

# Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol Newsletter



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## FL Wing Change in Command October 1st

Col Dan Levitch will be assuming command of the Southeast Region CAP. The new FL Wing Commander is Lt Col Pat O'Key. Lt Col O'Key has come up through the ranks, first at the Squadron level, then as the Group 5 Commander, and most recently as FL Wing Chief of Staff. The official change of command will occur 1 October, 2006. However, the ceremonial passage of the Florida Wing flag will not occur until Saturday, 14 October, 2006, at the Professional Development Weekend in Boca Raton.

## Final Thoughts as FL Wing Commander

Written by: Col Dan Levitch, FL Wing Commander

It's with mixed emotions that I'm writing this column, my last as the Florida Wing Commander. During my term of office I have been privileged to meet and work with many hard-working and dedicated members. What we have accomplished during this time is remarkable, and some might say even impossible. I have seen an increase in Officers and Cadets involved in all types of training. Our last PDW (Professional Development Weekend) was the largest the Wing has seen in a long time. As I traveled throughout the state I picked up many ideas and implemented some of them. As far as I am concerned, Florida Wing has the greatest staff in the nation.

Every Director spends countless hours working, dealing, and sometimes even sweating to help you, the members. We have made great strides over the past months. Our aircraft are safer and in better condition than they have ever been. We have more 101-card qualified members than we have ever had before.

Everyone has put all of their information into MIMS (RIGHT!!) which is due in part to the hard work of Luis Garcia and his Operations team. Our Aerospace Education, with John Lynn at the helm still leads the nation. We are very fortunate to have two of the best Wing Chaplains in the country, Tom Carson and now Dewey Painter. Marty Bishop has been a godsend with writing and implementing a grant for satellite phones for every group in the Wing. Our Wing Safety Team, Bill Woody, Crist Fellman and Lee Wedlake have done an outstanding job of publishing the Safety Newsletter and keeping us all advised of updates as they come out. Gail Swanson has become the quintessential Director of Public Relations. She has submitted more articles to National than any other Director of Public Relations in the nation. Eileen Tonkinson single-handedly started our new electronic newsletter, Gator CAPers. Mac McConnell stepped in at the eleventh hour and has done an outstanding job with Communications. He has straightened up the paperwork and will keep us all out of Comm trouble. The daily HF radio net in the morning is averaging 45 stations checking in. This is a phenomenal record. As a former cadet I can say without reservation that I have never been prouder of our cadet program and its accomplishments under the leadership of David Leali. Margarita Mesones will have big shoes to fill (yes, David, that's literally *and* figuratively). We were honored to have our Color Guard Team place third in National Competition.

There are a lot of behind-the-scenes people that I need to thank. Amy Andrickson, our Wing Administrator, has done a top-notch job. The members will never know the super-human effort she puts into making this wing run as smoothly as it does. Rob Sims, the true stealth member of our team, is our IT manager. Rob has updated our web site to be one of the nicest looking and most informative



Col Dan Levitch



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## Final Thoughts as FL Wing Commander *(cont. from page 1)*

in the nation. He has successfully transitioned us to our own server. Sharon Borner has kept us on the fiscal straight and narrow. She has my undying gratitude and respect. Mike Godwin has always been there for me to give me a legal opinion. Debbie Grimes has very capably administered O-rides for the Wing. Bob Miller has been invaluable with his help and assistance setting up the Wing Calendar, all the Admin information posted and sent out via e-mails, and the most unpopular task in the world, getting all of the S-3s in and ensuring they are correct. Al Bedgood took us to a new level with CISM training. He has implemented the training and is organizing response teams so that we are "ready to go".

The backbone behind the organization in Florida Wing is its Group Commanders. They are the conduit of all data traveling both ways via the information highway. These are our future leaders and I believe that Florida Wing is in very capable hands because of them and with them. And to the hardest working commanders, the Squadron Commanders, I tip my hat to you. Dealing with the day to day operation of a squadron is one of the toughest jobs in all of Civil Air Patrol. This is truly where the rubber meets the runway. Working with Heidi Varsames, our new Director of Recruiting and Retention, along with the new Great Start program, the membership in Florida Wing will grow to over 4,000 members.

Jerry Angley and the Air Force Reservists who are assigned to Florida Wing form the best team any Wing Commander could hope to work with. Their support of CAP is unflappable. By the way, the next time you see them, thank them for all they do for us.

I have been blessed with the finest Command Staff that anyone has ever had the honor to work with. Diane Reid, Pat O'Key and Eileen Parker have a wealth of knowledge that they impart to me every day. I absolutely could not, nor could anyone else, run a wing this large without people like them guiding, directing, and advising. I can't forget the support that I have received from my bosses in CAP. Col Sharkey and Col Tilton were always there for me any time that I've needed help. For those of you who are not aware, my lovely wife, Judi, has the title and responsibilities of Director of Personnel for Florida Wing. Any time you move up the "corporate" ladder, there is always someone behind the scenes helping you attain your goals. Judi has been that person for me. I want to publicly thank her for allowing me to take the next step in my CAP career. In our case, CAP truly is a "family business".

I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to represent Florida Wing as your commander. I believe that we have come a long way in realizing the vision that Joe Martin, Art Giles and I had for Florida Wing in March of 2005. I've had the unique opportunity to be able to pick my successor. Lt Col Pat O'Key, with his dynamic personality and outstanding leadership ability, will guide Florida Wing to the number one spot in the nation.

In closing, as I come to the end of this chapter in my CAP career, and embark on a new challenge, I want you to know how much I will miss our daily interactions and how proud I am of the hard work and dedication of every member of the Florida Wing.

Dan

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## Safety Awareness Week

*Written by: Maj Bill Woody, FL Wing Director of Safety*

Colonel Levitch has directed the Florida Wing to conduct Safety Awareness Week from **October 15-21, 2006**. Safety Days or Stand Down Days are a tradition in the U.S. Air Force. Civil Air Patrol shares in this tradition. Unit meetings during this week are to be directed 100% toward safety topics such as: CAP Planes, Vans, Buildings, and the Activities we engage in while serving in Civil Air Patrol. You may set a special day for safety other than a regular meeting. Make it meaningful and devote the whole week to safety! Some ideas are:

- Air crews can discuss risk analysis and the roles of the pilot, observer and scanner, weather and fatigue awareness and watching out for other aircraft and things like towers, birds and parachutists.
- Ground teams can review the hazards associated with their missions like dehydration, poisonous snakes and insects, dangerous weather and the safe operation of vans and equipment. Is the building you meet in safe?
- Are cadet activities conducted with both safety and fun in mind?

• Think outside the box and determine a program that really is appropriate for your unit. You can even be outrageous! Commanders, I suggest appointing a Program Officer for Safety Awareness Week. It's a great opportunity to be creative and make a difference - a safety difference in the lives of your members. This is also a great time for those in the Safety Officer Specialty Track to give a briefing!

From the squadron to wing staff this will be a week to Celebrate Safety! As the fiscal year comes to a close, I want to congratulate all Florida wing members for the great year we had in Safety. The online reporting program has developed into a great safety tool. The word is out that Safety is here to stay in our wing, and you are all an integral part of it! Wing staff members, Major Crist Fellman, Major Lee Wedlake and I, are committed to working with you to make Safety a real part of your life.

## CAP Ranger Training

*Written by: C/Maj Ryan McCord, FL Wing Ranger Cadet Commander*

The journey for the Florida Wing Ranger Staff began at around 1900 hours on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal of the trip was to take the Florida Wing Ranger Program to the Central part of the state at the Masonic Youth Camp in Wimauma, FL.

After arrival at around 0130 in the morning on September 2<sup>nd</sup> the Cadet and Senior Staff moved into action, preparing the area and setting up a command tent. The school had HF and VHF radio capabilities and was fully up and running within two hours of arrival.

Cadets from around the state came to take part in the training held at the school. Ground Team mission qualification tasks along with Ranger Grade signoffs were conducted throughout the weekend. There was also a staff training flight for cadets who had recently attended Hawk Mountain this summer being conducted simultaneously with the training weekend.

Cadets learned skills varying from radio procedures to Navigation and survival skills. The activity also received a visit from Major Mary Spence; one of the Florida Wing's CAP-USAF liaison officers. She even took time to sit in on a class .

The Central Florida Ranger School was conducted as a branch of the South Florida Glades Ranger School. Another school is planned in the future for the Masonic Youth Camp, and all cadets and seniors are encouraged to attend.



## FL Wing cadets attend Space Command Familiarization Course

*Written By: 1st Lt John Clark, Public Affairs Officer, Group 4, Patrick AFB, FLWG*



The Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (AFSC-FC) was held at Patrick AFB, FL, July 29 – August 5, 2006. Twenty-one cadets from the various states followed a rigorous schedule- packed tours, briefings and special guest lectures. Highlights of this year's activities include viewing the preparation of the STS - Atlantis to the launch site as well the opportunity to fly in and view Patrick AFB and Kennedy Space Center from a US Air Force Pave hawk helicopters. Flights were provided by the 920th Air Rescue Wing based at Patrick. In addition, cadets toured several USAF and NASA behind the scene facilities to include the Range Operations Control Center, the International Space Station, and the Orbiter Processing.

The AFSC-FC is a one-week course designed to give Civil Air Patrol cadets, age 15 and older, an introduction to space operations and history of space flight. The course is sponsored by the 45th Space Wing and Kennedy Space Center to provide cadets a first hand experience in meeting the talented men and women of the US Air Force and NASA who

The FL Wing cadets that attended included: Jonathan Law, Tampa, FL, George Pfifer, Tampa, FL, Juan Romero, Miami, FL, Justin Sloate, Broward, FL, Christina Zarrilli, Boca Raton, FL, and J. Matt Clark, Jupiter, FL (pictured).

See the full article at <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=363>

## Southeast Region Winter Encampment

**The Winter Encampment will be held at Fort Benning, Georgia  
28-Dec-2006 through 4-Jan-2007.**

CADETS – Be sure to submit your application for a Cadet Staff position by 1-Oct-2006

or to attend the encampment by 15-Nov-2006.

See complete information at [http://www.ser.cap.gov/SERWE06\\_07/](http://www.ser.cap.gov/SERWE06_07/)



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## Cadets Inducted into FL Wing Honor Society

*Written by: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Melody "Doc" Clancy, FL Wing Associate Public Affairs Officer*

Florida Wing Congratulates five inductees into the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society. Cadets Matt John Clark of Okeechobee Composite Squadron, Dillon Clancy of Marion County Composite Squadron, Andrew Dunn and Caleb Anderson of Jacksonville Composite Squadron, and Ali Hamidani of Boca Raton Composite Squadron. The FLWG CHS was created by then Florida Wing Commander Col. Matthew Sharkey. In the nine years since its inception there have been 48 inductees.

For more information visit <http://flwg.us/html/chs.html> .

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## Cadet Advisory Council Taking Action

*Written By: C/Maj Ryan McCord, FL Wing Cadet Advisory Council Chairman*



*C/Maj Ryan McCord*

This year, the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council is already hard at work on new ideas for the Cadet Program. Some of these proposals include finalizing a Promotion Review Board Manual for all Cadet and Composite Squadrons to put to use with their cadets. Also, cadets should be on the look out for flyers coming out from the CAC with scholarship listings available to CAP cadets.

If cadets would like to get involved with the CAC, it's as simple as finding the Squadron CAC Representative and asking for permission to sit in on a meeting. Cadets who have ideas for the CAC do not have to be part of the Council to voice their proposals. Ideas and Concerns may be sent to their respective Group Representative who is listed on the Florida Wing web site under the "Units" link.

The CAC's main goal within the Cadet Program is to advise the Commander of changes they believe could help benefit CAP. These are not necessarily only restricted to the Cadet Program. Any idea is a good idea and all of our Wing's cadets are encouraged to voice them at their local Group CAC meetings or to their Squadron Representative.

I look forward to seeing all of our Wing's Cadets at this year's Florida Wing Cadet Competition and also at the Florida Wing Special Activities Selection Boards.

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## Cadets Learn How to GET OUT! GET OUT!

*Written By: C/SSgt Ben Freelin*



There we were, 10 CAP cadets at Parris Island, home to hundreds of marines and thousands of recruits. We were on the most known, most honored Marine boot camp in America, and we were expected to take the role of a recruit for a short time.

"10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1," was all we heard as we tried to pile 10 cadets into our Civil Air Patrol (CAP) van. While trying to push ourselves into the van, our US Marine Corps Drill Instructor yelled at us to now "Get out! Get out!" We had moved too slowly and now we were racing to get out of the van before the Drill Instructor's time clock ran out. So again, we heard the numbers that we would hear hundreds of times before the week ended: "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1!"



Photos by 1st Lt Keven McSparron, Commander, South Brevard Cadet Squadron

See full article at

<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=390&category>

## 2007 Florida Wing Cadet Competition

*Written By: Maj Margarita Mesones, FLWG Director of Cadet Programs*

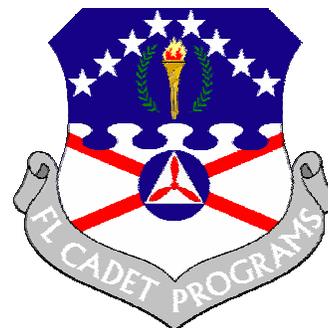
Who is the best in Florida Wing? Prove it at the Cadet Competition held November 17-19, 2006 at Homestead Air Reserve Base. The Cadet Competition consists of Color Guard Competition, Drill Team Competition, and Alternate's Competition. The deadline for enrolling your team's roster of intended team members to Maj Mesones is 14-Oct-2006.

### What's the difference between the competitions?

Color Guard Competition	Drill Team Competition	Alternates Competition
Requires 4 non-officer cadets to create a Color Guard team.	Requires 13 cadets of any rank to create a team.	Individual cadets of any rank compete against their peers.
The events competed in are: Standard Drill In-Ranks Inspection Mile Run Written Test Panel Quiz Indoor Presentation of Colors Outdoor Presentation of Colors	The events competed in are: Standard Drill In-Ranks Inspection Mile Run Written Test Panel Quiz Innovative Drill Volleyball	The events competed in are: Standard Drill In-Ranks Inspection Volleyball skills test Written Test
Color Guard Competition is about reverently handling the Colors of the United States, a great honor.	Drill Team competition is about displaying the skills and every cadet is learning in their home units.	Alternates competition is used to give cadets who aren't part of a team a chance to see what cadet competition is all about.

### Why should my unit get involved?

- Cadet competition is an excellent way to keep your program challenging and involving for cadets of all ages and experience levels.
- Skills learned preparing for cadet competition help your squadron in your own community. A sharp unit color guard is a great front for your unit.
- Skills learned preparing for cadet competition help your cadets earn their milestone awards, as well as improve their chances at Special Activities Selection Boards.
- Cadet competition gives each team a short-term tangible goal to work towards as a unit.



Find more information at [http://www.flwg.us/html/cadet\\_comp.html](http://www.flwg.us/html/cadet_comp.html). You may contact Maj Mesones, the competition director, with specific questions: <mailto:majormesones@yahoo.com>.

## Florida Wing Commander's Call

*Written By: Lt Col Patrick O'Key, FLWG Chief of Staff*

On the weekend of August 26 – 27, Col Dan Levitch hosted a Commander's Call and Group Commander training event at Patrick AFB in Satellite Beach. It was a busy weekend going over everything from wing policies to the wing website.

A few of the wing staff presented to the Group Commanders, including Heidi Varsames, on Recruiting and Retention and the Great Start Program, Judi Levitch covering Personnel, and Manny Alfaro covering some aspects from the Operations Dept. Marty Bishop delivered 6 satellite phones and went over their use and operation. They were given out to some of the Group Commanders and the balance will follow in about 30 days. This is one more tool we have to keep the wing mission ready.

Other topics included Safety, Communications, Transportation, Cadet Programs and future activities, as well as Aerospace education and it's importance to the wing. One of the main topics was a thorough explanation of why we do "so much paperwork" and the importance of each of these reports. We now know what CAP Corporate and the Air Force does with all of the information they receive from us. We also know what they don't do for us if we don't comply. The meeting lasted all day Saturday and Sunday until about noon.

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## Florida Wing Director of Cadet Programs Appointed

*Written By: Lt Col Patrick O'Key, FLWG Chief of Staff*

It is with great pleasure that I announce Major Margarita Mesones as the Florida Wing Director of Cadet Programs. As a former Commander for Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron, FL-279, Margarita brings a long resume of experience and participation in cadet programs. She holds a master rating in cadet programs, has attended 3 Wing and 2 Region encampments, was the coach of the 3rd place overall Color Guard Team at the National Cadet Comp this past summer, as well as run various NCO programs in the wing. She will be running the upcoming Wing Cadet Competition in Homestead on 17-19 November. Maj Mesones can be reached at <mailto:majormesones@yahoo.com>. Please help me welcome Margarita to her new position.

I would also like to thank Major David Leali for his past service to the Wing and the cadet programs. David has decided to step down and focus on other activities. I hope he will remain active in the Florida Wing Cadet programs.

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## Florida Wing Staff Officers of the Month

*Written By: Lt Col Patrick O'Key, FLWG Chief of Staff*

### Staff Officer for July 2006 - Lt Col Bruce "Mac" McConnell

Mac has put in countless hours over the past several months tracking down almost every individual piece of communications equipment assigned to the Florida Wing. Many of you have responded to his requests of your S-8 and I thank you for that. This task is of very high importance since we, the wing, are evaluated on how well we manage our assets in our "Air Force Inspection" which is coming up in a few short months. I am confident we will get an outstanding in this area thanks to Mac. Thank you Mac for a job well done.

### Staff Officer for August 2006 - Lt Col Robert Miller

Bob stepped up for the wing to assist the Logistics Team in getting the S-3's collected, corrected, and filed. As you all know, the S-3 is for all non-communications equipment, such as computers, printers, generators, pfd's, life rafts, plus alot of other misc. equipment. We are accountable, as a wing, for every piece just like the communications equipment. Bob has done this as well as maintain his duties as the Wing Admin Officer. I applaud Bob for all of his extra effort and dedication to the Florida Wing. Thank you, Bob, for jumping in and getting it done.

I feel both of these individuals have earned the new "Private Investigator" master rating on their 101 cards, if there were such a thing.

Please help me congratulate these 2 individuals for going above and beyond to accomplish these tasks. I thank you both.



*Lt Col Robert Miller*

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## Florida Wing Members Receive National Awards



Major General Tony Pineda, National Commander (center), presents  
**2d Lt Matthew Dion** (left)  
with the Frank G. Brewer Award for Cadet Category and  
**Lt Col John Lynn** (right)  
with the Aerospace Education Award at the CAP National Boards, August 9-12, 2006.  
**CONGRATULATIONS to both !!!**

See full article at  
<http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=368>

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## Promotions in the Florida Wing

In July and August 2006, the following members received promotions:

### MAJOR

Chaplain Lewis McMullen  
Hughie Cline

### CAPTAIN

Kevin Simon  
David Lowe  
Robin Estes  
Mary Giles

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## Cadet Awards

The following cadets have earned an award May through August 2006:

### Gen Carl A Spatz Award

Marissa A Streifel

### Gen Ira A Eaker Award

Martin L Lohn

### Amelia Earhart Award

Sean R Griffith  
Timothy F Hines  
Thomas B Lynch  
Colin C Odendhal

### Amelia Earhart Award, cont.

Cristian A Rodriquez  
Richard P Stadelmann  
Christina A Zarrilli

### Gen Billy Mitchell Award

Joshua B Anderson  
Gert F Badenhorst  
Lucas Ballestin  
Frederick W Ferguson  
Kevin L Ives  
Jennifer L Jay  
Shane T Parker

### Gen Billy Mitchell Award, cont.

Nathan J Porrata  
Meagan A Puchala  
Jahmar F Resilard  
Leo M Ricciotti  
Jacob O Schreffler  
Levi R Schreffler  
Justin D Sloate  
Jason B Steffan  
Candace K Strother  
Jonathon K Taylor  
Jonathan D Twining  
William C Vahey  
Sasha Wheless

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## Senior Awards

The following senior members have earned an award May through August 2006:

### Gill Robb Wilson Award

Maj John K Mayfield

### Paul E Garber Award

Col Daniel J Levitch  
Maj James W Martinez-Ruiz  
Maj John K Mayfield  
Capt Robert K Crowling

### Grover Loening Award

Maj David C Leali  
Maj Tracey A Stark  
Capt Larry R Lang

### Brig Gen Charles E "Chuck" Yeager Award

Capt Michael E Ernst  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Melody J Clancy  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joan A Fedun  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jacob N Bozeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Wayne D Buchanan

### Brig Gen Charles E "Chuck" Yeager Award, cont.

Capt Gary D Hinkle  
Capt Mary L Hinkle  
Capt Peter P Strohl  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Carmen N Marty  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Bonnie L Floyd  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Alexander Ortiz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Richard C Peritz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Isaac M Rodriguez  
SM Stacey R Sage  
SM Ryan L Wacker

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## In Memoriam

The Florida Wing pays respect to the following members and former members who have passed away:

**Capt Bill Entenmann** - Former Commander, Charlotte County Composite Squadron

**Maj Floyd C. Johnson** - Headquarters Group Five

**Lt Col William S. Koschny** - SRQ Composite Squadron

**Lt Col Calvin Morton** - Former Group 10 commander

**Maj Jaime Rojas** - Headquarters Group Seven

**Capt Donald E. Sicklesteel** - Highlands County Composite Squadron

**Capt Rocke F. Spraul** - Former Commander, Emerald Coast Senior Squadron

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## Sickness After a disaster

*Written by: Maj Sergio B. Seoane, M.D., FL Wing Medical Officer*

Most people think that injury, dehydration or even mental illness might be the most common medical effect of a large scale disaster. In fact, the most common medical conditions seen were exacerbations of pre-existing medical conditions in the population. After Hurricane Katrina:

- 1) Chronic illness (such as, diabetes, asthma, emphysema, and cardiovascular disease) was the most commonly reported medical condition in evacuation centers, accounting for 33% of the total visits.
- 2) Gastrointestinal illness was the second most commonly reported medical condition, accounted for 27% of total visits.
- 3) Respiratory illness accounted for 20% of the total visits and rose to 52% of visits during September 17-22.
- 4) Skin disorders, i.e., Rashes accounted for 16%
- 5) Injury and mental illness accounted for less than 6% each of the total visits.

As the weeks passed, the most common reported conditions became injuries at 58% and respiratory conditions at 16%. This is logical since by this point clean up and recovery efforts began increasing the likelihood of injury.

When a disaster occurs, the most likely medical conditions to be encountered by rescuers and health care professionals are the medical conditions that already exist in the population. A disaster only exacerbates the pre-existing medical conditions. During disaster there is not much we can be certain of, except to say that the number of victims will exceed local capacity for treatment.

See the full article at <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=381>

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## CAP Day in Ormond Beach

*Written By: 1st Lt Melody "Doc" Clancy, FL Wing Assistant Public Affairs Officer*

At the city council meeting in Ormond Beach on September 6th 2006, Mayor Costello read into the public record a proclamation making September 6th Civil Air Patrol day. "NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim September 6th, 2006 as Civil Air Patrol Day in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in supporting the Civil Air Patrol for its service and dedication to our community."

The senior squadron in Ormond Beach has been a permanent presence in the community of Ormond Beach since December of 1966, when the city leased to CAP a parcel of land upon which the existing CAP hanger facility was constructed at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport. In the late '90s there was a decline in the squadron and activities making it almost non-existent and the building fell into a bad state of deterioration. The city terminated the lease with CAP and planned for commercial development of the land. The senior members at Ormond Beach were not going to go quietly.

The resurgence began with the return of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Wisniewski to the Ormond Beach area. LTC Wisniewski was Squadron Commander at Ormond Beach in the 1970's, before being called to serve on active duty as a pilot in the United States Air Force. From an all-time low of barely six members, LTC Wisniewski built a squadron of over 40 senior members, more than half of whom are skilled aviators.

In addition to creating a strong and talented membership roster, LTC Wisniewski organized a total renovation of the CAP hanger facility at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport. After securing a new lease from the city, the squadron began a renovation project producing a facility with a new office and meeting area, an upgraded hanger bay, and a secure advanced communications room. Securing private and corporate donations has given them the ability to host advanced and high-profile missions of the type with which the CAP has recently been charged, such as Task Force Sentinel for the Kennedy Space Center.

CAP services to the City of Ormond Beach include airborne traffic and crowd monitoring during the annual Black College Reunion celebration, local disaster relief exercises and training in conjunction with the Ormond Beach Police Department and state authorities, and security and monitoring of the airport during times of emergency. During the recent hurricane seasons, the Ormond Beach CAP facility has been utilized as the command center for a team of USAF, CAP, state, and local rescuers who were assigned search and rescue duties covering the entire region of Florida affected by the storms.

The Ormond Beach Senior Squadron has been instrumental in the development of the FLWG DOSA program, which tracks and monitors the utilization of all aircraft in the FLWG fleet.

See full article at: <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=395>



*Lt Col Joe Wisniewski*

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## Hurricane Readiness

*Written By: Maj Sergio B. Seoane, M.D., FL Wing Medical Officer*

The hurricane season is not yet over. Take note. In a survival or disaster situation, those who do well and prevail, are those individuals who are prepared. Learn about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters. Identify potential home hazards and know how to secure or protect them before the hurricane strikes. Be prepared to turn off electrical power, gas and water before you evacuate. Secure structurally unstable building materials prior to evacuation. If it is safe to stay in your home, have at least the following:

- A fire extinguisher and know how to use it.
- Secured important papers (insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.)
- Containers for water, enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day); water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach to purify water.
- A 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food and a first aid kit.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries and Sleeping bags or extra blankets
- Enough prescription medicines and supplies for special medical needs (ex. Oxygen tank).
- Personal hygiene supplies (soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes").
- Full gas tank and an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.



*Maj Sergio Seoane, MD*

### JUST BEFORE THE STORM

Fill sinks and bathtubs with water as an extra supply for washing. You can fill trash cans and use the water to flush toilets if water supply is lost. Adjust the thermostat on refrigerators and freezers to the coolest possible temperature.

### GETTING THROUGH THE STORM

Stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over. Do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed—the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume. Stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials. The great majority of injuries during a hurricane are cuts caused by flying glass or other debris. Injuries include puncture wounds resulting from exposed nails, metal, or glass, and bone fractures.

See the full article at <http://www.flwg.us/database/database/news.asp?action=print&article=366>

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## Promotion of USAF Liaisons

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The FL Wing officers Col Dan Levitch, Lt Col Pat O'Key, and Lt Col Diane Reid were joined by other FL Wing members to celebrate the promotion of five members of the U.S. Air Force, CAP-USAFA to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. The Oath of Office was administered by Col Jerry C. Angley, USAF (ret) on 23 September 2006 in Orlando. Those promoted were:

- ★ Steve Davidson
- ★ Steve Governale
- ★ Mary Spence
- ★ Don Willems
- ★ Don Wood

CONGRATULATIONS, and THANK YOU for your contributions to CAP.

## Calendar

See Complete FL Wing Calendar at <http://flwg.us/database/calendar.asp>

14-15 Oct-06	Professional Development Weekend, Boca Raton
15-21 Oct-06	Safety Awareness Week
19-22 Oct-06	National Conference on Aviation and Space Education, VA
21-22 Oct-06	Tampa Bay Airfest, St. Petersburg
17-19 Nov-06	FLWG Cadet Competition, Homestead Air Reserve Base
1 Dec-06	CAP's 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Begins
1-3 Dec-06	Florida Wing Model and Water Bottle Rocketry Competition and Aerospace Education Forum
1-3 Dec-06	Puerto Rico Wing Conference
28 Dec-06 - 4 Jan-07	SE Region Winter Encampment, Ft Benning, GA
13-15 Jan-07	FL Wing Compliance Inspection

### Reports Due from Squadrons:

Aerospace Education Excellence - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Counterdrug Activity - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Flight Release Log - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Operations Activity - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Public Affairs - end of Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct  
Professional Development - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Safety - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Training - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Vehicle - 5<sup>th</sup>

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