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CAP GOVERNMENT LIAISON

LTC Art Grindle pictured with COL Don Cunningham (photo by Capt June Lawson)

State Representative Art Grindle's involvement with and dedication to the Central Florida community is extensive, on both the political and civic levels.

Art was elected to the Florida House of Representative in 1982 and is now serving his fourth term. When he is not in Tallahassee, Art keeps busy with a variety of civic and business interests. In December '87, Art joined CAP as a LTC. LTC Grindle also serves each year as the local host of the national United Cerebral Palsy telethon.

LTC Grindle is the recipient of numerous awards, among them the Leukemia Society's Service to Mankind Award, Greater Seminole Chamber's Helen Keyser Distinguished Citizen Award, Florida Federation of Young Republicans Award for Outstanding Support, Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award, and a proclamation by the City of Orlando of Art Grindle Day.

LTC Grindle and his wife, Phyllis, have four children and five grandchildren. They enjoy boating and flying - LTC Grindle holds a commercial, multi-engine pilot's license with instrument rating.



FLORIDA PROUD

FLORIDA PROUD..that's what we are of our 1990 Florida Wing Cadet Drill Competition Team! The Region Cadet Competition was held at Knoxville, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30th, and FLORIDA WON!! Team members from the Group 9 area participated in basketball, aerospace and leadership exams and heavy, heavy drill competition. Our Wing Commander, Col. Don Cunningham not only was there to encourage their enthusiastic performance, but he also took pictures for the Wing. We wish them super luck (but practice too!) for the National Cadet Competition in December!

The drill team consisted of the following cadets: M. James, M. Nash, C. Lopez, P. Tovar, F. Tovar, E. Villaba, A. Hudson, C. Clarke, R. Perrales, M. Malan, J. Fernandez, N. Beaulieu, F. Pagin, E. Kendrick, Toemmez, and D'Andria.

**COMMENTS BY
WING COMMANDER**

by Colonel Don Cunningham, Jr.

CHANGE...CHANGE.. In Webster's Dictionary, it says "to make or become different" and "to replace for another", but I guess it could read "hard to accept" or perhaps "resist."

We are in a world of many changes and we have a tendency to resist and tell our fellow members "we never used to do it that way" or "when I was in another Wing, we did it a different way."

There are so many changes in the world today that the history books, science books and even the math books will have to be rewritten. So will Civil Air Patrol...we're changing too.

I spent four days attending the Civil Air Patrol National Board meeting in Reno, Nevada, where many changes were discussed. The most talked about change is the epaulet color change from blue to burgandy.

We all want to represent a proud service, the United States Air Force. I served my time in Air Force blue and was just as proud of it then as I am today. I wear this uniform in dedication to my comrades who went down in history defending the country we love so much.

Changing the epaulets will not change my feelings, nor will it change history. Some members may think that the reason for this change perhaps is that we don't wear our uniforms properly, but I don't think this is an issue. On a recent visit to a Florida Air Force Base, I saw people in flight suits, civilian dress and some "blue suiters" that really need to watch our proud cadets present their "pass in review". It made the hair on my arms raise and a tear form in my eye in memory of Earhart, Spaatz and Mitchell, to mention only a few. It was that impressive!

In short, it's not the color of the uniform that makes the difference, but the member who wears it, and the pride they take in it and in serving the CIVIL AIR PATROL.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

by LTC Cheryl Miller
Florida Wing PAO

TRUE ENJOYMENT!! Looking over the newsletters submitted this past quarter by the units was great. I encourage those of you who do not put together a unit newsletter to try it--you will find it is not only a record of the history of what's happening in your unit, but also a tool, useful to keep your members informed of changes, calendar events and pats on the back, awards, etc. For those well-deserving and otherwise unpaid members of ours. **AND...A NEWSLETTER CAN BE LOTS OF FUN TO PUT TOGETHER--CREATIVE ENGERY IS THE BEST KIND!!**

Upcoming for the balance of the year, some Public Affairs Training Events to mark on your calendar and send in a CAPF 17 - to increase your experience and knowledge. A good PAO knows you never know it all, and it's SOOOOO MUCH FUN LEARNING!

Sept 22, Naples - PAO Training Seminar (Group 8 Host)

Sept 29, Wing HQ - PAO Training Seminar (All Units)

Oct 6, Perry-Foley - PAO Training Seminar (Groups 1 & 2 Host)

Nov 10, Wing HQ - Mission PAO Training (All Units)

Send in your CAPF 17's now with \$5.00. All PAO's Trainees and Commanders should try to attend at least one regular seminar and the mission seminar. These will be one day sessions, Sat. only. Sign in will begin at 0800, class from 0830 to 1600. We will do some role-playing for all sessions.

If you have any questions, contact me at Sparrow 67 HF 407/468-0123 home (evenings) or 407/335-5030 at work. I will return call in the evening.

TIP FOR THE MONTH

NOTHING WORKS LIKE PERSISTENCE! IT ALSO HELPS TO ALWAYS HAVE A POSITIVE APPROACH.

HISTORIAN REVIEW

by LTC Elizabeth (Lib) Sedita
Florida Wing Historian

I would like to ask for more favors. I am in need of old CAP News. I need any news you might have prior to 1971 as well as old regulations, manuals and pamphlets. If you have a chance to visit Wing Headquarters, please take time to look at the work that has been done to preserve CAP material you all have submitted to the Wing Historian in the past. The insignia boards will be re-arranged in the near future. If any of you have a unit patch, please see that I receive one to go on the boards. Thanks again for all your support of the "History of our Wing".

COMMUNICATION

by LTC Ross Sedita
Florida Wing Communications Officer

To enhance the economic environment of Florida Wing and its subordinate units, the Wing Commander has recommended that a radio communications network be established. This network will provide a means of interface, without commercial land line costs, between units, wing staff and wing headquarters. The plan will utilize HF and VHF-FM radio communications stations for processing routine correspondence between command levels throughout the Wing. To accomplish this, specific stations have HF and VHF capability, and able to monitor these frequencies during specific daylight hours, will be assigned to handle traffic. Under normal conditions it will not be necessary to pass said traffic immediately to the recipient. Traffic can be passed to the recipient, or a relay in the local telephone area on the regularly scheduled HF nets. Traffic can be informal and routine. If routine, traffic should be copied and transmitted as originally received without change to verbage or content. (REF CAPM 100-1, Fig 14-3 "CAP message Form". It is recommended that all traffic can be read back to the originator to guarantee accuracy. We are presently interested in locating volunteers for assignemnt to this message center program. If you are interested, please contact Sparrow 90, COL Henri Casenove.

From the Wing Commander:

ROTATING BEACONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE USED ON ANY FLORIDA WING CORPORATE VEHICLES.

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COAST TO COAST

GROUP 1 held their annual awards banquet on July 21. Recipients of the Cmdr Commendation Award were: C/FO Doug Houghton, Capt James Engles, Capt William Jones, Capt Jean Pratt and Maj Donald Ellsworth. The Officer of the Year for GROUP 1 was Capt Herbert Tankersley. On Oct 20, the cadets will be taking a trip to Mobile, AL to visit the USS Battleship Alabama.

According to LT Marsha Pennington, Editor of the GROUP 2 newsletter, GROUP 2 is busier than ever. Riverview Comp Sqd held a practice SAREX and received a donation by making a CAP presentation to the local Rotary Club. Members of the Gainesville Comp Sqd completed Red Cross Training to complete ground team qualifications. Cadets Jared Pollock, Terry King, Eric Barden, Steven Parrish and Kimberly Murphy were honored at a recent AFJROTC Military Ball. Herlong Comp has planned a trip to NASA Space Camp. Fernandina Sr Sqd is now authorized to fly as far north as Waycross, GA to assist with the members with missions. Lake City Comp has been recruiting at the local Jr. High school, they put an ad in the school annual and sponsored a Science Fair. South Marion Sqd's new Commander is Lt John Pennington. Members have completed CPR, First Aid and radiological monitoring courses. Jacksonville Comp has held courses in Red Cross and ground team and communication exercises. St. Johns River Comp members participated in the Putnam county fair; held a bivouac and their color guard performed for the July 4th parade in Interlocken. Marion County Comp's new commander is Col Robert Schaetzle. Recent promotions for GROUP 2 include Capt David Ball and LTC Joe Barron. Cadet promotions include cadets Matt Rhodes, Adam Duke, Brian Suydam, Kevin O'Quinn, Brian Hurshey, Mike Torres, Jeremy Pennington and Ray Nicoll. In July, GROUP 2 MC LTC Fred Swearingen coordinated personnel from GROUPS 2, 3 and 4 along with the Alachua County Sheriff's Department to search for a woman reported missing five days. With the assistance of an aircrew and civilian volunteers throughout GROUP 2, the woman was found, dazed but in good condition, and transported to a local hospital.

A funded SAREX for GROUPS 2, 6 and 7 is planned for Sept 8 at Ocala, FL. MC including Aerial Radiation Monitoring flights in the exercise. Fuel is reimbursable. More information to follow on group levels.

GROUP 4's Gator Sr Sqd will soon be ordering new squadron patches designed by 1Lt William Holcomb and Maj Ralph Dixon. GROUP 4 has submitted 1Lt William Holcomb and Capt Marrison Welch as candidates for WING PAO 1990. Both

members are mission qualified and active in ES. Adrian Crownover (Armed Forces DJ made famous by "Good Morning Vietnam") was guest speaker at a July 4th celebration held for Veterans at Williams Park. Members enjoyed their holiday. The participating members were thanked by the VFW, DAV and AM-VETS and given a t-shirt and baseball cap. Capt Jerry Welch and 1LT William Holcomb coordinated emergency medical support with the promoters of "Rockin' Reunion II" which featured "Fabian", "The Shirelles" and "The Coasters" who played for over 4000 people at the county fairgrounds.

GROUP 5 announces the promotion of Maj Christopher E. Pike and Capt Bill Passinos. Best wishes to C/LTC David Leali who will be entering college this fall. GROUP 5 now has its VHF repeater in operation on 143.900/148.15 Mhz.

GROUP 6 welcomes 1Lt Phillip Kerr as Sqd Commander for Orlando Cadet Sqd. Congratulations go to Capt Andy Rodriguez on his upcoming wedding. Maj Ron Regan is working with WESH TV 2 on the 1990 Food Drive. On 23 Aug. members of GROUP 6 volunteered their time to answer telephones during WMFE TV 24 "On The Air" funds and membership drive.

Congratulations to C/Capt Mike Eccleston who has been appointed C / Commander for TICO Sqd (GROUP 7). Bill Pemberton, Sqd Personnel Officer, has been reinstated to Capt, having been formerly a Capt at Natl Capital Wing at Washington, D.C. Capt Shoemaker, USAFR, has come to GROUP 7 as a CAP Advisor to replace Maj Jim Boland, who is retiring. Best of luck to them both in their new assignments! 1Lt Jack Bonstra has accepted additional duty assignment of GROUP 7 Comm. Officer along with being the Sqd Communications Officer.

GROUP 7 CAC sponsored a CLS for 31 cadets from GROUPS 7 & 5 at St. Lucie Airport. Instructions in leadership, attitudes, discipline, uniforms, cus-

toms & courtesies, the flag and interior guard were held by Cadets. Seniors were observers only. TICO Sqd Cadet Stephen Smith, a licensed private pilot, recently received 2 awards through his JROTC at Palm Bay High School.

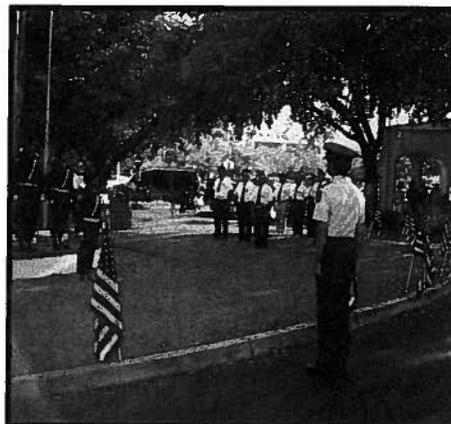
Coral Springs Cadet Sqd (GROUP 9) participated in retiring "OLD GLORY" at the Coral Springs City Hall. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps presented their colors in unison with CAP. Attendees included 9 and Florida Wing.

UNIFORM CHANGE - 1 JANUARY 1991. All Senior Members should have purchased and are wearing the new burgandy epauletts and the burgandy circlets on Class A's and outer garments. The circlets come with instructions as to how they are placed on the uniform. To order from bookstore, the circlets are Item #747 I.



Capt Antonio Pineda

Capt Tony Pineda was born in Havana, Cuba where he attended Havana Military Academy from 1956-1959. He moved to the US in 1962. He is a graduate of FL International University where he received his BS Degree in Criminal Justice. He was a member of the Hollywood Police Dept until 1980 and since that time he has worked as a Special Agent for the Florida Dept of Law Enforcement. Capt Pineda's son (C/SGT Robert Pineda) recruited him to CAP in 1988 as a member of the West Broward Comp Sqd. He was Operations Officer, Deputy Commander and Sqd Commander. Capt Pineda was appointed as Commander for Group 9 in Feb 1990. Capt Pineda is married, has three children and is a private pilot. Capt Pineda states, "I joined CAP because I feel the program helps our youngsters with direction and provides a good community service in the air search and rescue program."



Retiring "OLD GLORY"

SENIOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

by LtC Robert Croft

REGION STAFF COLLEGE (RSC) 21-27 OCT. 1990 MAXWELL AFB, AL

Commanders and staff officers who have completed senior member training Level III (SLS, ECI-13, and CLC) are eligible to attend. Curriculum outline is included in CAPM 50-17, page 14. Send 3 copies of typewritten CAPF 17 with \$50.00 (attendance fee) check attached, to FL WG HQ/TTN as soon as possible to assure acceptance due to quota limitations.

SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS (SLS) SCHEDULED:

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| 22-23 Sept. | Plymouth | Capt Matthew Sharkey |
| 27-28 Oct | St. Petersburg | Capt Dene Peak |

CORPORATE LEARNING COURSES (CLC) SCHEDULED:

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|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 13-14 Oct | Lakeland | contact: Maj Kathryn Fuqua |
| 13-14 Oct | Patrick AFB | " Lt Barbara Randall |
| 13-14 Oct | Tyndall AFB | " Maj Joan Thompson |
| 27-28 Oct | Plymouth | " Maj David LaMontagne |
| 8-9 Dec | St. Petersburg | " Capt Connie Cline |

Members planning to attend Squadron Leadership Schools or Corporate Learning Courses are urged to send in CAP Form-17 (2 copies) to the listed contact person for that particular function. Planning for supplies and equipment, as well as facilities, dictates that we know ahead of time approximately the number of students planning to attend.

SENIOR MEMBER PROGRAM AWARD

PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

Capt James M. Mathews 08370

GROVER LOENING AWARD

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Capt Donald N. Coyer | 08023 |
| Capt David A. Horwitz | 08117 |
| Capt Joseph J. Lavati | 08227 |
| 1Lt Gustavo Menendez | 08090 |
| Capt Robert E. Newton | 08425 |
| 1Lt Rodney E. Randall | 08272 |
| 2Lt David B. Rix | 08015 |
| Capt William C. Robinson | 08328 |
| 1Lt Herman J. Schaefer | 08327 |

TRAINING by LTC Al Fields

Aerial Radiological Monitoring course to be held on Sat Sept 29 at 0900 hours - Naples Sr Sqd hanger. Submit CAPF 17 to LTC Al Fields.

PROMOTIONS FOR JUNE/JULY 1990

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|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 08308 | Capt D. M. Upp | 08051 | Capt C. Duncan |
| 08047 | Capt D. B. Hammill | 08372 | Capt R. L. Cusson |
| 08308 | Capt L. Jenness | 08293 | 1Lt A. J. Dalton |
| 08360 | Capt M. L. Ohman | 08033 | 1Lt J. A. Waters |
| 08023 | Capt E. L. Stannard | 08123 | 1Lt D. B. Cate |
| 08120 | Capt J. H. Ohara | 08021 | 1Lt C. H. Daly |
| 08123 | Capt B. J. Tully | 08021 | 1Lt C. H. Morrow |
| 08133 | Capt A. A. Blakeney | 08249 | 1Lt T. E. Johnson |
| 08023 | Capt R. M. Mandell | 08033 | 2Lt D. K. Alderman |
| 08336 | Capt V. T. Vasco | 08001 | 1Lt B. S. Leighton |
| 08328 | Capt H. T. Snyder | | |

SAREX by Maj Calvin Lowrie

On July 28, GROUPS 5, 8 & 9 converged at Naples to conduct their annual SAR exercise. Under the direction of LTC Mel Weiser MC and MCT Henry Kalita, over 140 CAP personnel (including cadets who assisted in all operations) trained throughout the day to sharpen skills necessary to perform during SAR missions. Fourteen A/C searched for visual and ELT targets along with 3 ground teams assisting. On hand to view the exercise were LTC Don Stallings and LTC Ray Hiems of the FLW Mission Office, USAF. Col Cunningham and other staff officers from Wing Operations and ES also observed the exercise. The outstanding facilities and support were a hallmark of the day. Under the coordination of Maj Francis Cichini, the Naples Sqd was well prepared in handling the number of personnel involved. The groups should be applauded for their excellent performance. WELL DONE!

Those attending the exercise should be making plans to attend the SAREVAL on Oct 20. The location is yet to be determined, but the announcement should be forthcoming in Aug. All personnel who are current ES qualified are encouraged to attend. Trainers should remember this is the annual EVAL and training will be minimal.

MISSION COORDINATOR TRAINING SCHOOL

During the weekend of July 15, FL Wing Dept of Emergency Services conducted a training school for future MC's at Patrick AFB. Students from throughout the state were represented. Under the direction of Maj Calvin Lowrie, 27 students attending representing all the Groups in the Wing. Instructors included Col Don Cunningham, LTC's Bob Croft, Fred Swearingen, Cheryl Miller, Maj's Jim and Lynne Puglise and Maj Art Karmgard. Topics ranged from current alerting procedures, public affairs and the MC, to legal implications during SAR. Col Cunningham stated that this was the best training he had seen in years for MC's.

Future seminars to be conducted by FL Wing ES include an advanced course for MC's, Mission Staff Support School, Aircrew Training and Ground Operations Seminar. These seminars are designed to help members learn how to perform the ES mission.

Promotions (cont.)

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| 08033 | 1Lt E. A. Engstrom | 08033 | 2Lt J. W. Kennedy |
| 08104 | 1Lt M. D. Cashman | 08033 | 2Lt B. Hunter |
| 08047 | 1Lt R. E. Sumner | 08033 | 2Lt L. B. Hampton |
| 08015 | 1Lt D. B. Rix | 08033 | 2Lt L. V. Cully |
| 08308 | 2Lt T. A. Odom | | |
| 08383 | 2Lt R. C. Wicklund | 08182 | 2Lt M. D. Scionti |
| 08267 | 2Lt J. D. Hudson | 08182 | 2Lt F. Monner |
| 08033 | 2Lt R. G. Hampton | 08182 | 2Lt B. A. Wright |
| 08227 | 2Lt D. T. Norris | 08279 | 2Lt L. G. Ireland |
| 08016 | 2Lt L. J. Rose | 08090 | 2Lt F. I. Sandorfi |
| 08125 | 2Lt M. M. Merrell | 08090 | 2Lt J. C. Gonzalez |
| 08043 | 2Lt J. L. Weisfoss | 08337 | 2Lt R. A. Calabro |
| 08084 | 2Lt D. M. Murray | 08023 | 2Lt R. G. Snyder |
| 08084 | 2Lt K. A. Murray | 08023 | 2Lt R. S. Weaver |
| 08084 | 2Lt B. A. Murray | 08372 | 2Lt H. Liberti |
| 08375 | 2Lt D. M. Runnard | 08159 | 2Lt J. C. Gilbert |
| 08375 | 2Lt J. J. Runnard, III | 08378 | 2Lt D. E. Rainey |
| 08084 | 2Lt C. I. McKnight | 08047 | 2Lt D. O'Connell |
| 08355 | 2Lt M. T. Hartley | 08084 | 2Lt J. D. Noguez |
| 08436 | 2Lt C. R. Hansan | | |
| 08423 | 2Lt H. R. Bishop, Jr. | | |

CADET PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



CANOPY IS UP! HOOK'S GOING DOWN!

"Canopy is up! Hook's going down!" screams one of the instructors at the Water Survival School at Homestead AFB. On that signal, the cadet on deck begins giant running steps. A smaller boat with the tow line pulls away from the deck and another cadet is launched into the air. The cadet is on a parasail ride of a lifetime.

The personnel at Homestead AFB has set up a Water Survival Program for cadets in CAP. To be eligible for this program, a cadet must be at least 16 years old and score high at Special Acts. It is one of the most sought after special activity.

Twenty-six cadets and 4 senior members from all over Florida Wing and as far away as the Utah Wing attended this activity. They went through an abbreviated form of the 3-day training course given to all aircrews of the Air Force. The purpose of the training is to prepare for a possible water ejection or ditching of a flight.

The first day was a rigorous program of classes and water drills covering rescue techniques, communications and raft usage. Proper use and packing of survival kits, water stills, parachute control and safe water landings were also covered.

Safety and following techniques are 2 major aspects of training. The trainees worked very hard to memorize check lists and demonstrate the skills they had been taught for the open water work the next day. The instructors constantly stress that in a real life situation, these procedures would save their lives.

The following day the cadets demonstrate how to release their parachutes while being dragged behind the boat, to simulate actual conditions of a dragging by their parasail if it should occur. The actual parasailing that morning over Biscayne Bay in Miami is the highlight of all the training. Soaring at an altitude of 100 feet, their parasail line is released and they glide gracefully to the waters below, where they proceed into rafts and survive until the rescue boat recovers them a few hours later.

Capt Joseph J. Lavati, Commander of the Pompano Beach Cdt Sqd in Florida, served as the Project Officer for this CAP activity. (submitted by Capt Joseph J. Lavati)

LAKELAND SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

by Robert Croft, LTC, Encampment Commander

The weather was great! That was 'til Sat, July 14, at Pass-in-Review and the graduation ceremony - when the heavens "opened up"!

One hundred sixty-one (161) cadets, accompanied by 14 senior members, had a tremendously successful encampment. For 130 cadets, this was their first encampment. C/LTC David Leali, Cadet Commander, did a superior job along with his staff. Some of the motto's were, "helping, teaching, sharing, learning and caring"; "Encampments bring us together" and "Striving for Perfection."

A special thanks goes to the USAF and Reserve personnel

who assisted at the encampment, as well as the senior members who dedicated their time and effort to this activity.



LTC Henry Prine congratulates LTC Robert Croft and C/LTC David Leali on their appointments to the Lakeland Encampment (Photo by Capt June Lawson)



LTC Henry Prine congratulates Maj Janet Deem for another outstanding ECCSS encampment. Maj Deem is retiring for a year to spend more time with her family.

The 1990 ECCSS Encampment was very successful. Every cadet graduated and every cadet was awarded a Staff Position either at the Lakeland encampment or the Tyndall AFB encampment.

Plans are now under way for the 1991 ECCSS encampment.

(Photo by Capt J. Lawson)

CAMP RUDDER by Maj Dan Powers, Encampment Commander

Approximately 68 cadets and 14 seniors attended an unusual week at Camp Rudder Encampment. The cadets said it was the best encampment ever; the seniors wanted "air-conditioning"! The week was spent touring the Special Ops Wing and taking the C-130 flights at Hurlburt Field as well as the tour of Eglin AFB, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Munition Systems Div. The highlight for most of the cadets was to fire an M-60 machine gun (under strict supervision). The week also consisted of basic classes and instruction in leadership, aerospace, etc.

Outstanding Airman Award went to Cadet Kelly Cassidy; C/SSgt Rebecca Peixotto was the recipient of the Leadership Award;

C/MSgt Henry Faircloth was named Outstanding NCO; and C/Maj Terese David was named Outstanding Officer. The Outstanding Flight was Maverick, Cadet David's Flight.

The Staff wants to thank the USAF L.O.'s who attended all week and helped and the seniors who gave their time and efforts for this cadet activity.

MAIL FROM ACROSS THE WING

I am sure our Cadets who are away at Military Academies would appreciate received news from "home". Please correspond with them whenever possible.

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Cadet J. Jevon Zirkel
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Seminole Cadet Sqd.



Pictured here is Cadet Billy Horst with the scale model of the General Dynamics F-16. (photo by Cpt Don Wood)

The St. Johns River Composite Sqd unveiled a rather unusual aerospace education project and promptly used it to win a plaque in the Interlachen, Florida, Fourth of July Parade. Sqd DC Cpt Walter Whitehouse has been project officer for the one-half scale model of the General Dynamics F-16. The model has a wing span of 14 ft, is 16 ft long, made with wood frame and plywood skin. This project was selected by the participating cadets. Srs involved in this project included Cpt Shirley Whitehouse, 1LTs Bill Horst, Beverly Horst and 2LT Danny Fleming. Cdts involved were Billy Horst (who piloted the plane), Dawn Horst, Kelly Meadows (drove the tug), and Raymond Tucker. At the conclusion of the parade, Sqd Cmdr Cpt Don Wood was presented with a plaque for the "BEST YOUTH FLOAT." Other units wishing to use this model in parades should contact Cpt Don Wood, Route 3, Box 955-D, Interlachen, FL 32148 (904/684-6208).



Air Force Reservist of the Year for the whole nation presented to Maj Bate Blair by Col Don Cunningham and Florida Wing LO, Lt. Colonel Don Stallings. (photo by LTC Cheryl Miller)

'DUTY . . . HONOR . . . COUNTRY'



LT. COLONEL BEN NATION

In a recent ceremony in Leesburg, FL, Lt. Col. Ben Nation, commanding officer of Lake County Composite Squadron (08021) retired.

LTC Nation joined Civil Air Patrol in 1942. He worked long, hard hours, without pay, flying missions over the ocean to report the sighting of the invading enemy marauders.

LTC Nation's first airplane ride was in early 1941 which resulted in his proceeding to obtain his pilot's license. His first missions were with the coastal patrol at the Plaza Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina. LTC Nation later lost the hearing in his left ear while flying a CAP mission in sub-zero weather. This unfortunate incident ended his flying career in 1951.

Although LTC Nation's wisdom and experience will be missed at Lake County Composite Squadron, he will always be one of those "people you can count on."



Cols. Cunningham and Leighton received the Search & Rescue Effectiveness Award for 1989 presented by Gen. Barry. Gen. Harwell and Col. Tallent assisted in the presentation. (photo by LTC Cheryl Miller)

WING SECURITY OFFICER by LTC Ed Wolff

What is Wing Security? It is a newly formed position that will deal with a number of areas, testing security, building security, theft of corporate property, corporate vehicle usage with external lights, security of corporate radios, and a number of other areas. Yes, I will be busy, but I am here to help make the program both better and safer for you.

Each month I will attempt to cover a different area to help to make us all think with a more security conscience attitude. It will keep us safe and make things work much easier.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am Sparrow 22 on VHF in the Ft. Lauderdale area and on HF or I can be reached by digital pager number (305) 774-0202 or home number of (305) 968-7256.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED

On Monday, 9 July 1990 at the Group 4 Headquarters in Zephyrhills, Florida, The Distinguished Service Award, Civil Air Patrol's highest award, was presented to LTC and Mrs. Peter Murray by Col. Don Cunningham, Florida Wing Commander. This award was presented for their humanitarian efforts during a Florida Wing tragedy in August 1989.

In accepting this award, Col. Murray stated that there were many others involved in responding to the tragic circumstances surrounding this event, and in helping the families and personnel through the experience. Col. Murray is commander of Oakhurst Cadet Sqd, and is a Col in the U.S. Army Reserve.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Florida Wing welcomes Maj. Donald (Fritz) Shaller as Florida Wing's Director of Operations.

Major Shaller's Staff consists of the following:

- Maintenance Officer: Capt Roger Nyberg
- Flight Operations Officer: Capt Gus Ehrman
- Asst. Flt Opers. Officer: Capt Joseph Lavati
- Stan/Eval Officer: Capt Mike McCormack
- Flight Admin. Officer: Maj Bob Berube
- Counter Narcotics Officer: Maj Art Karmgard
- Asst. Dir. of Operations: LTC Wayne Roshaven



LTC Tom Welch shown with M/Sgt. Jim Wirshing as his son, Nicolas, and friends look on. (photo by 1Lt Barbara Randall)

LTC Tom Welch (C.A.P.) officiated over the swearing in ceremony for U.S.A.F. M/Sgt Jim Wirshing as his former Commander. M/Sgt. Wirshing is a former C.A.P. Cadet with the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron. This was his fourth enlistment.

Sgt. Wirshing chose Cape Canaveral for this ceremony because of the sentimental aspects. As a C/LTC, his squadron visited the Cape for tours, picnics and educational excursions.

LTC Welch not only was Sgt. Wirshing's commander, but later became his good friend and served as best man at his wedding and is Godfather to his 5 yr old son, Nicolas.

Sgt Wirshing has been in the U.S. Air Force for 16 yrs and now returns to England, stationed about 30 miles from LTC Welch's base in 1944-45.

Sgt Wirshing stated that Civil Air Patrol was one of the most rewarding areas of his life, giving credit to LTC Welch and to C.A.P. for the Leadership and Management skills he achieved.

Attending the ceremony were family, friends, co-workers and members of the Treasure Coast Composite Squadron.



FLORIDA WING

| | JULY | YTD |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| SAVES..... | 0 | 2 |
| FINDS..... | 1 | 43 |
| SAR MISSIONS..... | 20 | 114 |
| DR MISSIONS..... | 0 | 3 |
| RC (Red Cross) MISSIONS..... | 0 | 0 |
| SUNDOWN PATROL..... | 61 | 533 |
| OTHER MISSIONS..... | 13 | 183 |
| TOTAL FLIGHT SORTIES..... | 32 | 259 |
| TOTAL FLYING HOURS..... | 117.1 | 2039.3 |

Those of you who still have it should review it. It's an excellent safety briefing. Those who don't have it may receive a copy on request. Just write me at Wing HQ. Also, if anyone is looking for safety resource material, let me know. I'll supply it if I can. If not, I'll try to find out where to get it. Help the Commander do his job by doing yours-
-SAFELY!

ARE YOU CURRENT???

Please note HF Frequency Changes...

4585 changes to 4466

4467.3 changes to 4469.0

These changes take place 1 October 1990. If you have any questions, please contact LTC Ross Sedita at Florida Wing Headquarters or at 407-452-5401.

NOTICE!! Fund Raiser - Fly-In Pancake Breakfast 30 Sept, 0800 - 1400, ALL YOU CAN EAT!! \$2.50/person. St. Lucie International Airport, CAP Bldg., Ft. Pierce, FL. Contact Lt. Barbara Randall (407) 878-7331 or (407) 878-7275.

| NUMBER OF; | JULY |
|---|--------|
| Senior Members (National) | 38,323 |
| Cadet Members (National) | 26,702 |
| FLORIDA Senior Members | 2,195 |
| FLORIDA Cadet Members | 1,511 |
| FLORIDA Squadrons/Flights | 85 |
| FLORIDA Group Headquarters | 9 |
| FLORIDA Pilots | 170 |
| FLORIDA Aircraft Owners | 55 |
| FLORIDA CAP/Corp. Aircraft | 22 |
| FLORIDA Radio Stations (Fixed) 225 (Licensed Mobile) 444 (All Mobile) 135 (Repeaters) 12 (SAR) 57 | |

SAFETY

by Capt Richard Caplinger
Florida Wing Safety Officer

Our Wing Commander, COL Cunningham, has taken a job which few could fill. He has an awesome responsibility: Delegating his authority down the chain to the last member and trusting that member to act correctly.

What does this have to do with safety? Everything! As a CAP member performing a function during any CAP activity, you are acting on authority channeled down through the chain of command. If you don't perform that function safely and have a mishap, the grief (aside from yours) flows back uphill to the Commander! He has been given the responsibility for your safety and he can't delegate that!

Therefore, as CAP members, we can best support our Wing Commander (and all of our commanders) by doing our jobs in CAP the best we can within the limits of safety.

When I first joined CAP, I received the welcome letter to new members. Along with that was a letter dealing with "Command Emphasis on Safety". It says that "'Safety is Everybody's Business'," and "'Everyone's Safety Officer' should be your motto if hazards are to be eliminated and safety education efforts are to succeed." That letter describes the CAP Safety Program in a "nut shell."

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