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Col. Zack "Smilin' Jack" Mosley (Early Years, Page 6)



Lt. Col. Larry Upham
Chief of Staff

It has been said, "Time flies when you are having fun." I just looked at the calendar and realized I'm about to start my third year as your chief of staff. I value the honor and friendships gained during the past two years. For the most part it has been fun, hard work, and at times sheer panic! Without the support of a first rate staff we could not have pulled it off. As the guy selling Bartles and James says, "We thank you for your support!"

I want to welcome **Lt. Col. Dick Leighton** aboard as our new Florida Wing Commander and, at the same time, thank **Col. Sam Speiker** for his contribution, support and giving me the opportunity to serve and grow. And now, with the passing of the flag, I want to encourage each and every member, at all echelons, to support our new wing commander. He's got a tough job to do and it is going to take energy, enthusiasm and professional at-

titudes to get the job done. Only through your continued support can we reclaim the No. 1 position which we deserve.

The staff at wing is ready, able and willing to help whenever called upon. Please use these valuable resource people. They are the best and I am proud to serve with them. Our staff has been recognized at the Region level. Space does not permit me to name each award winner but, believe me, the list is impressive!

The wing staff normally meets at wing headquarters on the third Saturday of each month. If you haven't met them, we welcome you to visit us and see for yourself what this group of dedicated officers are doing for you. We welcome your suggestions and input.

I encourage you to get with the CAP-MAP program. The clock is running out on 1986 and we need to meet each and every objective. Cooperation, team effort and

hard work are the keys to accomplishment.

We have been discussing plans for the May 1987 wing conference and it's starting to look like an exciting and interesting one. More will follow on that subject.

Finally I am pleased to report to you that our data processing unit has really come into its own. We are at the point now for expansion of the system. Care will be used in planned growth to ensure proper selection and priority usage. Florida wing has been a leader nationally in computerization and I would be remiss if I passed up recognizing the data processing section of the administrative staff. Night after night you will find these dedicated staff members inputting and producing information which is so valuable to our management process. These staff members are working for you and I hope, when you visit wing headquarters, you will stop by and see their operation.



L. to R. Cadet Greg D. Schwend, Cadet Jerry L. Delahoy, Colonel Sam Speiker, Major Bill Bailey, Group Commander Major Paul

Vandiver at the podium, and Cadet Colonel Bruce L. Loving.

Marcou Dedicates New Aircraft

By Nancy Ehrman, Public Affairs Officer, Marco Sr. Sqdn.

Major Jim Shields, Commander of the Marco Island Civil Air Patrol announced that their successful Fund Raising Drive

enabled them to purchase a new airplane. The 1979 Cessna 172 XP with only 480 hours will replace the 1967 Cessna 150 on the nightly Sundown Patrol.

The new plane is fully equipped with modern avionics, including dual radios. In addition, a marine radio has been installed to enable the patrol to stay in constant contact with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxilliary. Also, a direction

Zephyrhills Squadron Holds Award Ceremonies

By Lt. Joseph E. Day, Public Affairs Officer, Group 18 CAP

The Zephyrhills Civil Air Patrol Squadron commanded by **Major Bill Bailey** held its award ceremony at the Group 18 staff meeting June 23rd, 1986. Group 18 is commanded by **Major Paul Vandiver** comprising three (3) counties.

Attending the staff meeting was Florida Wing Commander **Colonel Sam Speiker**, and **Major George Metz** of the Florida Wing Hqts. in Orlando.

Cadets receiving the awards were: **Bruce L. Loving** of Zephyrhills, age 17. He received the Commanders Commendation. The U.S. Army has awarded Loving with a scholarship in medicine.

Cadet **Jerry L. Delahoy** of Zephyrhills, age 16, received the coveted Amelia Earhart award. He plans on a career in the USAF upon graduation.

finder will be used to locate the position of distressed boats and aircraft fitted with ELT radios.

Donors and other interested residents of Marco Island were invited to attend the dedication at Marco Island Airport. A brief ceremony was held with the Naples Cadet Squadron, CAP, performing as Honor Guards.



Parents of Cadet Colonel Wayne Koszty pose proudly with him after he received the prestigious Spatz Award, at the Florida Wing Conference.

"Let's Go For A Good Year . . ."

Those are the words of our Wing Liaison Officer, Lt. **Richard Read**, as he addressed the general assembly of the Florida Wing Conference, held in Orlando, Florida the weekend of May 4th.

The Wing has progressed to 93 squadrons and 13 groups, with a total of 3,800 members and we are continuing in this upward mode.

The Wing as a whole, is quite healthy and

operations, communications, aerospace programs are in high gear and as **Col. Spieker** said in his opening address to members, "you all look great in your uniforms and the Air Force should be proud of the way you are wearing them."

Attendance at the conference was extremely high and as the key note speaker, **Col. Mike Cavanaugh**, USAF, said, "I've learned, everywhere I go, you gotta learn the language. And that is what communication is all about. Being in the Air Force has been a lotta fun for me, it's a great Air Force and I love to fly for this Air Force and I love this country."

Highlighting the conference were the presentations of the Spatz awards. This is the most prestigious award a cadet can achieve and it takes the completion of 15 achievements throughout the cadet program. Since 1986 at the first Spatz presentation, Florida Wing has received 65 of them. Three awards were given . . . **C/Colonel Vince Mayfield**, Eglin Composite Squadron, Group 4. **C/Colonel Bruce Lovins** of the 317th Cadet Training Squadron, Group 18 and **C/Colonel Wayne Koszty**, Tampa Cadet Squadron. Congratulations to these three achievers in their future endeavors.



For a job well done, Cadet Colonel Bruce Lovins receives a big kiss from mom Jane Ann while happy dad Leonard shakes his hand after receiving his coveted Spatz Award. (Photos and story by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)



Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sid Birns

The Wing Conference was quite successful . . . all seminars went well and as in most cases we all learned something from them. And that's why we have them, to communicate and pass on information beneficial to all concerned.

At the risk of being repetitive . . . I ONLY NEED ONE, REPEAT, ONE REPORT AND THAT SHOULD ENCOMPASS THREE MONTHS. THESE REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE 20th of December; 20 March; 20 June, and 20 September. This is the quarterly report, DO NOT SEND A REPORT FOR EACH MONTH, consolidate everything into the quarterly report. Please do not make more work for yourselves. If you need a copy of the current report that is being used, please let me know and I will send one to you. The report form is reproducible at local levels.

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The monthly deadline for submission to the Civil Air Patrol News is now the 5th of each month, for the following month's publication. Information on events and actions, which have already

happened, should be submitted within two weeks afterward at the very latest. The two week time frame also applies to photography.

Photography also poses special problems for PAO's. PAO's should review their photographs before submitting them to a member of the print media. CAP officials want members to present the clean, well-groomed, professional appearance.

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Another National note: Public affairs officers should cease ordering the cadet program leaflet. The CAP-USAF public affairs staff is out of the leaflets temporarily. A new, dynamic cadet program leaflet is at the printers now and is due back late this summer.

In the meantime, orders already at national headquarters have been filled at reduced numbers to provide for the most equitable distribution possible. There will be an announcement when the new leaflet becomes available.

*** NOTE TO ALL CAP MEMBERS ***
THE NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER, CAP, is:

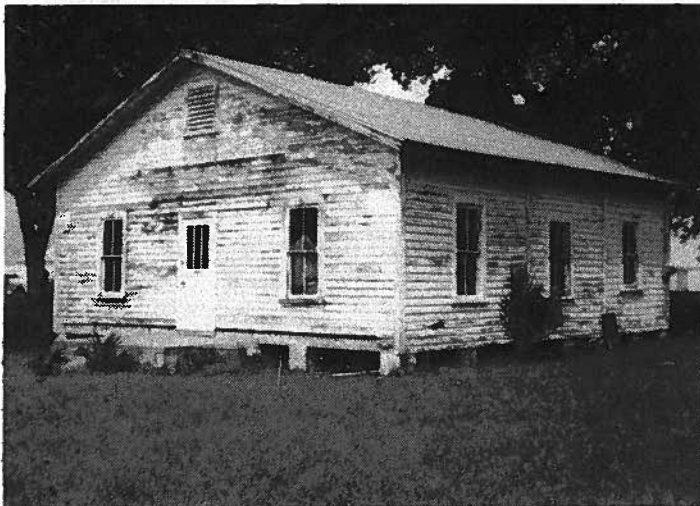
Col. Eugene E. Harwell

If your unit doesn't have an activity going for a couple or three weeks, create a story: 1) About an individual that is outstanding or that has done something to enhance your unit's program; 2) A civilian who is working closely with your unit; 3) A cadet who is doing outstanding work within your unit; 4) Brothers, brother & sister, father & son, father & daughter and an entire family.

There are any number of story possibilities; you can take them from the human interest side, the CAP side, even the community activity side of "their side of the story." Just put your thinking caps on and I'm sure you will be able to fill in the "slow times" that may occur within your unit. Story possibilities are there, all you have to do is "see" them and then follow through.

Another National note: The creative products division at national (under **Bill Odom**) is temporarily out of TV videos. The new radio public service announcements featuring retired Air Force Brig. Gen. **Chuck Yeager** and **Bob Newhart**, are now available.

Well folks, that's a wrap. Remember, "My door is always open and I certainly would appreciate its return." All kidding aside, if you have a problem, an unanswered question or have some good ideas, feel free to contact me, so that I can pass them on to all the other PAO's. Have a happy . . .



New Smyrna Beach Composite Squadron building as it looked in November 1985.



The same building in March 1986 after many hours of hard work by squadron members.

A Man For All Times . . .

"Back in 1928, in my home town of Englewood, New Jersey, me and General 'Black Jack' Pershing unveiled a statue of a World War I soldier."

As a senior industrial engineer for Martin Marietta, first in Baltimore, then in 1957, he transferred here, to Orlando. He was instrumental in saving the taxpayers over 93 million dollars by his design modifications for aircraft and missile systems.

Through the "pressures" of having his son and daughter in Civil Air Patrol, he too joined the Composite Squadron of Central Florida back in April of 1961.

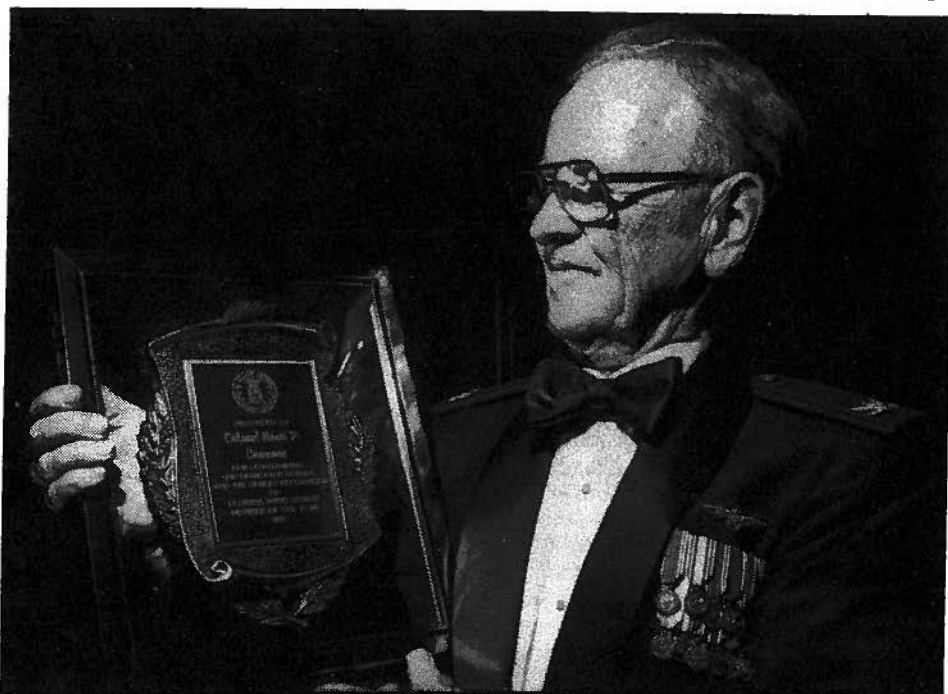
His climb up the ladder of CAP success started when he became a Squadron Commander and ultimately became Commander of Group 20.

While under the leadership of the former Florida Wing Commander, **Gen. Samuel H. duPont**, this man of many talents, was Personnel and Operations officer, sector B.

In 1974 he was appointed Florida Wing Commander.

One of the first things he managed to do as the new Commander, was to get the state appropriations back up. During his tenure as Commander, he brought the Wings standing to number 10 in the nation.

Jokingly, he said there were only two jobs he hasn't held in CAP. One was the Finance Officer and the other was Chaplain . . . and he didn't want that one because he didn't "like the color of the suit."



Col. Henri Casenove proudly displays his "Senior Member of the Year" award presented to him at the Florida Wing Conference. (Photo by Lt. Col. Sid Birns, Wing PAO)

He retired as Florida Wing Commander in 1977 and retired from Martin Marietta in 1983.

This man who has been the man of all times, friend to all and a tireless worker for Florida Wing, enjoyed mostly working with the cadets.

Col. Henri Casenove, always tried to have a "challenge" for the cadets and in this way he would keep their minds working all the time.

Col. Casenove says "CAP has a bright future only if we can get CAP into the public eye. What we need are more Public Relations doers." (Amen to that, your Wing PAO agrees)

At the Florida Wing Conference, **Col. Casenove** was recognized as the Senior Member of the Year for outstanding and dedicated service.

"Two" Is Magic Number

The Brandon Civil Air Patrol Squadron was honored for the first time in five years when two coveted Mitchell Awards were presented at the same time. **W/O Scott Robertson** and **W/O Frank Vans Evers** were the recipients.

"Two" seemed to be the magic number for the squadron. **Capt. Kalua-Miller** was recognized as the first, in over five years, to achieve both, Paul Garber and Grover Loening Awards.

Then there were two S/M promotions, **Rosalie Vans Evers**, and **L. S. Miller** were promoted to Second Lieutenant. **2/Lt. Miller** also received the first Aerospace Education Award presented to the Brandon Sqd. in over five years.

A special award was presented to the Limona Chapel, Rev. Vaughn, for providing a meeting place, and support of Civil Air Patrol.

The 237th Search and Rescue Squadron, Brandon, is now engaged in intensive training, including Red Cross courses, preparing for the hurricane season and any community assistance necessary.



(L. to R.) Cadet Frank Van Evers, Jr., Group 3 commanding officer Maj. Ken Portlock, Cadet Scott Robertson and Brandon Squadron commander Capt. S. Kalua-Miller at the recent awards ceremonies.



The Early Years

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sedita, Historian

This month's column contributed by
Col. Zack Mosley
Florida Wing Commander 1944



While in West Palm Beach, Florida in late January 1941, I learned from **Ike Vermillya** and other pilot friends that they had formed a Florida Civil Air Defense Squadron.

Later in 1941, **Jim Starr**, **Syd Nesbitt**, and I got a bunch of pilots together at Roosevelt Field, and told them about Florida's squadron. Some pilots said that a number of states were doing likewise, so we organized a New York squadron of civilian pilots and planes. We selected **Commander Beckwith Havens**, a Navy pilot from WW I as our leader. Later, a group of civilian pilot leaders and members from numerous states met at La Guardia Airport, and we decided to try to combine all state squadrons into a national organization. New York City Mayor, **Fiorello La Guardia**, a WW I pilot, was one of the many spark-plugs behind this movement.

On December 1, 1941, President Roosevelt created the National Civil Air Patrol as an official organization of the new Civil Defense Department, just six days before Pearl Harbor!

My chief assistant artist, **Boody Rogers** joined the Army. In February, 1942, my other assistant, **Andy Sprague**, Marie and I headed for Florida. Nazi subs were sinking tankers and freighters off the coast in the Gulf Stream and on both sides of it in the

Atlantic Ocean from Florida to Halifax, and also in the Gulf of Mexico.

My Florida friends wanted me to join their West Palm Beach CAP squadron, pool my plane with theirs, and train with them. We were sure we would be called to active duty on anti-sub patrol any day. America was caught short, and not many military planes were available for coastal patrol. All new CAP squadrons included foot-marching drills in their training programs. I couldn't hack that marching stuff because of broken arches, but I could fly civilian planes.

Major General John F. Curry, USAAF, was the first national commander of the Civil Air Patrol, and **Gill Robb Wilson** was its first national executive officer. Meanwhile, **Captain Earl L. Johnson**, USAAF, replaced Wilson as executive officer, enabling Wilson to devote his time to the organization of the CAP coastal patrol anti-sub program.

Besides coastal patrol, the CAP did target-towing, courier service between defense plants, border and forest patrol, to mention a few duties. These volunteer CAP pilots flew over 24 million miles on coastal anti-sub patrol, and spotted 173 Nazi subs during the first 18 months of WW II. Ninety CAP aircraft were lost, and 26 CAP pilots or observers were killed, and seven seriously injured.

In the early days of patrol duty, we volunteers had to pay all expenses involving engines, gasoline, radios, etc. Our survival equipment at that time consisted of a green canvas bag tied to a large inner tube.

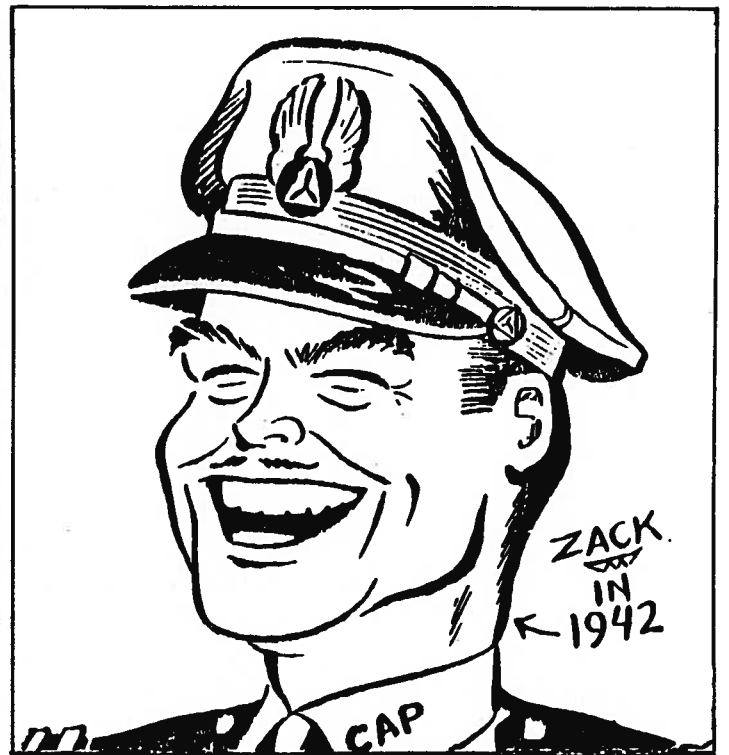
It was called a "barracuda bucket," the same thing that the flying bootleggers had used during prohibition when they were smuggling booze from the Bahama Islands into Florida.

After 18 months of anti-sub Civil Air Patrol, the military had enough planes built to take over all anti-submarine operations. CAP pilots who had flown over 300 hours on ocean coastal patrol were eventually awarded U.S. Army Air Force medals. We were very proud of this.

In 1944, I was made the third CAP wing commander of Florida, and later promoted to full Colonel. The first Florida Wing commander was **Ike Vermillya**, and the second was **Judge Robbins!** While I was the Wing commanding officer, we flew to a different town in Florida each month to work out problems with all units. After about a year and a half, I couldn't stand the pressure, plus writing and drawing "Smilin' Jack," so I resigned, but to this day, I am still semi-active with CAP national headquarters public relations.



Zack receiving air medal from Maj. Gen. L. V. Beau, USAF, for over 300 hours of Anti-Sub Patrol with CAP flown in 1941 & 1942.



The Orlando Sentinel
Thursday, March 6, 1986

Teamwork was antidote for man bitten by cobra

By **Michael Ludden**, of the Sentinel staff
ST. CLOUD — It was early evening on Feb. 10 when Robert Lawton staggered into the emergency room at Miami's Coral Reef Hospital and collapsed. Bitten by a deadly Asian cobra, Lawton, 42, was dying. Only a rare antivenin would save him.

Hospital officials began cardiopulmonary resuscitation; emergency room staffers began calling around the country to find the drug.

It was not until weeks later that those involved in the effort to save Lawton began to learn just how dramatic that mission had been.

Lawton has recovered with no side effects. But he probably will never know how many people there are to thank.

Rescue officials across the state and nation, from Miami to St. Cloud, from Tampa to Orlando, and from Illinois to Atlanta, agreed his survival resulted from an almost incredible sequence of events.

When the antivenin arrived at the hospital about 5 a.m. on Feb. 11, about 12 hours after his collapse, Lawton had minutes to live, hospital officials said. His vital signs had disappeared; he had been sustained with life-support equipment since going into cardiac arrest.

Conversations with a variety of those who played a part in the rescue pieced together this account:

■ Dinner time, Feb. 10 — One of several exotic snakes Lawton keeps at his home bites his middle finger as he is showing the snake to friends. He reaches the hospital within 15 minutes, and collapses as he walks through the door. Emergency room staffers begin CPR as the venom begins to paralyze the muscles of his heart and lungs. The search for antivenin begins.

"It was a chain reaction — people started making phone calls," said Nancy Lehtinen, a patient-assistance supervisor at Coral Reef Hospital. "We have no idea how many people called; a lot of people."

Hospitals and research laboratories nationwide are contacted and many join the telephone effort. Late that evening, antivenin is found at two locations, one in Atlanta, the other near St. Cloud.

"It was someone at the Poison Control Center in Tampa that reached me about 11," said George VanHorn, director of the Reptile World Serpentarium on U.S. Highway 192-441 east of town.

They weren't sure what kind of cobra it was. We had antivenin good for everything but two of about 15 species of cobras, so I felt pretty sure. I thought it was probably (a cobra) from Thailand."

Rescue officials quickly began drafting a plan to rush the medicine to South Florida, contacting Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Ill., the national rescue coordination center for the Air Force. Efforts fail to find a nearby Air Force jet that can immediately fly the mission.

The Air Force base contacts **Lt. Col. Robert A. Croft** in Miami. Croft is Florida Wing Emergency Services officer for the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary to the Air Force charged with emergency rescue missions.

■ About 1 a.m. Feb. 11 — Croft reaches **Lt. Col. Harry Criss**, the patrol's chief mission coordinator for Central Florida. Criss contacts the Air Force Base and is assigned a mission number. He calls **Maj. Richard Brinkman** in Orlando to begin a search for a local aircraft.

■ 1:50 a.m. — **Capt. Clark Morris** of the CAP Eagle Composite Squadron begins contacting officers on the alert roster. Reaching the operations officer, **Capt. Michael E. Thompson**, Morris heads for Orlando Executive Airport to ready the plane, a Cessna 172 owned by the CAP.

Thompson, who will fly the plane, prepares to leave his house at the Carlton Arms South on South Rio Grande Avenue in Orlando. He calls the Federal Aviation Administration flight service desk at the airport, where weather briefings for his flight have been prepared. Thompson calls 911 and asks for an emergency police escort to the airport.

Scott Air Force Base by now has contacted Homestead Air Force Base in Miami to arrange authorization for a civilian plane to land.

■ 1:53 a.m. — An Osceola County Sheriff's Department car reaches the serpentarium, 17 miles southeast of Kissimmee, to pick up the antivenin.

"They left here going like 150," said VanHorn, who in the meantime has been in contact with the hospital.

■ 2:15 a.m. — The car reaches the Orange County line, where an Orange County deputy's car is expected to meet it. Instead, it is Chase I, the sheriff's helicopter.

Thompson walks outside his apartment toward his car, where he is surprised by the spotlight of the descending Chase I, which rushes him to the airport.

Thompson's plane is in the air by 3 a.m.

"I have never seen such cooperation between organizations before," he says. "Some of the details of the operation, I didn't find out for more than a week afterward. I still don't know everything that happened. There was not a minute wasted."

Safety

Lt. Col. Dick Saunders



What was your Christmas like? Was it safe and enjoyable or hectic? Can you remember? Can you remember the good or bad things that happened in January or February or March or yesterday? The point being that all those things are in the past. They were yesterdays. Whether they were wonderful or tragic, they cannot be changed. They were yesterdays. We had a good year as far as safety goes, but we cannot live yesterdays.

Today is the first day of a new beginning. We can change today and plan for a better tomorrow. I charge you to put on your safety caps and think safety. Let's approach the second half of 1986 with the desire and determination to improve our safety performance.

Desire alone is not enough! We must apply good thinking, planning, and good old hard work into our safety program to have an excellent one. Isn't that what we want?

So let's do it! Charge on!

See your monthly bulletins for timely tips.

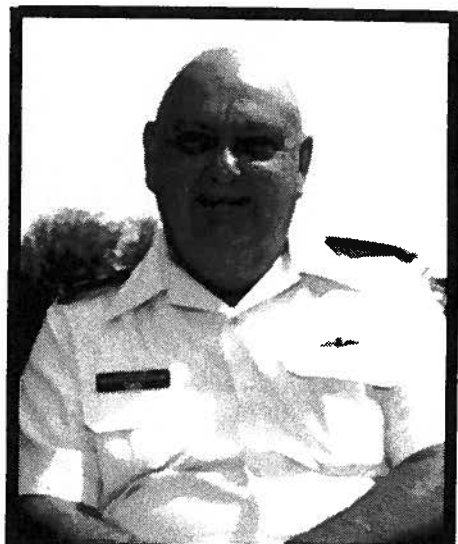
NOTE: THE SAFETY OFFICER'S

NEW ADDRESS IS:

P.O. Box 963

Crystal Beach, FL 34256

■ Just before 5 a.m. — Thompson lands at Homestead. An ambulance carries the antivenin to Coral Reef Hospital, where it is injected into Lawton just before 5:30 a.m.



**In Memoriam
Col. Robert Owen
March 1986**

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05/06/86	0501	HULL, WINTHRUP — Maj.	05/020
07/20/86	0178	KANE, KARL — Capt.	03/032
09/28/86	1510	KAISER, KARL — Capt.	15/076
	1516	LONG, WILLIAM — Maj.	15/076
10/29/86	0426	STEVENSON, JAMES — Capt.	17/327
	0604	HQ GROUP 06 — CAP BLDG.	06/019
	0709	COX, CHARLES — L/Col.	—/001
	1017	MARTIN, JOSEPH — Capt.	10/249
12/08/86	0620	VOLA, C.M. — L/Col.	06/049

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01/28/87	0240	MANN, WILLIAM — Capt.	18/301
03/09/87	0008	LEWIS, ROY — L/Col.	DCE/001
	1315	BAKER, ROY — Lt.	02/336
03/22/87	0109	WALLACE, DANIEL — Lt.	06/353
	0142	MURRAY, MYRON — Lt.	15/337
	0198	CORREA, ANTONIO — Lt.	05/047
03/23/87	0111	CHIPLEY COMP. SQDN.	04/339
04/28/87	0262	WRIGHT, BRUCE — L/Col.	17/346
	1001	LOPEZ, RUBEN — Lt.	10/249

Association Honors CAP Cadets

By L/Col. Joseph Day

The John C. Meyer Chapter 514 of the Air Force Association honored two outstanding students at a dinner party recently in New Port Richey. This is the second such award accorded young men for their academic studies at school, and their extra curriculum activities such as the Civil Air Patrol.

Presenting the plaques was retired Air Force **General Pat O'Hara** a member of the chapter assisted by Pres. Frank Barnes. The first recipient was **Cadet Colonel Bruce Levins** a member of the Zephyrhills CAP Sqdn., commanded by **Major Wm. Bailey**.

Levins has been a member for the past three (3) years. He has received an Army four-year scholarship to pursue a medical career. The second cadet is 15 year old **Lt. James Dewey**. He is a student at Hernando High School. He plans on a career in the USAF.

Guest speaker for the evening was **Colonel Charles George** of the USAF. Others were **Lt. Col. Richard Read** Air Force Liaison for the Florida Wing of CAP and **Col. Doug Maloney** Air Space officer and educator at Hernando High School.



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