to earn their private pilot wings while still in the program.

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Civil Air Patrol, Red Cross get a 'crash' course in staging rescue

By **Otis Perkins** *Staff Writer*

It was the kind of scene Hollywood relishes.

Six people, one a pretty girl, lie bleeding and broken in a heavily wooded section. Parachutes dangle from the trees.

Help is on the way.

But it takes five hours to locate the site of the airplane crash, while the emergency locater transmitter beeps out signals that somehow keep escaping the Civil Air Patrol planes overhead.

Fortunately, it was only a practice session that CAP and American Red Cross volunteers staged to sharpen their readiness for the real thing.

But the drill was not lacking in realism.

CAP officers set up mission headquarters at Craig Municipal Airport at 7 a.m. yesterday, and the test began.

Pilots and two ground search and rescue teams began their search for the "crashed plane" an — air-conditioned Red Cross van in the woods about 15 miles north of St. Augustine.

The crash scene, which had to be spotted from the air, was staged by seven Red Cross volunteers, led by **Fred McCormick.**

Two multicolored parachutes were draped over shrubbery and the "plane's cargo" — medicine containers labeled with radioactive warnings — was spread on the ground. An activated emergency locater transmitter was placed on the van's roof.

When word reached the airport that a plane was down somewhere in Northeast Florida, four CAP planes took off to search for the crash site.

Three hours later, they had found nothing. A fifth plane, with better beeper detection equipment, took to the air.

"We know where it is, but they (rescue teams) don't," a CAP officer said.

Finally, a plane reported picking up a signal over St. Johns County. The exact location was still a mystery, but ground teams departed.

With the sighting reported, the Red Cross group went into action. McCormick had created some realistic wounds, using wax, food coloring, cigarette ashes and animal bones.

The "injured" victims lay sprawled on the ground about 45 minutes before a CAP team led by veteran **Fritz Jones** reached the site.

Jones started treating the injured, assisted by team members **Glen Outlaw,** a Jacksonville policeman; **Victor Vasco,** a state Agriculture Department officer; **Gary Nelson,** a part-time flight instructor; **Alan Kimler,** the teams only woman, and some CAP cadets.

The "injured" were: **LeRoy Mathis,** 18, a full-time Red Cross volunteer; **Cheryl Conner,** 18, a recent high school graduate who plans to be a nurse; **Bruce Scott,** 19, an aircraft electrician; **Jo Ann Vanzant,** 30, a clerk in a law firm; **Ruth Dickinson,** 37, a Red Cross secretary, and **Mark Melton,** 17, a draftsman.

Their simulated injuries included compound fractures, burns, cuts and shock.

The rescue team's job was to diagnose the injuries and render first aid — binding wounds and splinting fractures with tree limbs and cardboard found on the scene. Then they put the victims on stretchers and carried them to rescue vehicles.

"Although one team didn't find the crash site, we learned a lot from the exercise," said **Maj. Bill Dorough,** commander of **CAP Group II's** squadrons in eight Northeast counties.

1983 International Air Cadet Exchange

By **Maj. Joseph F. Connolly II**

It may not be swallows returning to Central Florida, but for many in our area the final harbinger of summer is the return of the representatives of the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). For several years now those representatives have been Air Cadets from Great Britain.

Nine aviation cadets from Great Britain and their Royal Air Force escort officer arrived at Orlando International Airport on Saturday, 23 July. They stayed with host families in the Orlando area until their departure on 2 August.

While in Central Florida, these young men visited EPCOT, Wet & Wild, Gatorland, Sea World, and Cape Kennedy. On Monday, 25 July the cadets and their escort were greeted by Mayor Frederick of Orlando who welcomed them to Central Florida. The cadets viewed the Naval Training Center Recruit Parade, toured the Orlando Police Department, visited the Orlando City Commission in session, and enjoyed beach parties at both Daytona and Cocoa Beaches as guests of local Civil Air Patrol Cadets. On Saturday, the British visitors participated in orientation flights with their Civil Air Patrol Cadet counterparts.

United States Senator Paula Hawkins of Florida issued a message of support to Great Britain's nine representatives in Orlando. The nine aviation cadets and their Royal Air Force escort officer heard the message from **Senator Hawkins** as they attended a farewell dinner at Orlando's Church Street Station. The full text of **Senator Hawkin's** message was:

"Greetings: Let me take this opportunity to thank the air cadets from Great Britain for their participation in this exchange program and the host families for their generous hospitality.

For thirty-five years, the International Air Cadet Exchange has worked to promote friendship and understanding among young people who share an interest in aviation. It is my hope that the activities you have participated in during this visit will provide you with fond memories of this experience.

Only through understanding among individuals and nations can the world truly reach the goal of peace. Thank you for your contribution to our future."

"Is this any place to park an airplane?" Needless to say, clearance to take off was denied recently at Orlando Executive Airport. (Photo by Maj. William Warner)

On 6 August 1983, The Cape Coral Cadet Squadron received its official charter Number 08436. From left are: Lt. Col. Alexander Field Group 20 Commander; Squadron Commander Dick Clifford and Col. Howard Cumler, Commander Florida Wing. ("The Breeze" photo)

Delta Provides Tour of Orlando Int'l

By **Capt. James F. Underwood, II**

Two members of Civil Air Patrol's West Orange Composite Squadron received a behind the scenes tour of Orlando International Airport along with members of the 143rd Composite Squadron.

C/WO Doug Morscheiser and myself began the tour with a visit to the Delta Airlines operations center where **Lucinda Anuez,** public relations representative for OIA introduced the group to Delta operations supervisor **Dick Blodworth.** Competition in the airline industry, logistics of running an airline, pilot qualifications and the effects of the controllers strike were some of the topics discussed by Bloodworth in his presentation to the cadets and senior members.

A flight deck tour aboard an L-1011 TriStar aircraft was next on the agenda. Delta **Captain William Watt** patiently explained and demonstrated instrumentation and aircraft systems to the group crowded into the cockpit.

The tour concluded with a visit to the airport communications center where the group was able to view its operations through a window although they were not allowed to go inside. The center, with its state of the art radio, public address, telephone, and video systems has been a model for airport design visited by airport planners from around the world.

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