

Civil Air Patrol

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HAPPY 59TH BIRTHDAY, CAP!

The Civil Air Patrol was officially organized by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and assigned to the Office of Civil Defense directed by New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia on December 1, 1941 - six days before the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

During World War II, more than 150,000 members of CAP volunteered their time, resources and talents to defend the nation's borders. Prior to CAP's formation, the German submarine wolf packs found the east coast to be a 'turkey shoot'. 147 tankers and freighters carrying vital war supplies were torpedoed and sent to the bottom within sight of New York and New Jersey beaches. One surfaced sub actually motored into outer New York Harbor.

CAP's Coastal Patrol began as a 90-day experiment at the three submarine 'hotspots' - Atlantic City, New Jersey, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Lantana, Florida. After an aircrew watched in vain as a grounded sub off Cape Canaveral, Florida escaped before the bombers arrived, CAP planes were fitted with bombs and depth charges.

Known as the "Flying Minutemen", these male and female volunteers flew more than half a million hours, located 173 German submarines, attacked 57, reportedly hit ten and sank two. Twenty-one CAP Coastal Patrol bases from Maine to Texas had soon deterred close-in submarine operations. By August 31, 1943, it was time for CAP's Coastal Patrol to stand down. A German commander later confirmed that coastal U-boat operations were withdrawn "because of those damned little red and yellow airplanes."

On July 1, 1946 President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 476 of the 76th Congress incorporating Civil Air Patrol and in May, 1948 CAP became a permanent civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

Today the Civil Air Patrol has three primary missions - Search & Rescue, Aerospace Education and Cadet Program.

Search & Rescue - CAP members perform more than 85 percent of all United States Air Force inland missions. These

missions may involve searching for missing aircraft, adults and children; airlifting blood, medications and civil or relief officials to disaster areas. Rescue and air evacuation of stranded, sick or injured are provided during floods, wild fires, hurricanes and other emergencies. Civil

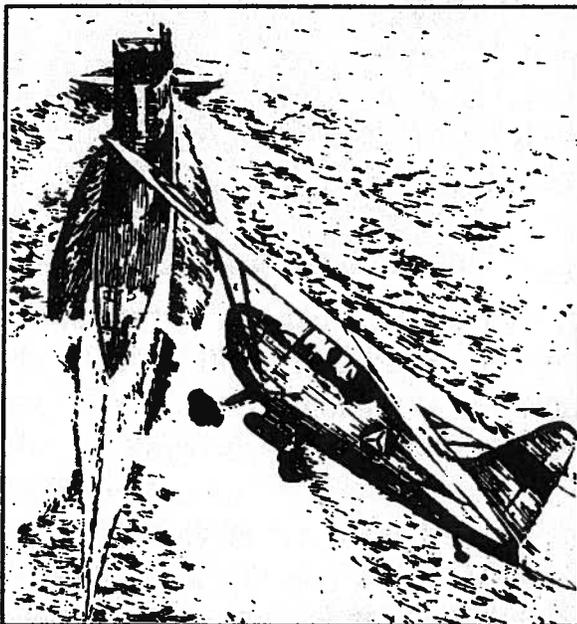
Air Patrol also maintains a nationwide network of short-wave radio stations. This network provides an invaluable backup to state and local emergency operations centers.

Aerospace Education - Promotes an understanding and appreciation of the importance of aviation and space exploration as it relates to society and national security. Every year, thousands of educators are prepared to teach aerospace subjects in local public and private schools through more than 200 workshops, and the National Congress on Aerospace Education, which is sponsored by CAP and supported by the U.S. Air Force.

Cadet Program - Designed to inspire the nation's youth to become leaders and dynamic American citizens through an interest in flying.

1994 marked the introduction of the CAP Drug Demand Reduction Program. CAP is promoted to students as an alternative lifestyle; encourages youth to remain in school, educates youth on the hazards of drugs; provides alternative activities to drugs.

CAP presently has in excess of 23,000 teenage cadets and more than 38,000 senior members. All are unpaid professional volunteers whose only remuneration is satisfaction with the knowledge that we are far better prepared to serve our community than in the 59 years of our history. Twenty new gliders have been added to the CAP fleet of 530 aircraft. Many thousands of our nation's family are alive and well having been saved by CAP members. We are all members of the same family and as such are there for each other. All too many of our CAP members have given their lives in fulfillment of our CAP missions. They instill in us the dedication and purpose to serve.



CAP anti-submarine patrol, a mission of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Each Fall I look forward to visiting the Check Pilot School in Lakeland. It isn't often that we have so many of our aircraft in one place with the pilots who keep them safely flying our missions.

Obie Young and the FAA Flight Safety Center staff contribute their facilities for our use and give us their full support. Each year at this training session, our flight safety standards are set and reinforced. Florida Wing is truly grateful to Col Andrew Skiba, National Headquarters; Col Walt Schamel, Southeast Region DOV; Majors Luis Garcia and Russ Reichmann for making this annual course an outstanding success.



COL ANTONIO PINEDA
Florida Wing Commander

search. Support was also provided by the Red Cross and Salvation Army. After fourteen days, when all possible resources had been exhausted, the mission was placed on stand-down.

Whenever a tragedy like this occurs, many of our members respond to the call-up. We were at a unique advantage by having so many personnel and aircraft already reporting to the area. Members responded from 53 different squadrons in Florida

for this mission, from 7 out of our 8 Groups. I will never be able to properly thank each and every one of you who participated, but I must recognize certain members and units who rendered service 'above and beyond'. Capt. John Bayne and Capt Chip Maher who served as Incident Commanders; Lt Col Don Wood, Director of Emergency Services who was on-site for nearly all of the mission; Capt George Schaefer and Lt Col Mike Brown, Air Operations Directors; Captains George Navarini and Trish Turner, Mission Public Information Officers; Major Steve Bell, Group 5 Commander; 1Lt Arnold Noorlander, Central Florida Composite Squadron involved in every phase including search boat crew member with the Polk County Sheriff's Office; 1 Lt Marshall Naquin, Ground Team Leader and Major David Younce, 1Lt Heather Taracka, Lt Col David Mosley, TFO John Moore, SM Mike Goblet and 1Lt Melody Klears. Capt Ray

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This year, on the same day that our CAP pilots began safely arriving at Lakeland, a general aviation pilot who took off from Winter Haven Airport for a local fly-around was reported overdue. That evening was the kick-off of one of the longest missing aircraft search missions in recent Florida history.

The mission combined the assets of many organizations in addition to the Civil Air Patrol. The Polk County Sheriff not only devoted air and marine resources, but facilities as well for our mission base. U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, The Flagler County SAR team with search dog, U.S. Air Force from Patrick AFB with Forward Looking Infrared Radar [FLIR] and U.S. Navy helicopter with Magnetic Anomaly Detector [MAD] all assisted in the

Meyers flew his personal, CAP equipped, aircraft each day as did the Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron's aircraft and air crew. A truly outstanding effort by all of the 107 CAP volunteers and 15 aircraft.

This type of mission highlights the need for all of our members to remain "Always Vigilant", as our motto states. A high level of preparedness, training and maintenance of our assets allows us to respond to mission demands quickly and effectively. I cannot adequately stress the importance of proper maintenance and documentation for every aircraft and vehicle in our CAP fleet. Each and every day, we must perform the tasks, including the paperwork, that keeps our organization fully functional and mission ready.

It is not enough to have personnel, aircraft and vehicles capable of responding. We must be able to locate them efficiently and effectively. Wing Alerting Officers are now linked through our Nextel network for priority communication. We have learned a great deal from the demands of this extended mission. The Emergency Services Team will have a debriefing in Orlando to evaluate how we can best apply our capabilities for future missions.

I am extremely pleased to announce appointments that I have recently made to Florida Wing Staff. I continue to seek out talent in every corner of the state to provide the best guidance and service for you, our members. Special appreciation must be extended to 2Lt Diane Reid, Director of Personnel; Capt Steve Drew, Aircraft Maintenance Officer; and Capt Ray Spengler, Logistics Officer. Each has taken on a demanding position with a great deal of responsibility toward

service to you. Lt Col Bob Masiker, Cadet Programs; 1Lt Ray Hayden, Professional Development; and Capt John Lynn, Aerospace Education have each brought new ideas and special energy to their new positions.

Finally, our Marketing and Public Relations team have made an even greater impact this year on our organization's image and level of recognition. Lt Col Buddy Harris continues to amaze us all as we redesign FLORIDA FACTS for the year 2001 toward making it more depictive of our outstanding wing. Capt George Navarini has raised the bar in news coverage throughout the state of our activities and accomplishments as he works continuously with our local units. Lt Col Jerry Glass has aided greatly with our Legislative Liaison.

Serving as the wing commander of one of the largest and most active wings in our nation is a most demanding and responsible position. It is obviously impossible for any wing commander to perform adequately and effectively without competent and dedicated executive staff. Words can't adequately express the gratitude that we all owe to our Vice Commander, Lt Col Richard Valone; Chief of Staff Lt Col Matt Sharkey and Vice Chief of Staff Major Eileen Parker. These individuals make themselves available to me at all times and accept their assignments with a level of responsibility and genuine intent to perform proficiently and professionally.

As a result of this level of dedication which permeates throughout the wing membership, our Florida Wing excels in nearly every area of evaluation by National Headquarters and the U.S. Air Force. I am extremely proud of each of you for your 'Service before Self'. May this New Year be the best of all for you.

PROP WASH

Great news! Col. Pineda announces that he is extremely pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response of the members and other readers to Florida Wing's FLORIDA FACTS.

The wing's newsletter serves as a communication medium and keeps every member apprised of critical news, current activities and planned events at the squadron, group, wing, region and national levels. Additionally, to the elected officials; U.S. Air Force secretariat and headquarters staff; U. S. Coast Guard Command; state and county emergency operations personnel; law enforcement officials and other local, state and national, interactive persons; it serves as an information medium relating to Civil Air Patrol services provided to our communities and our nation.

Each issue is a composite of hundreds of news stories submitted to FLORIDA FACTS by our

PAO's, squadron and group commanders and members-at-large. It also is a compendium of articles of interest and educational benefit to the readers.

To make this newsletter even more effective, Col. Pineda has budgeted and directed the Editor, Lt Col Buddy Harris to further enhance the newsletter by enlarging the staff, revising the masthead and other design layouts AND by printing in four color, as appropriate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In response to Wing Commander Pineda's directive, I am pleased to announce the following additions to the FLORIDA FACTS staff: former Chief of Staff Lt Col Valerie Brown as Feature Journalist and Captain Dan Thompson, Commander of the Brandon Cadet Squadron and Benito Middle School Flight as Director of Design and Production.

The first "new look" issue of FLORIDA FACTS in color will be released in April - the first

quarter of 2001.

There is a new Commanders Course available on-line at the National CAP website. Check this great course out at www.capnhq.gov.

1Lt Ray Hayden
FLWG Director-Professional Development

Major Frank Haas, Aviation Safety Counselor, Orlando FSDO and Group 4 Commander advises there is to be a new Control Tower at Leesburg Airport within three years. Currently the Leesburg Unicom is 122.725. All Air Crews make note!

Congratulations to 2Lt Becky McInnis for having received her appointment as Moral Leadership Officer.

Chaplain, Capt Dewey E Painter, Sr
Group Two Chaplain

A PAO Workshop is available at www.geocities.com/cap12184/files.htm. Lots of good new material.

Capt Jeremy Reynolds
Indiana Wing

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SQUADRON CLIPS

Florida Civil Air Patrol celebrated Red Ribbon Week as part of the Drug Demand Reduction Program. Lt Col Robert Masiker [left] inspects the



Red Ribbon worn by Cadet William T. Morden of the Boca Raton Cadet Squadron. The Red Ribbons were distributed to be worn on uniforms as our "Drug Free and Proud" message to the community and other youth in all middle and high schools.

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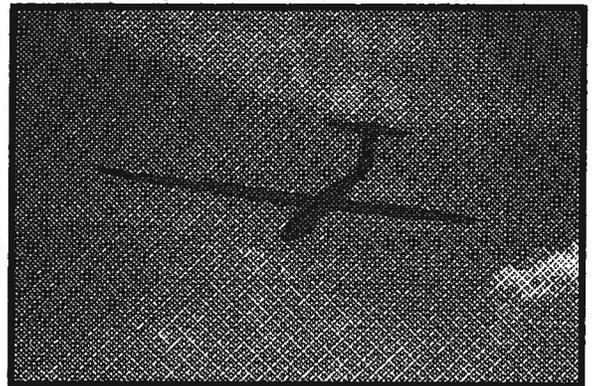
The Coral Springs Cadet Squadron is working diligently in constructing their new web page. An initial preview visit suggests it would not be a surprise if the squadron weren't the recipient of the second Florida Wing Website Merit Award. The URL is www.fl016.org

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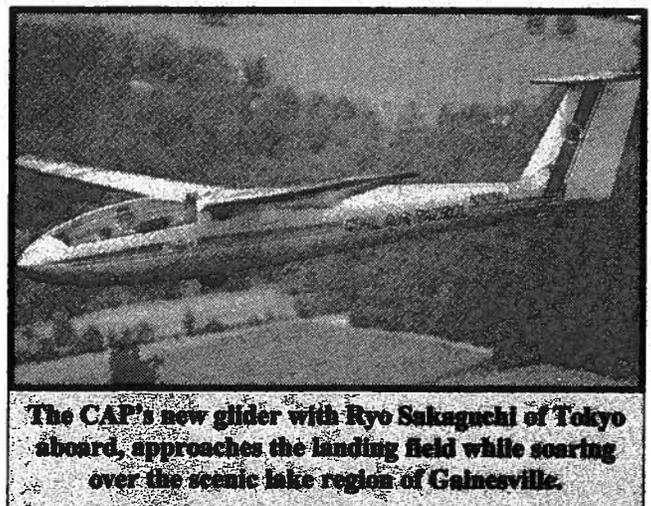
Capt Mark Malan, USAF A-10 pilot and formerly a Spaatz Award Cadet in the West Broward Composite Squadron, enroute from Korea to Germany, was a recent guest speaker at the Stuart Composite Squadron. Capt Malan underscored the fact that CAP transformed him as a typical young man undecided about his future and prepared him for entry into the United States Air Force Academy. Sharing his experiences as an attack pilot with an infectiousness and energetic enthusiasm totally mesmerized the members and their many parents who attended to hear him. In spite of the ceaseless questioning by the cadets, Capt Malan stated he was happy to talk to them and their parents and to answer any additional questions they might still have. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all.

1Lt Dee Cordova, Commander

Students from Japan, Norway, France and Switzerland had the 'glide of their lives' during the annual weeklong International Air Exchange Cadet program. The Gainesville Composite Squadron treated the foreign students to the thrill of glider flying at the Keystone Heights Airport. Towed into the air by a propeller driven airplane, the gliders caught dense currents of rising air, soared soundlessly between the clouds and then lazily spiraled downward to a smooth grass strip landing. This hands-on flight training with certified Glider Flight Instructors is part of the Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education Program.



The new L-23 Super Blanik CAP glider soars silently in the clouds in a smooth, high flight.



The CAP's new glider with Ryo Sakaguchi of Tokyo aboard, approaches the landing field while soaring over the scenic lake region of Gainesville.

S/M Susan King, PAO

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Twenty-three Cadets plus Senior members of the **Central Florida Composite Squadron** spent an awesome day at the Kennedy Space Center. The historic sites, technological wonders and wide variety of rockets and spacecraft seemed never ending. The first stop was LC-39 Observation Gantry. From here spectators get the best view of LC-39A which is the main launch pad NASA uses. The Apollo/Saturn V Center holds the 363 ft. Saturn V Moon Rocket, which is one of only three in existence. The recreated Firing Room that launched Apollo 8 preceded the bus ride to the International Space Station Center, where they actually saw the Space Station being built by technicians working in a 'Clean Room'. The trip was highlighted with the opportunity to take pictures with and get the autograph of one of the astronauts, following his story of Flight in Space.

C/MSgt Michael DeCampi

The Governor of the Palm Harbor Moose Lodge sent a letter to Lt Denise Litfin, Commander of the **Palm Harbor Cadet Squadron** which states in part, *"Many talk, but few are willing to dedicate themselves to charitable tasks that will benefit humanity. I am sure the subjects of your hard work are appreciative. It is reassuring that there are people like you who genuinely care about humanity."* This letter was prompted by many hours of community service generously provided by the squadron's cadets.

Treasure Coast Composite Squadron [TCCS] and **Stuart Composite Squadron** had the rare privilege of visiting the Sikorsky Aircraft Development Flight Center in Palm Beach County. This special tour was arranged by Maj Walt Lane, commander of the TCCS who formerly was Chief of Developmental Operations with Sikorsky. Fifteen attendees were treated to a visit to the Air Traffic Control Center, Hangar 6 which houses the S-92 and

Comanche helicopters. Throughout the day, Sikorsky personnel provided an informative and see/touch experience that was a definite plus in Aerospace Education programming.

To maintain the training inertia, both squadrons conducted a Ground Team Member [GTM] Training Exercise that was attended by 36 participants. All attendees successfully completed their GTM training in Land Survival, Land Navigation, Land Search Methods, Stress Management and First Aid/CPR. Six cadets went through Ground Team Leader [GTL] training and acted as GTL's during practice ELT and missing persons searches. They were observed by Maj George Del Rio, Maj Gary Owen and 1Lt Dee Cordova. All six successfully earned GTL 101 cards.

1Lt Dee Cordova, Commander
Stuart Composite Squadron

When the Emergency Operations Center in Bradenton was activated by the Office of the Governor, the **SRQ Composite Squadron's** four senior members and six cadets manned the EOC on Saturday for 51 man hours and two cadets and two seniors were on standby readiness for another 20 man hours. On Sunday, five seniors and seven cadets manned the center for 104 man hours with two seniors and six cadets on standby for an additional 80 man hours. CAP personnel answered phones in the Information and Special Needs section, assisted with food service for staff and other volunteers, ran errands, produced copies as needed, assisted in briefings, and provided relief for paid staff at the main switchboard.

With little time for rest, the **SRQ Composite Squadron** performed the POW/MIA ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. VFW Commander Ron White said, "I have never seen a more moving ceremony for the remembrance of our missing and lost comrades." Commander White then presented a \$1000 check to the **SRQ Squadron** for their cadet program. "The funds will go a long way in support of our cadet program," stated Maj William Brockman.

2Lt Patrick O'Key, PAO

ASA ASTRONAUT VISITS CAP SQUADRON

NASA Astronaut Rick Searfoss was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Central Florida Composite Squadron. Searfoss joined the astronaut force in 1990 and was pilot of STS-58, pilot of STS-76 and Commander of STS-90 in 1998. STS-90 was the most complex of all Spacelab missions NASA has flown. 26 science experiments focused on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system.

Col Searfoss received the squadron's patch designed by 1Lt David Palkowski from Deputy Commander 1Lt Arnold Noorlander. Searfoss said he would try to get the patch on a shuttle mission in the near future.

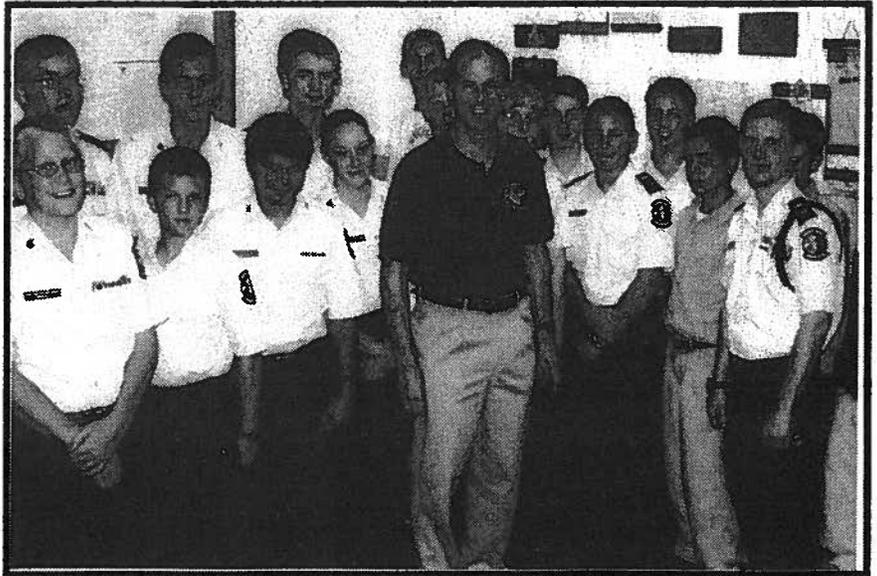
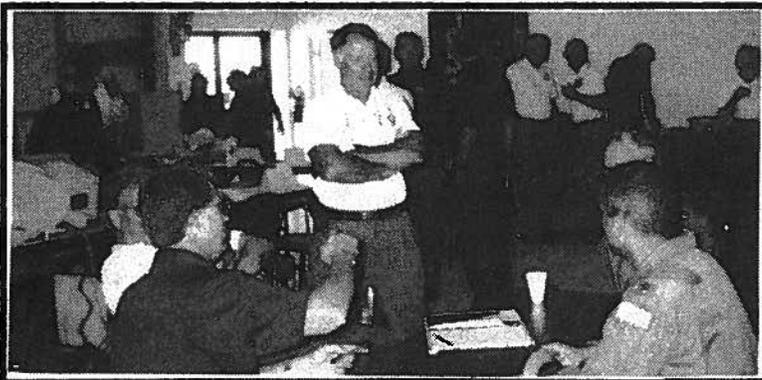


Photo and Story Submitted By
Capt Trish Turner, PAO



An EPIC [El Paso Intelligence Center] Digital Photo Training session was held at the FAA Aviation Safety Center in Lakeland. Thirteen CAP aircraft flew 39 training sorties and all participants attended two days of instructional training in safety, mission procedures, photography and computer downloading. Lt Col David Lawson, FLWG Counter Drug Officer and Capt. Christine Ferry coordinated the program and Capt Ray Spangler was the primary instructor. Lt Col Ernie Bilotto, Regional Counter Drug Director and National Counter

Drug Distance Learning Director emphasized that CAP has proved extremely important in the Counter Drug Program and each certified member must now become proficient in the use of digital cameras.. To date, CAP is credited with being responsible for billions of dollars of drugs not being available for distribution and sales.

Story by 1Lt Linda Marie Harrington
Photo by Major Al Ferraro, FLWG PAO

CAP SUPPORT CONTINUES FOR DMAT

CAP has supported Florida's Disaster Medical Assistance Team from its very beginning. DMAT's are composed of Emergency Room Doctors, Nurses, Surgeons, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists and other specialties required to establish and operate a field hospital in a disaster area. CAP has provided generators, tents, antennas, etc. plus communications and security personnel. Additionally, CAP members have been made up to appear injured so that the DMAT can practice with large numbers of 'injured' persons.

Lt Col David M. Mosely, Commander
Lake Composite Squadron

CAP's 60th ANNIVERSARY IS ON HORIZON

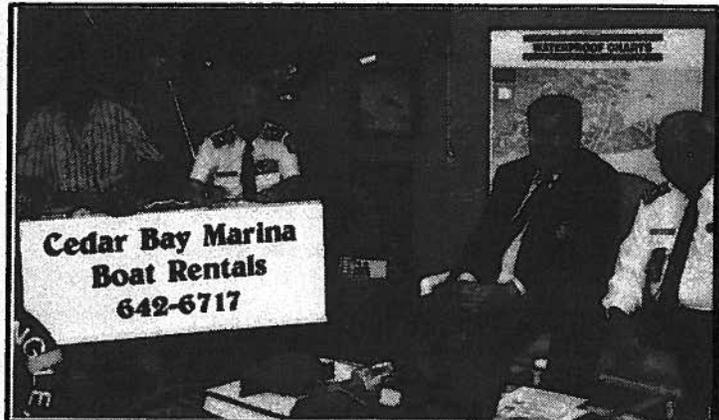
On December 1, 2001, CAP will celebrate its 60th anniversary. FLWG Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda, would like to have a special issue of FLORIDA FACTS which recalls CAP and Florida Wing from its beginning on that date to the present.

To make this special edition possible, we need photos and stories of your service from the 1940's era onward. Contrary to FLORIDA FACTS policy, each and every historical photo submitted will be returned to the sender in original condition. So start going through those photo albums, dig into those boxes stored in the attic, polish the dust off those framed certificates, start jotting down notes for your stories. Let's make our 60th year's newsletter a very special salute!

PHOTO MAT



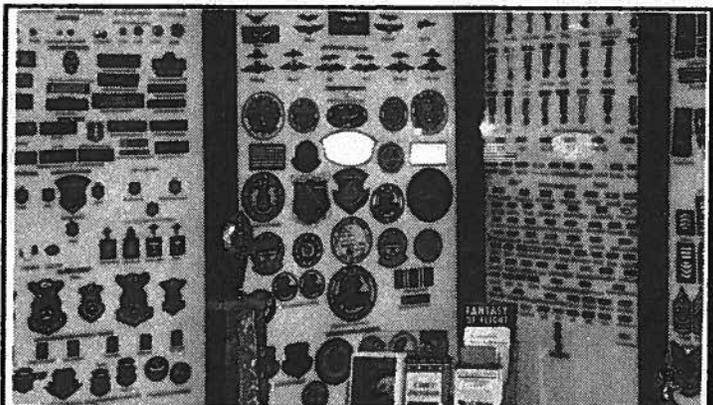
Cadets from Central Florida Composite Squadron and Valencia Cadet Squadron dressed like the Korean War Memorial statue in Washington, D.C. parade in the Orlando Veterans Day Parade. They were preceded by Mayor Glenda Hood who proclaimed the parade would be an annual event.



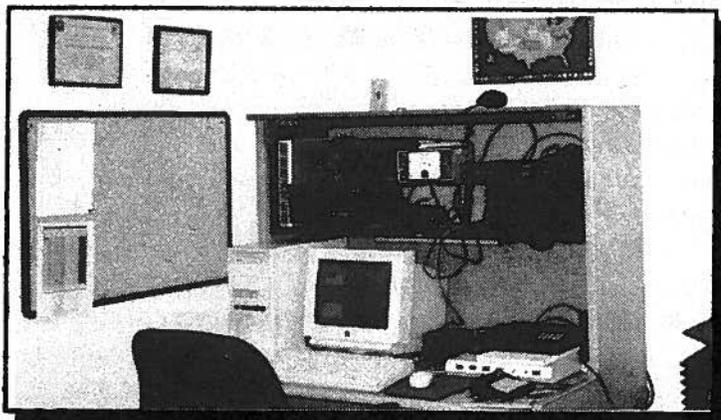
1 to r Naples Senior Squadron Commander, Maj Humbert Gressani, Marco Island Senior Squadron Commander, Lt Col Monte Lazarus, Florida Wing Staff Lt Col Buddy Harris and Red Stier, host of the long running, popular television show "Angler's Outlook", on the set during the live video take.



1 to r C/Lt Ben White receives the coveted Mitchell Award presented to him by NASA Astronaut Rick Scarfoss who was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Central Florida Composite Squadron.



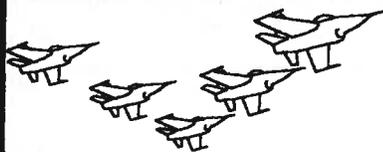
Partial display of all patches, medals, ribbons, wings, insignias, badges, rank epaulets and trophies that have been in use since the establishment of Civil Air Patrol in 1941. This fascinating display is in the newly refurbished headquarters' lobby of the Florida Wing at MacDill Air Force Base.



The Communications Base / Mission Base at the headquarters' of Florida Wing at MacDill Air Force Base is nearly complete. All AM/FM short wave, marine, avionics, narrowband and broadband radios are in place and operative.



At a recent Florida Wing Staff Meeting, Wing Commander, Col Antonio Pineda presented the Paul E. Garber Award to Lt Col S. Buddy Harris. This award is earned upon completion of Level IV Training.



FINAL FLIGHT

Major Bill Robinson
Lt Col Joseph Lill, Pinellas Senior Squadron
Capt Sanford Wolf, Pinellas Senior Squadron

These members who have entered into eternal rest have been important to the success of CAP in Florida Wing. Each in his or her own way made a difference in their families, their communities and in the causes they supported. It mattered that they were here and that's a great compliment to their spirit and determination. Each will be missed by those who knew them and those who benefited from their work.

We thank God for each of them and offer our prayers for their families, their friends, and for all who inherited their legacy of hard work, joy in fellowship, and collegial support.

May God raise up others to take their places, they will sorely be needed in days to come.

Lt Col Ralph Rivers, FLWG Chaplain

NEW PATCH FOR FLORIDA WING

Florida Wing's Alligator Patch, designed by the famous cartoonist Zack Mosely, is being retired after providing exemplary 'service'. The new patch, as designed by 2 Lt Robert Lynch and Capt Ray Spengler, is the CAP seal, that we all wear on the right breast of our flight suit and blue golf shirt, with a FLORIDA rocker arm centered above.



Retired Patch



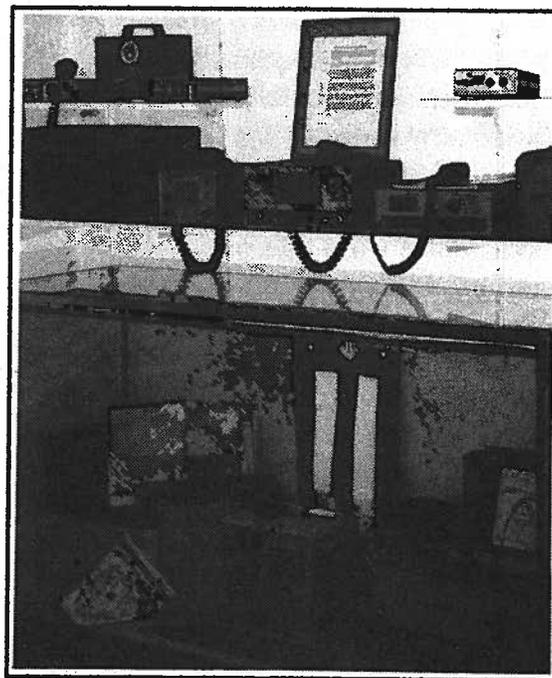
Newly Designed Patch

The new design was reviewed and approved by wing staff, group commanders, Southeast Region Commander and our National Commander. Sample patches have been produced by The Bookstore as well as Florida patch companies. Materials, colors, type font and size have been formalized and production is underway. Phase-out and phase-in for the patch will be gradual with CAP's 60th birthday, December 1, 2001, as the desired target date. An official directive will be forthcoming from Wing Commander Pineda.



MINI-MUSEUM IN WING HEADQUARTERS' LOBBY

As part of the major renovation and refurbishment that has been underway at Florida Wing's Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, a mini-museum has been set up in the lobby area. Visitors are greeted with a full wall display of vintage radios. The units are from circa 1943 to 2000. All the display items were contributed by Lt Col Ken McMahon, Skyline Senior Squadron.



Additionally a historic and complete patch and insignia display is installed. See photo on page 8.

WING'S WORDS OF WISDOM

There is now a thorough and complete training course in the art of locating Emergency Locator Transmitter [ELT's] from aircraft. This PowerPoint presentation is a must for current as well as prospective air crews. The URL is http://www.egroups.com/files/floridawinglist/air_df%2Ezip

Major A. J. "Marty" Sartin has recently moved to St. Augustine and has transferred from the Tennessee Wing Staff to the Florida Wing Staff. He has joined the Communications Directorate and will serve as Frequency Manager.

A Florida Wing Headquarters' patch has been designed and the patches are now available for distribution to all wing staff personnel. The patch will be easy to spot since each will be worn by a proud wing staff officer.

The January 2001 wing staff meeting will be at Patrick Air Force Base. One of the priority items on the agenda will be the selection of nominees from the entire wing membership for National level awards. Col. Pineda again requests every member to make known their choice of nominee for these important and deserved awards.

Though all members of the CAP are non-paid professional volunteers, they additionally pay for all their own uniforms, flight and ground equipment, radios, mission expenses, manuals, training materials, conferences, etc.

Why then is CAP always in need of funds? Well, just recently, the following expenditures were incurred for just the maintenance of part of our air fleet:

N736EL-fix engine mounts, seat tracks and left magneto -\$850

N99265-wing fuel leak-\$500

N4949N-paint/redo interior-

\$17,000

N98684-new radio stack and CAP FM radio interface- \$40,000

N98708-new radio stack and CAP FM radio interface-\$40,000

N6498F-new radio stack/CAP FM radio interface-\$40,000

Five GX55 GPS installed-\$10,000

N53293-partial repairs-\$5000

N9828L-new engine -\$20,000

N96867-two cylinders-\$1500

N9893H-new windshield/seat stop/CAP FM radio interface-

\$7000

N995CP-CAP FM radio interface-\$5000

A total of \$191,850 in just a short period of time in order to keep less than our entire fleet in mission readiness and airworthy condition. In the near future, our entire fleet will have standardized aircraft instrument panels so that every mis-

sion certified pilot can fly any mission aircraft. Heat shields will also be installed in every plane. Maintenance of our air fleet is only one of the reasons CAP continuously has a need for contributions.

Capt Steve Drew, FLWG Deputy Aircraft Maintenance Officer advises that he has King Radio Locks, Pulse Lights, and Aircraft Key Lock Boxes for each aircraft. If any unit's Maintenance Officer doesn't have any of these items, just contact Capt. Drew.

1Lt Ray Hayden, Director, Professional Development reminds all that the Extension Course Institute [ECI] has now been consolidated under the Air University and the new Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning [AFIADL]. To enroll in ECI courses, you can now fax ECI Form 23 to Commercial 334-953-8127. To request an end-of-course exam from ECI, fax ECI Form 17 to Commercial 334-416-6143. If you have any questions as to how to fill out these forms, contact your unit or group Professional Development Officer or contact Lt Hayden at rhayden@se.mediaone.net

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CADET CAP'ERS



The Summer Encampment 2000 at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University was an outstanding success. Encampment Commander, Major Thomas Trammell and Commandant of Cadets, 1Lt David Leali are only just recovering. Each of the 196 cadets and 10 senior members that attended agreed that this was a memorable occasion. During the encampment a survey was turned in by all as to what was their professional aspiration. The results were significant as to the maturity level of our cadet membership. The highest number of indications were to be a pilot. That was no surprise. These others followed in descending order - Federal Agent, Engineer, Medical, Veterinarian, Musician, Astronaut, Fireman, Law Enforcement, Neurologist, Marine Biologist, Basketball Player, Nuclear Physicist, Businessperson, TV Production, Entertainment, Business, Choreographer, Hurricane Hunter, Zoologist, Astrophysicist, Lawyer, Mathematician, Movie Production, Computers. 29 Cadets want to go into the U.S. Air Force, 17 want to be Marines, 10 want to join the Navy, 4 want to be in the Army and 1 wants to be in the Coast Guard.

Capt Trish Turner, PAO



The TICO Composite Squadron had the largest number of cadets in attendance at the Summer Encampment 2000. C/SMSGT Justin Westerman, one of the 12 attending, served on staff beginning as a Flight Sergeant and was rapidly promoted to Flight Commander and C/TSgt Jonathan Pederzani served as Guidon Bearer for his Flight. All CAP pilots are required to take CAPF5 checkrides but how many have ever heard "CAP Flight 838, this is NASA Shuttle Landing Facility, you are cleared to land Runway 33 SLF"? Imagine shooting an approach and touch and go on a 15,000 foot long runway after doing them all over central Florida on 5000' to 6000' long runways. Prior to the flight, 1Lt Robert Ward and Major Tony Pinto requested and received prior approval for a one-time Prior Permission Request [PPR] to

use the NASA landing strip for CAP training. Quite an experience for both pilots, who, incidentally, successfully completed their CAPF5 checkride and their oral and written exam.

1Lt Robert Ward, PAO



Orlando area cadets marched in the Veterans Day Parade which gets bigger and better each year. 1Lt Shane Turner commented, "The highlight of the parade was not the applause, or the video cameras, or hollered compliments. It was the one moment when a man, wearing a VFW hat, with great effort rose from his chair, came to attention and saluted. This made the whole day very worthwhile." The Orlando squadrons are intending to make this parade an annual participatory event.



The D.A.R.T. [Disaster Assistance Response Team] was recently organized under the command of 1Lt James Bradley of the Pasco Cadet Squadron. The team saw its first actual mission duty when the alert call went out for a Ground Team and Air Crew. Three senior officers and twelve cadets served for three days. Ten were Blue Beret graduates, three had AGOS training and two are SAR-Techs. Pasco Cadet Squadron's DART is now listed as an Emergency Resource with the Emergency Management Office of Pasco County and the team continues its intensive, on-going training.

2Lt Lili Bartolotti, PAO



At a recent Cadet Advisory Council meeting, a few members interested in starting a color guard were uncertain as to where to obtain the rules. Comprehensive rules of engagement are available at <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cpc/ncc/nccindex.htm>. Though they are from the phased out CAPM 50-16, they can be used until an updated manual is released. Also encouraged is the purchase of U.S. Army Field Manual 22-5 -which provides instructions for drilling with arms, not found in the U.S. Air Force Drill Manual.

C/1Lt Nick Wabeke, Cadet Commander, Daytona Beach Composite Sq.

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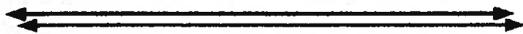
The 200 Series CAP Pamphlets that contain the information as to what we need to do to progress in our specialties are now available at <http://www.capnhq.gov/docs/regulations/pubs.htm>. They may also be purchased from The Bookstore. The CAP National Headquarters' web site continuously is adding programs. Be sure you visit it often and look around at all side links. You will be astounded as to the vast amount of information and data that you can view.



By the time you are reading this, the new Cadet Aerospace Education Program will have a Power-Point presentation that you can access. Chief of Staff Matt Sharkey advises the site is located at http://www.egroups.com/files/floridawinglist/New_Cadet_AE_Program%2Eppt



Florida Wing's Winter 2000 Cadet Encampment was held at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City. Highlights of the encampment were the Encampment Cadet Command Staff School with each student sharing in the command of the encampment; tours that included an F-15 briefing from its pilot, briefings and displays at the Weapons Research/Evaluations Group and the Non-Commissioned Officer's School. All attendees were enthralled by the talk of the Commanding General of Tyndall AFB. The cadets enjoyed the opportunity of meeting cadets from all over the wing and were pleased with the esprit de corps that was so easily nourished. They found the encampment an excellent introduction to the military way of life and an opportunity to experience leadership from both a follower's and leader's point of view. Major Gary Swigert, Encampment Commander expended an extraordinary amount of time to make this event so successful.



Wing members have indicated that they do not know how to access their National Headquarters' records on-line. To fill this gap, the following step-

by-step procedure is provided by 1Lt Ray Hayden, Professional Development Director.

- ⇒ Go to <http://www.capnhq.gov/>
- ⇒ Click on the top left button labeled 'e Business'. [Note that the 'e' looks a little like the '@' sign]
- ⇒ Place the cursor in the box you want to type in
- ⇒ Fill in your CAPSN; enter 'FL' for Wing [Note that typing the 'F' will generate an auto fill of the 'L']
- ⇒ Enter last three numbers of your unit. Example: if you are in SER FL 016 (Coral Springs Squadron) just enter 016 and click on "Submit" button
- ⇒ On the left side of all the options of the new page, click on the top one "Interactive Personnel System"

On the next page, type in your last name or CAPSN and click on "Search". Your name should come up next in a one line version. You also may view your entire unit. If your name comes up as a one liner, click on "Detail" and the next page will be your detailed data as stored on the National Headquarters' computer.

This is the CAPWATCH that you hear so much about. It puts your records into a neat little data package. You may also print your record page. You may have to change the page layout in your printer to "Landscape" and from 'options', request your printer to place it all on one page. If you experience any difficulties in your attempt to access your National Records, contact Lt Hayden and he will walk you through your problem.



Lt Col Donald Wood, newly appointed Director of Emergency Services has been encumbered with more emergency missions in 2000 than in any other year in Florida Wing's mission response history. These ranged from locating Emergency Transmitter signals to aerial reconnaissance for brush fires caused by Air Force practice bombing runs at Eglin AFB to helping boaters in distress and to searching fourteen days with 13 aircraft for a missing plane with only a pilot on board. Wing Commander, Col Antonio Pineda stated, "I am extremely grateful for the member's response to each of these missions in spite of the fact that some occurred during holidays, in the middle of the night or continued for lengthy periods of time. Director Wood has excelled in his new responsibility. The professional manner of the mission personnel, their spirit, determination and dedication in the fulfillment of CAP's Mission make me very proud. "

MISSION MEMOS



CAP's SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SUSPENDED

After 14 days and 9000 hours, CAP finally suspended the search for a missing aircraft. The pilot, Hubert Helligar left Gilbert Field in Winter Haven in a blue and white Cessna 150. The 50 year old pilot didn't file a flight plan. Without a known direction of travel or planned destination, the search area encompassed 409,000 square miles.

More than 125 CAP members serving as ground teams and air crews flying 13 aircraft were utilized during this two week search. Assets from the Air Force Reserve, Navy, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Polk County Sheriff's Office were also used.

In spite of a valiant effort, the pilot and aircraft was not located. Approximately \$250,000 was spent in this search effort which evidences that fame, fortune, national origin, race or religion matter not. If you are lost, downed or missing, the Civil Air Patrol will launch a search and rescue mission with total diligence, tenacity and professionalism.

Wing Commander, Col Pineda expressed deep thanks to all who participated in this extensive and critical mission. "Once again, the Florida Wing's continuous training and team work enabled a massive search to be performed with skill, professional capability and total dedication. I am extremely proud of CAP, our members and the services we so readily provide."

ELT's LOCATED AT STRANGE SITES

A recent surge in Search and Rescue missions were successfully closed out with ELT's being located at Cape Canaveral buried in the sand, Vero Beach Airport on a Piper Seneca airplane, Panama City Airport aboard a US Air Commuter aircraft, a home deep in the woods on Thanksgiving Day, an aircraft in a hangar, and a Grumman aircraft parked at the Flagler County Airport. Though most Electronic Locator Transmitter alarm signals are found and silenced by CAP, they prove to be non-distress missions. However, each is pursued with vigor and is assumed to be a life-saving emergency.

NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

Major Jorge Del Rio, FLWG Chief, Disaster Preparedness has completed a new website which has extremely informative links. Ideas for the use of Directional Finders are plentiful. Visitors to the site will also learn about the availability of DF Crystals which facilitate ELT searches. The site's URL is <http://www.CAP-ES.net>. You will find it to be user friendly and very worthwhile for frequent visits.

DOWNED AIRCRAFT LOCATED

During the extensive mission search for missing pilot, Hubert Helligar, an aircrew from the Fernandina Senior

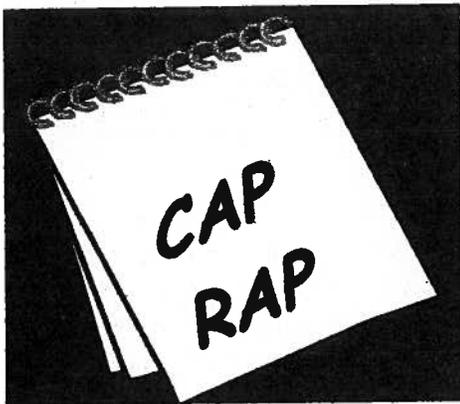
Squadron was diverted to search for another aircraft that reported to the Bartow Airport Control Tower that they had experienced engine failure. The Fernandina three person aircrew flying N5401N found the downed aircraft. Unfortunately, there were no survivors.

FOUR STATE SEARCH CONCLUDES

The family of a Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] meteorologist reported an overdue aircraft. The pilot from Bladensburg, Md. was the owner of the Piper PA 28. He had departed College Park, Md. enroute to Greenville, S.C. The weather was rainy, foggy and windy.

The CAP from four states embarked on an extensive search of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia. The search spanned 25 miles on either side of the pilot's reported flight pattern. Forty rescuers from CAP, State Police, Sheriff's Department, Fire Departments and Rescue Squads were involved on the ground and in the air.

The CAP air crew spotted the plane's wreckage in a steep ravine on the side of Bull Mountain. They directed a ground team of a CAP member and a Sheriff's Deputy to the scene. Chainsaws were needed to cut a path through the dense underbrush. The pilot did not survive the crash.



 The recently released Aerospace textbook is hard cover and is printed in color with all new photos. It is an outstanding output of National Headquarters. Produced by the Curriculum Development Team it is must reading for every cadet and senior member.

Capt Richard Martin

 The new corporate avionics panel in our aircraft fleet is rather complex as compared to the Cessna stack. There are a number of really helpful training sites on the internet that are available for downloading:

- ◆ A three part MS-PowerPoint for the new CAPCOMM Radio [NAT NPX-138] at www.ntc.cap.gov/comm/downloads/index.html. Most users should only need the first [basic] one. The other two parts pertain to loading frequencies, setting up scanning, tone changes, etc. which are not usual pilot/observer operations. If needed, there is an MS-PowerPoint Viewer also available for downloading. Turn on your sound card/

speakers as there is audio.

- ◆ The GX-55 simulator and .PDF versions of the Apollo GPS setup and video may be downloaded from www.iimorrow.com/download.html.
- ◆ A general information site with interesting presentations on aspects of avionics and electronic navigation at www.avionix.com/av-radio.html. This site needs RealPlayer and has audio.

Lt Col Ken Massey

 If you drive through Altamonte Springs from dusk to dawn and notice a light continuously burning inside a home, you probably are passing Chief of Staff, Lt Col Matt Sharkey's domain. Col. Pineda's new goals and objectives seem to be never ending and CoS Sharkey sees to it that each is put into operation and implemented immediately. Matt is also a computer whiz and is frequently churning out charts, regulations, and downloadings. The Florida Wing Web Page is continuously more inclusive, more informative and more user friendly thanks to Matt's "burning the midnight oil." No wonder he was presented with the Exceptional Service Award.

 Would you like the President to send an anniversary card or birthday card to your relative or close friend? Just send your request to The Greeting Office, Room 39, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

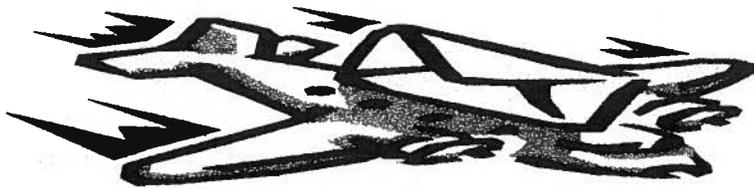
Be sure to include the full name of the recipient, address, zip code and how you want the letter addressed [Dr. and

Mrs., etc] Also include your phone number in the event they need to call for clarification. The request has to be sent at least a month prior to the event. Be sure to state the event.- birthday card sent for 80th and over, anniversary for 50 or more years, Girl Scout Gold Award, Boy Scout Eagle Award and the exact date of the event. All this information may also be faxed to the White House at 202-395-1232.

 Charlotte County Composite Squadron produces an outstanding newsletter which has grown to 12 pages. It is chock full of informative stories, current events and action photos. The squadron and its commander, Major Bob Thompson can be very proud of their "PROPWASH".

 As previously mentioned in FLORIDA FACTS more than two years ago, National CAP has now discontinued using Social Security numbers as the primary means of identification. For security reasons, a six digit CAPID number has been assigned to every active member and is available in the CAPWATCH link site accessible from the National CAP Headquarters web page.

 This is the third anniversary of FLORIDA FACTS being mailed to every member four times per year. This is your newsletter and your suggestions for additions, deletions or changes will always be given serious consideration.



From The MAILBAG

"More than 50 years ago, my membership in CAP began as a cadet with the Brooklyn, N.Y. Squadron. During those early years, CAP was primarily engaged in Coastal Patrol and anti-submarine patrols and the cadet program was somewhat limited.

Today, we have so much more going for us. Our cadets are instructed in aerospace, radio communications, search and rescue, and are able to take advantage of many more activities.

The Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron, under the leadership of Major Virginia Montalvo, gives our cadets the feeling of purpose and desire and this is reflected in the image they project. Some of our senior members, like myself, are veterans of W.W.II, Korea and Viet-Nam. Thanks to CAP, we have the privilege and opportunity to provide enthusiasm for these young men and women so they will be better able to guide future generations toward keeping America free and strong."

1Lt Ralph Parness, Deputy Commander

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"Does CAP have an organizational song? One that is similar to all those of the military services such as "Anchors Away". I have no knowledge of song writing, but I would like to suggest a national contest for the writing of such a song. Possibly, professional song writers would agree to serve as judges."

Lt Col Howard Gelbman

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In addition to copies for the patients, FLORIDA FACTS is now in every waiting room at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Miami. Thanks for the copies.

Lt Col Lyane Puglise

Have you ever considered a member-to-member classified page? For instance, I have a brand new E6B computer, a few good aviation books, etc. - not commercial advertising but a member kind of sales/exchange program?

Lt Col Herbert Miller,
Boca Raton Senior Squadron

Editor's Note: No, I never have!

Let's let the members decide...Would you like to have a classified page?

Let me know.

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Keep up the great work. I look forward to each issue. Might be nice to add something about the history of Florida Wing once in a while. That is if you can get some of the older members to give you some info. My regards to Commander Pineda.

Lt Col Joe Frakes

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The best is going to get better-with color, no less. You've got a challenge ahead! The Facts is a great newsletter and a great read when it gets to me.

Lt Col Ralph Rivers,
FLWG Chaplain

Editor's Note: Captain Dan Thompson is now on his seventh design concept for the redesigned masthead and back cover. His energies and dedication appear to be limitless. The success of the newly designed first issue in 2001 in color will be to his credit and his colleague, Lori Gotschall.

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The article I sent for FLORIDA FACTS, which appeared on page 22, looks great and my parents loved it.

1Lt Draupadi Beloved
Deputy Commander, Venice Cadet Sq.

Major John Lynn, former Commander, Lake County Composite Squadron, is appointed as Director, Aerospace Education to replace Lt Col Amy Ruth Boxwell. John has been very active in the AE field and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Please welcome John into this new assignment.

Lt Col Matt Sharkey
FLWG Chief of Staff

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Everyone seems to enjoy reading FLORIDA FACTS and it is a great part of Florida Wing. My Cadet Public Affairs Staff is intending to submit articles and photos about the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron's activities and involvement in the community.

C /2Lt Paul Cheval, Cadet Commander

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FLORIDA FACTS is a showpiece for Florida Wing-finally getting the word out to all the members as to what is going on and what has happened.

Capt Trish Turner, PAO
Central Florida Composite Squadron

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Hi All!

As you are reading this, my wife Phyllis and I will have sold our house and our boat and will have moved from Marco Island-on the west coast to Boca Pointe in Boca Raton-on the east coast.

My new address is:

Lt Col S. Buddy Harris
23343 Blue Water Circle
Boca Raton, FL 33433

I trust all my communication numbers will not change. I'll keep you advised if they should.

LATE BREAKING NEWS



Capt Russell Miller, 2Lt Eugene Canerossi, and 1Lt Rolf Preuss, Commander of the St. Augustine Senior Squadron were featured in a major article in the St. Augustine Record with a photograph of the squadron's plane. An inclusion of the story was the incident where an ELT was searched for and located on the John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier. The search team had to alert the embarrassed captain that they were coming aboard to deactivate the Electronic Locator Transmitter.



CAP's National Executive Committee selected two members-at-large for the newly created CAP Board of Governors from 66 submitted applications. Former Pacific Region Commander Col Mike Pannone and former Southwest Region Commander Col Bob Bess were elected.

Col Pannone has nearly a half-century of experience in aviation, education and volunteer and military service. Most recently he served a three-year term as Pacific Region Commander. Prior to that, the Anchorage resident served as Alaska Wing Commander. He joined CAP in 1976, serving as Director of Aerospace Education, Chief of Staff, and Wing Vice Commander. Col Pannone is a former U.S. Marine and a commercial pilot, single and multi-engine rated, with instrument rating and has more than 3,500 hours of flight time.

Col Bess brings more than 45 years of CAP experience to the Board. He joined as a cadet in 1955 and served as Chairman of the Cadet Advisory Council, commanded squadrons in Texas and Oklahoma, served as Texas Wing Commander and Southwest Region Commander. He is a retired Delta Airline Captain and has nearly 22,000 flying hours ranging from CAP L-4's to B-767.

The Board of Governors will be comprised of 11 governors representing CAP, USAF, and other entities who have an interest in CAP's mis-

sions. CAP National Commander, Brig Gen James Bobick and Vice Commander Col Rick Bowling will serve on the Board, as well.



The United States Senate recently gave final approval for the Air Force Memorial Authorization Extension. This action gives the memorial's foundation group more time to raise the funds needed for the memorial's design, construction, and resolution of remaining issues regarding its location in our nation's capital.

The initiative for an Air Force memorial began during the Gulf War as the use of air power became a critical driving force in the mission's success. After congressional adoption of enabling legislation in November 1993, President Clinton signed the bill, authorizing the memorial to be built. \$30 million is the estimated cost and the foundation has already raised \$24.5 million.



Black berets will now be the standard headgear for the U.S. Army beginning on June 14, the first Army birthday of the millennium. Currently only the elite Ranger's units wear the black beret. Army Chief of Staff, Gen Shinseki announced, "It is time for the entire Army to accept the challenge of excellence that has so long been a hallmark of our special operations and airborne units." All soldiers, regardless of rank or branch will wear the black beret.



MacDill Air Force Base has a new web page that is a quantum leap forward. A main menu allows visitors to navigate within the site after selecting one of three profile pages - "One Team" option provides mission-related information about the commands that make up Team MacDill; "One Family" choice offers information about base services and resources; and the "One Community" page is designed for general public and media organizations.

The site is well designed with graphics that download quickly and is easy to access and navigate. The URL is www.macdill.af.mil

CAP BILLBOARD LOCATED!

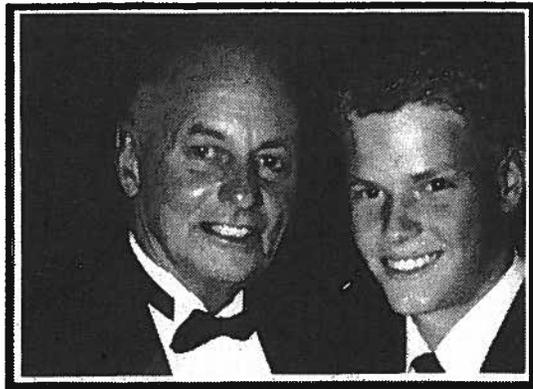


Lt Col David Green of the Central Florida Composite Squadron, spotted this billboard during a recent trip to Las Vegas. He alerted FLORIDA FACTS to it when he returned and in response to a request, had his sister take this photo. So double thanks to Mrs. Jacqueline W. Green for driving to the intersection of Eastern and Fremont Streets in Las Vegas for Florida Wing. I was also told there was a billboard in Ft Myers but no photo has been forthcoming. As we learned in Observer Training, *we only believe what we can see!*

CAP's 59th ANNIVERSARY

PROCLAIMED BY GOVERNING BODIES

Capt. George Navarini, FLWG Director, Marketing/PA distributed a Proclamation recognizing CAP's 59th anniversary on December 1, 2000 to every squadron in the state. They were requested to have the Proclamations officially adopted by their community's governing body. Twenty-nine were officially proclaimed and presented to respective CAP units at official meetings.



Cadet Casey Colton of the Brandon Cadet Squadron had the exciting opportunity of meeting Master Chief Rudolph Boesch, better known as Rudy of the hit show, "Survival." Rudy was the Senior enlisted advisor to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB in 1990. He was the longest serving SEAL on active duty and the longest serving enlisted man in the Navy, having served 45 years in the military. Rudy was the guest speaker at the U.S. Navy's 225th Anniversary Ball.

Capt Dan Thompson, Commander
Brandon Cadet Squadron

LTC BOXWELL IS CONVALESCING

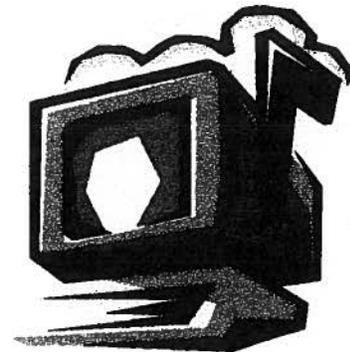
Lt Col Amy Ruth Boxwell, former FLWG Director of Aerospace Education is now convalescing from her recent stroke. We know her recovery will be slow but we pray it is sure. Amy Ruth has enjoyed all the cards she has received. Let's keep sending them and give her the pleasure she so well deserves. Her address is:

LTC Amy Ruth Boxwell, CAP
Heritage Harbour Health and Rehabilitation Center
2700 South Haven Road
Room 206B
Annapolis, MD. 21401

NEW FLWG STAFF OFFICER APPOINTED

Wing Commander Antonio Pineda proudly appointed Capt Steven Drew, Sr. as Deputy Aircraft Maintenance Officer. Capt Drew is a licensed A&P Mechanic, Flight Instructor in single/multi engine aircraft, and P-3 Flight Engineer. He served 10 years in the Navy in a host of maintenance assignments. He has been a pilot for over 24 years with about 3500 hours logged. In General Aviation, Capt Drew has been a test pilot, ferry pilot, and has flown about 80 different aircraft. Currently Steve is employed by the FAA.

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



I think that for CAP to have a flight safety record between that of General Aviation and the U.S. Air Force is remarkable. To constantly make better citizens of the youth who go through our Cadet Program, and to provide the constantly high levels of Search and Rescue that we do, with volunteers who are unpaid and often unsung, is no less than outstanding. In starting my 55th year, I am truly proud to be a member of the CAP.

Lt Col Howard Gelbman

Recently I arranged with the FORSCOM Public Affairs Office at Fort McPherson, here in Atlanta, to be listed as a color guard resource. It turns out that Fort Mac routinely gets more requests for color guards than they can handle with military personnel only.

Because of the listing, I received a request from a high school that needed a color guard for a Veteran's Day celebration. We have already had one unit present the colors at a Braves baseball game. We also took part in the WSB-TV "Salute To America" parade.

If you are located near a military base, this might be another avenue for your wing to get additional exposure.

1Lt Rick Williamson
Director of Public Affairs, Georgia Wing

Even though you are not planning a satellite launch, you can actually watch-in real time-liftoff, the orbit of the space station, the shuttle, the GOES satellites, and more. On the 3D view, you can zoom in and out and rotate the globe to get a picture of where things are. The site is an excellent addition to Aerospace Education and is fun to explore. Just go to <http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/RealTime/JTrack/Spacecraft.html>

1Lt Ray Hayden
FLWG Director, Professional Development

Group 2 Chaplain meetings have been changed to the First and Third Mondays of each month. SM Charles Jones, who originally joined CAP in 1978 and remained until 1996 has now rejoined as a Group 2 Chaplain. He is

currently receiving his basic training and processing for appointment. Upon completion, he wants to serve as the Chaplain of the Herlong Squadron

Chaplain Capt Dewey E. Painter, Sr

If you are interested in applying for the US Air Force Academy, go to <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cpr/index.html> and click on USAFA Timeline link. The site is put together by Major Gary VanHandel and he is very interested in helping CAP Cadets.

Lt Col Phelka

The past few days, I have had to do some research on getting in touch with out-of-state media for a mission we are running in Oregon. We are looking for a missing C-206 with two people aboard. In doing this research, I found resources that might be of value to Mission PAO's and Mission Coordinators. www.spj.com is a directory of professional journalists. www.prsa.org is the Public Relations Society of America. www.fab.org is the TV and Radio station directory and other stations are listed in www.nab.org. Newspapers are found at www.newspaperlinks.com

Tom Travers, Oregon Wing PAO
Lt Col Michael Marik, South Dakota Wing, PAO
1Lt Rick Williamson, Georgia Wing, PAO
Capt Kay Joslin Walling, Maryland Wing, PAO
1Lt Brian Effstrom, Iowa Wing, Dir. CAP Programs

If you would like an "official" e-mail address, go to www.milmail.com. They offer an e-mail Forwarding Service. You get "your name"@USAF.org for your business cards or correspondence. Any mail you receive at that address is then forwarded to your normal e-mail address.

FLORIDA WING'S CAP RESERVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Florida Wing CAP Reserve Assistance Program or CAPRAP, as it is commonly called, is made up of 22 U.S. Air Force reservists living throughout the state. Much like CAP members our reservists come from all walks of life. Many are airline pilots, but we also have engineers, science instructors, space shuttle technicians, helicopter pilots, hotel managers and post office employees. One thing they all have in common is a desire to help CAP members accomplish their mission.

The CAPRAP program has two major functions - to promote and enhance the safe conduct of all CAP activities and, provide advice, liaison, oversight and assistance to CAP. As a minimum, CAPRAP personnel are required to visit their assigned units at least four times a year. They are also required to periodically inspect CAP aircraft and vehicles.

Our reservists do much more. They provide instruction for cadet and senior member training programs. They make excellent Squadron Leadership School and Corporate Learning Course instructors. They help develop Aerospace Education workshops and make presentations to schools and civic organizations throughout the community. Many are well versed in aviation and military history and make great speakers for unit meetings. Others are knowledgeable in search and rescue, model rocketry and drill and

ceremony. All of them can provide assistance to CAP members interested in a career in the military.

In addition, our reservists help plan and organize cadet encampments, assist with cadet special activities selection boards, and set up field trips to military installations. They work with county and state emergency management agencies to ensure CAP assets and resources are effectively used during disasters. You will also see them at Search and Rescue and Counter Drug Exercises and Evaluations.

To avoid any conflicts of interest, there are certain things reservists cannot do.

They are not allowed to serve as active members of the Civil Air Patrol. Reservists may fly with CAP pilots but only for orientation or transportation purposes. and the flight must first be approved by the Air Force. Reservists may not participate in any fund raising activities or events.

Our reservists bring a wealth of information and experience to CAP. Not only do they enhance the safety and effectiveness of our programs, they help make CAP a more rich and rewarding experience. If you would like to know more about the reserve assistance program, contact the CAP-USAF Liaison Office at 407-646-4247 or e-mail jcanglely@aol.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Col Angley, his reservists and his NCO's at the Liaison Office are truly dedicated to CAP and our missions. Too many of us are not totally aware of the valuable assistance they stand ready to provide and the activities in which they are deeply involved. To that end, Col Angley has agreed to provide an article for each forthcoming issue of FLORIDA FACTS.



Col Jerry Angley
USAF/CAP Liaison Officer

THIS PERIOD IN HISTORY

OCTOBER

- 8 October 1949 - Col Jos. F. Moody is 8th Wing Commander and is longest serving [13 yrs, 5 mo.] till 7 Mar '63
- 2 October 1991 - Maj Clay Reid and Maj James Mathews fatally crash in N785JN during life-saving mission

DECEMBER

- 17 December 1903 - Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully do it!
- December 1941 - President Franklin Delano Roosevelt creates CAP. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Civil Air Patrol!**
- 1 December 1941 - Col Vermilia Wright becomes first Wing Commander serving until 6 April 1943
- 12 December 1943 - 284 L-4's loaned to CAP by Army Air Force for pilot cadet recruiting. By 1944 more than the quota were recruited.
- 14 December 1998 - Col Andrew Skiba serves as 23rd Wing Commander until 18 August 1998

FROM PULPIT TO PEN

It seems a bit strange to be thinking about the year 2001. It's strange because it seems only a day or two ago that we were worried about all the potential problems that might take place when the clock ticked past 1999 into 2000. We were particularly worried that the internal clocks of computers wouldn't be ready for the move into a new millennium. When the time came and went nothing major happened and all our anticipated worries about Y2K didn't take place. For the most part, we just went to sleep in one era and awakened to a new era.

What a new era it's turned out to be in the world, in our nation, in our state and in our communities. Many good things have happened and not a few bad things have taken place. Except for the few natural disasters, or what we sometimes refer to as Acts of God, most of the good and bad have come about through human action or reaction. Humans still hold the record in ways to inflict pain on adversaries. We spend lots of money getting better at it. We seem only limited by our imagination and that grows more ingenious every day. That's not the whole story though. We have also crossed cultural, economic, religious and national boundaries to help others who have been hurt. Natural disasters bring relief from the four corners of our planet. Economic disasters and atrocities brought about by cultural and ethnic wars have been responded to by the world community with humanitarian aid as well as military presence. The world is not a heartless globe as one might think, it's a big blue ball hung in space inhabited by folks who generally want what is best for their neighbors. That, in the final analysis, is the arena in which we will all be judged. How well we do in working out the commandments to love our neighbors as we love ourselves and the biggie, love your enemies, will be the legacy that matters most.

Florida Wing has done its share and that share will grow larger over time. Recent published statistics for 2000 indicate that in Florida Wing, 2,171 members were involved in 319 missions, flew 197 sorties in 179 aircraft for 365 flight hours and were credited with four saves. That does not reflect the thousands of hours and hundreds of Florida Wing members who participated in activities no less important to our communities and units well being. I think 2001 will make increasing demands of us and we will be ready to meet each challenge.

I hope that this new year will be a banner year of good will and peace for all. I hope that we will wish only the best for everyone. I pray that 2001 will be a safe year and a year of heightened awareness of just how fortunate we are to have Civil Air Patrol as part of the American scene. It is an important part and you make it so.

God bless each of you, your families, and your units.



NEWS FLASH!

The Super Bowl will be hosted at the Raymond James Stadium which is located on Dale Mabry Highway about 15 or 20 minutes from MacDill Air Force Base. I therefore recommend that no CAP activities be scheduled for 27 or 28 January 2001 in the Tampa area. Lodging, restaurants, traffic, etc. is going to be a 'madhouse' and it would be preferable if you stayed remote.

Lt Col Matt Sharkey,
FLWG Chief of Staff

Just a reminder! No dues checks or applications for membership are to be sent to wing. National Headquarters is collecting these. New Senior members should send a \$60 check with their application and fingerprint card. New Cadets should send a \$55 check to National with their application.

A new unit and flight has been chartered. The unit is FL280, Homestead Cadet Squadron, commanded by 1Lt Kathy Paine. Flight 444, Marianna Flight is commanded by 1Lt Harrison Sloane. Congratulations and welcome aboard!

The West Broward Composite Squadron's POW/MIA Ceremonial Team performed flawlessly at the National Board Meeting in San Antonio. They flew to Texas on an Air Force KC-135 and billeted at Kelly Air Force Base. As a result of their outstanding performance, the team is awaiting an invitation to perform at the CAP Southeastern Region Conference in Georgia in March, 2001. In addition, the team may perform at the state conference for the Disabled American Veterans in Orlando this fall and are expecting word to appear at the National POW/MIA Conference in Washington, D.C. The team members include C/Cpt Scott Schaefer, C/Cpt Philip Belnavis, C/LTC Antonio Barroso, C/2Lt Terry Reid, C/2Lt Sarah Gebo, and C/TSgt Victor Berriel. Major Edward Wasserman is the Team Instructor.

2Lt Diane Reid
FLWG DP, POW/MIA Escort

Civil Air Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are finalizing a new Memorandum of Understanding to allow CAP members to go on board USCGA boats and for USCGA members to go on CAP planes and vehicles for search and rescue missions and joint training exercises.

The final International Plan on exactly how the 121.5 and the 243.0 MHz phaseout will occur between now and the year 2009 should be out when you read this article. These frequencies are the ELT signal stations and will be replaced by EPIRB frequency 406 MHz.

Just learned that the tears that flowed down the cheeks of Vice Chief of Staff, Major Eileen Parker when she accepted the decommissioning flag at the closing of Broward County Composite Squadron's Headquarters Building was due to a beautiful memory. [see Page 31 FLORIDA FACTS, Issue 3] Exactly 12 years previous to the day and time, Eileen and her husband, Chuck made the first donation to the building fund with a check in her father's name. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol in the 50's.

Also just learned that Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen Michael Ryan was a former CAP Cadet. He earned the Certificate of Proficiency, which was the highest cadet award at that time.

Capt George Navarini
FLWG Director, Marketing/PA

WELL DESERVED AWARD FOR SAVING LIFE

2 Lt Lili Bartoletti, Personnel Officer with the Pasco Cadet Squadron attended the Florida Wing Staff Meeting at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa where she was presented a Life Saving Award from Wing Commander, Col Antonio Pineda.

Bartoletti was cited for having saved the life of 92 year old, Port Richie resident, Connie Barlow. Mrs. Barlow recalled, "I fell in my home and was unable to move because of the severe pain. My neck alarm would not activate and I lay helpless. After about an hour, Lili Bartoletti came to my door. I yelled to her and she tried to

gain access into my home unsuccessfully. She ran to my neighbor, called 911, then returned and gained entry. They did what they could for me until the paramedics arrived. At the hospital, it was discovered I had a broken hip and required hip replacement surgery. At my age that is a very serious operation. It

is very fortunate that Lili came to my door looking for me when she did."



District Chief Mike Ciccarello of the Pasco County Fire Department said, "Had Mrs. Bartoletti not intervened, it was apparent, when Rescue 14 responded, that Mrs. Barlow would have suffered for an unknown period of time and certainly would have expired due to the traumatic impact to this elderly woman."

Colonel Pineda expressed his admiration for the rapid intervention and sincere caring for this critically injured person by Lt Bartoletti who obtained

emergency assistance, accompanied the woman in the ambulance to the hospital and provided moral support until family members were contacted and arrived. "Lt. Bartoletti conducted herself in the highest tradition of the Civil Air Patrol and I am proud to present this award to her for outstanding humanitarian service."



"Thank You, Civil Air Patrol"

Hello from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. My name is PFC Michael J Aquanno, USANG, former CPLt Col, Brandon Cadet Squadron, Brandon, FL. I am just writing a short note to tell you how much Civil Air Patrol helped me through my basic training here at Fort Sill. It wasn't so much the big things, but more the little things. For example, marching information and memorizing those silly 'how's the cow' and 'what time is it' things. CAP tested me a lot throughout the years. I didn't know it at that time, but it helped me to prepare for life's bigger challenge. I have three more weeks until I complete my basic training and begin the rest of my life. Although some of my experiences with CAP were frustrating, I want to say Thank you, Civil Air Patrol for preparing me for the Army. Thank you, Captain Saxman for guiding me through my command at BCS...and thank you Mom for always being there for me. To all cadets - Discipline is the key to success.

Note: Michael completed basic training and he will complete his AIT at end of year when he will return to Florida and be stationed at Plant City USANG while he attends the University of South Florida. He will study Criminology while attending ROTC in preparation to becoming an Officer in the U.S. Army.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Submitted by Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

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| 6 January 2001 | Group 4 Annual Banquet, Patrick Air Force Base |
| 12-14 January | Special Acts Program, Patrick Air Force Base |
| 13 January | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, Patrick Air Force Base |
| 26-28 January | Florida Wing Cadet Competition, Patrick Air Force Base |
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| 3 February | Group 6 Annual Banquet |
| 10 February | Group 3 Annual Banquet, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 10 February | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 16-18 February | Southeast Region Cadet Competition, Tyndall Air Force Base |
| 17-18 February | Emergency Services Training School, Homestead Air Reserve Base |
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| 1 March | FLORIDA FACTS deadline [newly revised newsletter in color] |
| 14-17 March | NCASE Conference, Minnesota |
| 17 March | SAV, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 17 March | Counter Drug Orientation |
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| 7-8 April | AirFest, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 8-14 April | Sun 'n' Fun, Lakeland Airport |
| 21 April | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 28 April | Search and Rescue Evaluation, Jacksonville |
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| 11-13 May | SMC by Air Force Rescue Coordination Center |
| 19 May | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, MacDill Air Force Base |
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| 1 June | FLORIDA FACTS deadline |
| 8-10 June | 2001 Wing Conference, Grosvenor Hotel, Disney World, Orlando |
| 24-30 June | Summer Cadet Encampment |

Note: Frequently check the Florida Wing Webpage for additions/modifications to the above schedule of events.

GROUP JOTTINGS



Training and testing is completed and the following members of **Group 4** have earned their certification at the NASAR SARTECH III level:

New Smyrna Beach Composite Squadron - C/1Lt Pahan Ramnasingha, C/2Lt Karen Rothermel, C/SMSGt Jared Sorenen.

Central Florida Composite Squadron - 1Lt Arnold Noorlander, 2Lt Melody Klaers, C/2Lt Ben White.

Deland Composite Squadron - Capt Bill Latham, 2Lt Todd Johnson, Cadet Richard Johnson.

Daytona Beach Composite Squadron - Capt Chip Maher

A number of Group 4 members are completing their training and are ready for testing for certification for the SARTECH II rating.

**Capt Chip Maher
Group 4 DOS**



Group 6 conducted its very first Cadet Officer School which was a total success. Outstanding leadership qualities were evidenced by cadets in their working together as teams. The students challenged each of the instructors with excellent questions about Cadet Program details and newly changed regulations. The two weekend course was hosted by the Lantana Cadet Squadron and their facility was extremely well suited to the scholastic program. 1Lt John Mikulawas co-instructor and assisted in curricula development, 1Lt Edith Miller provided outstanding service as Female Chaperon and Food Service Director, Vice Chief of Staff Eileen Parker representing the wing commander at the graduation ceremonies, and Maj Gen Bernard Loeffke for his words of wisdom to the graduating class. Group Commander Major Gary Owen and the rest of the Group 6 staff actively participated in all arrangements to assure the success of this initial program.

**Capt Eddie Villalba
Group 6 Director of Cadet Programs**



Major Donna Morris, Commander of **Group 3**, was advised by Chief of Staff Lt Col Matt Sharkey that the Florida Wing's very first Web Site of Merit Award was presented to the **Hillsborough One Senior Squadron**. The squadron's newly designed web page with numerous linkages was recently added to the web. The site is extremely informative and user friendly. The graphics are outstanding and befitting of the professional levels of the Civil Air Patrol. This web site is well worth the visit at <http://flwg.cap.gov/Merit.htm>



As a result of extremely valuable service provided by cadets and senior members at the 1999 Orlando AirFair, **Group 4** was again extended a request for assistance. The AirFair Planning Committee stated in their invitation, "Due to the outstanding conduct, discipline and performance of the Group 4 cadets, we are again requesting your assistance at the Orlando AirFair 2000. Your cadets will be used to assist the public as Greeters, Guides and Safety Monitors at various locations in the Exhibits Area and at aircraft static display areas on the flightline.. Last year the public was particularly impressed by the impeccable image of your uniformed cadets. We have no doubt your cadets will distinguish themselves again this year." Air Force Association-Florida Vice President Richard Ortega commented that the CAP Group 4 well deserved the recognition it received as the "Outstanding CAP Group in the Florida CAP Wing".



It is the consensus of the Group Commanders that all squadron commanders be reminded that Level 1 training must be conducted, per regulations, at full day seminars using the newly released video and presentation materials.

SAFETY FIRST

Major Tek Konkol, Group 4 Safety Officer

Are you an aggressive driver? Even if you answer an emphatic 'No' to that question, are you sure you're not an aggressive driver? So what, even if you are, you're a safe driver anyway, right? Well, maybe.

Interesting to note is that the latest estimates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration put aggressive driving as the cause of about 66% of all traffic fatalities. Additionally, 25% of all fatalities are speed related.

Aggressive driving is usually exhibited by people who either don't know or choose to ignore many of the concepts of safe driving. Do any of the following fit your pattern of driving? Regularly driving more than 10 mph over the speed limit, driving in the left lane as a matter of course, honking the horn or flashing lights in order to get another driver's attention, tailgating, or using hand signals to express displeasure with another driver. These are some of the behaviors that law enforcement personnel call aggressive driving. Why do some people, more every year, use that behavior when behind the wheel of a vehicle? Some driving behaviors are modeled on what was learned earlier in life. If you learned to drive from someone who was a chronic speeder the chances are good that you will be a chronic speeder. If, for instance, a person that you admired drove a vehicle on the highway as if he was in a contest, then you may believe that driving is a competition. Other driving behaviors result from internal factors such as anger and stress. If one is under stress from a difficult day at work while driving home, it doesn't take a large incident for that stress to change to anger.

Now that we know what it is, and where it comes from, can we change it? Yes! But only if we recognize that our driving behavior could use some modification. Change begins with the recognition that something isn't working as well as we would like. Perhaps the way to do this is to ask ourselves if our driving is really demonstrating an *attitude of safety*. Try and look at your driving objectively. Do you turn driving into a competitive sport? Refuse to yield?

Exceed the speed limit? Weave in and out of traffic? Run red lights? Believe your horn should be used frequently? Ride the left lane of traffic [when more than one lane is available]? Tailgate?

If one or more of the above fit the way you drive, perhaps you need to take a look at what your driving really demonstrates. It could be you are a crash waiting to happen. Aggressive driving has little to do with attitude. Do you get angry when someone passes you and speed up to 'win' a non-existent contest? Do you 'tap' the brakes when someone gets close to your rear, in order to scare them into backing off? Do you deliberately 'box' someone in when they try to pass on the right while you're staying in the passing lane? All of these driving behaviors are considered aggressive and demonstrate an attitude that is unsafe.

One of the most basic rights in our society is the right of freedom of choice. When faced with driving situations that could be turned into acts of aggression we need to *think* about the impact our actions will have on others involved. Thinking of consequences is a good general rule for all behaviors, but especially important when considering choices while driving. In the short version, the way to change these behaviors is to *think safety* and change.

Don't cut off other drivers, don't hog the left lane, don't tailgate, don't make rude gestures or make eye contact with other drivers, don't use the horn [except in emergencies], don't flash your headlights, and perhaps the most important of the don'ts, don't speed. What can you do? Do use turn signals, do allow others to merge, when confronted with other drivers' mistakes use the FIDO rule. Forget It Drive On, their behavior is their behavior, and in all likelihood, not directed at you personally.

There are plenty of aggressive drivers out there. You have the choice to be one or not. But, if you choose to be an aggressive driver, you will likely hear a lot more about this topic at a driving class mandated by someone in a black robe.

Remember, *think safety, act safely, be safe.*



COMMUNICATIONS

Capt. Paul Blystone
FLWG Director of Communications

The first new Repeater for Florida Wing has been shipped to Orlando. This is the new Quantar which is both wide band and narrow band and is now set for wideband operation. This new Repeater will replace the Apopka Repeater. The Vero Beach Repeater has been moved to Stuart. It is an old Motorola Motrac unit and replacement parts are no longer available. Currently it is working but with a lot of static and interference. A hunt is on for a filter that will reduce the noise level and make the instrument more usable. Tallahassee no longer needs the old corporate Repeater. They have received a grant for a new Repeater plus new HF radios, and VHF radios-handheld and mobile. Lake Placid has a new Repeater in place but needs a Duplexer.

NHQ is in the process of shipping new VHF radios to the wings. I believe Florida is scheduled to receive a few. These will be for use in corporate-owned vans. Old radios that might be in those vans will then become available for units. The new ones will be the TAIT T 2020's. These radios are also wide and narrowband and will be programmed for wideband when they arrive. They have 100 channel and frequency range is 136 to 174 MHz, 25 watt output.

The first new NAT NPX-138 is in Ocala and has been installed in N5401N. This radio also has 100 channel memory. Transmit power is selectable for 1 watt or 10 watts, the frequency range is 138.0 to 173.995 MHz. No need for a separate marine radio. The marine frequencies can be programmed into this one.

A Vertex SYSTEM 600 HF radio is being used in Florida Wing. This radio is approved by NHQ and is available from the CAP Supply Depot. It has a receive frequency range of 50 KHz to 30 MHz and transmit range of 1.8 MHz to 30 MHz, 100 watts output for base or mobile use. In addition to this HF, I know of

three of the VHF/FM TAIT T-2020 mobile or base units, and three of the Vertex VX-400 handheld units in use in the wing and they all came from the CAP Supply Depot.

Be aware that QST Magazine for Amateur Radio Operators ran an ad for an ALINCO radio that was stated to be compliant for MARS?CAP. NHQ checked the tolerances with the manufacturer and found them not to be compliant.

1 Lt Robert Colbert is our new Florida Wing Licensing Officer. He has all the records totally computerized and is doing an outstanding job. Your ROA and RSA applications should turn around within two weeks. His address is P.O. Box 5446, Winter Park, FL 32793-5446.

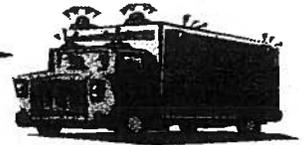
Capt Jeff Stahl is our new Frequency Manager. He is working closely with NHQ bringing them up to date on all our Repeater stations. If any of our Communication Officers have any update information about any of our Repeaters, send it directly to him at 6099 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, FL 33067-1130

The updated Communications Roster is now available and the Communication Plans-2000 will be written and available NLT September.

All members that have radios should check the schedule of their local net and should begin to regularly check-in.



EMERGENCY SERVICES



How Much Does Your Equipment Weigh?

**Submitted by Lt Col Donald Wood
FLWG Director, Emergency Services**

It's truly surprising but you can accumulate a lot of equipment and other paraphernalia while participating in Emergency Services. Each mission has you finding another item that you really need in order to perform your task safely and effectively. Over the years, we tend only to add and never delete items from the list of 'must have' stuff. This also means that as the years go by, the weight of our equipment continues to increase. Some of these items are carried on your person. Others are carried in packs of one type or other. Have you ever thought about just how much weight you are carrying?

Ordinarily the weight doesn't matter too much unless you are going to be carrying that weight for a few miles. The people who literally carry their packs tend to look at how much equipment they carry with a critical eye. There is another time when it might be critical to know the weight of your equipment. Consider the fact that if an aircraft is going your way, you might be able to ride along to the mission base using this fast means of transportation. When you go to place your equipment pack in the aircraft, don't be surprised if the pilot asks, "How much does that weigh?"

Weight [and balance] is a critical item in the Laws of Aerodynamics. This law applies to all aircraft - large or small. Indeed, it is even more critical in the small aircraft commonly flown on CAP missions. Weight and the placement in the aircraft must be considered by the pilot-in-command to be certain that the aircraft will operate in the manner it was intended. If weight limits for the aircraft will be exceeded, 'Plan B' must come into play. This may involve using another mode of transportation for some of the people or equipment or having another aircraft to share the load. In any event, the pilot-in-command

has the final word as to what goes or does not go into the aircraft.

While some may think I am referring only to Ground Team Members and their equipment, let's look at some other situations. Pilots often have a carry case with maps, forms, headset, sunglasses, notebooks, pens, pencils, E6b calculator, flashlight, and other flight and mission essential items. The weight of these items can grow with time to be a substantial amount. I have a very nice big box that I place my planning section materials into. In this box are several notebooks, office supplies, maps, more maps, forms, checklist, cell/phone, flashlight, mosquito spray, etc. Paper items tend to be very heavy. With the accumulation of 'must have' items over the past year, the weight of this box is increasing faster than I care to think about. How much does it weigh? I really don't know - but I do know how to find out.

A home scale can give you a pretty accurate measure of your equipment's weight. For those who don't have a scale at home, Publix Supermarkets always seem to have a large scale at one of their entrances. Another weight that you should know is your weight with all the equipment that you will normally carry while wearing your mission uniform. This means boots, folding tools that you keep on your belt, etc.

Make it a point to periodically weigh your carry-on and wearing equipment. You can then note the date and weight on a tag that you can attach to your carry pack. You will then always have an instant response for future reference, every time a pilot-in-command asks, "How much does that weigh?"

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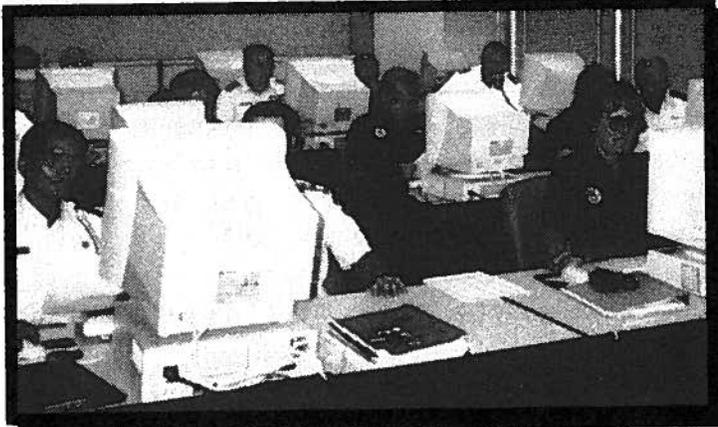
MAT II

Capt Raymond Spengler

Newly appointed FLWG Director of Logistics, joined CAP in 1968. He rejoined in 1999 and has served as AE Officer and Deputy Squadron Commander of the 8089th MacDill Composite Squadron. He currently is Project Officer for the Blue Beret program and has completed training for Mission Coordinator Certification. Capt. Spengler is very active in Emergency Services, Communications and Counterdrugs.



Maj John Lynn
Newly appointed as FLWG Director of Aerospace Education. Joined CAP in 1992 and was Commander of Lake Composite Squadron for over three years. John is a Mission Observer and earned a 'Find' ribbon. He is a Wilson Award recipient, has a Master Level in AE, has received two Commander's Commendations, the Yeager Award and the A. Scott Crossfield Award. He was Group 4's Senior Member of the Year for 1999.



Satellite Tool Kit [STK] hands-on training conducted for the first time in the state. The trainees learn how to visually monitor a search plane while it is flying in a search grid during a mission.



Capt John Zink, Major Dick Gratton and 2Lt Stan Browne landed from a search sortie for a missing aircraft and are heading for the Mission Debriefing Area. This search mission lasted fourteen days.



Maj Donald Prachnick, Capt Chip Maher and Lt Col Donald Wood review ground crew locations during fourteen day search for missing pilot. After searching 409,000 sq. miles, the plane wasn't located.



5 yr. old Madison Grayson stands on ladder and helps her newly promoted grandfather with his new Lt Colonel epaulets. Lt Col Seymour Simmons is a Boca Raton Senior Squadron member.

Hello to all CAP Members and Conference Participants!

Following on last year's great success with Wing Conference 2000, the conference committee considered several excellent sites for 2001 and decided that the central location and the availability of a terrific rate at a designated Disney Resort hotel made Orlando the winner. **So, the CAP Florida Wing Conference 2001 will have Disney magic!**

The plans are set and excitement is building for the best and biggest conference ever at the **Grosvenor Resort in Disney Village June 8-10, 2001!** This terrific location just off I-4 is central for all Florida members and provides us with plentiful meeting space for breakouts, a huge ballroom, great recreational amenities, and is just across the street from fabulous Downtown Disney.

The Disney Village location has appeal for all ages. On Friday and Sunday afternoon, seniors, cadets and their families will all enjoy over 70 restaurants and attractions just a three-minute walk from the Grosvenor's front door.

Not only do we have the unbelievable rate for this high caliber hotel of \$79 single, double, triple or quad but we also have a wonderful conference program in the works for Saturday and Sunday. One of the great new ideas is a Saturday afternoon "open house" session with all directors set up at individual exhibit tables in a large meeting room. CAP members will be able to go from table to table, meeting staff, getting their questions answered, and gathering materials.

You will be getting lots of information in the coming months about the program and more about activities both on-site and in the area. This year we are planning far ahead and, as a result, we expect to have a huge *turn out* so don't be *left out!*

The following are the answers to some questions you may have about CAP Florida Wing Conference 2001:

What type of hotel is the Grosvenor?

The Grosvenor Resort is a large (626 rooms) family resort in the best location for Disney fans. The building has four lower wings on each side of a tower forming a "U" around a beautifully landscaped courtyard. Parking is gated and free. Courtyard rooms offer a variety of views from landscaped to windmill-shaped swimming pool to tennis courts and trees. For recreation, there are two lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, beach volleyball, a huge, heated double pool, a children's pool, outdoor hot tub, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

Where is the Grosvenor Resort?

The Grosvenor is west of Orlando, 17 miles from the Orlando Airport and just off I-4 inside the area designated Walt Disney World Resort. Across the street is the Downtown Disney marketplace and a short walk takes you to the Pleasure Island entertainment complex and the new West End. The address is 1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista.

What are the hotel room amenities?

Most of the rooms have two double beds (kings are available) and all are decorated alike in pastel shades and with light furniture. Disney requires their village hotels to maintain high standards and so while the Grosvenor is not a new hotel, carpeting is new and all the décor has been attractively maintained. The in-room amenities include cable TV/VCR, hair dryer, iron, full-sized ironing board, radio alarm clock, safe, data ports, and coffee and tea.

What are the directions?

From Orlando Airport

The Grosvenor is 17 miles from Orlando Airport from which the Mears Motor Shuttle charges \$15 adult one way and \$27 round trip. Limo, taxi and other services are available at 407-423-5566.

From the Southeast

Coming from the Southeast take the Florida Turnpike to the Osceola Parkway exit about 35 miles south of Orlando and head west. Turn right at SR-535 continue to the intersection of I-4, making an immediate left at the first traffic light just north (pass under I-4) of I-4 onto Hotel Plaza Blvd. The Grosvenor is the last hotel about one mile on the right.

From I-4 West or Northeast

Exit at Lake Buena Vista, SR-535 and head north one block turning left at the first light onto Hotel Plaza Blvd. The Grosvenor is the last hotel about one mile on the right.

What is Downtown Disney?

Downtown Disney began as a small marketplace along the east side of Lake Buena Vista, a convenient location for shopping or eating out at a few good restaurants. It has grown to be a major destination. Over 70 shops, restaurants and entertainment offerings include the House of Blues, Cirque de Soleil, DisneyQuest, Planet Hollywood, the Rainforest Café, Wolfgang Puck's, and the Fulton (Steamboat) Crab House, just to name a few.

Where do we eat?

First, be sure to sign up for the banquet Saturday night! For other meals, there are more than a dozen restaurants across the street in the Downtown Disney marketplace. If you plan to stay at the hotel, every Friday night the hotel has an all-you-

can-eat seafood buffet and live jazz music in the Baskervilles Restaurant.

The Baskervilles offers lake-view dining with a daily breakfast buffet, nightly prime rib buffet, and many good a la carte menu choices. There is also the Barnacles Café poolside and Crumpets Café open 24 hours a day for self-serve snacks and beverages. And for relaxing with CAP friends, there is the Crickets Lounge in the lobby serving beverages or Moriarity's Pub for darts, a game of pool or a quiet conversation.

What is the conference schedule?

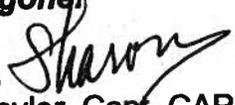
The preliminary schedule begins Friday with a poolside cadet gathering and a commander's reception. Saturday the general assembly is from 8 to 9:30 am followed by two sets of breakouts, a total of ten, from 9:30 to noon. Lunch will be from 12-1:30 followed by 1:30-4:00 workshops, cadet academic competition, and the "Meet the Staff" open house and exhibits. The banquet will begin at 7 pm. Sunday's general meeting and awards presentation will run from 8:30 to 11:30.

What are the conference rates?

Good news! Conference rates will be continue to be a low, low \$15 for cadets and \$25 for seniors (before April 1) with the banquet at approximately \$36.00. Watch our Web site (www.flwg.cap.gov) for more information, online registration, and hotel pictures.

SO, BE SURE SIGN UP FOR SOME CAP DISNEY MAGIC!

Call the hotel at 800-624-4109 as soon as possible and get your reservation in before the rooms are gone!

Sincerely, 
Sharon Taylor, Capt, CAP
Conference Coordinator

FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE 2001
June 8-10, 2001 --- Grosvenor Resort, Orlando Florida

REGISTRATION

Last name _____ First name _____

If different from above, how do you want your name to read on your nametag:

Street address _____

Apt/Unit # _____ City _____ State _____

Phone- evening _____ Phone - daytime _____

FAX _____ Email _____

CAP Unit # _____ Unit name _____ Group _____

Senior _____ Cadet _____ Grade _____ Member since _____

Staying at the Grosvenor? (No) (Yes: Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun _____)

How many FLWG conferences have you attended? _____ Last year's? _____

CONFERENCE FEES

Cadets, chaplains and instructors listed on the program are \$15 before April 1, \$25 from April 1 to June 7, and \$35 at the door.

Seniors are \$25 before April 1, \$35 from April 1 to June 7, and \$45 at the door.

Banquet tickets are an additional \$36 before April 1, \$46 between April 1 and June 7, and \$56 at the door.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$ _____ for registration and \$ _____ for the banquet).
Attach a registration form for each person - cadet, senior, or banquet guest.

Make check payable to Civil Air Patrol and send to Civil Air Patrol Florida Wing, 1451 West Cypress Creek Rd., Suite 300, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33309-1961. Phone: 954-928-2843 and Fax: 954-928-2844. Upon written request (only), refunds will be issued, less a \$10 processing fee, until June 1, 2001. After June 1 no refunds can be issued but fees may be transferred to another person. Thank you!

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