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Roundup '96 - CAP National Board

OVERVIEW OF SEVERAL SEMINARS PRESENTED AT '96 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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I had the pleasure of attending (accompanied by my wife, Katie) the August 9 - 11, '96 National Board Convention in San Antonio, Texas. It was impressive, inspiring and highly informative in many important ways. The information presented herein was garnered from some of the seminars I attended and includes selected observations and input from the varied displays.

Air Program Review

Presenter was Ms. Jackie O'Neal, National Program Manager, Logistics and Aircraft Maintenance. Aircraft procurement is presently on hold. Monies have been allocated but not yet released. Cessna has offered CAP discounts for the new 172 Skyhawk and 182 Skylane with improved features;

i.e., Bendix/King avionics, replacement of the 160 HP to 180 HP (Skyhawk) and other safety improvements. CAP expects to open the door for new procurement, hopefully within the next two to three months. Cessna basic VFR price for the Skyhawk and Skylane is \$124,500 and \$190,600 respectively. I spoke with Russ Meyer, son of the Cessna CEO. He confirmed that preliminary discussions had already taken place with CAP and that discounts have been offered. I inquired if Cessna considered offering a trade-in arrangement as well. His reply was "That was not discussed with me." Ms. O'Neal confirmed that Cessna has recently come forth with a further \$2,000 reduction in price. Aircraft upgrades pending include:

G.P.S. CAP recently completed the SW Region aircraft installations with a RNI 5000 including 1-3 upgrades and IFR capabilities. CAP hopes that Counter Narcotics will spring for the G.P.S. installations. A study of the number of hours flown for them may be underway to help in the justification

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COL. ANTONIO PINEDA,
FLORIDA WING COMMANDER

Florida Wing Gets New Commander

A MESSAGE FROM COL. PINEDA

I was appointed as the Florida Wing Commander on 8-10-96. At that moment I knew that my new assignment would be a challenge and I must tell you all that indeed it has been.

I have five major goals for the Florida Wing and I encourage all of you to join me and let's make these goals possible. The goals are as follows:

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This is the inaugural edition of the new Florida Wing newsletter, edited by 2Lt Trish Turner.

Lt. Turner has been a CAP member for 2 years and has served as PAO for the Orlando Cadet Squadron, Assistant PAO at Eglin III Encampment in 1995, official photographer at the 1996 Florida Wing Conference, and PAO for Eglin IV Encampment in 1996.

LTC Allan Rose, Florida Wing PAO, has asked her to be his assistant and to edit the Florida Wing newsletter.

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Overview of Several Seminars (Cont. from Page 1)

Ms. O'Neal stressed the importance of submitting the Form 337 when G.P.S. are installed.

Radios. Bendix/King packages and written requests have been made. We hope to exchange radios one for one.

Landing Lights. A pulsation landing light system, manufactured by Pulselite, utilizes the aircraft's onboard lighting. Its cost is \$127.00 per unit and has already been approved.

Carburetors. A unique carburetor ice heat system for all 182 aircraft called "Iceman" has been approved. CAP has received CN monies and this item should be asked for and approved in advance before the next 100 hour inspection. Form 337 is required.

Engines. A study is currently underway involving a Mixture Sensing System by AvMix, Model AM100. Two models have been purchased for testing at \$250/unit. It is not an Exhaust Gas Temp gauge (EGT). For the benefit of pilots reading this...an indication is provided via an amber advisory light mounted on the panel which illuminates when a "lean" mixture is sensed. Setting the mixture for cruise, gradually lean the engine until the "lean" light illuminates; then enrich the mixture until the "lean" light just goes out. This is the point at which the engine is operating at the ideal mixture of 14.7 parts air to one part fuel, a good compromise between "best power" mixture and "best economy" mixture.

Electrical Monitoring Systems. This unit, manufac-

tured by CMC Aviation Service, Model 800-14, is planned to be put in all aircraft. Its cost is \$150/unit. The ESM will indicate an electrical fault with an immediate visual warning followed in ten seconds by an audio warning. The device is a form of early warning system by sensing over-voltage, indications for normal charge and inadequate or no charge situations. The unit provides precision monitoring and is designed to provide a constant check of the electrical system without the need to read dials, gauges or interpret numbers.

Air safety and maintenance issues were discussed. It was pointed out that high cost repair or replacement items require a special control number to perform same; e.g., engine changes, overhaul/top/major cylinder repair, propellers/governor overhauls, new avionics (not repair of existing), aircraft painting and interior refurbishment.

Mention was made of recurrent problems: Damage to the elevator is caused by pressing down on the horizontal stabilizer to rotate aircraft. A recommendation was made on a replacement gasket for leaking rocker covers. The product name is "Real Gaskets" which is orange in color and can be used over and over. It has never been known to leak.

FM radio installation for the CAP radio is the VORTEC. Each installation must have an engineering drawing for aircraft specific serial number with an FAA Form 8110-3 sign-off by the designated engineer (DER).

Arrangement is being discussed with Cessna (not in place as of yet), for authorized Cessna parts being made available at distributor cost plus 10%. An individual did mention that this arrangement was already in place with his area authorized Cessna distributor.

Video Imaging

This concept was pushed through at National level thanks to Hugh White and others supporting him. Before attending this seminar, I had the impression it was a running video picture...which it indeed is not! It's a high resolution captured single frame video. The camera person and/or pilot identifies a scene; e.g., a "snapshot" of individual crossing a border and after 90 seconds has the capability of repeating or changing the capture scene. The signal is analog at less than 2400 baud rate. The camera itself should have a mechanical or digital stabilizer, 12 power zoom, and manual focus with a 2X converter. An entire prototype system package has been developed called a Mark 1A, consisting of two boxes containing a radio, GPS, video modem, camera, a 5 inch black and white lens monitor for aircraft crew and necessary accessories. The production price is estimated at \$10,000. The expectation is each region will be getting one in the near future.

A successful live demonstration was presented at the seminar. The scenario was as follows: We were at the Marriott Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The camera aircraft was 135 miles away at the Mexico/Texas border area of

Eagle Pass flying at approximately 1,000 feet AGL. It transmitted single frame images to another aircraft flying somewhere between the aforesaid locations in orbit (Uvalde, Texas) at about 9,000 feet. This high-bird aircraft (as it was referred to) relayed the single-frame images to us at the Marriott in San Antonio. The resolution of the single-frame pictures, one of which actually showed two people in the process of crossing, was of good quality.

Emergency Services

Colonel Robert Manning, National Director, U.S.A.F. National Security Emergency Preparedness, was the presenter.

Emphasis was placed on the AF-CAP connection and the utilization of CAP resources as an air auxiliary for search and rescue damage assessment, CARDA, airborne radiological monitoring, courier and national disaster relief. A point was made that those CAP members flying or functioning under an AF mission number federalizes them to perform that function. This special distinction was not lost on those of us in the room. The ELT choices were identified as 121.5, 406 MHZ and 406 MHZ with G.P.S. He touched on the use of 406 MHZ personal location beacons ("PLB's") and the new Geostationary SAR satellites with instantaneous locating ability. A hit is established within 12.3 square miles with a location accuracy of 10 to 20 miles. Those in polar orbit, COPAS/SARSAT have a speed of 15,000 MPH with a

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Overview of Seminars (Cont. from page 2)

accuracy of 10 to 20 miles. Those in polar orbit, COPAS/SARSAT have a speed of 15,000 MPH with a repeating hit up to 90 minutes for a satellite pass. A display of the improved version C91A ELT and a "PLB" was passed around. Col. Manning then introduced Col. Fletcher, AFRCC, and both were available for one-on-one discussions after the seminar.

ECI 13

Well, there is light at the end of the tunnel and hope for all those folks seemingly stuck forever as First Lieutenants. At their display booth, I had the opportunity to peruse the new draft revision of ECI 13. It bears absolutely no sem-

blance to the current ECI 13 and appears completely devoid of abstract material and higher learning level academia. The proposed draft, consisting of four volumes, is level headed, germane and focused in the areas to which we have been exposed. It is a welcomed quantum leap and a tribute to those who developed the draft. You will enjoy taking this test...and you will really learn something from it!

It is noteworthy to mention

that my home state of Florida contributed a speaker in the Public Relations Seminars. LTC Allan Rose, Florida Wing PAO and this year's recipient of National's PAO Officer of the Year Award, presented at four sessions.

Additionally, one of the highlight events was the announcement by Col. Richard L. Bowling, SE Region Commander, of the appointment of Group 09 Commander, LTC Antonio J. Pineda, as Florida's new Wing Commander. Congratulations and best wished again Colonel!

Run That By Again ...

When fighter planes join bombers to provide escort in combat, they "rendezvous," an official Air Force term. Historian C.F. Eckhardt recounts: During World War II, a Free French pilot, flying with the Americans, asked a briefing officer to explain the term "rendezvous." The officer said, "It's French! You should know it!" The Frenchman said, "Oui, I know what means 'rendezvous' - but between fighters and bombers this is not it."

From the Orlando Sentinel

Marco Island Senior Squadron Honored

MARCO ISLAND FLA...

The Executive Director of the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama advised the Marco Island Senior Squadron that they have been awarded an Unit Citation.

The Citation reads, "For outstanding achievements, exceptional service and high degree of performance during the period from January 1994 to April 1996 the Unit Citation Award is presented to the Marco Island Senior Squadron."

A Unit Citation streamer is now permanently affixed to the squadron flag and a Unit Citation Ribbon will be

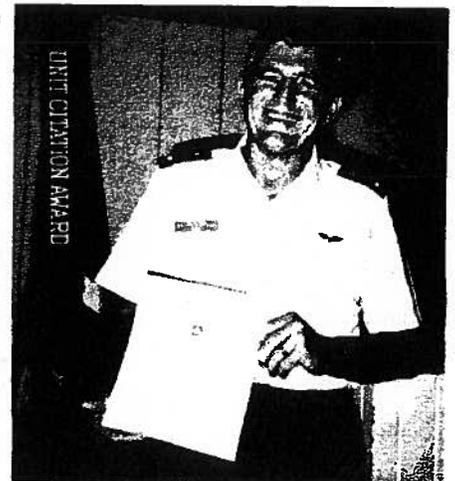
worn by every member of the squadron. Commander Donn May expressed his elation and pride of the squadron's gaining such recognition "During this two year period, we have exemplified our readiness to provide instant response to any emergency need. All of our members train continuously to improve their skills. We are a perfectly honed team and each member is expert in their service specialty."

May continued, "Our Search and Rescue missions are usually assigned at any hour of any day, most frequently between midnight and dawn. During that period of emer-

gency need, all of our resources are mobilized. As an auxiliary of the United States Air Force we are proud to provide our professionals, voluntary services 'so that others may live'."

During the period recognized by the Unit Citation, the Marco Island Senior Squadron is credited with saving 216 persons on 54 distressed vessels, one pilot in a crashed airplane and reporting seven brush fires to the National Parks and State Parks Rangers.

—Major S. Buddy Harris, PAO



Marco Island Commander Donn May Proudly Displays the Unit Citation

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1. TO INCREASE THE RETENTION OF OUR MEMBERS

This goal can only be accomplished if we treat our current members like they are wanted and make them feel that they are a part of your units; don't leave them out. Count on everyone for your activities and increase your unit activities. Call members that are not showing at your meetings and ask them to come back. And finally, respect each other; everybody has something to offer to the Civil Air Patrol.

2. RECRUITMENT OF MORE MEMBERS

Increase your unit activities and invite members of the press and the community alike. Have open houses in your units and invite your friends to them and if every member brings one new member to the Florida Wing we can double the size of this wing.

3. INCREASE OUR COMMUNITY AWARENESS

We must tell our community who we are and what we do and be a part of the community by participating in their activities.

4. THE INCREASE OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET

All unit commanders and members should know who their elected officials are and invite them to your unit activities (ie: banquets) and let them know what your units are doing for the community. Also be in touch with your local Chambers of Commerce and get to know your local businessmen. By doing this, when the time comes for the budget hearings in Tallahassee or Washington, D.C. the elected officials will be involved with us and it will make it easier for our legislature team to do their job for us.

There are a lot of grants that private enterprises award every year to organizations like ours and we need to apply for these grants. Look for them and apply for them.

5. MAKE THE FLORIDA WING THE BEST IN THE NATION

We can accomplish this goal and all of the other goals by working as a team and as a team we can be the best. Take charge and encourage others to do the same. Let's work together and we can overcome the most difficult tasks that we may face.

We are finishing the last touches in our Wing staff and I do believe that we have an excellent team of staff members and Group commanders. Together we will accomplish our goals.

Ti-Co AWARDED TROPHY

Ti-Co Composite Squadron was presented the Gil Robb Wilson Trophy for the Outstanding CAP Unit of Group VII. This award is presented annually by the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Air Force Association. The trophy was presented at the chapter's Armed Forces Breakfast, which is held each year to recognize the contributions of the many military units that operate in the Space Coast area. Accepting the trophy for Ti-Co Composite Squadron were Captain Kevin Keenan, CAP, Squadron Commander, C/1Lt. Ross Quarnoccio, outgoing cadet commander, and C/2Lt. Scott Walters, newly-appointed cadet commander. C/2Lt. Walters served as Falcon Flight commander at this summer's Eglin IV encampment.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Mission Summary
96M-1834 (ELT)
30 AUG 96
(All Times Local EDT)

On 29 August 96 at 2325 HRS., Wing Alert Officer Major Joe Hinson alerted Group 6 to work an ELT mission just to the west of Volusia County.

SARSAT had been hitting on a 243 MHz only signal since at least 2000 HRS. Three merges placed the signal in the area of the Ocala National Forest near Astor. 1LT John Bayne accepted SMC duties for the mission. From 2328 to 2349 HRS., the members of the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron Electronic Search Team were alerted and asked to assemble at headquarters for a briefing. The "Hasty Team", the first of two

DBCS teams, was launched to the area at 0010 HRS. An additional ground team followed at 0045 HRS.

After the 40 mile drive to the target area, a very strong carrier only signal on 243 MHz. was acquired. The signal was Dfded to the US Navy Bombing Range Control Center in Altoona.

After contacting the Officer of the Day, the CAP team was granted access to the communications facility. It was rather impressive. There were several consoles with numerous CRT screens, microphones, operating positions, weather equipment, and various other electronic devices. After inspecting the transmitter room, the culprit "box" was located in short order. An AN/GRC 177 on 243 MHz. was found keyed down.

The "LOCAL/REMOTE" selector switch was found in the "REMOTE" position indicating that the transmitter was being locked down by an unidentified switch at one of the operating consoles. Moving the transmitter to the "LOCAL" position took it off the air. Of course, this silencing operation was supervised by US Navy personnel.

The transmitter was silenced at 0217 HRS. The CAPF 122 was filed with AFRCC at 0401 HRS., after all personnel had returned home safely.

Your Search Personnel for this mission were:

- 1LT John Bayne
- 1LT Frank Haas, AKA "I ain't afraid of no big gray one ton Navy transmitter"
- 1LT Ricardo Galarza
- C/LTC Kurt Fuller
- CPT Bill Eatham (Deland Composite Squadron)

AFA Aerospace Award Winner Joins CAP

The newest member of the Orlando Cadet Squadron is the first recipient of the Air Force Association's George D. Hardy Aerospace Education Award. This national award was presented to Richard Ortega at the AFA national convention in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 1996.

Ortega is well known to CAP members in Group 6; many of whom have been recruited by him into the AFA. He is the Aerospace Education Vice President for the Central Florida Chapter of the AFA and also for the state of Florida. From 1991 - 1994 Ortega

was the president of the Central Florida Chapter of the AFA. From 1991 - 1993 he also served as the membership vice president for the Central Florida Chapter.

The 73 year old "young man" began his military career in 1942 with the 29th Army Infantry. He was in the second assault wave during the D-Day Invasion in Normandy, France as a rifleman in I Company. After his enlistment ran out in 1945 he joined the Army Air Corps as an instructor. He was a bombardier with the 20th Bomb Squadron, which flew B-29's and B-50's. Afterwards he transferred to

the missile division and was in the ground floor of the research and development of the Minuteman Missile. His tours of duty in the service included WWII, Korea and Vietnam before he retired after 27 years in the Air Force.

Richard Ortega was recruited into CAP by 2Lt Trish Turner of the Orlando Cadet Squadron (whom he recruited for the AFA!) Lt Turner had been asked to speak about CAP to the Military Affairs Committee of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce in April of 1996. She arranged instead to have C/LTC John Russo of the McCoy Cadet Squadron

speak to them. Richard Ortega is a member of that committee and was moved to ask Lt Turner for CAP membership after Russo's speech.

The Orlando Cadet Squadron is looking forward to some exciting Aerospace classes from Richard Ortega.

—2Lt Trish Turner, PAO



Richard Ortega shows Lt Turner his CAP membership card

EGLIN IV ENCAMPMENT IS A SUCCESS

No hurricane interrupted this year's encampment at Duke Field! Eglin IV encampment was held at Duke Field, an auxiliary base from Eglin AFB, on June 22 - 26, 1996. Seventy highly motivated "doolies" graduated from this encampment.

During the week cadets attended classes and had educational tours at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, the Air Force Armament Museum

and the Naval Museum in Pensacola. They also completed the Eglin confidence course and had a beach party at the end of encampment.

The commander of the encampment, LTC David LaMontagne did a superb job coordinating all the activities, with the assistance of his AF liaison, LTC Ken Krohn. The cadets were ably lead by cadet commander C/LTC Eric Havens, who was completing his seventh encampment.

During the encampment the bombing in Saudi Arabia occurred, which involved AF personnel from Eglin. Our sympathy went out to all those affected by that tragedy.

A *Daily Doolie* newsletter

was published each day by the PAO staff of Lt. Trish Turner and son C/FO Shane Turner. Members of the Eglin Com-

were as follows...

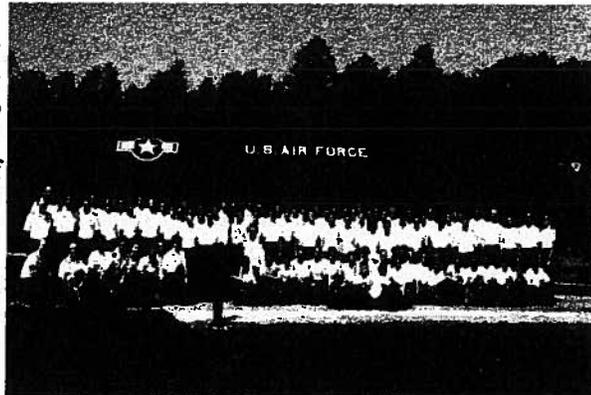
"...I think that this encampment has been very useful in my leadership and physical training."

"...I feel that this encampment is very challenging. It has disciplined, motivated and encouraged me. After this encampment

I will feel very pleased and

proud of myself."

The slogan of Eglin IV was *Meet the Challenge*. Every cadet there met the challenge and surpassed it.



Cadets and Staff at Eglin IV toured the Air Force Armament Museum near Eglin AFB

posite Squadron were able to post them to the CAP Florida net. During the week cadets were asked to write down their comments about Eglin IV for publication in the *Daily Doolie*. Some of them



C/TSgt Michael Barron gets an up close and personal tour of the F-15 with pilot Keith Kosar

EGLIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON MEMBERS GARNER HONORS

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters recently announced the award of the Civil Air Patrol Unit Citation Award to Eglin Composite Squadron, based at Eglin AFB in the Florida Panhandle.

The award cited the many thousands of hours of dedicated volunteer service Eglin Composite Squadron members contributed to their community, state, and nation over the past 28 years. Squadron members responded to countless search and rescue missions for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard, to dozens of disaster relief missions in support of local and state emergency management agencies, and supported agencies such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the American Legion.

In 1995, squadron members responded to both Hurricanes Erin and Opal, staffing the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center. Squadron teams performed damage assessment, staffed evacuation shelters, and transported and distributed relief supplies. Other members responded to

numerous Air Force Rescue Coordination Center missions to locate and secure emergency locator transmitters activated by the storms.

Squadron members overcame many obstacles under hazardous conditions to expedite the recovery to provide relief to those in need. Many members were storm victims themselves who delayed their own recovery to help others. Their superb efforts, unselfish devotion to duty, and their professionalism was recognized by the State of Florida Insurance Commissioner with certificates of appreciation, and by Civil Air Patrol's Florida Wing, which selected Eglin Composite Squadron as the top unit of its type in the state for 1995.

Receiving individual awards for Meritorious Service were Major Thomas Woodcock and Captain Martha Woodcock, both of Niceville, for their efforts during Hurricane Opal. When the Red Cross shelter manager for the Lewis Middle School shelter was severely injured in an automobile accident enroute to open the shelter, the husband and wife team responded immediately. They opened the shelter and managed it until a Red Cross offi-

cial could arrive after the storm. The Red Cross singled out these two individuals for their "assistance beyond all hopes".

Recognized for meritorious service in the Civil Air Patrol senior training program was Major Dale Robinson of Crestview. Major Robinson received the Grover C. Loening Aerospace Award for completing an important milestone in his training. The Loening Aerospace Award is given to individuals who have completed the third of five levels of training and personal development in the senior training program. Senior Member Christopher Tillis, Fort Walton Beach, was promoted to the rank of flight officer in recognition of his performance in the senior training program. Flight Officer Tillis has completed Level I of the senior program and is enrolled in Level II. He serves as the assistant public affairs officer for the squadron. Receiving the Senior Member Certificate of Proficiency was First Lieutenant Thomas Leslie of Niceville. The certificate is awarded to members who have completed Level II of the senior training program. Lieutenant Leslie served as the leadership officer and was re-

cently appointed as the deputy commander for cadets.

Cadet Master Sergeant Jason Hodges, of Navarre, was awarded the General Billy Mitchell Award for his completion of Phase 2 of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program. The Mitchell Award, named for the military aviation pioneer, is a major goal in the cadet program. Along with the Mitchell Award, Cadet Hodges was promoted to the rank of cadet flight officer.

Retiring from more than 30 active years of service in Civil Air Patrol is Lieutenant Colonel Lowell N. Overly. Colonel Overly recently moved to Fort Walton Beach from Maryland, where he contributed countless hours in support of emergency services, the Civil Air Patrol cadet program and aerospace education. Colonel Overly holds a CAP pilot rating and has received the Grover C. Loening Aerospace Award for completion of Level II I of the senior training program. Colonel Overly was presented with a Certificate of Retirement at a brief ceremony at the squadron on August 7th.

—Major Dale K. Robinson,
Eglin Comp Sqn PAO

CADET WINTER ENCAMPMENT

Florida Wing, Group 10, will host a Cadet Winter Encampment at Homestead Air Reserve Base starting at 0800 on the 26 December (Thursday) and finishing at 1200 on 31 December 1996. If you would like to attend this encampment now is the time to send in your paperwork. You will need three (3) completed CAP Form 54 (Application for CAP Encampment), three (3) completed CAP

Form 60 (Emergency Notification Data) and \$25.00 deposit along with a self addressed stamped envelope. The envelope is for us to send back to you your acceptance notice, a letter to your parents, further instructions and an equipment list. The total cost of the encampment is estimated at \$130.00 per person. This will include five (5) nights lodging and all meals. Deadline for the full amount will be 30 November 1996. Please do not send full amount until you

receive an acceptance letter. Mailing address for applications and deposit is:

Lt Col Calvin T. Morton
HARB Encampment Commander
ATTN: CAP Winter Encampment Administrator
Civil Air Patrol
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Box 45
Homestead Air Reserve Base, FL
33039-1299

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CADET PROGRAMS

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Seniors and Cadets that want to be on Encampment Staff should also send in the above information indicating the staff position they are interested in plus two (2) alternates. Organization charts for senior and cadet staff members are as indicated in CAP Manual 50-16, Pages 35 and 36. Selection of Seniors will be made by myself in conjunction with Wing Cadet Programs senior staff. Selection of Cadet Staff will be made by Wing CAC, senior cadets and Wing Cadet Programs staff.

CADET PROGRAMS REPORT:

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ALAN COLON
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Cadet Advisory Council Chairman
C/LTC Billy Westcott

Project Officer, Special Activities Selection Board
CAPT Jayson Jenkins

Project Officer Duke Encampment
LTC David LaMontagne

Project Officer, AGOS 97:
CAPT Larry Gray

I am currently looking for:
Deputy Director
CAC Coordinator
Cadet Programs Public Affairs Officer
Cadet/ Officer in charge
A senior Cadet officer to chair the FLWING Honor Society.
Project Officer, Drill Comp
Project Officer, Cadet Conf (97)
I am will talk to anyone about these positions and will probably recruit others for my staff. Cadets may apply.

Let me elaborate on the C/OIC (Cadet/ Officer in Charge). This will be a cadet officer, C/CPT and above, that will serve on my staff as a reference to cadet input. The scheduling of activities, selection of activities and basically be the cadet in charge of the Wing. This is a six-month sentence, in which I appoint the cadet to this staff position. The first victim will probably write the book on this position.

CADET OF THE YEAR

In 97, we will select a Phase IV Cadet of the Year and Phase III Cadet of the Year.

The Phase IV Cadet needs to follow the criteria in CAPM 39-3. Please reference CAPM 39-3 for criteria. Here is a run down of information needed: attach a high school transcript, attach college transcript (if applicable), SAT or ACT score, recent full length photo, 3 letter of

recommendation, a CAPF 58 and a copy of their Earhart certificate (if in their possession) dated 31 Dec 96 or earlier.

The Phase III Cadet needs to forward the following: a high school transcript, college transcript (if available), a recent full length photo, 3 letters of recommendation, a CAPF 58 and a copy of their Mitchell certificate dated 31 Dec 96 or earlier.

Paperwork will be forwarded to me, at PO Box 161686, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716 by 15 January 1997. Any cadets meeting the above criteria may apply, with their squadron commander's approval.

Cadet of the Year board will be held at Special Activities Selection.

Although we are still trying to lock down the date, here is some info about Special Acts.

Activity: Special Activities Selection Board (to include IACE)
Cadet of the Year Selection Board
Date: 8 February 1997 (tentative)
Place: Seminole Community College, Lake Mary, FL
Cost: \$10 per cadet
Project Officer: CPT Jayson Jenkins, Commander, Sabal Cadet SQ

Members looking to support this activity should contact MAJ Jenny Wertz.

More info to be published.

—LTC Matt Sharkey



EDITORIAL ...

The views expressed here are solely my own.

"What's in it for me?" An Essay On Volunteerism

by Major Dale K. Robinson,
Eglin Composite Squadron
PAO
Florida Wing

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Famous words spoken by President John F. Kennedy more than three decades ago. Certainly not a slogan for the "What's in it for me generation?", is it?

Kennedy was speaking of volunteerism. In the 1950s and early 1960s, Americans were still flushed with the victories of World War II, a just war, a war to end the brutality of Hitler's Nazis and the Imperial Japanese. During the war, national pride had swelled and volunteers filled the ranks of the armed forces and service organizations, like the USO, the American Red Cross, and yes, the Civil Air Patrol. During World War II, Civil Air Patrol's ranks numbered 125,000 strong. All volunteers, all looking to serve their nation in its time of need. Today, Civil Air Patrol's membership numbers 54,000, and still all volunteers. Civil Air Patrol's new National Commander, Brigadier General Paul M. Bergman, has said that we need to "rededicate our efforts to foster an atmosphere...

where our people understand the purpose of their volunteerism."

What is a volunteer? My dictionary defines "volunteer" as "one who enters into any service of his own free will". That certainly describes CAP members -- we pay membership dues, wear the uniforms, participate in the various activities of the organization, without coercion, and of our own free will. If we get tired of it, or our priorities change, or we have a reversal of fortune, we don't have to continue, we can quit. We don't even have to give two weeks notice!

So, the next question is --What do Civil Air Patrol's members get out of it? "What's in it for me?"

Well, if you're looking for material rewards, you're definitely in the wrong organization. If you reap any material rewards from your membership, then you probably are doing something immoral, illegal, or unethical. If you're here just because you want to fly, go join a flying club. If you're here because you want to play with radios, go join a ham radio club. And if you're here just for the thrill of land search and rescue or disaster relief, go join a local volunteer SAR organization, fire department, rescue squad, or sheriff's posse. These are all fine organizations, they all have their purposes, and many of Civil Air Patrol's members are members of

these organizations as well.

So what do Civil Air Patrol's members get out of their membership? Well, recognition among our peers is important, from the award of command pilot wings to a longtime member to the membership ribbon awarded to the latest senior to complete Level I. That's why we have ribbons and badges and certificates. It is important that unit commanders and administrative officers and personnel officers submit their members for the awards they have earned. It's equally important that we ensure that all the "i"s are dotted and the "t"s crossed when we submit the award packages, so higher headquarters won't have cause to reject them. It's also necessary that higher headquarters establish and publish policies so the lower echelons know what's expected of them.

So what do Civil Air Patrol's members get out of their membership? Getting awards, medals, ribbons, and certificates is great. Seeing their names in the Civil Air Patrol News is a good ego booster; getting their names in the local newspapers is even better. But what do Civil Air Patrol's members really get out of their membership?

I've been a cadet, I've been a deputy commander for cadets, and I've been a squadron commander over the years. And I took a break from CAP when my personal life demanded it. What brought me back --what

do I get out of CAP? I'll never forget the caring, and sharing of people who lost everything when a West Virginia dam broke and washed away their town. They were grateful I was there to provide a radio contact with the rest of the world and relay information in and out of a Red Cross shelter that had no other means of communication. I remember the pride I felt when two of "my" cadets earned the Spaatz Award. I remember how good it felt when one of "my" cadets won an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point because I had written him a recommendation. (And, when I came back earlier this year, it was pride I felt when I learned that a former cadet buddy was National Commander!) What brought me back? What do I get out of CAP? The sense of making a difference in this world.

I think General Bergman summed it up best. "Hundreds of you ... have ... touched a life of a young man or young woman through your experiences and made a difference. That is what we are all about --touching lives and making a difference.

"This I firmly believe: years from now it will not matter what was in my bank account, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different --because I was important in the life of a young person ... when it really mattered. Now --isn't this what we're all about? Yes, this, and much more like it!"

wing's cadet membership.

LTC ROSE NAMED PAO OF THE YEAR



LTC Allan Rose of Coral Springs was honored as CAP's Col. Robert V. Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year at the 50th National Board meeting in San Antonio, Texas, August 8-10.

As Florida Wing Public Affairs Officer, Col. Rose has made great strides in the wing's public relations programs. During Hurricane Opal, he coordinated media coverage and submitted articles on activities throughout the Florida Panhandle. He worked with National Headquarters staff to arrange interviews with emergency services teams. He faced many hazards while performing his duties, in-

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ENCAMPMENT AT MACDILL

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Tampa

Over 120 Cadets and 12 Senior Members participated in a hugely successful Summer Encampment at MacDill AFB in June (14-22).

Highlights of the encampment were tours of Central Command and Special Operations Command as well as the chance to tour NOAA HQ where cadets had a close-up look at the specially equipped Hurricane tracking aircraft.

They also had a tour of a C-130 transport which was extended while they sheltered in it during a heavy rainstorm. A reporter from the Tampa Tribune shared the experience and the result was a half-page article in the paper.

cluding a car accident that sent him to the hospital with severe injuries.

Despite these challenges he continued to build strong partnerships with community officials, police and fire chiefs, and business leaders, cementing relationships for CAP activities. Col. Rose encouraged CAP leaders to seek memorandums of understanding with city officials and emergency services agencies.

While forging new relationships for CAP, Col. Rose maintained relations with the American Red Cross, Emergency Management Agency and other volunteer organizations in disaster relief. He diligently recorded the wing's contributions in Florida and informed state legislators of member's deeds.

Through his work as a volunteer to Police Department Juvenile First Offender programs, he identified a need for middle school students to be exposed to the CAP Cadet Program. This led to the implementation of the Middle School After School Program, which has been implemented in other school systems around the state. This initiative has resulted in significant increases in the

Senior staff members were: Encampment Commander -Maj. Thomas Trammell, Deputy Commander -Maj. Mary Leffer-son, Executive Officer -Capt. Larry Gray, Commandant of Cadets -Capt. Ivan Acosta, PAO - LTC Allan Rose. TACOS: Chief Capt. Michael Goldberg, Maj. Marsha Pennington, 1 Lt. John Schaeffer, 1Lt. John Caton, S/M Mike Smith, LTC Robert Masiker.

A demonstration by the base Fire Department provided a dramatic assault on a jet fuel fire.

After an arduous week of drill, studies and lectures the all-female Spirit Flight commanded by C/FO Kristen Fitzpatrick won the title of Honor Flight of the Encampment.

Outstanding Airman was C/A1C Luz Pabon, Outstanding NCO was C/TSgt Michael MacDougall, and Cadet Officer was C/LTC Brian Lau.

The Senior and Cadet staff did a great job and worked very hard to make the Encampment a success.

The Robert V. Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year is selected by National Headquarters CAP Marketing and Public Relations Directorate based upon overall public affairs mission accomplishments within a wing. The award is presented annually to the wing public affairs officer who manages and operates the most outstanding wing public affairs program for the preceding year. The award was renamed last year in honor of the late Col. Robert V. Payton, who played a part in reorganizing CAP to greet the 21st Century.

—from Charlotte M. Crowe,
Chief Public Relations
CAP HQ

editor's note—

On July 25 Gov. Lawton Chiles made a special trip to Coral Springs to see first-hand how the Florida Wing's middle school program works. This program was spearheaded by LTC Allan Rose and his wife, Capt. Linda Rose. Jim Tynan, editor of the CAP News came down and you may see the article he wrote in the September issue of CAP News - with a picture on the front page. The event attracted local and statewide media, resulting in boundless publicity for CAP!

Cadet staff members were: Cadet Commander -C/LTC John Russo, Deputy -C/LTC Brian Lau, Executive Officer -C/LTC Richard Martin, 1st Sgt -CMSgt Jose Monroy, Sq. 3 Com. -C/LTC Andy Gray, Sq. 4 Com. - C/Maj. Doris Raimundi.

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MORE CADET PROGRAMS ...

CADET HONOR SOCIETY

In order to recognize cadets, who have excelled in CAP academics and achievement, the Florida Wing Cadet Programs Office has created an Honor Society. The purpose of this Honor Society is to help cadets gain academic recognition and credit for educational and scholarship purposes.

The following are the criteria for the Honor Society:

A) 90% or above average per achievement (the average of both aerospace and leadership

tests). NOTE: The Curry achievement leadership test will stand on its own.

B) Maintain this average over a three consecutive achievement span, with no time frame.

It is the plan of this office to publish a list every three months, of those cadets who are part of the Honor Society. The only way this will work is if we report cadets who have met the above criteria. The information we require will be the cadet's name, CAPSN and unit charter number.

Cadets who earn this honor and have been listed by Wing HQ, will have the authorization to wear a blue/yellow shoulder cord, as recognition to this honor.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

As this program takes off, additions will be made.

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