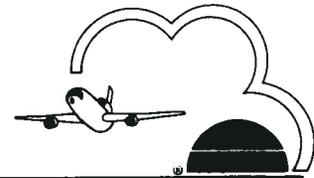


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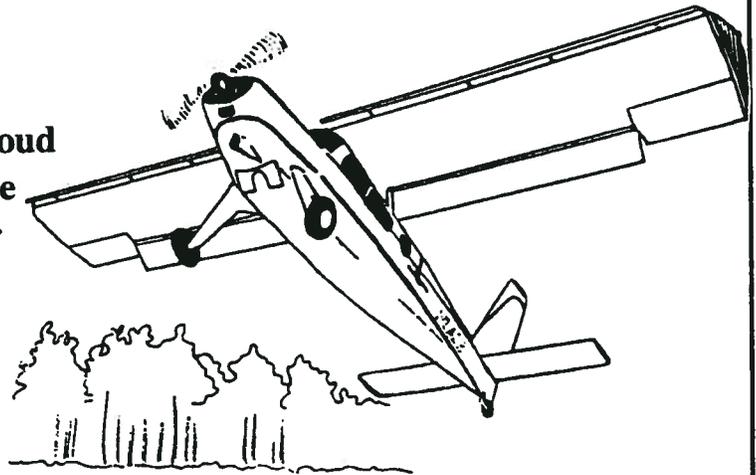


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**Thank you and have a great 50th year!**

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



## Comments by the Wing Commander



**Col. Donald Cunningham**

**TEAMWORK.** Two words combined into one to meet a common goal. It was just a year ago this month that we kicked off with a get-acquainted meeting and party so the staff and many fine USAF personnel could meet, get acquainted and be introduced to our theme — "teamwork".

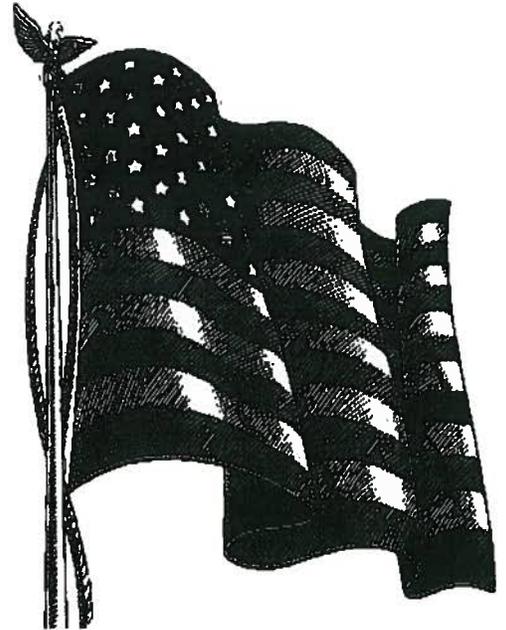
This past year, teamwork has pulled many departments together. We found we all need each other to "make the wheel go around". Once in a while, the wheel gets worn spots or needs replacement; sometimes a "patch" will do. I can report to you that OUR TEAM is #1 in my book, our wheel is round, and thus the TEAM has made my first year very enjoyable.

Speaking of enjoyment, I spent several days taking part in FLORIDA's annual CAP Encampments so far this year. The first was at Orlando Naval Training Center and the second one was at Tyn-dall AFB. Both had real fine young men and women from units *throughout the Wing* in attendance. They are all winners on our TEAM. I must mention that the Base commander at Tyn-dall AFB thought we had borrowed his color guard — he was very surprised when I said "no, sir, they're *ours*, sir". I was so proud, I had to go to clothing sales after the pass in review to purchase some buttons to replace the ones that popped off my uniform!

With every encampment, it takes a hard-working team of senior members, and my hat's off to all of them for giving their time, money and effort to make encampment a success. They're special!

I must mention also the max effort put forth by our mission team on the recent missing ultralite in Hillsborough County. They not only were credited with a find, but also a save. Job well done, team.

Let me close by asking you all to drive and fly safely. We need each and every one of you to make that wheel go round. ■



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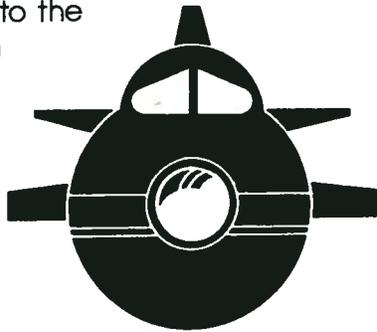
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# 1991 Star-spangled 50th Anniversary Conference

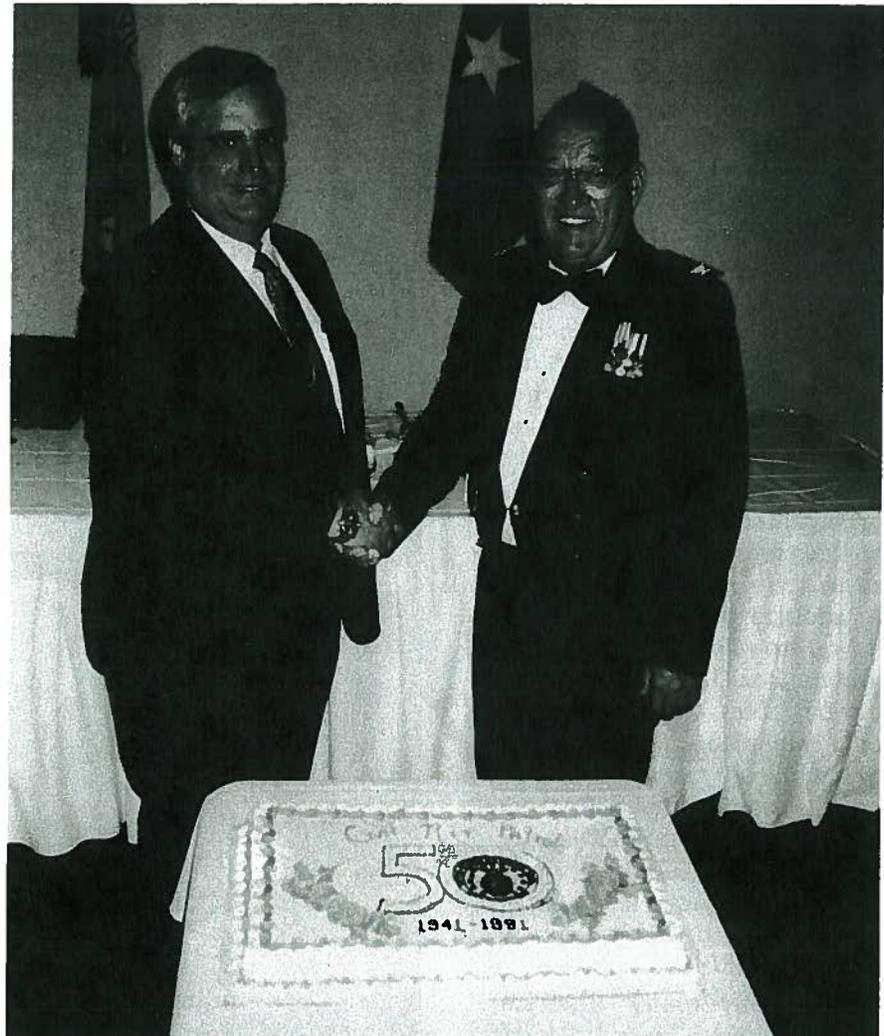
By LTC Cheryl S. Miller

Over 450 CIVIL AIR PATROL members and over 40 guests attended FLORIDA WING's 1991 spangled 50th anniversary conference in Daytona Beach, Florida 31 May through 2 June 1991.

The event was special for many reasons, including the five General Officers present: Brig. Gen. Hallie "Ed" Robertson, Director of Public Affairs for the Secretary of the Air Force (Pentagon), who gave a briefing regarding Desert Storm and also participated as a guest speaker at the public affairs seminar; Brig. Gen. Jimmey Morrell, Commander, 9th Space Division, Air Force Space Command, Patrick AFB, Florida, who was guest speaker at the 50th anniversary banquet, captivating the members and guests by detailing how space technology helped win Desert Storm and how it can lead us into a better future; Lt. Gen. Kenneth Tallman, USAF (Ret.), President, Embry Riddle Air University and recipient of Florida's Brewer Award; also attending to help celebrate CAP's 50th anniversary were Brig. Gen. (ret.) Hal DuPont (CAP), former Florida Wing and National Commander and Brig. Gen. (ret.) William Cass (CAP), former National Commander, CAP.

Those "stars" and the flags that accompanied them helped create a truly patriotic and special 50th anniversary celebration that was also marked by another guest, Florida State Senate Majority Leader, Peter Weinstein, who made a presentation of the State of Florida appropriation "check" of \$55,000.00 to Florida Wing Commander, Col. Don Cunningham.

Another featured guest was Capt. Ernie Lewis, USN, Commander of the Naval Training Systems Center, Orlando, Florida. Capt. Lewis was guest speaker at the conference general assembly on Saturday morning, June 1 and also brought with him a special ex-



**Florida State Senator "Pete" Weinstein congratulates Florida Wing Commander Col. Don Cunningham on CAP's 50th anniversary.**

hibit from the Training Center.

Coming in for an historic landing at the conference were not one, but *two* more "guests" — an HH65 Dolphin Search helicopter brought in from its Savannah, Georgia base by Lt. Commander Thomas S. Johnson, III, Commanding Officer of the US Coast Guard Air Station at St. Augustine, Florida. To see the orange bird approaching the conference hotel on the beautiful Daytona Beach was quite a site! Tours were given at the conference by the four U.S. Coastguardsmen who were the crew.

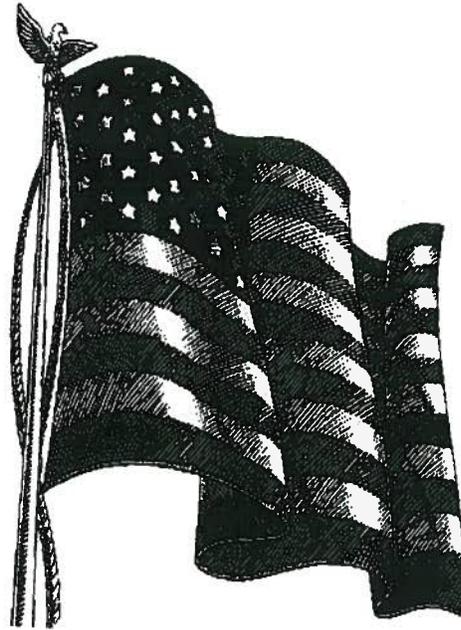
The second historic landing was by the Cessna 182RG assigned Florida Wing, which was also flown in on the beach, piloted by Capt.

Joe Lavati, CAP, and open for static display during the conference.

Other exhibits included the national Civil Air Patrol display; the Florida Wing Historic Civil Air Patrol Display; an Air Force Reserve display booth, hosted by Maj. Ed Fresneda, USAF, Recruiting Officer based in Orlando; and also present were the SAR DOGS, two search and rescue dogs trained in Florida Wing.

Focusing on public affairs highlights, in addition to Gen. Robertson, Capt Ken Warren, USAF, was a guest speaker at the public affairs seminar. Capt. Warren serves on the public affairs staff at Patrick AFB and handles publicity releases

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# How Much Does Our Flag Cost?

During our many American Flag campaigns, there is always one question that seems to be outstanding: "How much does our flag cost?" I have always answered that question in terms of dollars and cents, but that never reflects the real price so many Americans have paid for our flag.

If we want the real answer to that question, we have to go back to the many wars and blood-stained battlefields.

We could ask the weary, hungry, frost-bitten soldiers. We could ask the generals, who constantly saw the ever-present death and destruction. I am sure they could tell us how much our flag cost.

We could probably find the

answer in the numerous veterans' hospitals. We could ask the thousands of disabled veterans, but I don't think we would have to, for we would surely see the price they paid for our flag.

We might be able to find the answer right in our own hometown, perhaps on the street where we live. We could ask the mothers, wives and children who have lost their sons, husbands and fathers. I am sure they would say they paid for our flag with loneliness, heartaches and tears.

Each time you see our flag waving, look at it and try to realize just what it symbolizes. The white and red stripes symbolize the purity and purpose for which our comrades shed their blood. The white stars on a field

of blue symbolize the heights pure democracy can reach.

Our flag could be made from a flimsy piece of cloth, or it could be made into a banner of the most beautiful silk. The intrinsic value could be very small, or large. But its real value is the precious symbol we all work, live and perhaps someday may die for. It is the symbol of a free nation dedicated to the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

We must hope that the men and women now serving in the Armed Forces stationed all over the world will do everything they can to keep it that way. And forever in our hearts, let us pay tribute to those brave comrades who paid for our flag with their lives. ■

## 1991 Star-spangled 50th Anniversary Conference

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for shuttle launches. He spoke with enthusiasm about how to creatively get the press to want OUR STORIES. In addition, special 50th anniversary packets were handed out to the media representatives who attended the conference!

WESH TV Channel 2 Daytona Beach's Bill Breeze — putting CAP on the 11:00 news; the DAYTONA BEACH PRESS JOURNAL's William D.A. Hill wrote about the conference and Gen. Robertson's briefing in the Sunday, June 2 Area section (front page).

To highlight CAP's 50th anniversary, a poem "salute" was written and read by LTC Cheryl S. Miller,

Director of Public Affairs, Florida Wing.

Col. Don Cunningham, Florida Wing's Commander, CAP, stated that "this was NOT your usual conference!" In addition to wanting to make it special to celebrate CIVIL AIR PATROL's 50th anniversary, he set out to counteract the feelings of members who USED TO SAY "every conference is the same as the last one". "With VIP guests, special exhibits and our anniversary celebration, Florida Wing CAP got the great participation we wanted to make this the best conference ever". ■



Gill Robb Wilson award presented by Col. Cunningham to LTC David La Montagne, Group 6 Commander.



Florida Wing Senior Member of the Year Lt. Eugene Olson.

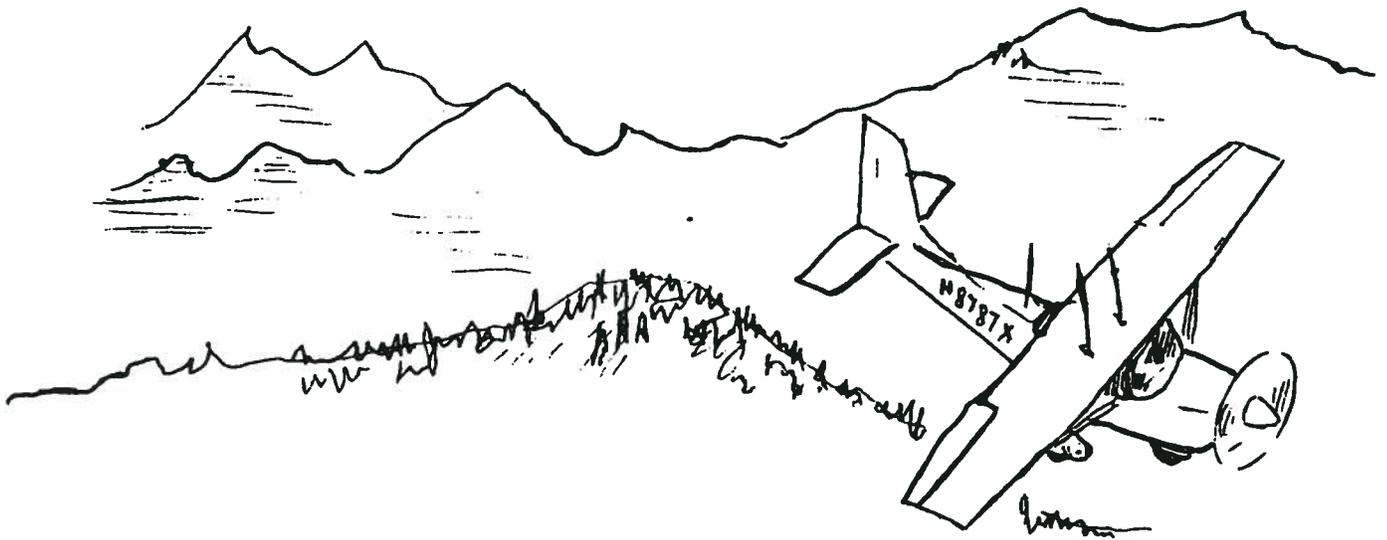


Special Exhibit — US Coast Guard HH65 Dolphin Search 'Copter open for tour.

## What, No Pictures? A Real Disaster!

Seventy-four members of FLORIDA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL participated in a practice Disaster Relief Mission at the Gainesville base (the other base was Lantana). Fourteen of the members were cadets, the other 60 were seniors. There were 15 aircraft and 11 vehicles logged in, and 11 sorties flown. Mission coordinator was LTC Ralph Dixon from the Group 4 area. Of significant note was the media coverage through the GAINESVILLE SUN and TV 20 Gainesville, as well as cameraman Bill Breeze (LTC) who sent footage in as an independent and works with several area TV stations. A mock rescue scene was set up, an interview with LTC Dixon, and interviews, take-offs and flyovers were filmed by the media, who were present almost the entire day. Some CAP members there worked new positions for mission qualifying purposes, as trainees. The purpose of the mission was TRAINING, accomplished partly with the use and assistance of the Gainesville Regional airport FBO, KENN AIR, whom we thank for helping.

Unfortunately, the camera filming the activity was "dunked" when the photographer (cadet PAO trainee CLTC Mark Pombrio, who was not hurt) was filming the mock rescue scene. As he was trying to move back to get more action into the lens, he and the camera wound up in the stream. But, after drying out, the camera is still "clicking"! We just don't have any pictures to show you! (The new nickname for the camera is "TIMEX" even though it is a Vivitar. If you don't get the joke, you've got to be under 35. Ask someone.) Anyway, a good, hearty group of members worked hard, teamed up and produced lots of effort to practice for disaster. Learning by doing, it's called. Congratulations to all participants. ■



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## **Search and Rescue**

*By 1st Lt. Al Seidler, Sq. 35, San Fernando*

*Dear God, we who are privileged above all to see the beauty and the grandeur of your nature ... Thank You.*

*We thank you for the quiet solitude and the breathlessness of the deep sky.*

*We thank you for the joy, the despair, for everything that makes our missions the most challenging and rewarding.*

*We only ask that you look kindly on our ventures and bring us safe home again.*

— Amen

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# CADET COMPETITION

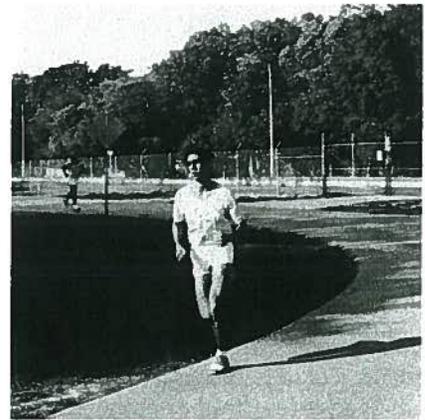
Seven teams from Florida Wing competed in the 1991 Florida Wing Cadet Competition.

The first place winner was the team from Group 9, which also went on in August and won the Southeast Region award!

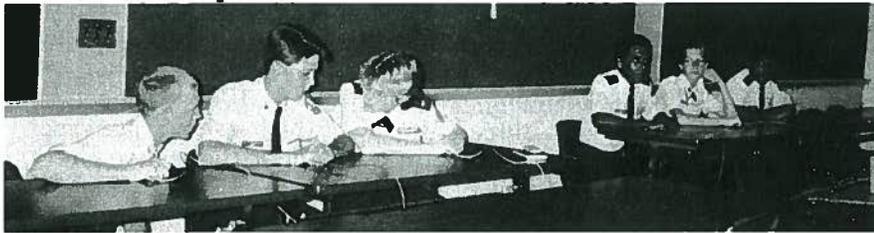
Lots of hard work went into the competition by ALL the teams, and congratulations for a fine performance is due everyone!

These pictures depict some of the activities (running the mile, the quiz bowl) and together with the drill performances and testing, Cadets were evaluated.

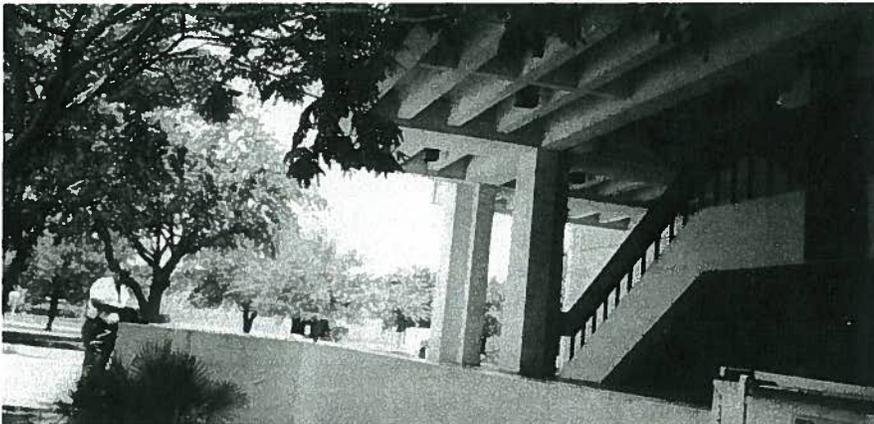
This was the best number of teams seen in many years, according to LTC Linda J. Eddy, and she complimented Lt. Jose Tamayo, the project coordinator, on his effort. ■



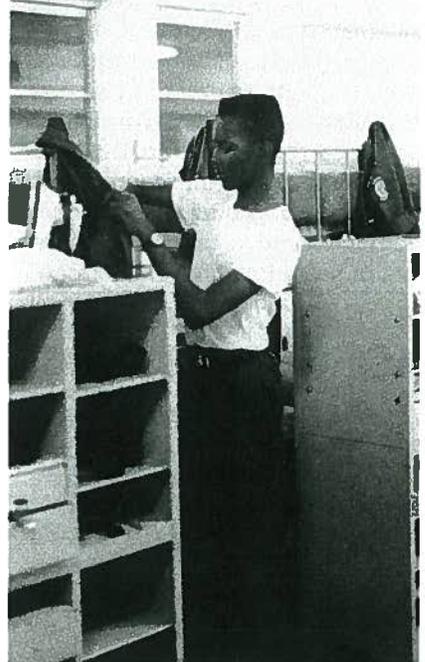
How fast is your mile?



Cadets confer during Quiz Bowl. St. Petersburg team vs. Group 9 team.



Aaah! The memories from Orlando recruit training center!



Uniforms have to be perfect! Do you know this cadet?

## FLORIDA WING — IN FOCUS

A. Florida Wing CAP has the second largest number of members in the nation.

B. Florida Wing CAP has the best "FIND" record (search and rescue) in nation.

C. Florida Wing CAP current theme is "TEAMWORK".

Below are statistics pertaining to both National and Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol, as indicated:

Membership: 58,100 nationwide (35,434 Seniors, 22,666 cadets); 3,900 in Florida (2,300 Seniors, 1,600 cadets).

Aircraft: (corporate-owned) 540 nationwide, 23 in Florida Wing.

*Florida Wing CAP has:* 107 units, 460 vehicles available for missions, 1050 licensed radio stations; *performed:* 928 missions in 1990, 2729 flying hours in 1990.

Civil Air Patrol nationwide saved 17 lives in 1990, and has continually saved American and Florida taxpayers millions of dollars annually.

Civil Air Patrol has three primary missions:

*Cadet Program:* Leadership development of young adults from age 13 up to age 21, with opportunities to learn about aerospace education.

*Emergency Services:* Including

search and rescue, disaster assistance, sundown patrol for boaters in distress, and customs missions.

*Aerospace Education:* Assistance through CAP to schools and communities in enhancing and advancing aerospace education, plus member participation in cadet flight orientation, model rocketry workshops and competition, and involvement in community aerospace-related topics.

For further information contact: Lt. Col. Cheryl Miller, Director of Public Affairs, Florida Wing CAP, 8850 Binnacle Way, Orlando, FL 32837, 407-851-4782. ■

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

The fifth annual Governor's Hurricane Conference was recently held in Tampa at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. In attendance were Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander; Maj. Calvin Lowrie, FL WG Director of Emergency Services; and Lt. Col. Al Fields, FL WG Disaster Preparedness Officer. With the assistance of Maj. Lowrie and Lt. Col. Fields, Col. Cunningham was a featured speaker during the workshop sessions on the subject of "Search and Rescue". The workshop provided the opportunity for state, county and local emergency managers to learn more about how Civil Air Patrol can assist them. During the two day session many commented that with decreasing budgets, the CAP would become a more valuable asset in accomplishing their tasks.

During the conference, many lessons were learned from the devastation of Hurricane Hugo a year ago. The State of Florida is preparing to implement better plans in the wake of that disaster. FL WG has a huge responsibility to assist the state in the aftermath of a hurricane or similar disaster. Is your unit prepared for the current hurricane season?

## Group SAREX Report

Florida Wing training SAREX, T-91-103 was concluded at Milton. Group 11 personnel under the guidance of MC Maj. James Giles, had one of their most successful exercises to date. Over 42 personnel attended with 3 aircraft flying 8.5 hours in conducting SAR operations in the Florida Panhandle. Air

Force personnel in attendance said that this was one of the better training missions in the past few years.

T-91-104. Group 5 and 7 were the host to a Group SAREX on May 11 at Fort Pierce. The MC Trainee for this exercise was Lt. Col. Chester Blucher, Group 7 and Robert Masiker, Group 5. Total attendance was 76 personnel with 7 aircraft participating. Over 22 hours were flown in support of the exercise. Air Force observers said that this was a good multi-group exercise.

Mission T-91-105 was held on May 18 at the Leesburg Municipal Airport. Under the leadership of MC Trainee, Maj. Matt Sharkey, Group 6 personnel honed their skills in both air and ground operations. Up to 8 aircraft flew 14 hours in simulated SAR conditions. Cadet participation was 18 while the Seniors contributed 28 personnel for a total of 46 in attendance.

Naples Municipal Airport was the scene for T-91-106 on June 22. The MC Trainee for this exercise was Maj. David Mickelson of the Marco Island Senior Squadron. Senior attendance amounted to 37 while 14 Cadets trained in various specialties. These 51 dedicated volunteers from Group 8 showed the Air Force why they are considered the best. Only 5 aircraft generated 13 productive training hours in this SAREX. On hand in an Observer role were members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Forestry Service and the Power Squadron (boating safety organization).

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*We are still trying to set up a date for a cadet SAR exercise before the end of 1991. The Mission Coordinator (Cadet), location and question of funding are still being worked on. If you are interested in working on a Cadet SAR training exercise, please forward your name, unit, interests and positions in which you may be interested in working to the WING Deputy for Cadet Programs, LTC Linda J. Eddy, Wing HQ, Orlando. ■*

## PROPER COMMUNICATIONS

# DO'S AND DON'TS ON NETS

*By LTC Ross Sedita  
Communications Officer*

1. Do not say standby one (when you answer your call sign — have pencil and paper ready to take a message).
2. Use the proword "OVER" or "OUT" so there isn't so much doubling.
3. Listen before transmitting to make certain no one else is using the frequency and then call control station.
4. Florida Wing Form 21. If signature is unreadable print your name and then sign it.
5. A new Florida Wing form 21 must be sent in if a change of frequency occurs.
6. Early close is not always good as traffic is passed late at times. If it is not absolutely necessary, do not ask to close early.
7. Do not check into other Wing nets unless you are holding traffic for that Wing.
8. In order to relay just give your call sign and let it be acknowledged; then pass the traffic if you have copied it complete.
9. Do not ask for outer Wing

check-ins but ask for outer Wing traffic.

10. If you do not have equipment that will go to WWV frequency, get a time hack from some station that has the capability.

11. On calling Hq. Sqdn. — do not call each station but just ask if there are any Hq. Sqdn. stations.

12. At end of roll call just advise stations that ask for early close that they may close. Do not call out each number.

13. If you are unable to handle your net, please let Sparrow 9 or Sparrow 6 know, or get another alternate net to take your net.

14. When you check into a net and ask for an early close, be sure no traffic has been listed for your station.

15. If you need to close early please let net control know about it so we will not continue to call if someone has traffic for you.

16. Please try to hold phone calls until after the nets so we can talk to everyone during the net period.

17. Be sure to give your complete call sign *including "Sparrow"*. ■

# Letter of Thanks

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Colonel Don Cunningham, Commander  
Civil Air Patrol  
Headquarters, Florida Wing

Dear Colonel Cunningham:

There are no adequate words to express to you our deep appreciation for all you did on my husband, Jack Murrian's, behalf. I know that the Civil Air Patrol did all you could possibly do to no avail. Sometimes it is hard to understand the Lord's way but we have to trust that He has the perfect plan. This was our first encounter with the C.A.P. and everyone who was involved with the search could not believe how efficient and thorough they were.

I would like to especially commend Col. Ralph and Nancy Gwinn, Major Calvin Lowery and Capt. David Ball. They knew what they were doing but yet expressed sincere deep feelings towards the search. They never lost sight that they were dealing with human lives and feelings. Sometimes we are so busy doing a job we tend to forget that people's lives and emotions are involved. Everyone involved did a superb job.

Capt. Ball did an outstanding job organizing our Church, Lockmar Baptist. Each member which included children, youth and adults wanted so much to help. Capt. Ball provided the plan. It was such a demonstration of what Church life is all about. Many hearts were touched and especially the children will never be the same. When you get right down to life, it is only those things we do for Christ (His people) that will really count. The Civil Air Patrol had a big part in this and we will forever be grateful. It is organizations like the C.A.P. that make this world a better place to live.

May the Lord bless you in His grace, goodness and love.  
Sincerely,

*Evelyn J. Murrian  
James A. Murrian III  
Diane Lynn Parker*

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# OPERATIONS

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The Annual Florida Wing Conference was a huge success. In the Emergency Services seminar, over 102 people gathered to listen to FL WG Staff headed by Maj. Calvin Lowrie. LTC Heck and Maj. Hampton from the Southeast Liaison Region were also present to discuss operational matters. Capt. David Ball talked on the importance of resource lists and proper reporting procedures. Lt. Col. Al Field looked back on the SAR/DREVAL, along with future operations in Disaster Preparedness. Majors Lynne and Jim Puglise discussed future training programs being developed which include new Ground Operations training and certification. Maj. Bob Berube talked on the importance of proper filing of miss-

ing paperwork. Bob was also presented a Commander's Commendation Award for his efforts to streamline the reimbursement process.

Door prizes donated by AOPA were presented at the end of the seminar. Those personnel who could not attend but would like to receive the handouts which were presented may write FL WG/DDOS and request that a packet be mailed. Or if you are in the Orlando area, stop by Wing HQ and pick up a packet.

We encourage feedback from the participants and would like to make our Conference even better next year. If you have a suggestion, please send us your comments to FL WG/DOS. ■

# CAC UPDATE

C/Capt. Elizabeth Kendrick has requested the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all CAC Group Representatives and Alternates. The next CAC Wing Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wing Group Commanders Call that will take place on September 21 at Wing Headquarters starting at 10:00 a.m. All Wing CAC Representatives please attend.

## 101 Card Qualifications

The Wing Commander announced the following SAR 101 qualifications as an Operating Instruction (OI):

- All cadets should be encouraged, as soon as possible, to obtain their 101 card for mission base work (i.e.: radio operators, administrator, PAO, status board).

- In addition to CAPM 50-15 ground team qualifications, all Florida Wing cadet need to meet the additional requirements of being at least 15 years of age and be at least a C/SSgt. Meeting these qualifications will enable the cadet to participate on ground team (day and/or night) activities providing the Cadet Protection Regulations are also adhered to.

## Air Force ROTC Scholarships

Now is the time to look into obtaining an Air Force ROTC Scholarship! Check with your local guidance counselor or Air Force Recruiter for details.

## USAF Academy Preparatory School

- Each year National HQ may submit nominations to attend the AF Academy Preparatory School for three qualified cadet members.

- Eligibility: Mitchell Award, 17 years of age, US citizen, unmarried, no legal dependents, high moral character, medically qualified, have not previously attended a service academy preparatory school.

- Period for Applying: 1 May to 30 November.

- Application Procedures: Use CAPF 95, Application for CAP Scholarships and Grants. Please refer to CAPM50-16, Chapter 14 (USAF Academy Preparatory School) for further specific applicant actions for application procedures.

- Complete applications should be sent through channels and should be received by the Wing CDP NLT 10 November. ■

# 1991 ORLANDO RTC ENCAMPMENT

One hundred seventy-two cadets attended the 1991 encampment at Orlando Recruit Training Center held 20-28 July 1991.

Special awards were presented to:

- Outstanding "Doolie": C/A Anthony Salvain (North Miami Cadet)
- Outstanding NCO: C/MSgt. Rosa Parrales (West Broward)
- Outstanding Officer: C/1Lt. Floriano Putigna (North Palm Beach)
- Drill Competition Winner: Golf Flight
- Honor Flight: Alpha Flight (Flight CC-C/Lt. Mark Malan of West Broward).

The Wing Commander will be awarding a Cadet Orientation Flight to the Outstanding Doolie, NCO, and Officer. Congratulations for helping to make the RTC/NTC Encampment a success! ■

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*"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others."*

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— ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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Outstanding Cadet Officer Award went to C/1Lt. Floriano Putigna, North Palm Beach Cadet.



Col. Don Cunningham, Florida Wing Commander; LTC Joseph Martin, Encampment Commander; MSgt. Garrett Coleman, USAF; C/Col. David Burke, Cadet Encampment Commander.



Outstanding Cadet NCO Award was presented by Col. Cunningham and LTC Martin to C/MSgt. Rosa Parrales, West Broward Squadron.



Outstanding "Doolie" Award presented to C/Amn. Anthony Salvain, North Miami Cadet Squadron.

# Cadet Programs

## Florida Wing Cadet Successes!

Cadet Eric Barden of Gainesville Composite Squadron was named the Outstanding Graduate of the Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School held from 30 June to 6 July.

C/Maj. Todd J. Perlman of Eglin Composite Squadron was named the Outstanding Graduate of the CAP National Cadet Activity Air Training Command Familiarization Course (ATCFC) held from 14 to 20 July.

Congratulations to both Eric and Todd for a job well done!

## Recruiting Congratulations!

MacDill Cadet Squadron earns Florida Wing's recognition for recruiting seven cadets within the month of June. A close second was Tallahassee Composite Squadron that recruited six cadets during the month of June.

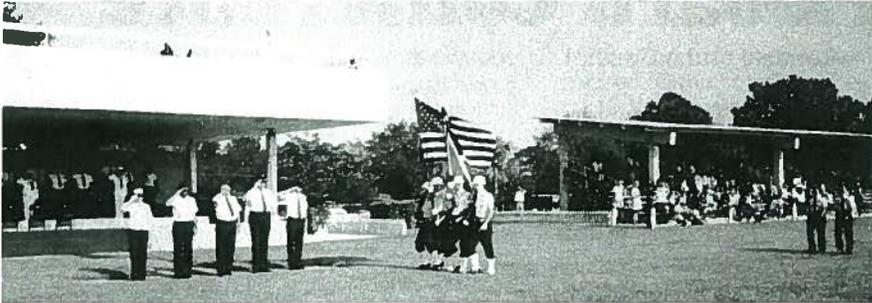
For the month of July, recognition goes to Panama City Composite for recruiting 12 cadets. Tallahassee Composite again recruited six cadets — two months in a row! Hernando County Composite also recruited six cadets in July. Keep up the good work! ■

## Florida Wing — #1! Southeast Region Cadet Competition

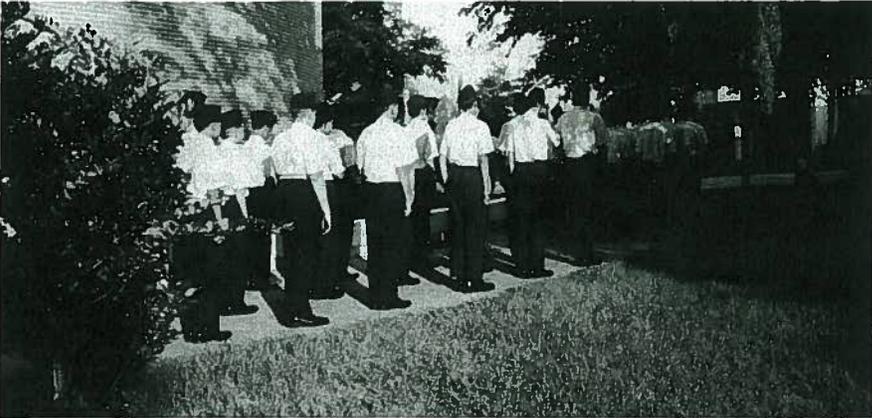
The Florida Wing Cadet Competition Team took first place at the recent Southeast Region Cadet Competition! This is the fourth year in a row that Florida's team has successfully won first place at Region.

The team — the SOUTHEAST REGION TEAM — is already planning its strategy for the National Competition which takes place around December 26-31 at our National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

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1991 RTC Encampment Pass in Review. What proud beautiful colors!



Cadets at 1991 RTC Encampment prepare to leave class at the "Round House".



LTC Joseph Martin, 1991 RTC Encampment Commander, addresses cadets, staff and parents at Encampment.



Look at all that blue!

# 1991 National Board Conference

By LTC Cheryl S. Miller  
Public Affairs Director

Florida Wing was well-represented at the 1991 National Board Meeting, CIVIL AIR PATROL, 9-10 August at Washington, D.C. At least 20 members, including one Cadet and two founding members, attended. Overall, 1088 CAP members attended.

Highlights included LTC Joseph Day, FL WG founding member addressing the General Assembly, and one of his CAP recruits from the early days, Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, Chief of North American Aerospace Defence Command and U.S. Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado (USAF), a

special speaker also at the General Assembly.

In addition to the 50th Anniversary Banquet paying special tribute to CIVIL AIR PATROL's birthday with a slide presentation, guest speaker Rear Admiral Alan Shepard, USN (Ret.) and NASA Astronaut, was a terrific feature that captivated all present!

The meetings were instructional and informative, and seeing and meeting old and new members alike was fun.

Because there were so many meetings, so many places to go and things to see (and people to meet), we all could have wished to be three more people to take it all in — but let's look at the pictures and

see what we did capture to take back home! ■

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*Coming together is a beginning;*

*Keeping together is progress;*

*Working together is success.*

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Let the meetings begin! Maj. Bob Pettigrew, Maj. Gus Ehrman, LTC Larry Henderson, LTC Kay Cunningham, Maj. Joan Thompson and Maj. Rodney Randall at Washington, D.C.



Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, National Board Speaker, Washington, D.C. Gen. Kutyna was recruited by LTC Joseph Day, Florida Wing, into CAP years ago. He is commander of the North American Aerospace Defence Command and U.S. Space Command, USAF.



Very proudly addressing the General Assembly at National Board, Washington, D.C. LTC Joseph Day, a founding member of Civil Air Patrol.



The Florida Team posing after General Assembly, 1991 National Board, Washington, D.C.



Whoops — we missed one the first time, can't let that happen, so some of us posed again (who did we add?)



Getting ready for the 1991 National Board Banquet, LTC Don Cunningham, Robert Day and LTC Joseph Day, and LTC Kay Cunningham.

# S P A C E T R I V I A

1. What do we call groups of stars that seem to form pictures in the sky?
2. Who was the first American woman to travel in space?
3. Which planet is the largest?
4. Who made the first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic?
5. What is the earth's path around the sun called?
6. Where did the first airplane flights take place?
7. What was the name of the airplane in which Charles Lindbergh made his solo Atlantic crossing?
8. What is the earth's only natural satellite?
9. What celestial body does the earth orbit?
10. Who was the first man to set foot on the moon?
11. Which planet is called the Red Planet?
12. From what place in the U.S. are space vehicles launched?
13. Who was the first woman to make a transoceanic flight?
14. What do we call the study of celestial bodies and their magnitudes, motions and constitutions?
15. In what city is NASA Mission Control for space vehicles located?
16. What do we call a natural or man-made body that revolves around a planet?
17. Which planet in our solar system has the most moons?
18. How long does it take for the earth to complete one orbit around the sun?
19. Which planet is farthest from the sun?

20. What are the dark patches on the surface of the sun called?
21. Which planet is nearest to the earth?
22. Which planet is sometimes called the evening star?
23. Who was America's first man in space?
24. How long does the moon take to orbit the earth?
25. Which planet is nearest to the sun?
26. Which planet is between the earth and Jupiter?
27. Who was the first man in space?
28. Who designed, built, and flew an enormous wooden airplane called the Spruce Goose?
29. About how far away is the sun?
30. In which galaxy is the planet earth?
31. Who was the first American to orbit the earth?
32. Which planet is the smallest?
33. Which planet is the fastest?
34. Which planet has the longest day?
35. How many rings does Saturn have?
36. What other name is given to the pole star or north star?
37. Excluding the sun, which star in our galaxy is nearest to the earth?
38. Which planet is the hottest one in our solar system?
39. What was the name of America's first satellite?
40. How long was the first flight by the Wright brothers?

1. Constellations
2. Sally Ride
3. Jupiter
4. Lindbergh
5. Orbit
6. Kitty Hawk, NC
7. Spirit of St. Louis
8. Moon
9. Sun
10. Neil A. Armstrong
11. Mars
12. Cape Canaveral — KSC
13. Amelia Earhart
14. Astronomy
15. Houston, TX
16. Satellite
17. Jupiter
18. 365 1/4 days
19. Pluto
20. Sun Spots
21. Venus
22. Venus
23. Alan B. Shepard Jr.
24. 29 1/2 days
25. Mercury
26. Mars
27. Yuri Gagarin
28. Howard Hughes
29. 93 Million Miles
30. Milky Way
31. John Glenn
32. Pluto
33. Mercury — avg. speed 107,030 mph.
34. Venus
35. Still discovering more
36. Polaris
37. Proxima Centauri
38. Venus
39. Explorer I, 1958
40. 12 Sec., 120.

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# CHECKLIST FOR PICTURE TAKERS

Sometimes in an earnest effort to get good quick pictures we forget something (or do something the wrong way). Being Air-Force "related" I'm finding the best way to overcome this problem is by using a *checklist* for taking pictures, and I want to pass this along to all of you — add to it as you find the need, but use it — it really helps!

1. *Always have your camera handy.*
2. Have extra film, in the types you need.
3. Have spare batteries. Replace if need be!
4. Position check: a) Is the lens cover off or open? 2) If needed, is your flash turned on? (or attached properly and checked out); c) Is your thumb in the *right place*?

5. Check your lighting conditions, determine needs accordingly.

6. Check picture subject re: uniform, placement of award or other object, multiply as needed by number of people in picture.

7. Check scenery (no bull with horns behind your subject). A flag in background is great.

8. Focus as needed.

9. Recheck traffic between you and subject, if possible (and behind subject also).

10. Contrast — will it be the best you can get?

11. Get name(s) and activity/reason for photo *in writing*.

12. *Do all this in 2 seconds* (practice, anyway, to get your time down). ■

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## Southeast Region Cadet Competition

Group / Unit / Cadet's Name
10 / 08125 / Elizabeth Kendrick
10 / 08125 / Carlos Lopez
10 / 08125 / Anthony Sylvain
10 / 08125 / Patrick Tover
10 / 08437 / Richard Clarke
10 / 08437 / Axel Hodgson
10 / 08437 / Francisco Mendieta
10 / 08437 / Mark Meyers
10 / 08437 / Edward Villalba
5 / 08159 / Ted Peroulakis
5 / 08159 / Floriano Putigna
9 / 08016 / Matt D'Andria
9 / 08104 / Michael James (Team Captain)
9 / 08016 / Jude Morris
9 / 08104 / Rosa Parrales
9 / 08104 / Mark Malan

Senior Escorts: Capt. Beverly Clark, Capt. Daniel Abbey, and Lt. Ted Fox.

Note: Cadet participants were from 3 groups (Groups 5, 9 and 10) and from 5 different Squadrons. Keep up that cooperation!

Again, congratulations for a job well done. Best of luck at the National Competition. ■

## 1991 National Board Conference

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Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander; Col. Bill Tallent, SE Region Commander; LTC Kay Cunningham, FL WG IG, and Maj. Rod Randall, Group 7 Commander, ready for the banquet!



Florida Wing 1991 National Board Banquet attendees gather for memories!



Alan B. Shephard Jr., Rear Admiral, USN (ret.), NASA astronaut, was our 1991 National Board guest speaker!



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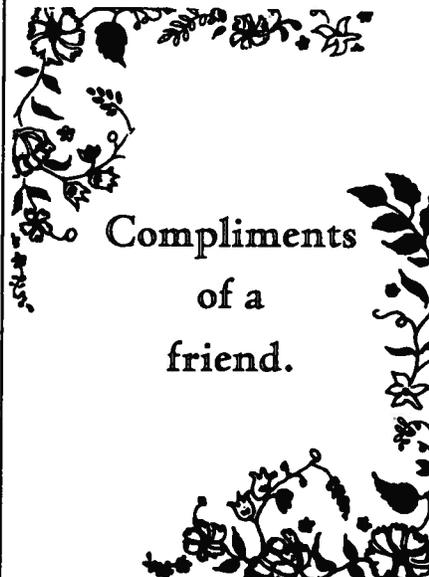
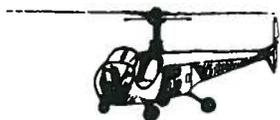
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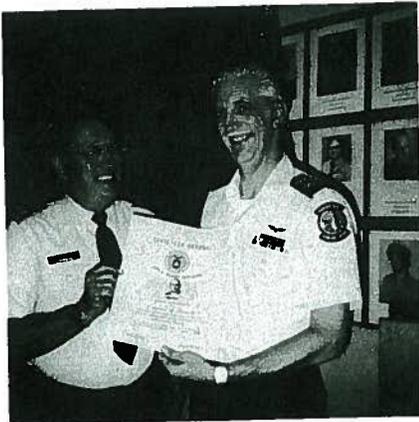
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# COAST TO COAST

A Public Affairs seminar was presented by Lt. Col. Cheryl Miller, Florida Wing PAO on 22 June. Seventeen personnel attended the informative seminar, hosted by Boca Raton Sr. Sqdn. Major Saul Sherman, Group 5 PAO, assisted in the presentation. ■



Maj. Chuck Pirnat, FL WG Director, Aerospace Education and Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander present the Brewer Award to C/Capt. Chris Hambleton from Treasure Coast Comp. Sq.



Col. Don Cunningham presents the Gill Robb Wilson Award to Maj. Chuck Pirnat.



Col. Don Cunningham, FL WG Commander, presents the Paul E. Garber Award to Maj. James Cline, Group 4 Commander.



Maj. Saul Sherman, Group 5 Public Affairs Officer, discusses the PAO Seminar agenda with others.



Lt. Bob Vail, LTC Cheryl Miller, Maj. Sindi Kalva-Miller and Maj. Kathryn Fuqua, part of the recent Group 3 CLC staff.

## THE CADET'S VOICE

By C/Capt. Elizabeth Kendrick  
Chairman, C.A.C.

Florida Wing's Cadet Advisory Council has had their elections and the votes are in. The council consists of the recorder, C/Capt. Anthony Bunkers from Group 8; vice-chairman, C/1Lt. Michael James from Group 9; and the chairman, C/Capt. Elizabeth Kendrick from Group 10. The council's senior escorts are Maj. McLaughlin and FL WG's DCD LTC Eddy.

As the new chairman, I would like all cadets to know they have a voice in the cadet program. Each group representative is the voice

for the squadrons within their group. That is why attendance at group meetings is necessary. If you, the cadets, want this year to be successful, then you will have to do your part. There are many exciting things happening, if you get involved you can be a part of it. This year the council is dedicated and ready to work. There is an outstanding council with excellent senior guidance. There is support from the Wing Commander and from all the group commanders. Now it is the cadets' turn. Let us take this opportunity and show our interest and ability. Be a part of it all and have a voice! ■

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# PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By LTC Cheryl S. Miller

A thousand thanks to the conference helpers I had — we had so much activity in the public affairs areas, with scheduled seminars on public affairs, recruiting and retention (which actually is a separate topic, but I will combine here), newsletter workshop, and of course the media and VIP's — I could not have done it all without their help! Thanks again: Capt. June Lawson, *Gator Capers* Editor; Capt. Charlotte Rowe, Group 8 PAO; Capt. Pat Campeau, Naples Sr. Sq.; Capt. Marian Welch, Skyway Bridge Composite Sq.; Lt. Irene Vail, MacDill Cadet Sq.; Lt. Norm Smith, Sarasota, Bradenton Sq. (our video moments capturer); and Vic Quarnberg of Quarnberg Publications, our *Gator Capers* publisher, who is so easy to get to know and ready to help!

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CONGRATULATIONS! to our public affairs award-winners; recognized for their outstanding contribution to public affairs efforts in 1990: 1Lt. Barbara Randall, Squadron PAO of the Year, 08078, Treasure Coast Composite Sq.; Capt. Charlotte Rowe, Group PAO of the Year, Group 8; Maj. Bill Holcomb, 1990 Newsletter Award (Group 4 PAO); and Capt. Pat Campeau, Unit Scrapbook Award 1990 (next year this award will come under the Historian section).

All of the awards were based upon overall efforts, contributions toward the betterment of Civil Air Patrol and individual ratings devised for each specific category.

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I would like to welcome to Wing Staff as my Public Affairs Assistant, Capt. Charlotte Rowe. Capt. Rowe has a strong background in CAP public affairs, and you will be reading more about her specific duties and activities in upcoming Wing Bulletins and *Gator Capers* issues.

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NATIONAL BOARD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. brought us some real good news — they are in the process of producing for sendout (when you send the station call letters in writing on the request form) Frank Sinatra promotional tapes about CAP! They should be just about completed by now, so send in your recruiting materials form (not CAPF 8), requesting — remember, they

will only send them to you if you have the station call letters. I believe they did radio spots (PSAs) and perhaps videos, so I'd write for the radio spots and ask them on the form if they also have videos! Also remember that Wing HQ (in my care) has a small library of tapes, videos and recruiting cards (orange) and pamphlets for cases of short notice unit efforts that involve recruiting and public information efforts. Contact me about these at my home address and phone, listed in the Wing Staff Roster.

Upcoming will be a cancellation stamp, for coordination with your regional post office by local units/groups — you'll have to get together on this. It's a 50th anniversary CAP stamp that goes over the postage stamp on mail run through a post office. Instructions on how to set this up will be coming down through National HQ/PA before December 1991.

## Special • Special • Special

Each Unit in Florida Wing CAP will be requested to issue a unit Newsletter dated December 1, 1991 — 50th Anniversary edition. In the Newsletter, feature a picture of your unit members (give them notice so they show up in uniform and are there for the picture!) Send two copies of this issue to WING HQ/PA and we will put together a composite booklet of them for preservation and turning over to the Historian. Do this issue on letter size paper only! We want YOU as part of OUR history!

I will be going into detail with the Group Commanders on this at the Commanders Call 21 September. Also, I will have a "fill in the blanks, ready to go" version for usage by any units that do not regularly do a newsletter. If you don't find yourself in a position to get one through your Group Commander, send to WG HQ/PA and I'll get one to you, but do it now!

A campaign to get a 50th anniversary publicity release in your newspapers, and on your broadcast media locally, also will be available to those units who haven't had time or been able to do anything yet — be sure you get an anniversary release (at least one) out for printing or broadcast so everyone hears or reads that Civil Air Patrol was born 50 years ago today . . . on December 1! ■

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## Florida Wing's Salute to Civil Air Patrol's 50th Anniversary

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*'We have to do something special' he said, 'to celebrate all year long'. 'Let's make it something lasting — I know — A salute, in a poem or song!'*

*Let's tell how CAP began, with coastal patrol in our earliest days, now it's SUNDOWN patrol and ELTs, so our searching mission stays.*

*And our young leaders we STILL urge to be and do, and I know General Spaatz would say to them, 'I'm very proud of you!'*

*Now aerospace education is here, in our schools and community, there's so much for us ALL to learn, a real 'door of opportunity'.*

*'We've got to tell everyone,' he said, 'that we're all VOLUNTEERS, and let them play the biggest part to celebrate these 50 years!'*

*'Let's take this idea of mine — right now — and propel it far and wide. I can't do it all by myself,' he said, 'I need our members by my side!'*

*As A TEAM our goal and challenge is clear, to you, and you, and me, let's EACH tell SOMEONE NEW EACH DAY ALL YEAR about CAP!*

By LTC Cheryl S. Miller  
Wing Director of Public Affairs



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Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird in front.

\*Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will step in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.

\*Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership, interdependent with each other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

\*Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging — not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow to help and protect. They stay until the goose is either able to fly again or dies.

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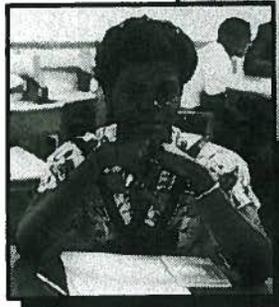
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