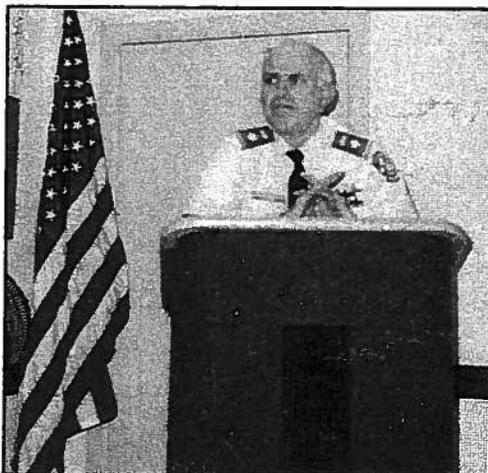


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## FLORIDA WING COMMANDER ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Florida Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda announced new appointments to the Florida Wing staff. Lt. Col. Richard Valone will serve as Vice Commander. Lt. Col. Matthew Sharkey, formerly Director of Cadet Programs has been appointed as Chief of Staff and Lt. Col. Valerie Brown was assigned to be Administrative Assistant. "These officers will serve as my executive staff in close interaction with all other wing staff officers. I have underscored to all staff that their primary role and responsibility shall continue to be the provision of responsive service to all units and members of this largest wing in the nation."



Lt. Col. Richard J. Valone Sr. joined the CAP in 1989, followed thereafter by his wife, Diane and then his son, Richard Jr. The Valones are truly a 'CAP Family'. Col. Valone served as Deputy Commander and then Commander of the Osceola Composite Squadron. He then took the helm of Group 6 as Commander before joining the Florida Wing staff in 1997 serving in positions ranging from Inspector General to Advisor to the Michigan Wing prior to his appointment as Chief of Staff.

Valone stated, "Serving with Col. Pineda as his CS was an enlightening experience. I recognize the responsibility I am assuming as Vice Commander and will extend my every effort to provide the assistance and support that Commander Pineda requires in fulfillment of his stated goals and objectives. Florida is a large state with more than 4000 members and I am looking forward to meeting all of them."



Lt. Col. Matthew Sharkey began his CAP career as a cadet in the New Jersey Wing in 1979. He transferred to the Florida Wing in 1982 and earned the Billy Mitchell Award while a member of the Seminole Cadet Squadron. Following service as the Executive Officer and Cadet Commander, he earned the Amelia Earhart Award and completed his cadet service as Deputy Cadet Commander of the West Orange Cadet Squadron.

Colonel Sharkey's senior member service began in 1986 and included assignments as Squadron Deputy Commander for Cadets and Squadron Commander. In 1992 he became the Cadet Program Development Officer in Florida Wing. He moved up to Deputy Director and the Director of Cadet Programs in 1996.

Following his appointment as Chief of Staff, Sharkey said, "As I complete my 19 years of service in the Civil Air Patrol, I look forward to the challenge and opportunity of leading the wing staff. I am particularly proud that Col. Pineda has the confidence in my ability."



Lt. Col. Valerie Brown has served in four wings since joining CAP in 1976. Throughout her career with the California, Texas, Pennsylvania and Florida Wings she has received coveted awards and Commander's Commendations for her innovativeness of training and teaching. Col. Brown has served as Director of various Staff Leadership Schools and Corporate Learning Schools. Her incisive, analytical mind and abilities to organize, design innovative courses and methodologies, manage programs and be a leader of people have been recognized throughout her CAP career.

Valorie served as Chief of Staff under two Wing Commanders and commented, "I am very much aware of the potentials for development of management programs and systems which will enhance and further improve the services that wing renders. This is my goal."



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**COL. ANTONIO PINEDA**

*Florida Wing Commander*

I would like to share with every member one of the greatest challenges facing the Florida Wing. It is a subtle, everyday issue, which does not inspire or attract attention until after the damage is done. That challenge is "Accountability".

Now, it may seem at first glance that this particular subject of accountability doesn't have much to do with your everyday operations. Perhaps the lack of recognition that accountability is principally evidenced by supporting documentation, is one of the reasons why, as a Wing, we have minimal success in this area.

Ask yourself, "Can the Civil Air Patrol exist without tax-exempt status or partial U.S. Air Force funding in the 90's, or more importantly, in the next century? If you believe the answer is no, as I do, then we have many changes to make together. It is an imperative that we accept the fact that our non-profit status and our funding, both from USAF and the State of Florida, depend on our ability to properly document our acquisitions, expenses and operations.

Recent changes to Federal Tax Laws have established much more stringent requirements for all non-profit organizations. These changes

have placed a major burden on CAP to dedicate precious time and resources to accounting procedures which require establishing comparable values for use of property, values for donated property and, in some instances, value for the time donated by volunteers. Our FLWG Finance Officer has spent many hours with our auditors to attempt to meet these new requirements. Because the initial changes mean providing information for purchases and donations that occurred as far back as 1991, this has been a difficult, if not impossible, task for both Finance and Logistics. Some of the documentation required for the IRS and audit needs goes beyond the scope of what is required by CAP Regulations, and as a result, simply does not exist in our records.

Civil Air Patrol as a corporation files one tax return. The inability of any wing or unit to provide timely and proper documentation directly affects the ability of the corporation to meet its filing obligation. Each unit that does not submit a complete Finance Report on time means that Florida Wing is unable to transmit its Finance Report to National Headquarters. As required in our charter, we also answer to GAO and the Congress who do not look kindly when Civil Air Patrol cannot meet required financial deadlines.

**Our first change therefore must be to eliminate the mindset that says, "We're ONLY volunteers."** Yes, we are volunteers. I, too, am a volunteer, but we still have responsibility and liability. Civil Air Patrol is a trust bestowed on us, as volunteers, to serve our community. Chartered by the U. S. Congress as the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary and formed as a non-profit corporation not only "who we are" as an organization was established, but also, in many ways "who we can be".

Our unique relationship with the U.S. Air Force entitles us to certain benefits for equipment and use of facilities as well as obligates us to requirements for record keeping which comply with their guidelines. We risk our benefits when we fail, as well as the loss of regard for our organization. This applies in the arena of aircraft operations and maintenance, vehicle operations and maintenance, as well as finance and logistics. Both the U. S. Air Force and CAP National Headquarters provide funds for certain repairs and operations. This funding requires that we acquire proper estimates for control numbers and timely submission of the required invoices. It is sound fiscal management to utilize those funds available to us. Once again, it requires something from each of us to follow proper procedures.

**Change Two then, is to recognize that we are a corporation. We are both a corporation as well as a volunteer organization.** We must maintain proper records for our finances, our equipment and our personnel, as every business must. In order to survive, and hopefully, to prosper, we must make sound business decisions. We must recognize our obligations and honor them if we are to con-

tinue to provide the Civil Air Patrol program to our communities and our young people.

**Change Three is an awareness of the changing environment in which we operate.** This includes the legal climate in which all organizations, particularly youth oriented organizations must operate. We are entrusted, by their families, with the development and well-being of our cadet members. We must take care in the selection of members who guide them. We must always consider "safety first". We must develop programs that are age appropriate for our youngest members. We must do our very best to deliver the Civil Air Patrol program in leadership and Aerospace Education. We must ensure that our testing, and consequently promotions, meets the established criteria of the CAP Cadet Program. Each one of us impacts many young lives with our words and our actions. To live up to these high standards is not always easy or comfortable, but it is essential.

Many of you dedicate a great deal of time and money because you believe in what our Civil Air Patrol program offers. In my law enforcement work, I see every day the results for young people who do not have the benefit of a program like the CAP. In my years in Civil Air Patrol I have seen the difference we make in the lives of our cadets. We can and do assist our young members in succeeding at life.

**Accountability is vital to our success.** Accountability is the combination of sound policy and procedures with compliance to regulations and documentation. We can do it together!

# PROP WASH

**H**ere are some tips on wearing of the uniform that should clear up confusions about recent changes:

**Mess Dress**-If you don't have a mess dress, the formal version of the CAP blazer combination is authorized for senior members. Simply remove your name tag, add a black bow tie and one miniature medal on the lapel and you are ready to go formal.

**White Aviator Shirt**-When wearing the white aviator shirt, if you wear the gray epaulets you must wear the gray name tag. When wearing the grade insignia, the CAP aviation badge and one additional CAP badge of choice are authorized. No ribbons or other military badges or devices are authorized.

**Leather Name Patch**-Although the Air Force has authorized the wearing of an embroidered cloth name patch on flight suits, the leather style patch is still the only one authorized for wear by CAP.

**BDU's and Flight Suits**-CAP senior members who do not meet the weight and grooming standards are authorized to wear BDU's and Air Force style flight suits without grade insignia. All other patches and badges may be worn.

**C**adet/Sergeant David Gaulkin, son of FLWG Medical Officer Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence Gaulkin, is an outstanding member of the Skyway Bridge Composite Squadron. [Ed note: this is one of two mea culpa to David and his sister Anne]

**L**T. Col. Gus Ehrman announces that the CAP Counter Drug Program is assigned to assist the Air Force with training pilots and radar personnel to intercept drug shipments. Using twin engine aircraft, CAP acts as a drug runner intending to make a drop at sea. Flying a preset course, known only to few control officers, the CAP aircraft flies into the training area at reasonable altitude, descends to drop altitude, where it circles in a simulated drop pattern. Radar controllers who do not have the flight coordinates, although they have been alerted to the exercise, then scramble fighters to make an interception. The training is both in vectoring of pursuit aircraft, and for pilots to identify the targets when they have been put into their visual range by radar. The program is under the auspices

of the South East Area Defense Sector and jet aircraft from various Air Force bases are utilized.

**F**lorida Wing shall be the conference host of the NCASE [National Congress on Aviation and Space Education] 7 -10 April '99. Many volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks. Details will be provided to all units. For immediate inquiries contact Lt. Col. Amy Boswell or Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey.

**B**oca Raton Cadet Squadron, only chartered three months, has already been recognized for a 'find' mission and for their pilot training program. The Boca Raton News wrote a lengthy article about the CAP program and the squadron activities.

**M**edical Officer Gaulkin has successfully arranged for Body Fluid Spill Containment Kits and First Aid Kits to be available from Group Commanders. **All units and all vehicles on duty for CAP are REQUIRED to have these items.** Unit Commanders are to contact their Group Commander immediately to obtain these free kits.

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## NEW DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS

Capt. Jayson Jenkins, who became a CAP Cadet in 1994, is now the newly appointed Director of Cadet Programs for Florida Wing. "I've known Capt. Jenkins since he was a member of the West Broward Composite Squadron and I was the Squadron Commander. Jay is a Spaatz Award Cadet and I am extremely pleased that he has accepted this appointment", stated FLWG Commander Tony Pineda.

Capt. Jenkins has served as Coordinator of the Cadet Special Activities Selection Board, Commandant of Cadets for the Eglin '98 Encampment and Commander of the Sabal Cadet Squadron, which he started in 1995.

## HOW TRAINING MISSION NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED

Most are familiar with a training mission number - for example T99-SE01.

T=Training SE=Southeast Region Liaison Officer  
99=Fiscal Year 01=mission number for fiscal year

But how many are aware of the required procedures? It is important to know that Florida Wing does not issue any funded mission numbers. Pursuant to CAPF 10, the FLWG LO approves the mission and forwards the request to the Southeast Region LO, who issues the number. Only activities submitted and approved on CAPF 10 are authorized.

This is critical to mission participants. For example, on a recent mission T98-SE140, Ground Team members submitted CAPF 108's for auto and communications costs. None of these costs were able to be reimbursed since none were authorized on the CAPF 10.

Finally, Florida Wing may issue Training Non-Funded mission numbers. These numbers are preceded by TNF, i.e. TNF99-SE01.

Submitted by Lt. Col. Mike Brown  
Florida Wing DOV

## ACCIDENT ASSISTANCE BY CAP SQUADRON

Just as Squadron Commander Capt. David Younce was preparing to close the meeting, several cadets ran up to advise that they just heard screeching tires, a loud bang and



a horn blowing.

Capt. Younce instructed his Deputy Commander, 1Lt. Ray Bracero to get his handheld radio and to monitor the ground-to-ground frequency. Capt. Younce then drove in the direction that the cadets described and came upon a two car accident. One vehicle had slammed head on into the passenger side of the other vehicle. The passenger in the car that was hit had several cuts on his arm. The two people in the other car - a sailor and his friend - were complaining of back and neck pains.

Capt. Younce reported the circumstances, by radio, to Lt. Bracero who relayed the information to a 911 operator. Capt. Younce also requested a first aid kit. Within minutes, C/LTC Didier, C/1Lt Lopez, C/FO Tier and C/SSgt Lozano were on the scene and helped Younce in providing first aid assistance. The sailor and his friend were transported to the hospital by ambulance and the other two victims were treated at the scene by EMS personnel.

The 911 operator praised the efforts of the CAP personnel and stated that we significantly decreased the response time of the emergency crew and enabled the dispatching of proper equipment.

Submitted by Capt. David Younce  
Commander, McCoy Cadet Squadron

## CAP VETERAN RETIRES

Major Jerry Borshard was honored at a retirement ceremony and party hosted by the Fernandina Senior Squadron. Major Borshard had a long career in the CAP having joined shortly before World War II. He was an Air Corps Flight Instructor during the war and flew B-17's, B-24's and B-29's.

Borshard also had an illustrious career as a professional musician playing trombone in the Paul Whiteman, the Dorseys and the NBC orchestras. While active in the CAP, Major Borshard flew his privately owned Grumman Tiger on many SAR missions.



Submitted by Lt. Col. Gerald Kaweck  
Commander, Fernandina Senior Squadron

## GRANTSMANSHIP EARNS AWARD

Capt. Eileen Parker, Commander of the West Broward Composite Squadron and FLWG Supply Officer [ady] presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Major Sherman Klingbeil, newly appointed Florida Wing Grants Coordinator.

Capt. Parker expressed the squadron's appreciation for the nearly three years of effort extended by Major Klingbeil that



successfully led to the earning of a grant to the squadron from the United Way.

Major Klingbeil will continue to pursue grant sources and will submit grant applications for Florida Wing.

## CAP PARTICIPATES IN FLORIDA EMS EXERCISE

For the third consecutive year, CAP was invited to participate in a HAZMAT [hazardous material] exercise at the Brooksville Airport. Approximately 60 cadets and seniors acted as 'victims'; air crews flew modified C-172's as airborne repeater platforms; radio operators provided 3 days of communications support on CAP equipment; and security support was provided at gate check-in, parking areas and traffic control.

Submitted by Lt. Col. Bob Gray, Jr.  
ESF 8 Project Officer



## LIFTOFF TO SPACE

It is now possible to 'liftoff into space' and view 500 satellites in their position to Earth. Individual satellites may be selected for specific viewing.

ZARYA, the first international Space Station module has already been launched and the U.S. module recently returned from its linkup mission. The Space Station is seen denoted as "Station". The internet address is <http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/realtime/jtrack/3d/JTrack3d.html>



## FLORIDA FIRST SITE OF 'AIRLINE TRACK' ENCAMPMENT

For the first time in CAP history, cadets who dream of becoming a professional airline pilot have a place 'to try their wings'. Thanks to a joint venture between CAP Cadet Programs and Jacksonville University [JU], six cadets spent three adventure-filled weeks at JU campus. The cadets got started by taking an FAR Part 141 Private Pilot Ground School and

received 60 hours of ground instruction. After completion they were prepared to take the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam.

Flight training started the second week. Cadets logged 25 hours of pre/post flight briefings, 15 hours of dual flight in C-172's, 15 hours of backseat observation and free access to a PC-ATD Cessna 172 Simulator. Cadets who were proficient had the opportunity to solo.

A major highlight of the encampment was a familiarization flight to Key West. COMAIR Airlines supplied an EMB-120 Brasilia aircraft and crew for the flight. Cadets sat in the cockpit prior to departure and in the jump-seat during flight. They talked with the crew members about the life of a professional pilot.

All the cadets agreed that the encampment was an invaluable experience to help them determine if flying was for them.

Submitted by Jill C. Wagner, JU

# 1998 SOUTHEAST REGION STAFF COLLEGE GRADUATES 28 SENIOR MEMBERS

*Editors Note: Thanks to Capt. Brenda Allison, Director Public Affairs, Southeast Region; Capt. John Tuszl, FICAP; 1Lt. Arnold Jasen, FLWG Senior Programs Officer; and Capt. Al Ferraro, FLWG PAO for the inputs to this story.*

The 1998 Southeast Region Staff College graduated 28 senior members at the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tennessee.

A formal in-residence course required for completion of senior member training Level IV, prepares CAP Officers to better execute the duties and responsibilities associated with CAP command and staff positions at squadron level and above.

Conducted at the I.G. Brown ANG Professional Military Education Center, this year's sessions included written and verbal communications, leadership, officership, group problem-solving techniques, overall health and illness, and stress relief. Other activities had the students constructing paper airplanes, surfing the Internet, and touring the base flight line.

Director Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham [FL], along with her staff members Assistant Director Lt. Col. Frank E. White [FL], Curriculum Director Lt. Col. Arthur H. Little [FL], Chaplain, Lt. Col. Kermit Davis [SER], Administration/Statistics Officer Maj. Lyle Letteer, Jr. [GA], and Senior Directors Lt. Col. Amy Ruth Boxwell

[FL], Lt. Col. Wallace Parker [MS], Lt. Col. Nancy Rasmussen [FL], Maj. Verne Fowler [GA], and Capt. David Boswell [AL], provided direction and leadership.

Each day and in every way, the students were inspected as to their wearing of the proper uniform in a proper manner. This was followed by close order drill practice. By the end of the week the student body looked militarily sharp.

Seminar classes were conducted all day and into the evening. Many classes were taught by full-time Air Force Instructors. Others were conducted by previously experienced CAP instructors.

A special treat was the tour of the base and the aircraft. Col. Knable, Vice Commander of the

134th Air National Guard Unit provided a briefing about his command. The 134th is an air-refueling unit with KC135's. The aircraft are over 40 years old and "are the best maintained aircraft I have ever seen", said Capt. Tuszl.

Each of the graduates qualified for the "Chuck" Yeager Award. They received their graduation certificates and awards from the Southeast Region Commander, Col. Joseph C. Meighan, Jr., who addressed the group at their graduation dinner.



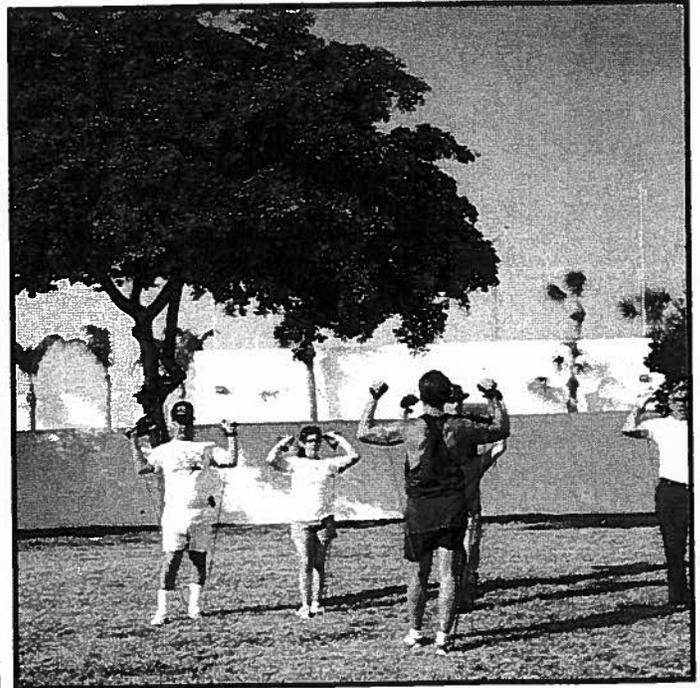
**Florida Wing Graduates of the Southeast Region Staff College pose for a class picture with [front row l. to r.] Directors LTC. Nancy Rasmussen, and LTC. Amy Ruth Boxwell and the College Director [second row r.] LTC. Kay Cunningham.**

## WING COMMANDER SETS EXAMPLE

Wing Commander Tony Pineda always states that he wants members to "Do as I do, not just do as I say." Tony set a prime example for everybody when he initiated a Fitness Training Program for all members of Group 6. Eric Bybing, a health/exercise instructor was recruited to conduct the exercise sessions. Eric is now a member of CAP, [having been recruited by none other than our tireless commander].

The group exercises every Saturday afternoon for no less than one hour. Exercises include basic stretching, resist exercises, push-ups, running, walking forwards and backwards, abdominals, and aerobics. The sessions are conducted at the West Broward Composite Squadron site.

"Twenty members have signed up thus far and I'm hoping this concept catches on throughout the wing. Not only will each member directly benefit health-wise, but our Wing Medical Officer, Capt. Gaulkin will be more than pleased to see a slimmer commander", Commander Pineda commented.



### AIR CREW TRAINING WEEKEND IS PLANNED.

SUBMITTED BY CAPT. FRANK N. HAAS

A Flight Clinic was recently conducted by the Patrick Composite Squadron at Patrick AFB near Kennedy Space Center. LTC. Joe Tirado, members of his unit and personnel from Patrick AFB made presentations on such topics as CAP Pilot Training and Qualification; Management; Navigation; Crew Resource Management, Airfield Operations; and Safety. "The program was well planned and well presented. The facility at Patrick AFB is top notch" said Capt. Frank Haas.

In a continuing effort to offer CAP air-ops training, the same unit is planning an "Aircrew Training Weekend on 16-17 January '99. The training will fulfill the requirements for obtaining a 101T card as Scanner, Observer and Pilot. Haas commented, "In my six years as a member of FLWG CAP, this is the first classroom training in these subjects that I have ever seen offered."

Sleeping accommodations may be available at the AFB or nearby, all at reasonable

rates.

Personnel who want or need this training should contact LTC. Joe Tirado at [justirado@aol.com](mailto:justirado@aol.com) or 407-254-5759 [evenings] or write to:

3998 Sparrow Hawk Road  
Melbourne, FL 32934

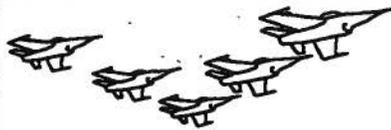
### MANY MILESTONES MARK CAP'S 57TH YEAR

On December 1, Civil Air Patrol marked 57 years of humanitarian service. Looking back over the past year, the Air Force Auxiliary finds many reasons to take pride in the services it provided to the American people in 1998. "The past year has marked many milestones," said Col. Paul Albano Sr., CAP's Executive Director. "One of the most important is our 50th year as the Air Force Auxiliary—a partnership that evokes a great deal of pride from all CAP members." CAP has faced many challenges over the past year. "While our membership continues to grow," said Albano, "the demand for our services has also increased." The most visible evidence of this growth is within CAP's Emer-

gency Services. In 1998 CAP witnessed an upsurge in activity in disaster-relief assistance. Ice, tornadoes, drought, hurricanes, floods and fires engaged CAP resources across the nation. In January, severe ice storms ravaged the northeast and nine wings were actively involved with relief activity, damage assessment, radio communications and logistics.

Following the devastation left by spring tornadoes in Florida, Tennessee and South Dakota, CAP aircraft provided a cost-effective platform for the National Weather Service to observe and photograph the damage. CAP Ground Teams assisted American Red Cross in managing shelters for evacuees and homeless.

In the summer months, drought in Texas and Florida led to widespread fire-storms. CAP was called upon to provide airborne fire watch and communications relay. "We wish to continue to improve our ability to respond to catastrophe," Albano continued, "we've really concentrated on cultivating our volunteer resources." In all disaster responses, the CAP volunteers unselfishly sacrificed time away from their family and jobs, most paying their expenses out of their own pockets, to serve their fellow man for almost 57 years.



## FINAL FLIGHT

**COL. RICHARD LEE LEALI, SR.**

1 February 1941 - 4 December 1998

Col. Leali was a Commander of the Florida Wing from 1977 to 1981. He held the distinction of being the only Civil Air Patrol Commander in the United States to lead an air wing to the top finish in two consecutive years. Col. Richard Leali received numerous awards and commendations during his Civil Air Patrol service.

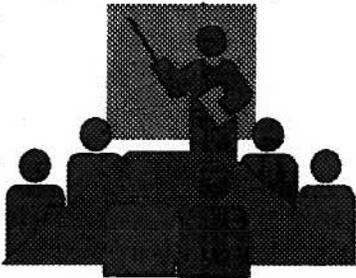
Two of his children, 1 Lt. Linda M. Leali of Miami Beach and S/M David C. Leali of Boynton Beach are senior members of the Civil Air Patrol.



### FLORIDA WING TO HOST NATIONAL CONGRESS ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION '99

NCASE '99 will be held from April 8 to 10 in Orlando. Educators will learn extraordinary ways to teach the ordinary subjects at more than 60 seminars and workshops. "Aerospace Education touches nearly every part of our lives," says John Vickery, CAP's Chief of Aerospace Education at Maxwell AFB, AL. "For example, airplanes fly is far and how fly is math and where air-planes land is social studies and geography," he continues. "Aerospace Education belongs in every teachers curriculum, and that's what we share at the Congress." In addition, attendees may earn graduate and undergraduate credits by attending the diverse seminars and workshops.

"We believe Orlando provides an exciting backdrop for the Congress," says Vickery. "It's a city of aerospace activities and attractions, from hot-air balloons to the Astronaut Hall of Fame."



Education at Maxwell AFB, AL. who made history; how fast rockets science; and planes land is and geography.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS IN THE SKY

Submitted by Chaplain, LTC. Jack Hemskey  
Treasure Coast Composite Squadron

"I'm a new pilot, just a little over 200 hours and what a thrill it was to gather at MacDill AFB to begin a journey dreamed as another type of service to those in need," said Chaplain, LTC. Jack Hemskey.

The Form 5 Check Rides program began early in the morning with Captain Robert Ebaugh's matching of check pilots with the pilots who needed check rides, orientation and training.

Major Luis Garcia conducted two seminars - Safety and Pilot Proficiency. He emphatically stated that CAP Pilots must follow safety guidelines for planes and people. He also reminded all the pilots in attendance how quickly they can lose those piloting skills. The pace then quickened with pilots and check pilots performing pre-flight inspections, strapping into the aircraft, receiving tower clearance to taxi, following the yellow line and follow-me truck, final clearance for takeoff, power run-up and a smooth climb into the beautiful blue sky.

Up, down, round and round, the flights followed the required skills of pilot and plane. Landing at MacDill AFB was followed by a check pilot to pilot debriefing. Then back to the classroom for a discussion of CAPR 60-1, as revised.

Col. Hemskey observed, "My impression is a CAP pilot should seek a training experience from an instructor or check pilot every three months to be able to maintain mission-level proficiency. I thank each person who planned, prepared, and participated in providing this check ride opportunity."



## LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE RECEIVES GRUELING AIR FORCE AUDIT

Major William Lynch, 1Lt. Robert Sims and Capt. Eileen Parker expended in excess of three man/years in matching equipment to CAPF 37's, gathering of S-3 reports from units, assembling maintenance records of aircraft and vehicles, and verifying compliance of records and record keeping procedures...all in preparation for the annual Logistics USAF/LO Audit. All of FLWG are breathtakingly awaiting the report.

# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WING

As most pilots know, there is a new CAPR 60-1, dated August 1998. This regulation is available on the National CAP WebSite and may be downloaded. With it are new forms, mainly the CAPF 5, 91, and 99.

During the last national inspection of Florida Wing, it was noted that many Flight Release Officers [FRO's] are not completing the Flight Release Log correctly. Each entry must have the name of the FRO as well as his/her signature. Ditto marks are not acceptable nor is a diagonal line and one signature.

LTC. Michael R. Brown  
FLWG DOO & DOSA

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WORDS

The six most important words:

*I do admit I was wrong.*

The five most important words:

*You did a great job.*

The four most important words:

*What do you think?*

The three most important words:

*Could you please?*

The two most important words:

*Thank you.*

The least important word:

*I*

The most important word:

*You*

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“The art of Command, particularly in a volunteer organization, is to give each individual what they want from the organization to the highest degree possible, while accomplishing the mission of the organization.”

Lt. Col. Lorick Fox

## WANT TO LIVE TO BE 100??

2000 volunteers were interviewed during a three year period by the National RSVP organization and the results were compared with the functional performance of older Americans in general.

The findings indicated that “committed volunteers generally display fewer and milder effects of

aging for a longer time than their non-volunteering peers.” Other research has demonstrated a distinct connection between helping others and physical health. Those who volunteered for at least two hours per week had lower blood pressure, slower and stronger heart rates, and less stress and tension. Volunteers also have fewer aches and pains, headaches, and other stress related illnesses.

As Astronaut/Senator John Glenn said, “Don’t let age put artificial limits on your activities. Live to the fullest, establish your own physical capacity and try to expand it”.

Three new 12-seater vans are licensed and the Dynasty and pick-up truck are repaired and operational. The new Pembroke Pines office phones, fax, furniture, copier, etc. are in place. Post Office box is obtained. Mail Logs at MacDill and Pembroke offices are scrupulously maintained...all without a single break in service. *Huge kudos to Administrative Assistant LTC. Valerie Brown and LTC. Evelyn Holdren.*



# CADET CAP'ERS



 **Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey** - The Florida Wing Winter Encampment at the Homestead Air Force Base from 28 December 98 to 1 January 99 was a huge success. The Senior Commander was Lt. Co. Robert Masicker and the Cadet Commander was C/Lt. Col. Michael Barron. The encampment is a basic introduction to the military way of life and an opportunity to experience leadership from both a follower and leader's perspective. It is also an excellent way to meet other cadets from FLWG and to experience the esprit de corps of the Cadet Program.

 **Major Marsha Pennington** - Five color guard team member cadets from the South Marion Cadet Squadron and four senior members represented the Florida Wing at the SER Color Guard Competition, Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The team under the command of M/Sgt Miguel Torres placed 2nd out of competing teams from 6 wings. C/TSgt. Steven Dudley, C/A1C Jeremiah Bennett, C/A1C Denver Anguish, and C/Amn. Scott Mullinix were accompanied by escorts Sq. Comm. SM Howard Anguish, Major Ed Stevens, 2 Lt. Gary Bennett and Major Pennington.

 **Lt. Col. Charles D. Svoboda** - Is there a benefit to being a CAP Cadet? Well, here's my story. "I had very little direction when I was 13. I joined CAP and found a home. I enlisted in the Air Force at age 15, obtained an appointment to West Point at age 16, entered West Point at age 17, I remained in CAP and the Air Force Reserve, received a direct commission at age 19, spent 22 years on active duty, and retired as a light colonel at age 42. Two of my daughters went through the CAP Cadet Program and both graduated from West Point. The Cadet Program gave me two years of direction in excellence. In return, I have given CAP 46 years of service. The latter is well worth the former."

 **Capt. Sharon Kingsley** - "Was so pleased to see the CAP featured on a television news show. The Apollo Beach Cadet Squadron manned the East Bay Shore Shelter in Gibsonton. The shelter was packed with 1531 persons who had evacuated their homes during a hurricane."

**C/Lt. Col. Michael Barron** received the Ira C. Eaker Award from [l.] Florida Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda and [r.] Air Force Maj.



Gen. Rudolph Bartholomew. Only 522 of the Eaker Award, one of CAP's highest honors, have been awarded since 1941. The ceremony was at the Naples Headquarters.

**C/Lt. Col. Shane Turner** has been granted a Florida Academic Scholarship which pays 100% of his college tuition plus \$600 per semester for books and supplies.

For this scholarship, the Florida Education Department examines student's records and selects those that have above an 1180 SAT score, above 3.0 GPA and are well rounded in other activities. In addition to Cadet Turner's scholastic accomplishments, his outstanding CAP involvements and achievements certainly helped his gaining this award..



## FLORIDA WING SPECIAL ACTS SELECTION '99

Submitted by Capt. Jayson Jenkins  
Director, Cadet Programs

The Florida Wing will conduct its annual Special Acts Selection activity on Saturday, 13 February 1999. This activity will take place at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa. Registration will begin at 0800 hrs. and no participant should arrive prior to that time. Dismissal shall be at 1800 hrs.

There will also be Phase III and Phase IV Cadet of the Year selection boards. Flight scholarships and both partial and full encampment scholarships will be available for 1999. Standard uniform shall be Class B, short sleeve shirt and no tie. The Project Officer is Capt. Jayson Jenkins and the Assistant Project Officer is 1Lt Cathy Titshaw.

## FIVE STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING MEMBERSHIP

Reprinted from *Membership Services Monthly*, Jan  
McInnes - April 1998

Here are some tested and proven techniques for making members go away.....

1. **Don't return telephone calls.** Studies show that ignoring someone is more insulting than saying something rude; therefore, let's ignore our way to smaller membership. Change the policy on returning a call from "within 24 hours" to "within 24 days," and give members plenty of time to get mad and drop their memberships.
2. **Never express regret when a mistake is made.** So their applica-

tion for promotion has been camped out in someone's briefcase; their training records were lost or they didn't get credit for their public affairs coverage. Do they realize how many members we have to deal with? Besides training is not our department and we have too many other things to do. Stand your ground and blame someone else.

3. **Don't ask for member involvement or opinions.** We already have all the ideas we can handle so don't encourage more. Make sure member participation is discouraged during meetings and make sure there are no opportunities for feedback. Don't delegate responsibility. It's easier to assume the workload yourself and then not do it. Never ever identify committees or what they're responsible for doing and don't ever support hard-working, productive staff officers.

4. **Make it hard for those members who do try to get involved.** If we must ask for their involvement, make sure to ignore the people who have volunteered, or make the projects so frustrating that they give up. When members submit participation forms, put them in a big pile that can be 'done later'. For new committee members, choose a huge first project with an impossible deadline and no help. Don't allow partial involvement; tell them it's all or nothing. Sensible, dedicated members only need a taste of this treatment to stop participating and paying their dues.
5. **Create and air all messy unit politics.** Not only will people leave in droves but they will dissuade

others from joining in the first place. Dealing with politics in their leisure time is found to be especially revolting.

**OF COURSE WE'RE KIDDING!** - We really haven't lost our minds. But seriously, sometimes we are guilty of the methods as described. Each of us should examine what we're currently doing and see how we match up. We all may be repelling members without even knowing it!

## APROPOS OF THE ABOVE, REMEMBER.....

*It's nice to be important  
but more important to be  
nice.*

## CAP PAO IS GUEST OF U.S. NAVY

Major Harvey Bennett, Group 6 PAO, was invited by the U. S. Navy to fly out to sea and land on the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the Harry S. Truman. The Truman is over 1050 feet long.

The flight was made in a Grumman C-2 from Ft. Lauderdale Airport to approximately 300 miles east of Jacksonville. Major Bennett was hosted by the officers and crew of the Truman while it was underway. After spending the evening and next day watching flight operations, Bennett made a presentation about the CAP to Rear Admiral Suggs and carrier officers..

# MISSION MEMOS

✍ Recently released FY 98 National Search & Rescue Statistics show Florida Wing flew more missions than any other of the fifty states - a total of 371. LTC. Gary Nelson noted eighty-five percent of all Electronic Locator Transmitter [ELT] searches were successful in our locating and silencing the alarms.

✍ **IMPORTANT** - There is some confusion as to how to process a CAPF 100, the Application for a Mission Specialty Card [CAPF 101]. The current CAPR 50-15, dated 1 February 96, provides the guidance needed.

1. Before a Commander issues a 101T card, it must be ensured that the member has satisfied all applicable requirements stated in paragraphs 2-4 of CAPR 50-15.
2. Before recommending issuance of a 101 card, ensure that the member has satisfied all applicable requirements specified in paragraphs 2-3 and 2-4 of CAPR 50-15.
3. A Unit Commander may issue the General ES Specialty and renew all other specialties [except that of MC which requires Wing CC approval, and the 101CN, which requires NHQ approval].
4. If a Commander issues the 101T, issues the General ES Specialty 101 card, or renews a 101 card, then the card number must be entered on the CAPF 100 application and the 101T or 101 card as follows: YY-001-XXX [where YY is the last two digits of the current year, 001 is the last three digits of your Unit Charter, and XXX is the sequential number issued].
- 5 This information will also be recorded on FLWG Form 7, along with the applicant's name, CAPSN, and specialties. A copy of the FLWG Form 7 must be submitted to Wing HQ, Attention: DOST, at least every quarter [Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct] along with the initial 101's issued on CAPF-100.
6. The original CAPF-100 Application, once approved, should be sent immediately to Wing HQ, Attention DOST, along with the supporting documentation. Renewal CAPF-100's shall be approved by the Unit Commander and a copy is to be sent to Wing HQ without documentation attached.
7. All upgrades of Specialties and transfers from other Wings and MC 101 cards and 101CN cards require processing at Wing HQ. Group Commander's signatures are not necessary.
8. As of 1 December, it is mandatory that *ES Advanced Specialty Rating Requirements Checklists* are used.
9. When mailing CAPF-100's to Wing HQ, Attention: DOST, be sure to note **FORM 100 ENCLOSED** on the envelope.
10. Questions should be directed to Wing DA, Major Robert Schultz.

## ✍ OFF DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN OFF

submitted by Capt. Scott Lanis, Mississippi Wing

Turning an ELT from the 'armed' position to the 'off' position will always silence the ELT. Right? Wrong! We were DFing an ELT on our airbase. In relatively short order we narrowed the search to a black and white C-150 that was parked on the ramp. Knowing the airplane and owner gained us rapid access. We turned the ELT to 'Off'. Same signal pattern! Just for good measure, we briefly turned the ELT to the 'On' position. The scratchy ELT alarm signal was no longer heard and a nice, clear one was received. After a little head scratching and some more DFing to verify it had to be the 150, we tried removing the antenna lead from the ELT. Wonderful silence! The switch had failed and allowed the ELT to partially transmit while in the 'off' and 'armed' positions. It became fully operational in the 'on' position. We solved the problem by removing the battery from the unit [with the aircraft owner helping, of course].

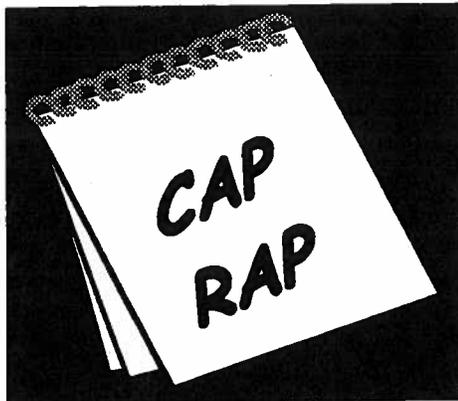
✍ The Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] has a correspondence course division similar to Extension Course Institute [ECI]. The division is called the Emergency Management Institute. They offer 14 different Emergency Services courses. Enrollment is easy through the mail to Washington, D.C., 20006 or on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/emi/ishome.htm>. Your SSN must be submitted as your ID.

ILt. Malcolm Dickinson  
New York Wing

✍ The following is a required submittal to Wing HQ:

1. A CAPF-2a assigning a Safety Officer [both Ground and Air] to your unit. If your unit has flying activities, your Safety Officer must be a rated pilot. If you have a rated CAP pilot, he or she may be assigned as both Ground and Air Safety Officer.
2. The name, address, E-Mail, and phone of Safety Officer [s] shall be attached to the CAPF-2a.
3. Every Unit must submit a completed Safety Survey. The "Building" section must be filled out if you own, rent, lease, or just use it for meetings.

Lt.Col. David L. Fuller  
FLWG Safety Officer



Lt. Col. Gary Nelson, FLWG DES, advises that he has an approved \$77,000 for SAR Training during FY '99. An amount adequate for two training exercises for every unit and every group. So set your plans and schedules now.



LTC. Nelson also advises that three [3] copies of CAPF-100 are required by FLWG HQ to facilitate more rapid issuance of 101's. The yellow CAPF-101 cards and supporting documentation are no longer required.



If you are an Aerospace Education Officer and want to be kept up-to-date on all issues and events, be certain that you submit your name, rank, SSN, mailing address, home phone, business phone, and your E-Mail address to Capt. John M. Tuszl: [Tuszl@Worldnet.att.net](mailto:Tuszl@Worldnet.att.net) or 9416 Cascade CT., Boynton Beach, FL. 33437 or 561-736-4546. Capt. Tuszl is putting together a data base list of all AEO's. Squadron Commanders are requested to ensure

that this information is submitted. If you don't have an AEO, appoint one. If your AEO doesn't have E-Mail capability, please submit an E-M address of someone who will pass the information to the AEO.



"Shades of Green" at Disney World, Orlando is not like any other Armed Forces Recreation Resort that this Editor has ever seen. Imagine a wooded setting, oversized spacious rooms with balconies, championship golf, lighted tennis courts, two heated swimming pools, excellent restaurants, lounge, and many other amenities plus free transportation to all Walt Disney World attractions. It's a magical DOD facility that is also available to CAP members. The hotel phone is 407-824-3400.



Florida Wing Group #1 has its Aerospace Education Web Page up and running. It is diverse, graphically exciting and very informative. You can view it at <http://members.aol.com/groupaeo/aeo.htm> Two thumbs up for Major Dale Robinson's efforts.



Florida Wing Group #5 Commander, LTC. Charles Krout comments on the 'halfiversary' of the new group. Guidance and training to Squadrons has shown progress, particularly in Cadet activities....thanks to the efforts of LTC. Tom Kantor. The limiting factor to further achievement is the dearth of quali-

fied volunteers willing to shoulder the responsibility of training their co-members, and perhaps themselves, to contribute to the growth and professionalism of their unit and Group.



Thanks to all the PAO's, Commanders and members who regularly provide timely and newsworthy inputs for this newsletter. From the volume of news articles you send, I can only conclude that CAP is not yet the best known volunteer organization in the country, but we are certainly no longer the best kept secret. Congratulations to you and keep the news pouring in.



LTC. Valerie Brown, Major Suzann Gray and Capt. Sharon Kingsley are now polishing the multi-faceted gem of a program for the Florida Wing 1999 Conference. This conference will be truly innovative. There will be seminars for the advanced as well as novice members. Seminar speakers will not be principally from CAP, but will feature speakers from external agencies to include Florida Emergency Management, Air Force Association, American Red Cross, Young Astronauts, U.S. Coast Guard, FAA, FEMA, DEA, Embry Riddle University, to name but a few. Cadet programs will also hold a keen interest for their parents. Be assured, this will be a 'must attend' conference.





## From The **MAILBAG**

"EYES IN THE SKY" was another lengthy illustrated news article in the News Leader about the various activities of the Fernandina Beach Squadron. Having been kept apprised of the hundreds of volunteer hours expended and success of completed missions performed, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners recently increased the annual budget allocation for the squadron by nearly 600%

**Lt. Col. Gerald Kawecki**  
Commander

The CAP Aerospace Education had a major display at the Florida Association of Science Teachers [FAST] conference in Tampa that was seen by over 1000 teachers. This was the largest annual recruiting of teachers effort that FLWG has ever accomplished. A list of Aerospace Education Members in the CAP will be published in a future issue of FLORIDA FACTS so that CAP members will be able to determine how many and which teachers are from their areas.

**Capt. Gene Olson**  
SER-FL-084

All Maintenance Officers should be certain that they have the 1 September 98 FLORIDA SUPPLEMENT to CAPR 66-1, CIVIL AIR PATROL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT. Work Order Authorizations and Requirements have

been supplemented. Additionally, Corporate aircraft assigned to units will be expected to maintain a utilization minimum rate of 15 hours/month.

**Lt. Col Waldy Malouf**  
FLWG Maintenance Officer

Former Southeast Region Director of Aerospace Education, William R. Bean Jr. has been named Director of CAP Cadet Programs. From CAP HQ at Maxwell AFB, Bean will oversee the programs and activities designed to motivate and develop the more than 26,000 cadets through physical fitness, leadership training, moral and ethical guidance, and aerospace education.

In '97, Bean retired from a 30 year career in the USAF. The former active duty colonel brings a wealth of international and educational experience to Cadet Programs. His tours of duty included assignments in England, Norway, and Southeast Asia. In Vietnam, his F-4 was shot down and he was held for 10 months as a prisoner of war.

**Charlotte M. Crowe**  
Chief, Public Relations

Senior members and cadets from Group 6, assisted members of "Challenge Air" in their second annual "Flights of Freedom" to

provide the opportunity for seriously ill and disabled children to have free airplane rides. Fifty children from Ronald McDonald House charities along with the Civil Air Patrol, Southwest Airlines and volunteer pilots teamed together to make it all possible. To watch the faces of children afflicted with cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Autistic, and Muscular Dystrophy light up with joy was an emotional experience for all.

**Major Harvey D. Bennett**  
Group 6 PAO

The Air Force received help from Civil Air Patrol members recently. 20 CAP cadets built smoke and carbon monoxide detector units for us. They also helped build facilities at Thunder Village at MacDill AFB. They saved us approximately a week's worth of labor. Congratulations to the 8089th CAP Squadron, the Skyway Bridge Composite Squadron, and Lt. Col. David Lawson for their efforts to help the Air Force and for their continued participation in this project.

**2 Lt. Matthew Coleman, USAF**  
MacDill AFB, FL

Hi out there! Hope everyone had a glorious holiday....now on to the millennium!

**Maj. Cindy Butler, Colorado WG PAO**

# COMMANDER PINEDA APPOINTS NEW GROUP FIVE COMMANDER

**O**n 10 December Colonel Tony Pineda announced the appointment of Lt. Col Larry S. Henderson as the Commander of Group 5. "Col. Henderson has been a diligent officer and has performed in an outstanding manner during his service on the Florida Wing staff. I am extremely pleased that he has accepted the challenge of this new assignment", stated Col. Pineda.

Group 5 is composed of the Lehigh Acres Cadet Squadron, Naples Senior Squadron, Lee County Composite Squadron, County Composite Squadron, Naples Cadet Squadron and the Marco Island Senior Squadron.

LTC. Henderson commented, "I was truly appreciative of Col. Pineda having considered me for this command position. It is somewhat of a 'deja vu' for me since I had formerly served as Group 8 Commander from 1988 to 1991. Though I had some hesitancy, I decided it would be an honor and a gratifying experience to be a Group Commander serving on Col. Pineda's team."

LTC. Henderson's vitae of his career in the Civil Air Patrol fills many pages, even in small print. He joined the CAP in July 1983. He was the Commander of the Ft. Myers Senior Squadron from

1985 to 1986. He then became Senior Programs Officer of Group 8. In recognition of his capabilities, he was appointed to Deputy Commander and finally Commander.

His CAP career continued with his joining the Florida Wing Inspector General's staff. Larry has continuously served since 1993 as an Inspector General Assistant for five Wing Commanders. Col Henderson is a SAR/DR pilot, a Counter-Narcotic pilot and a Command pilot. He is also a Master Operations Specialist.

Though his appointment just became official, Col. Henderson evidenced his zeal by already having developed an organizational plan of action. Immediately after the holidays, he intends to visit each of the squadrons. He will be recruiting members interested in serving on Group 5 staff. His goal is to start from scratch and to build a full complement of staff officers whose objective will be to fulfill Florida Wing's program of improved service to the units and their members. He will also meet with all the Group's squadron commanders to structure a supra-team that will make Group 5 one of the outstanding groups in the state.

To better gear up for this new command and its related responsibilities, Col. Henderson's two daughters are computer specialists and they will be

setting up a computer system and communications system at his home. He wants to be readily available to all Group 5 members and to speed up communications through extensive use of E-Mail and FAX.

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## **SOUTHEAST REGION APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR**

NHQ advised that Major Kathy Baucum has been named Southeast Region Director of Aerospace Education. She will support CAP's aerospace education programs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Puerto Rico. Baucum's duties include conducting outreach programs with teachers and school systems, organizing workshops, planning aerospace field trips and flight experiences, and developing aerospace education materials and programs.

Director Baucum will serve as regional hostess at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in Orlando in April. Florida Wing will be serving as state host to NCASE '99.

Major Baucum is a former high school and college instructor. She became active in the CAP Aerospace Education soon after her sons joined the organization.

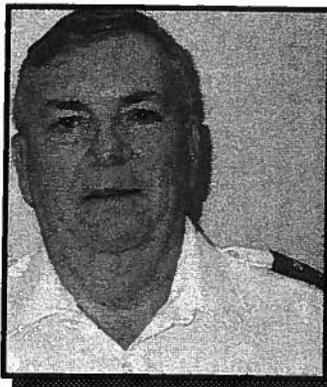
# WE'RE BACK ON LINE

It is good to be back in Florida Wing again. The Communications staff is putting together the updates for the Emergency Communications Plan, the Communications Training Plan, and the Repeater Plan. These plans should be available for distribution after the first of the year.

In December, I conducted a Communications Staff Meeting at MacDill Air Force Base. In attendance were all Group Communications Officers, and Alternate Net Control Operators. I always welcome any comments or suggestions pertaining to communications. In the future, pass your comments to your Group Communications Officer or Wing Communications Staff Officers. They will then directly reach me.

Presently we are looking at equipment utilization throughout the Wing. Lt. Col. Ed Wolff Jr., Assistant Director of Communications, distributed three documents to Group Commanders, Group Communications Officers, and Wing Staff Officers. This information should also be passed to the Squadron Communications Officers. I would appreciate a quick response so that we can determine where we stand on equipment. We are finding that some members who are assigned Corporate CAP HF radios are not using them, at least on our Florida Wing nets. If you have corporate equipment, I recommend you start using it or it will be reassigned.

Lt. Rick Beaver is working on APRS and Air Video. Anyone with interest in these areas should contact Rick. We would like to put together a program where we have APRS in each aircraft and video in select aircraft to be used at search bases.



Maj. James Elston  
Communications Officer

Lt. Gordon Nelson, Wing Net Manager is looking for volunteers for Alternate Net Control. If anyone is interested, please contact Gordon.

Major Sue Gray, Wing Licensing Officer, is organizing the Communications Roster for 1999. If you have any changes in call signs or personal information, submit a FLWG Form21 for updates and changes. Forms are available from Sue.

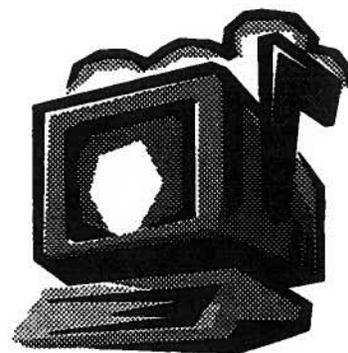
Lt. Col. Ken Massey is the Wing Frequency Manager. Group Communications Officers, if you have any changes in your repeater status such as location changes, notify Ken. This is important. We don't want to be left behind when the new equipment becomes available.

The Communications Staff is still looking for a Monitoring Officer; candidates must be able to monitor all assigned frequencies. If anyone is interested, contact Lt. Col. Ed Wolff Jr.

*Things coming down the pike.....*I have been advised that Florida Wing will receive some additional HF radios to replace the older radios. When they arrive, we will be going through the equipment roster and replacing as needed. We are receiving a number of VHF radios from another federal agency that is converting to narrow band. We should get at least five years of use out of these radios. After they are received and programmed, they will be issued first to corporate vehicles, then Squadron Headquarters, then members. I will keep you updated on the progress.

The Communications Staff thanks you for your past participation and we look forward to your continued support during this new year.

# E-MAIL EMISSIONS



Group 3's Web Page is worth seeing at <http://members.aol.com/FLGroup3/HomePage.html>

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Capt. Joseph Trotzig, Marco Island Senior Squadron has noticed that take-offs are optional and landings are mandatory; the first thing every pilot does after making a gear-up landing is to put the gear handle down; and a "good" landing is one which you walk away from. A "great" landing is one which lets you use the airplane another time.

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Lt. Col. Roger Thomas, Wing Historian, used Major Dale Robinson's Aerospace Education Web Page for a presentation to Chinese educators from the Chinese Society of Astronautics and Aeronautics [CSAA] in Zuhai, China at AIRShow China98, their second ever international air show.

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1 Lt. Cristy Woodruff, Public Affairs Officer of Willow Run Composite Squadron, Michigan writes, "For the first time in four years I am at a loss for ideas of things to write about in my squadron newsletter "The Liberator". What I'm looking for, in a way, is some source for ideas. I've got an entire year ahead of me and that means 12 issues of new and better "Liberator". **Ed. Note: Lt. Woodruff will be receiving copies of "FLORIDA FACTS" in the hope it helps.**

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In Florida Facts, Issue 3, Squadron Commander Major K. David Clark from Norfolk Composite Squadron, Virginia asked if anyone had the music to the CAP Song. Major Vivian Olson advises that Pinellas Senior Squadron has the sheet music in the Historian file. She said she would be pleased to forward it if an address were provided.

**Ed. Note: The E-Mail address is: -**

**[kdclark@rocketmail.com](mailto:kdclark@rocketmail.com)**

Now Major Barbara Mathews would like to receive an actual band arrangement-score and parts. Her E-Mail ad-

dress is [bmathews@primenet.com](mailto:bmathews@primenet.com).

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"I want to offer a huge thanks to the members of SRQ Composite Squadron and Sarasota-Bradenton Composite Squadron for their help in the Manatee County EOC. I spoke with the Director of Public Safety and she told me all of the members were very professional and all the cadets were very well mannered. It's good to see us all band together in time of need."

**1 Lt. Dennis Valone  
Group 3, ES Staff/Paramedic**

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Squadron Number SER-FL-123 has been deactivated. Its personnel have been transferred to SER-FL-293, Patrick Composite Squadron, Group 4. SER-FL-999, Florida Legislative Squadron is a new addition.

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"an excellent job with FLORIDA FACTS newsletter. I appreciate it."

**Major Dale Robinson  
SER-FL-423**

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Capt. Carl Jordan wonders if anyone would volunteer to organize a Pre-1946 Cadet alumni group. He's sure some camaraderie, great stories and backgrounds would evolve. If anyone is interested, contact Capt. Jordan at:

**[captcarl@sunline.net](mailto:captcarl@sunline.net)**

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The Stan/Eval Web Page is up and running at <http://www.se.mediaone.net/~flwgdov>. This has the most current pilot authorizations and ops memos. The Web Page is updated regularly.

**Major Luis Garcia, FLWG DOV**

# IN RECOGNITION



## **BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR** **Cadet Gregory B. Auerbach**

For conspicuous heroic action on 5 May 1998. While driving enroute to his regular squadron meeting, Cadet Auerbach noticed smoke coming from the garage of a private home. As he stopped to investigate, he noticed a child at the door with a portable phone. She stated that her phone had gone dead while trying to call 911. She told him her mother and two other people were in the house. Cadet Auerbach tried to call for assistance on his CAP radio and when he could not get through, switched to a ham repeater to report the fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Cadet Auerbach entered the house and located the woman trying to get two bedridden patients into wheelchairs. Cadet Auerbach then helped the woman get one of the patients out of the house and returned to the smoke filled structure for the second patient. Cadet Auerbach's quick thinking, heroic action, and willingness to risk his own safety to save others reflect great credit upon himself, Florida Wing, and Civil Air Patrol

## **SQUADRON OF MERIT - 1998**

- \* Clearwater Composite Squadron

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

- \* Lt. Col. Lynne A. Puglise [First Bronze]
- \* Capt. Jayson M. Jenkins

## **COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION**

- \* Lt. Col. Frank E. White [First Bronze]
- \* Lt. Col. Roman Kolody

## **BILLY MITCHELL AWARD**

Joseph Parilo, Dolphin Sq. and promoted to C/FO

## **CHARLES E. YEAGER AWARD**

S/Sgt. Scott L. Jung	2 Lt. Richard Stephens
S/M Sharon L. Aquanno	2 Lt. Danny A. Swan
S/M Mark C. Demshock	2 Lt. Dan Thompson
S/M Pat R. Burcham	1 Lt. Diane B. Meares
S/M Edward M. Kasper	1 Lt. Virginia Saxman
2 Lt. Doyle Harpster	Capt. Lawrence A. Gaulkin
2 Lt. Denise Herndon	Maj. Arthur G. Hasler
2 Lt. Daia L. Jung	Maj. Donald A. Shearer
2 Lt. Ron E. Kane	Maj. John V. Wholley
2 Lt. Robert K. Lynch	Lt. Col. Ruth C. Hubert
2 Lt. Joan Marie Morales	Lt. Col. Ivan L. Reddington

## **THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY**

### **OCTOBER**

- October 1947 - USAF Major General Lucas V. Bean establishes peacetime role for CAP.
- 2 October 1991 - Major Clay Reid and Major James Mathews fatally crash during a life-saving mission.
- October 1991 - Last edition of 'Gator CAPers newsletter is published.

### **NOVEMBER**

- November 1969 - USAF Brig. Gen. Richard N. Ellis becomes eleventh National Commander.
- November 1995 - U.S. Congressman Porter Goss visits CAP facilities in Collier County.

### **DECEMBER**

- December 1903 - Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully do it!
- December 1941 - Director Fiorello LaGuardia, Office of Civil Defense, creates Civil Air Patrol. HAPPY 57th, CAP!
- December 1943 - 284 L-4's loaned to CAP by Army Air Corps for pilot cadet recruiting. By early 1944, program exceeds expectations and more than the quota are recruited.

# PULPIT TO PEN

I think that 1999, will be like no other year in recent memory. What makes it so special is that it is the last year of this century. The 20th century has been a century of terrible conflict, great achievement, and significant changes in political, economic, social, religious and cultural systems the world over. Some good, some not so good, however, all these changes have influenced the way we understand each other as a world community. In 1999, I suspect that there will be a lot of folks hard at work, putting the finishing touches to current projects and getting ready for the new millennium.



Lt. Col. Ralph E Rivers  
Florida Wing Chaplain

Which brings me to some things I would like to encourage each of us to try to accomplish during 1999. Some will be easy, others will take a little doing. The bottom line is to make our involvement in Civil Air Patrol a satisfying, rewarding personal experience. Involvement in CAP needs to be a good, worthwhile experience. If your reason for belonging is still exciting, then you are in good shape. If your reason for belonging has become tarnished by the day-to-day operations, then go back and reinvigorate your earlier excitement for the corporate mission that first attracted you to CAP. I have to revisit my reasons for being involved regularly to make sure I have not allowed distractions to get in the way of the program!

Ever so often I need to re-energize my duty station. Maybe you should as well. It's easy to get caught up in the hum drum of the routine. It is for me and I'm guessing that it is for you. Then I remember what somebody told me a long time ago about life. Life is made up of mostly days like every other day, sprinkled with a day of excitement and challenge once in a while. I think it is what the Holy Book refers to as being tried in the crucible of life.

In 1999, I think it would be a good idea for me to recall the era which brought Civil Air Patrol into existence. CAP didn't start out being an organization that gave folks something to do. CAP came into being because folks felt compelled to meet a pressing need of our nation, our communities, and of our young people. CAP is unusual, our mission is a peaceful mission. We accomplish our mission at great personal expense of financial resource, time spent away from our families, sleepless nights during search and rescue assignments, and personal property dedicated to the CAP mission. The pay is definitely not in dollars. The payback is satisfaction for a job well done in providing a service that makes a difference in the lives of so many people.

One of the lessons in the Bible is about a workman who does not need to be ashamed. I hope that during 1999, all of us will find our work in CAP will be satisfactory and of which we can be proud.

I look forward to meeting you personally. **Peace and a good year to us all!**

# NEWS FLASH!

NHQ is headlong into implementing the new membership database. This database along with the current financial system are two vital parts of an integrated CAP information system. Each member needs to review personal data for accuracy. If any information is incorrect, notify the appropriate office at NHQ by letter, or E-Mail or by annotating an end-of-month report. {Please, do not call.}

The newspapers for each student and teacher are delivered each school day. There are weekly curriculum guide updates for each teacher and there is no expense to the school system.

director of Mission Support, Paul Capicik at [pcapick@cap.af.mil](mailto:pcapick@cap.af.mil)

A nationwide CounterDrug Customs and DEA orientation will be held in the first quarter of 1999. Applicants must have two years in CAP, attained Level II, and have an aircrew mission rating. Application Form [CAPF 83], Aircrew Profile [14-1991] and copy of both sides of ES 101 card showing aircrew mission rating must be submitted no later than 15 February 1999. The earlier the better to: CAP CD Operations, P.O. Box 307, Marco Island, FL 34146.

If any phone company Service Technician calls to advise that they are running a test of your phone line and to complete the test he needs you to touch nine [9], zero [0], pound sign [#] and hang up - DON'T DO IT... IT'S A SCAM. It allows them to place long distance calls that are then charged to your bill.

Preparation for AGOS99 [Air Ground Operations School] is well underway. Primary staff will be Maj. Steve Bell, Commander; LTC. Donald Wood, Deputy Commander; and Capt. Frank Haas, Project Officer. AGOS will be at Camp Blanding Training Site near Starke, Fl. during the first or second week of August.

C/Lt. Col. Richard Martin learned that the Florida Wing Cadet Conference Web Page has been selected as the South East Region's Web Page of the Month. Check it out at <http://brill.acomp.usf.edu/~martin>

The Air Force Association is introducing a new educational program for grades 4, 5, and 6 called "Vision of Exploration". This is an 18 week multidisciplinary science, math, and social studies program which utilizes the USA TODAY newspaper.

NHQ BBS was discontinued on 1 December and the DOS based NINQ program is no longer available. To view member data, you have to download MS Access files from the NHQ WebSite. Direct all questions to NHQ Di-

FLWG Adm. Asst. Lt. Col. Valerie Brown states that effective immediately, the new mailing address for FLWG HQ is P.O. Box 246210, Pembroke Pines, Fl 33024-0120. All CAP mail is to be sent to this address and NOT to MacDill AFB.

# YOU ARE MORE THAN WHAT YOU EAT!

American's are blessed and cursed with an abundance of food. The average citizen of the U.S. consumes in one week the calories most of the rest of the world's persons would eat in two months. In addition, most of the calories we take in are useless or detrimental to our health. It is estimated that in the U.S. we eat way too much fat, salt, sugar, and much too little fiber, vitamins and minerals.

Our nutritional scientists have long warned of serious health effects of this kind of abuse. In the 1940's warnings were published about increased death and disease from diabetes, heart disease, and other effects of a high-fat caloric diet. Over the last fifty years, the medical community has watched aghast at the rapid degradation in the physical and mental abilities of our citizens. As science prophecies are realized before our eyes in less than one generation, we see enormous commercial pressure to accelerate the trend toward an unhealthy diet.

What are you doing personally to stop this? If you saw 2/3's of the children in your community starving, would you do anything to stop it? Yet if you look in any lunchroom in any American school, with a nutritionist's eye, that is exactly what you would see.

As members of CAP we should pride ourselves as individuals who accept responsibility for educating and developing our community. We are in a unique position to lead the youth in the communities we serve into lifestyle choices that will benefit our whole society in the future. Science is warning us that we must change this trend toward overeating in order to survive, and we in CAP should be the first to answer with positive action.

There is now ample evidence that the human body performs far better on 1500 calories a day than 2500. For many reading this, 1500 calories sound like a pitifully small amount. However, those calories that we eat from pork, beef, eggs, whole dairy products, and white bread are low in bulk, which allows us to stuff more in. We even slather on loads of oil, mayon-

naise, and other fats which add hundreds of extra calories. One pound of peas has less than 500 calories. How many of us could eat that much in the time it takes to eat a Wendy's chicken breast sandwich with the same amount of calories [mostly fat]?

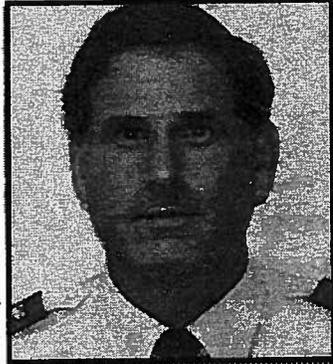
The time of day we eat also determines how our food is used. If you eat a large supper, then watch TV and go to bed, what do you think your body will do with those calories? The waistline of most adults in Western societies should answer that one for you.

The human body is a marvelous product of adaptation to an environment where food was scarce, mostly vegetarian, and which required a lot of work from each individual to get enough. Those of us who deny our heritage with excess calories, excess fat, and insufficient fiber will never

be able to perform as we are designed. It is our job in CAP to be prepared for maximum performance in our missions. We also need to take the lead in demonstrating good dietary habits so we can pass them to the future generation in our charge. This goal should be as important as any CAP members have.

Make a diary of what you eat in a week. Look up the calorie content of what you are eating. Check how many calories are from fat, it should be NO MORE than 20% of the total calories. How much salt do you REALLY get from meat and sauces in addition to what you shake on your food? And do you ever try to eat food BEFORE dumping salt or sauce on it? You may find your body will be happier without all the added gunk. If you can do these things, I guarantee you will need doctors a lot less and feel much better. If our cadets-who are the pride of CAP- do it, they will be rewarded with a much longer, healthier, and productive life. Then they will be better able to take better care of us and our country in the future.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Sincerest apologies to the Gaulkins' son David, a CAP Cadet who, in the last issue of FLORIDA FACTS, was incorrectly replaced by a non-existent second daughter.



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



Submitted by Lt. Col. Valorie Brown

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NEW YEAR TO YOU AND THOSE DEAR TO YOU**

*Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda and the Florida Wing Staff*

<b>9 January</b>	<b>Florida Wing Tabletop SARX - Lake Composite Squadron</b>
<b>16 - 17 January</b>	<b>Aircrew Training - Patrick Air Force Base</b>
<b>24 January</b>	<b>Group 4 Banquet - Patrick Air Force Base</b>
<b>29 - 31 January</b>	<b>McCoy Cadet Squadron - ES Training</b>
<b>4 - 5 February</b>	<b>Air/War Symposium, Palace Hotel, Lake Buena Vista</b>
<b>6 February</b>	<b>Florida Wing Tabletop SARX - Lake Composite Squadron</b>
<b>20 February</b>	<b>Group 3 Banquet - MacDill Air Force Base</b>
<b>13 March</b>	<b>Florida Wing SAREVAL-Lake Composite Squadron</b>
<b>20 March</b>	<b>Counter Drug Customs and DEA Orientation</b>
<b>8 - 10 April</b>	<b>32nd National Congress on Aviation and Space Education - Orlando</b>
<b>11 - 17 April</b>	<b>Sun 'N' Fun - Lakeland Airport</b>
<b>TBA May</b>	<b>Florida Wing Conference - Orlando</b>
<b>7 - 14 August</b>	<b>Air Ground Operations School {AGOS} - Camp Blanding Training site</b>
<b>TBA August 2000</b>	<b>National Board Meeting - Orlando</b>

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