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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Our pride in Florida Wing reaches new heights with this publication—the first full color FLORIDA FACTS. Lt. Col. Buddy Harris and the newsletter staff of Lt. Col. Valerie Brown, Captain Dan Thompson, and 2 Lt. William Morden have done a remarkable job. My sincerest personal thanks to them and to all the many PAO's who regularly report on their unit's activities. Unless you have produced a four color magazine you can't possibly know the man hours required. I have been forced to add font, photo-engraving, gravure, half-tone, camera-ready, Quark, PageMaker, conceptual layouts, strike, blue-line, and many other technical terms to my vocabulary. Please let the FLORIDA FACTS staff know you appreciate their hard work.

This edition is also the start of an Annual Report to the Florida Legislature as an inclusion within FLORIDA FACTS. From now on, we plan to distribute the report each year as part of the Winter Edition of the FLORIDA FACTS to provide each of you—as well as Florida Senators and Representatives—with information about the accomplishments of our members throughout the wing. It is my hope that this insert into our magazine will provide you with a useful recruiting tool as well.

Our cadets are a constant source of pride to our wing. Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron placed first in the Southeast

Region Cadet Competition. They will now represent the Southeast Region [six states] in the National Cadet Competition to be held at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Recent Cadet achievements include three Amelia Earhart awards and eight Gen. Billy Mitchell awards. Congratulations!



COL. ANTONIO PINEDA
Florida Wing Commander

As I recently returned from the Winter National Board Meeting in Washington, D.C., I am reminded of the strength and diversity of our organization. Our newly constituted and appointed Board of Governors met for the very first time. The newest members, from private industry, bring outstanding qualifications that reflect the diversity of our three CAP missions. Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, president of Tuskegee University, will enhance our Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs missions. Mr. Bruce Baughman, Director, FEMA Operations and Planning Division, highlights our Emergency Services mission and Mr. Bruce Whitman, executive vice-president of Flight Safety International emphasizes the ever present need to enhance safe and efficient operation of our aircraft fleet and pilot proficiency. Our interaction with the Air Force is now significantly enhanced and expanded.

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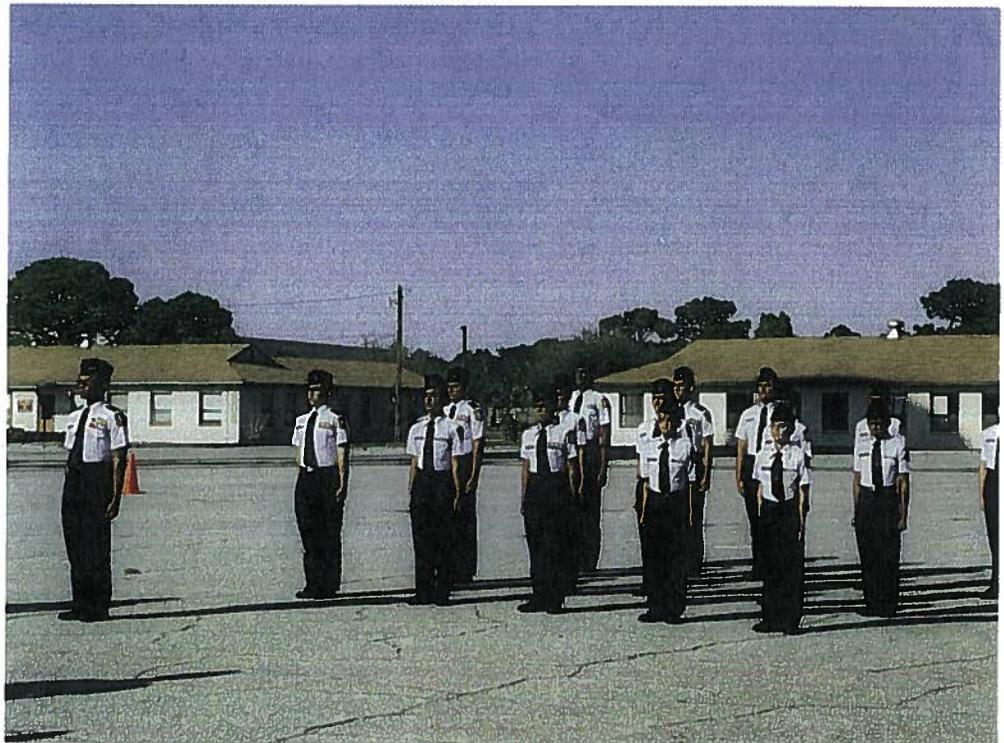
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FLORIDA DRILL TEAM WINS SIX-STATE COMPETITION

Representing Florida Wing, the Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron placed first in the Southeast Regional Cadet Drill Team Competition held at Tyndall Air Force Base. Southeast Region CAP encompasses Mississippi, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.



The winning team stands at attention awaiting their In-Rank Inspection

Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron continues a tradition of excellence with this year's success. Their past accomplishments include First Place in Florida Wing Drill Competitions in 1984, 1987, 1988, 1995, 1997, 1999 and First Place in Southeast Region Drill Competitions in 1985, 1995, 1996, and 1997. Captain Joseph Martin, FLWG Cadet Competition Officer, said "I can not remember watching a more experienced and professional drill team and seeing such a close competition. It is a testament to the dedication and effort put forth by our cadets and seniors." Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda, praised all the competitor teams. "Florida Wing is very proud of your accomplishments and hard work. The Regional competition is fierce and winning First Place reflects your determination, spirit and tenacity. You and the other competing teams serve as a model for every cadet unit in Civil Air Patrol."

The Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron Drill Team will now represent the Southeast Region at the National Cadet Competition at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

PROP WASH

During World War II, a select group of young women pilots became pioneers, heroes and role models...they were the Women Airforce Service Pilots...better known as the WASPS. They were the first women in history trained to fly American military aircraft. Many bombers and fighter planes in the European Theater of War were flown there by the WASPS. In honor of these women, there is now a web site dedicated to their shining history. The address is www.wasp-wwii.org/wasp/home.htm

Central Florida Communications Response Team is being revitalized. It will provide a rapid response communications capability to any mission base for a search and rescue or damage assessment mission within 150 miles of Daytona Beach. For more information contact Major Frank Haas.

An important milestone in a cadet's advancement was reached by Cadet 2nd Lt. David Bradley when he was awarded the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. It was presented by Commander Robert Thompson, Charlotte County Composite Squadron.

Cadets from Patrick Composite

Squadron participated in an Orientation Flight Day. Using a Cessna 172, 8 cadets flew multiple flights originating from Patrick AFB and included a pass over the shuttle landing strip.



In front of CAP Flight 838, front row l to r: C/Justin Nichols, 2Lt John Hudacek, C/Scott Seymour. Back row l to r: C/Airman Arryn Grogan, C/ Nicholas Guy, C/SSgt Bryan Ambrosio, C/SrAirman Michael Hodges, C/Cindy White and C/Amanda Harrison.

The U. S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center conducted a Search and Rescue Management Course at MacDill AFB. The student body included Incident Commanders, Mission Coordinators, Ground Team Leaders, Air Operations Directors, and members of sheriff's and municipal fire departments. This is another example of the stepped up level of interaction between CAP and USAF.

It is suggested by Lt. Col.

Joseph Tirado that each Group Commander should meet with the various airport authorities in their area to better their understanding of the benefit of CAP to their needs and that of their community. Every General Aviation Airport in

Florida should have a one to two acre land-set-aside for the development of a CAP Headquarters and hangar. Emergency Services response time would be vastly improved as would security of CAP's very valuable air fleet.

Regularly scheduled Chaplain and Moral Leadership Seminars are held in Group Two. These sessions foster a team spirit of helping each other within their respective specialties and provide a training opportunity. Guest Chaplains are frequently invited as speakers.

Sun 'n' Fun Airshow, the second largest in the nation, was held for nine days at the Lakeland-Linder Airport. Once again, a large contingent of CAP Senior and Cadet members provided flightline service, security of static displayed aircraft, and public relations.

SQUADRON CLIPS

The **DeLand Composite Squadron** is celebrating its 59th year developing young leaders, conducting air and ground search and rescue operations and teaching aerospace education.

The ultimate aerospace fantasy was experienced by the **North Tampa Cadet Squadron** during their visit to Fantasy of Flight in the Orlando area. Mr. George Kesler-retired navy commander and fighter pilot in W.W.II and the Korean War, wounded eight times and shot down once-was their tour guide. Mr. Kermit Weeks, owner of Fantasy of Flight, buys vintage aircraft and his team of expert restorers meticulously return them to their original condition. If an original craft is no longer available, a replica is made from original blueprints. Mr. Weeks flies every one of his aircraft collection.

2nd Lt. Linda E. Trimpey, AEO

Hernando County celebrated POW/MIA Day with opening ceremonies, speeches, bands, cannons, reenactments and aerial demonstrations. The **Hernando County Composite Squadron** controlled the parking of vehicles, provided security assistance, performed in the opening and closing ceremonies and carried the largest American Flag of the event. Congressman Peter Enwall and State Representative David Russell attended and the County Commissioner's Resolution recognizing the anniversary of the establishment of the Civil Air Patrol was read.

Major Charles Walter, Commander

Group Five Commander, Major Steve Bell officiated at a Change of Command of the **Naples Senior Squadron**. Lt. Col. Charles Dinsmoor accepted command from Major Humbert Gressani. At the same ceremony, Lt. Col. Monte Lazarus relinquished command of the **Marco Island Senior Squadron** which was turned over to Major Gene Trembley. The **Naples Cadet Squadron** served as honor guard and the event was enjoyed by more than 95 visitors-friends, family and dignitaries.

Capt. Tom Kuznar
1st Lt. Marianne Mulder

Captain John Ross is the new commander of the

Charlotte County Composite Squadron relieving Major Robert Thompson who served since 1997. Capt. Ross started flying in 1967 and has been flying with the Civil Air Patrol for 14 years. He is a retired Florida State Trooper.

1st Lt. Tom Ratliff

U.S. Air Force Col. Tollefson, Medical Group Commander, MacDill AFB was the guest speaker at the **SRQ Composite Squadron** meeting. Manatee County Sheriff Charles Wells presented Certificates of Appreciation to the cadets and senior members who assisted his department during last year's air collision of an F-16 with a Cessna near I-75 and SR 70. The Squadron recently received a donated ambulance that is being converted for use as a Ground Team Search and Rescue 'Mobile Command Center'.

1st Lt. Robert Bayless,
Deputy Commander for Cadets

The **Fort Lauderdale Composite Squadron** is extremely lucky and proud to have as one of its senior members an Air Force Lt. Col. [Ret.] who formerly was a Tuskegee Airman flying P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs in the European Theater of War. At a "Gathering of Eagles" meeting, Col. Gray had all attendees spellbound with his accounts of various missions and the Tuskegee record of never having lost a bomber they were escorting.

Capt. Ralph Parness,
Deputy Commander

A Squadron Leadership School was hosted by the **Pensacola Composite Squadron**. Students learned Moral Leadership, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, Cadet and Senior Programs, the Reserve Assistance Program and Safety. Members of the **Central Florida Composite, Daytona Beach Composite, and Seminole Cadet Squadrons** attended classes in LandNav, Search Techniques, and Air-Ground signals during a Field Training Exercise.

Capt. Don Winter, Jr. and 1st Lt. Marshall Naquin

The New FLORIDA FACTS.....

You are now holding in your hands the realization of the goal set by Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda.

The goal was for the development of a wing magazine, in full color, which will serve as a communication medium, will give recognition to the many outstanding activities achieved by our wing units and members, and provide for information interaction between Florida's Civil Air Patrol and the many municipal, county, state, federal, and military agencies to whom and for which we provide our multi-disciplinary services.

To gain a perspective on the evolution of Florida Civil Air Patrol's newsletter, merely a glance in the 'looking-back glass' illustrates the progression this medium has traversed during my 'watch'.

The last issue of "Gator CAPers" was published in 1991. Following an elongated interlude it was revised as "FLORIDA FACTS" when Capt Trish Turner took hold of the 'yoke' and wrote and published a twenty page newsletter that was chock full of current event news of wing happenings. Editor/Publisher Turner performed an outstanding service to the wing staff and was so recognized by numerous awards presented by various wing commanders.

Regrettably, Capt. Turner's platter finally overflowed and in 1997 she had to relinquish her role and responsibility. As the issue of FLORIDA FACTS dated December 1997 stated, "A highway advertising billboard with only the word "THANKS" emblazoned across its face wouldn't adequately express the appreciation of all the members of the Florida Wing staff to [then] 2nd Lt. Patricia "Trish" Turner, Editor of FLORIDA FACTS".

In response to the request of then Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Valerie Brown and by my appointment to wing staff by then Wing Commander Col. Andrew Skiba, I assumed the Editor/Publisher of FLORIDA FACTS assignment. My very first output was to suggest to Col. Skiba that the wing newsletter should not just be distributed to wing staff but should be mailed to every active member of Florida Wing. Col. Skiba's instant reaction is well known - more than 4000 copies of the 32 page quarterly newsletter have been received by you for the past four years.

Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda has not only maintained, but has increased the distribution of FLORIDA FACTS to include local, county, state elected officials, all CAP Wing Commanders and NHQ officers, Defense Department military and appointed executives and U.S. Senators and Representatives from the state of Florida. Now, Col. Pineda has directed FLORIDA FACTS to be a full color magazine format and each first quarter issue is to serve as the "Annual Report to the Florida Legislature" advising of CAP's accomplishments, level of service, Core Values, and mission goals. *This issue is the fulfillment of Col. Pineda's directive.*

Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris
Editor/Publisher

NEARLY 100 PROCLAMATIONS ADOPTED BY GOVERNING BODIES

In recognition of CAP's 59th anniversary, nearly 100 local and county governing bodies adopted proclamations recognizing CAP for its services to the community and to its residents, and acknowledging the establishment of CAP on December 1, 1941-six days before Pearl Harbor.

On behalf of the Commander and Florida Wing, Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey is seen



accepting a proclamation from Chairman Mel Martinez that was adopted by the Orange County Commission.

Two days following the presentation, Chairman Martinez was selected by President George W. Bush to be the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] and was subsequently approved to the President's Cabinet by the U.S. Congress.

CAP TEACHES DISABLED CHILDREN AND PARENTS THE RUDIMENTS OF FLYING



Forty-five cadets and fifteen seniors from Group Six assisted "Challenge Air" in bringing together wheelchair and non-wheelchair aviators to inspire physically challenged young people to overcome their limitations through flight.

Cadets escorted the enthusiastic young people on and off the planes, worked the flight line, assured that all areas were safe for the 227 people in attendance, and conducted a mini-ground school.

One hundred and two flights were flown in fifteen small private planes with their volunteer pilots. One hundred and twenty-five children and thirty parents were taken for a 20 minute flight over Fort Lauderdale. FAA representatives were present and they issued certificates to each "Young Eagle".

Challenge Air is a non-profit volunteer group started by Rick Amber, a fighter pilot who lost both legs in the Vietnam War. He never stopped flying.

The festive and exciting day included a company of clowns, balloons, shirts, hot food, games, live barnyard animals and the well known dog group, the "Canine Companions."

The liveliness, distractions and hecticcy of the day did not keep the cadets from performing their duties in a professional manner.

At the end of the day, one cadet was heard to say, "I wouldn't have missed this for anything in the world and I hope to be back next year."

Major Russ Reichmann, FLWG Stan/Eval Officer ran the flight line, Major Dave Auerbach handled communications and Capt Jeff Stahl was Safety Officer.

Submitted by Maj. Virginia Montalvo
Photo by 2nd Lt. Linda Crawford



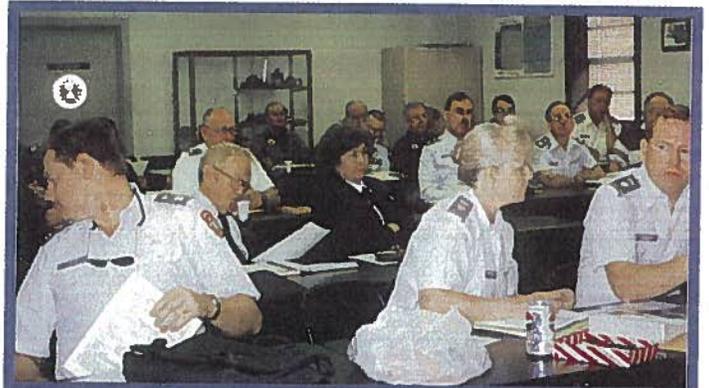
Broward County's first Astronaut, Commander Brent Jett, Jr., who recently piloted the Space Shuttle Endeavor, and two fellow astronauts M. Bloomfield and J. Tenne posed with cadets from the Fort Lauderdale Composite and Pompano Composite Squadrons. Photo by Maj. Virginia Montalvo



Wing Commander Antonio Pineda met recently with Congressman William Young at his office in Washington, D.C. Representative Young is Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and represents the Tampa Bay District. CAP photo



West Broward Composite Squadron cadets took full charge of taxiing aircraft during the Parade of Planes. Participating pilots expressed their admiration for the professional manner the cadets controlled taxiing speed, spacing and maneuvering. Photo by Major Eileen Parker



Intensive Florida Wing staff work session geared toward expanding and improving services to the units and wing members. Staff meetings are held monthly at MacDill AFB or other locations throughout the state based on specific needs of a particular locale. CAP photo



One of the many aircraft in the Civil Air Patrol fleet that has received the new CAP paint design. The red/white/blue paint scheme with CAP seals on the tail make these aircraft more readily identifiable to Ground Search Teams, persons in distress or boaters in need. CAP Photo



Lt. Col. Don Hopkins and Major Harvey Bennett from Florida Wing Support Squadron conducted an all-day Yeager Class at the Pompano Squadron. Pictured is Maj. Bennett teaching space delineation to Lt. Linda Crawford. Photo by Maj. Virginia Montalvo

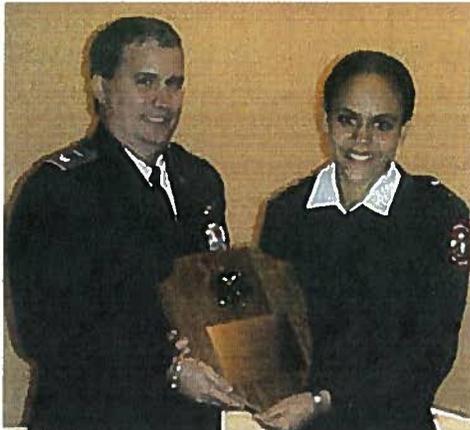


AROUND THE WING



FLORIDA WING CADET OF THE YEAR

Cadet Beloved excels in all her endeavors. In CAP she earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, Wing Commander's Recognition Award, Earhart



Col. Pineda presents the "Florida Wing Cadet of the Year" award to C/Capt. Draupadi Beloved, Venice Cadet Squadron.

Award, and two Commander's Commendations. In her academic pursuits, she has been on the Honor Roll for three years, Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council Representative, won Probability and Statistics and Trigonometry Awards. Capt. Beloved is an outstanding role model for CAP and it is no wonder that cadets seek her guidance in their pursuit of excellence.

LARGE CLASS AT SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Thirty-four members from several squadrons attended a two day Squadron Leadership School sponsored by the SRQ Composite Squadron. Instructors included former wing commander Col. Andrew Skiba, Lt. Col. Valerie Brown, and 1Lt Ray Hayden.

2000 IS RECORD BREAKER

Lt. Col Don Wood, Wing Director of Emergency Services advises that the year 2000 was a record breaker for Florida Wing. Members responded to five missing aircraft missions, 319 missions were assigned by the US Air Force -the highest number assigned to any wing, 2171 personnel were involved, 179 aircraft flew 197 sorties for 365 flight hours. Florida Wing was credited with four saves. Additionally, slow scan and digital aerial photos were taken of the I-10 reverse lane exercise, participation with the Department of Health Emergency Operations in a weapons of mass destruction exercise, flew National Weather Service personnel to observe tornado damage in Southwest Georgia, our twelfth member attended the National Search and Rescue School and our aircraft are being equipped with VHF-FM radios that now allow communication with Forestry Service, Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Departments, etc., With slow scan TV units we have transmitted single frame photos from aircraft to ground locations.

CADETS LEARN ROCKETRY

Cadets from Pompano and Lauderdale Squadrons attended a two day Aerospace Education course on Rocketry. The Instructor was Pompano's Cadet/Major Theodore Spano, who recently earned his solo pilot's license. He demonstrated how the rocket's stabilizing unit effects flight. All cadets were shown how to assemble a rocket. The rockets assembled were test flown at a launching site at a training bivouac in the Everglades.

EXTENSIVE TRAINING KICKS OFF

Gone are the days when required training courses were infrequently available. Capt. Ray Hayden, FLWG Director, Professional Development kicked off his expansive training program with a Professional Development Weekend. On one weekend, at one location, a Squadron Leadership Course, a Corporate Learning Course and a Cadet Protection Policy Training session was conducted. Twenty-three instructors conducted the various classes and all students agreed it was an awesome success.

WING'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda announced his appointment of Lt. Col. Joseph Martin as the Wing Vice Commander-South. Lt. Col. Martin will take charge of Groups 4, 5, 6, and 7. Vice Commander-North, Lt. Col. Richard Valone will maintain his responsibility for Groups 1,2,3, and 8.

Lt. Col. Martin's contact numbers are:

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For those members who want to train and advance in a more rapid pace, just climb aboard the 'express train' of the Professional Development Program that Capt. Ray Hayden has introduced.

The latest Florida Wing Web Site of Merit is the Broward Cadet Squadron and their webmaster, Cadet Enriques Mertins. Cadet Mertins is proudly adding the award banner to the squadron's site.

Col. Pineda, Lt. Col. David Lehtonen and Capt. Ben Coleman advise that CAPR 66-1, Supplement 1 has been revised to reflect current procedures of our Centralized Maintenance Program. Be sure you have recently reviewed this Regulation

and the Florida Wing Supplements. There are many new and challenging roles and all are encouraged to remain diligent and focused.

A great Aerospace Education project is recommended by Group Commander Christine Ferry. You can now download and build a Piper Cub mini-scale paper airplane for free. It looks pretty neat and flies perfectly. The web site address is <http://www.fiddlersgreen.net/aircraft/private/j3cub/j3cub.htm>

Major David Auerbach, Florida Wing Support Squadron Commander has been intensively revising the Florida Wing Administration Manual. This is a monumental task but its value to every member is indescribable. Each of us at some time or other has filled out a form incorrectly or has not attached required documentation. This manual, when revised, will serve as an easy reference for the information needed. All of Florida Wing will be ever grateful to Maj. Auerbach and his support team.

Florida Wing closed out the year 2000 with not only the most Search and Rescue missions than any other state but more cadet

members than any other wing in the nation.

Lt. Col. Robert Masiker, FLWG Director of Cadet Programs, announces that Cadet Capt. Elizabeth H. Norris has been appointed as Chair of the FLWG Cadet Advisory Council. Capt. Norris has eagerly tackled this new challenge and has pledged to take the Cadet Advisory Council to new heights.

Lt. Col. Abram Winters, Arizona Wing Director of Communications sent a 'heads-up' that there is a Web Mission Information Reporting System [WMIRS] on the Internet. Only approved personnel can place information on the site, but access for information is open to anyone. Missions are sent to the site with lat/long information to pinpoint the alarm site. A brief description is given as to what the mission is about, complete with mission number. Photographs can be downloaded. The address is <http://www.ntc.cap.gov/ops/wmirs>

Six Patrick Sq. cadets and five seniors had the pleasure of experiencing the joys of glider soaring.

Editor's Note: Captain Thomas Ward studied, trained, passed exams and completed required duties in his very strong desire to attain the rank of Major. The requirements were finally accomplished and Request for Promotion was submitted on the day that Capt. Ward, regrettably, passed away. His squadron commander made a personal appeal to Wing Commander, Col. Pineda for a priority promotion approval from National Headquarters. The following letter was received:-
Colonel Pineda,

I want to personally thank you and also to express the thanks from Highland County Composite Squadron members and the grateful thank you from the family of Major Thomas Ward.

I promoted him in front of a chapel full of friends and family-all at attention-and when I gave the final salute there was not a dry eye to be seen. It was a very emotional ceremony.

Chaplain, Lt. Col. Roy Snidown and Chaplain Lt. Col. H. Johnson conducted a very impressive CAP funeral service.

I caught bits of a conversation from Maj. Ward's widow as she greeted the guests and she often referred to "My husband, the Major." Your rapid action and concern in obtaining this promotion left a far reaching impression and expression of CAP philosophy.

The flowers you sent in the name of Florida Wing were the most impressive. I'm very proud of Civil Air Patrol and proud to be serving under your leadership.

[signed] *Capt. Francis M. Gleockler, Commander,*
Highlands County Composite Squadron

A CADET SAYS IT ALL...

CAP was the only thing I ever asked for twice. My father did not want me to join at age 14 because he believed that it would interfere with my academic disposition. I persisted and was allowed to join provided I maintained my grades. That was 1994. I was allowed my first serious opportunity to push the envelope of leadership when I was given the command of the Southeast Region Cadet Competition Team in 1995. I had only recently received my Gen. Billy Mitchell award and I was partnered with and challenged only by my overwhelming ego

that was crushed the following year at Cadet Officer School. It was after that incident that I learned the art of not being an obnoxious know-it-all. I managed to co-command my first encampment in the winter of 1996 as a new Cadet Major and it was there that I understood the nature of multi-level leadership, dynamic decision, and thought. I managed to keep my agreement with my father and finished my Eaker at the same time I was graduating as the Valedictorian from North Miami Senior High School.

The summer of 1997 was a particularly eventful one, in that I was again the commander and co-trainer of the SER Competition Team, I was also the Vice Chairman for the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council, and I managed to attend the National Flight Encampment [Blackstone, Va.], the National Ground Search and Rescue School [Miller School, Va.] and take my Spatz examination.

College started at the end of that summer with our preparation for our second National Competition. It has been almost four years since that promotion to Cadet Colonel and with it have come many exciting opportunities. I managed to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange Program, going to Sweden in the summer of 1998, and was selected to be the Cadet Commander of the Winter Encampment in 1999. I served as the SER Cadet Advisory Council Chair and representative to NCAC for the SER from 1999 to 2000, but I felt most flattered when I was invited to work as an instructor [as a cadet] at last year's ECCSS where I spent the week instructing alongside some of our wing's greatest minds, managing to train some of our most dynamic and promising cadet leaders. It was also an honor to be invited to serve on this year's selection board for the Cadets Of The Year, having received the award in 1996.

At this point I want to thank all the people who supported me, and all the ones that served as examples and mentors. There are amazing people in this wing that have managed to inspire and guide me and I appreciate their efforts despite my cognizance and ignorance, confidence and diffidence.

There is much to do in the cadet program and much needs to be done. I learned that we are here to inspire those around us and make them great people. My newest insight is to no longer just be the best, but instead be the source from which the best people come.

Cadet Colonel Hugh Stewart
Head Instructor, Southeast Region Cadet Drill Team

POW/MIA TEAM PERFORMS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The West Broward Composite Squadron's POW/MIA Ceremonial Team has become the pride of Florida Wing.

The team performed at the Florida Wing Conference-2000 and their moving performance brought tears to the total assemblage.

Following their outstanding presentation, CAP National



Commander, General James Bobick extended an invitation

for the team to perform at the CAP National Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Once again the team excelled and the cadet members have been recognized by Colonel Pineda who awarded each an "Exceptional Service" Commendation Certificate and Ribbon.

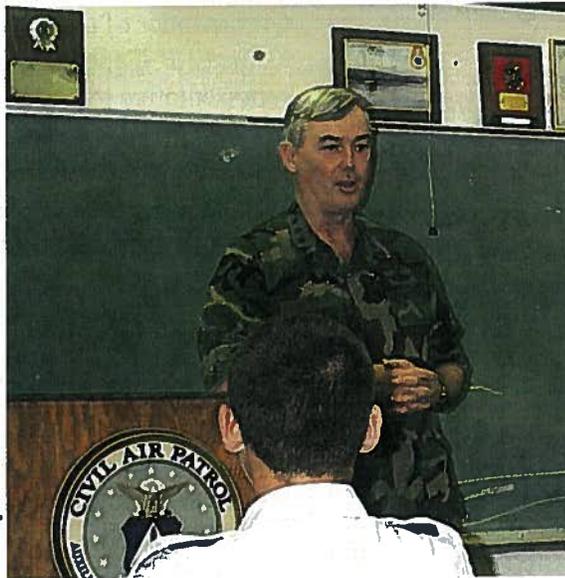
Submitted by Major Eileen Parker

U.S. AIR FORCE LT. GEN. NICHOLAS KEHOE [RET.] VISITS PATRICK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Gen. Kehoe was at Patrick Air Force Base as part of the Inspector's General team for a routine inspection.

When he learned that the Patrick CAP squadron was meeting at the base, he called Lt. Col. Joe Tirado and asked if he could drop in to the meeting.

Gen. Kehoe had recently attended the first Civil Air Patrol Board of Governors meeting which signaled the dawning of a new era between the Air Force and its civilian auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol.



Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe was elected Chairman of the newly established board. CAP Col. Richard Bowling was elected Vice Chairman. Both will serve a two year term as directed by legislation. The

position of the chairperson will rotate every two years between CAP and the Air Force.

The congressionally mandated 11-member board consists of four members from the Air Force, four from CAP, and three from independent organizations that have an interest in civil aviation and the CAP mission.

The other members of the Air Force include: Lt. Gen. Robert Foglesong, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, and Lt. Gen. Lance Lord, Air University Commander.

MISSION MEMOS

F-16 AND CESSNA 172 HAVE MID-AIR COLLISION

A U.S. Air Force F-16 collided with a Cessna 172 over the skies of Manatee County. The Cessna pilot was killed instantly and his plane was scattered over the Rosedale Golf and Country Club. The F-16 pilot ejected safely and his plane crashed in the woods near I-75 and University Parkway. The SRQ Squadron was tasked to provide perimeter support assistance. Two shifts, from 6 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 6 a.m. were provided with nine senior members and 11 cadets monitoring areas where debris was scattered. The Manatee County Sheriff's Department was very thankful as they needed the additional manpower to cover the wide-spread debris area.

1Lt Patrick O'Key, PAO

FLORIDA CAP ASSIGNED FIRST MISSION IN 2001

At 25 minutes after midnight of New Years Eve, the very first Search and Rescue mission in the United States was assigned to the St. Augustine Senior Squadron. Mission number 01M0001 was a search for an Electronic Locator Transmitter alarm signal that was detected and transmitted to the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The ELT was located at the Naval Air Station at Whitehouse Field and was silenced at 3:35 p.m. on New Years Day.

1Lt Vince Hoelscher,
Commander

GROUP ONE HAD BUSIEST EMERGENCY SERVICES YEAR

It was a very busy year for Group One in Emergency Services missions. They successfully completed 32 Search and Rescue missions assigned by the Air Force. Uniquely most of the mission activity was concentrated in the western panhandle area of the state.

STRIPS OF FABRIC DO SAVE LIVES

Hanscom Air Force Base....It was a quiet Saturday evening around 10 p.m. Herb Fubel, here with the Airborne Warning and Control System Program office, and his wife, Elaine, were on their way home after spending the day babysitting their granddaughter.

Traffic seemed light, so Fubel decided to take the shorter way on the interstate. As he proceeded along, Fubel noticed a flatbed loaded with long steel pipes being pulled by a tractor trailer. Suddenly, a small car cut in front of the truck. The truck driver locked his brakes to avoid hitting the car and then began to skid.

"The trailer fishtailed and then swung around and hit the passenger side of my car," Fubel said.

It hit with such force that Fubel's car became lodged under the trailer. When the truck came to rest, the I-beam was up to the windshield wipers of Fubel's car. "If it had come a little further, we would have been decapitated," Fubel said. "We could see it coming but it all happened so fast that we didn't think about ducking."

Because the trailer went over the hood of Fubel's car, nothing ever struck the sensors in the bumper that tell the car's computer to deploy the air bags. Consequently, the only safety devices the Fubels had to rely on were their safety belts. Rather than being propelled by the force of the impact toward the windshield and the frame of the trailer, the seat belts held the Fubels securely in their seats.

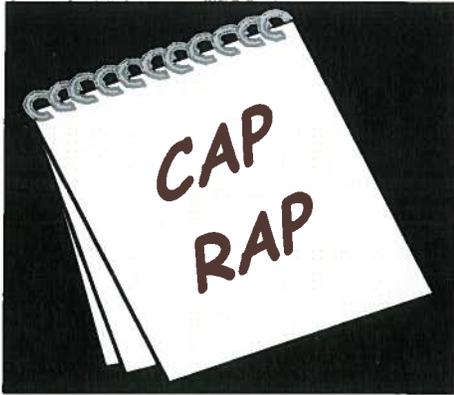
"The police, paramedics and everyone on the scene were amazed we survived," Fubel said. "They all said we wouldn't have made it without the seat belts."

Fubel suffered no injuries and his wife received merely a hairline fracture of one rib. Seat Belts Do Save.

Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer

ELT SEARCHES ARE NEVER USUAL

An ELT search located two transmitters on two Navy H-60 Helicopters; another was found in a hangar; and an EPIRB was located in a locked SUV.



The vest is pictured at
<http://www.sayreinc.com/reflexsafety/>

Major Frank N. Haas

 POW/MIA shirts are again available. These are high quality, three button, polo shirts with the POW/MIA logo embroidered on the left breast. Sizes available in S/ M/ XL/ XXL and XXXL. Color is black with white embroidery. Cost is \$25 and all proceeds goes to the West Broward Composite Squadron POW/MIA Ceremonial Team for performance expenses. Orders with name, address, quantity and size should be sent to:

1 Lt. Diane Reid
1492 Springside Drive
Weston, FL 33326

 Just Wondering! Which will be the first Group or Squadron to add music to its web site. It's now technologically available.

 Lt Col. Matt Sharkey is looking for two Wing Officers: **CHIEF, MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**-to assist the wing membership with recruiting and retention issues. Must be able to create programs to teach recruiting and retention initiatives. Must be able to glean information from the CAPWATCH database as well as create materials to assist members in exit polling, development of recruiting brochures and displays, awards recognition, and other techniques for membership growth.

DIRECTOR, MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Create Directory of Group and Squadron Public Affairs Officers; Directory of Newspaper, Radio, TV and Magazine contacts by Group; ability to write news releases for wing commander; develop and teach PR tools and techniques; write and deliver speeches and PowerPoint presentations; be creative and gregarious. Members interested in either position should send a letter of Expression of Interest and a Vitae to Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey.

 How do you bring back the mirror polish on your Military Ultra Lite Dress Shoes??? Well Linda Cobb, author of the best seller "Talking Dirty With The Queen of Clean" suggests rubbing on petroleum jelly [Vaseline]. NOT! Major Ed Wasserman suggests a fine spray of Lemon Pledge, let dry and buff. WOW!

 A Staff Assistance Visit [SAV] is scheduled for wing staff. For those who are not familiar with SAV or the role and responsibilities of wing staff officers, the following is excerpted from SAV PURPOSE and SCOPE - determine how effectively, efficiently and safely wing accomplishes its mission[s] and responsibilities; identify obstacles which impacted mission accomplishments; eliminate waste, improve morality, increase readiness; evaluate degree your leadership enhances wing; provision of service and assistance to wing units.

 Attention all Wing Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers-**URGENT**. Please send a 4x6 glossy photo of yourself in uniform involved with some activity of your unit. If you would provide 3 or 4 different photos, it would be appreciated. These photos will be used in preparing the Chaplain Service display at the Wing Conference in June. The photos will not be returned, so print two if you want your own copy. Mail them NLT April 25 to Ch. Lt. Col. Ralph Rivers, 7628 Northern Oak St. Melbourne, FL 32904

 Orange vests are required to be worn by ground teams, flight line personnel, air show staff, etc. Visibility of vests during low-light conditions is considerably enhanced when the vest has reflective Scotchlite stripes. Sayre Enterprises offers CAP squadrons lightweight, more breathable orange vests with two wide stripes of reflective tape at wholesale price of about \$9/vest. Sayre Enterprises phone is 800-552-6064.



From The MAILBAG

The Editor reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, good taste and accuracy; to reject letters and to prevent libel.

As suggested, I picked up a copy of FLORIDA FACTS. It happened to be the July/September 2000 issue, which had an article about a mission I did in CAP Flight 824 about three weeks after I joined the wing. WOW! And I never knew..... Thanks.

Lt. Col. R. L. George

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I am the commander of the Central Florida Composite Squadron. I have read and enjoyed FLORIDA FACTS for quite a few years now, mostly under your direction. Thank you.

1 Lt. Marshall Naquin

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I would like to recognize Lt. Ray Hayden for the AWESOME job he is doing as the Wing Professional Development Officer. The time, effort, energy and dedication he puts forward to providing Florida Wing the much needed training is unparalleled to say the least.

Major Gary Owen
Commander, Group 6

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I have been really enjoying FLORIDA FACTS. It is a fantastic, quality newsletter. I have just moved on to the Middle East Region after having served as Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Sector Commander and various other positions. I am

now looking forward to my new position with MER. Keep up the good work in Florida.

Lt. Col. James H. Porter
DCS/AE Middle East Region.

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I can't wait to see FLORIDA FACTS in color. Thanks for doing such a great job.

Major Virginia Montalvo,
Commander,
Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron

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FLORIDA FACTS is a great improvement over "Gator Capers".

Lt. Col. Robert W. Juback
Central Brevard Senior Squadron

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Tony,
Just read the Oct/Dec 00 issue. What a great newsletter! I especially enjoyed your comments on the Helligar long-duration search. You did an excellent job of spreading the credit around to all the organizations participating. Too often, we attempt to hog the credit in a search and antagonize the other contributing organizations in the process. You did it the right way!

Col. Scott Hamilton,
Assistant Executive Director
CAP/NHQ

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I want to thank 1st Lt. Ray Hayden for his tireless effort in

trying to put together a viable training program for Senior members. He has to be the hardest working member of the wing staff and is a model of a Professional Development Officer.

Capt. P. Leet
Executive Officer, Group 2

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Just read in FLORIDA FACTS that you have moved to the east coast. I need to be updated on your new address, phone numbers, etc. Great job on another fine publication.

1Lt Patrick O'Key,
Public Affairs Officer,
SRQ Squadron and Group 5

Editor's Note to all: Please see page 3 for new address and phone numbers. This information will remain in each issue for ease of reference.

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I think Lt. Col. Herb Miller's idea to have a classified section in FLORIDA FACTS is a great one. Many of us have equipment, uniforms, and manuals to exchange, give-away or sell to others who might need them.

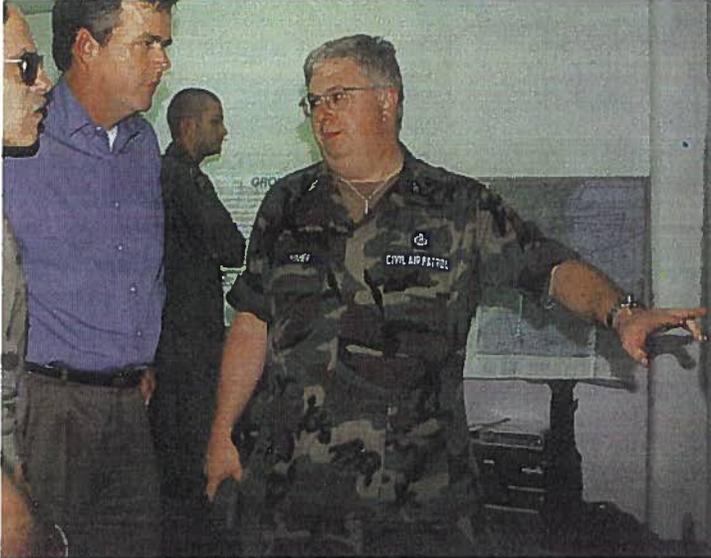
Capt. Matt Wiland

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I've just recently returned from the three month Air Force Journalist School at Fort Meade, Md. I am excited to get some articles and photos submitted not only to FLORIDA FACTS, but the national paper as well.

1 Lt. Kathy E. Paine
Group 7 PAO

GOVERNOR BUSH VISITS MISSION BASE



r. to l. Capt. Chip Maher, Incident Commander briefs Governor Jeb Bush on the intensive search and rescue mission to find a missing pilot. Joining in the briefing is Major Russ Reichmann, FLWG Assistant Director of Operations.

Florida CAP conducted an intensive search and rescue mission to find a missing pilot. The mission was centered in the Bartow area where pilot Hubert

More than 4000 man hours expended by the organizations involved in the search.

Helligar was reported overdue by his wife. He had been practicing takeoffs and landings in a Cessna 150 at the Winterhaven airport.

When a thorough ramp check of all surrounding airports produced no sign of Mr. Helligar, the Civil Air Patrol was assigned the mission by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. CAP personnel flew 271 sorties for over 400 hours during the 12 day mission. More than 200 members manned the mission base, and served as ground teams and air crews. Additional resources utilized were the U.S. Air Force Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, U. S. Navy, Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Salvation Army. The mission was unsuccessful in finding Mr. Helligar and was cancelled after 12 days of an all-out search.



Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr. [second from right] interacts with CAP mission base staff in planning for subsequent search sorties during the twelve day search and rescue mission.



U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron performed at the Patrick Air Force Base Air Show and at AirFest 2001 at MacDill AFB. Cadets from both areas served as escorts and provided security control.

USAF photo

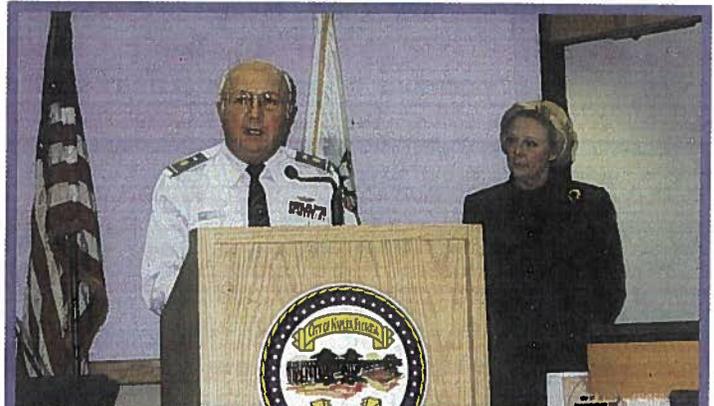


Major Walter holds plaque received from Disabled Veterans of America for Hernando County Composite Squadron's participation with ailing veterans at the VA James Haley Hospital in Tampa.



Captain Paul Blystone, Wing Director of Communications receives his promotion to the rank of Major from Wing Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda.

Photo by Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris



Naples Senior Squadron Commander Capt. Humbert Gressani accepts city proclamation from Mayor Patricia MacKenzie declaring December as CAP Month.

Photo by Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris



TV Channels 10 and 28 cover Florida Wing's Search and Rescue Exercise conducted at MacDill AFB. The video was used as a newscast on both channels in the Tampa Bay area.

Photo by Major AJ Ferraro



Central Florida Composite Squadron's C/Lt. Col. Michael Tier is pictured with Ms. Rebecca Spaatz Nagel. She is the daughter of General Carl A. Spaatz of whom the highest cadet award is named.

Photo by Maj. John Lynn

E-MAIL EMISSIONS



Florida Wing now has **six** aircraft with **new paint** and **new interiors**. **Twelve** aircraft are scheduled for the CAP FM **radio upgrades**. Significant accomplishment in keeping our fleet in mission readiness status. Other aircraft will have their improvements delayed pending funds availability.

Capt. Steven E. Drew
Florida Wing Asst. Aircraft Maintenance Officer

There is a great web site maintained by a member of the New Hampshire Wing that has information about CAP recruiting posters and brochures. If fellow CAP members provide information to the site it will be very helpful to the CAP recruiting program. Everyone should visit this site and see how helpful it can be.

2Lt. Iain P. Chaplin,
Vermont Wing Public Affairs Officer

NOAA Digital Approach Plates for any airport in the state can now be downloaded free of charge. Echo Flight allows everyone access to view digital Approach Plates on the web. These plates may be viewed and printed from any location via the Internet. The address is: <http://www.echoflight.com/Approachhome.html>. This site has been recognized as the Florida Wing Web Site of Merit.

Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

Mission Information Officers[IO] need to be aware that different media want news in different ways. Some want it as a telephone interview, others want it faxed or e-mailed while others want a TV camera video. There is no standard way that all media prefer for getting a story to them. Additionally, each mission and each time frame is different. So you must inquire as to how they usually want to receive a general interest story vs. an emergency story. This also gives you the opportunity to introduce yourself and for the media to gain a source contact.

Lt. Col. Karen L. Copenhaver
Director, Middle Eastern Region Public Affairs

CAP Drug Demand Reduction Office is offering 100% Summer 2001 Encampment Scholarships for

CAP Cadets. The scholarship covers the cost of the encampment only-no uniforms or transportation. All cadets, new and well seasoned, are eligible. The only requirement is the writing of an essay related to Drug/Alcohol Reduction. The deadline is June 1 [postmark date] which will be strictly adhered to. The essay needs to be at least 250 words, double spaced and must be legible, hand-written or typed and sent to Civil Air Patrol HQ. South, 1451 Cypress Creek Rd, #300, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Possible subjects are, but not limited to:

- What can be done to reduce drugs in school?
- What can be done to reduce alcohol consumption?
- You have heard about "Don't drink and drive." How about "Don't Drink?"
- How can a cadet resist peer pressure to drink or to try drugs?
- How can a young person get 'high' in a safe positive way without drugs or alcohol?

Lt. Col. David Mikelson
Florida Wing Drug Demand Reduction Officer

"Effective immediately, requests for the AFA Silver Medal shall be forwarded by CAP unit Commanders to : Mr. Dana Steinhauser, Programs and Events director, Air Force Association, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, 22209. The written letter must include the rank, name and unit of the Cadet of the Year, mailing address and telephone number with area code. I commend CAP for preparing your cadets to become the future leaders of the US Air Force."

Richard A. Ortega
Vice President, Aerospace Education
Air Force Association, Florida

MILITARY BASES AVAILABLE FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL

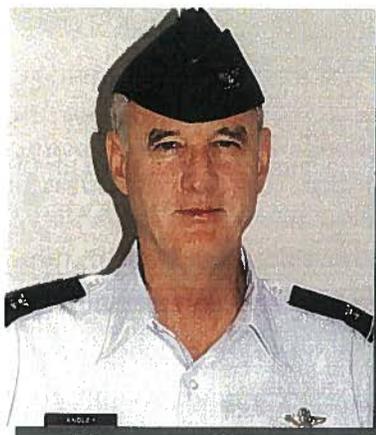
Florida Wing is very fortunate in that there are numerous military installations located throughout the state. Military bases are ideal locations for conducting CAP activities. Whether you are planning a cadet encampment, search and rescue exercise or aerospace education conference, military bases usually provide the best facilities for the lowest price.

If you would like to use a military installation for your next activity, send an official request to the LO Office. The request should be routed through your squadron or group commander and then to the wing commander. Please include the following with your request: a Project Officer's name or point of contact with address and phone number, the base you would like to visit, the type of activity you are planning, the dates and times of the activity [primary and alternate] and the number of people planning to attend. If you desire on-base lodging, we also need the number of seniors, the number of cadets, and whether they are male or female. If you are planning to eat at the dining facility please include the dates and number of meals required. Also, be sure to include any special requirements such as base tours, classrooms, auditorium, and transportation needs. The LO office has a standard form that we will be glad to Fax to the Project Officer.

Once we receive this information, the LO office will coordinate with the base to obtain the facilities and services required. If the base can support the activity, the next thing you will need is an MSA or Military Support Authorization.

The MSA is required when CAP personnel are participating in an Air Force assigned mission or official function on a military installation. MSA's

are not required for CAP members attending unit meetings and other regularly scheduled activities at a military installation.



Col. Jerry Angley
USAF/CAP Liaison Officer

The MSA is an important document in that it extends certain entitlements to CAP members that they are not normally afforded. For example, CAP members who are injured or become ill during an Air Force assigned mission on a military installation with an MSA are entitled to emergency medical care. This care is provided at no cost to the member until treatment can be obtained at a civilian medical facility.

CAP members that are listed on the MSA are entitled to use government lodging if space is available. The MSA allows CAP members to eat at the base dining facility. Base dining facilities serve excellent food at very reasonable prices. The MSA also entitles CAP members limited use of the base exchange.

In order to construct the MSA, the LO office will need a list of all the CAP members who will be attending the activity. The list should include the grade, first and last name, serial number and hometown of each member. Please Fax or e-mail this information to the Florida Wing Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey. Lt. Col. Sharkey will format the list and forward it to the LO office. The LO office then validates and signs the MSA and Faxes it to the Project Officer.

The earlier we receive your request the better the odds of obtaining the facilities and services you require. Two to three months out is a good place to start. Quite often it takes the military installation several weeks before they can approve the activity. Also the sooner we have a list of those attending the faster we can process the MSA. Two to three weeks before the activity is a good lead-time. Remember, the MSA is essential to obtaining base lodging.

FROM PULPIT TO PEN



LT. COL. RALPH E. RIVERS
FLORIDA WING CHAPLAIN

I have been a student of the Bible almost all of my life. I remember my grandmother reading the stories in the Old Testament and the characters and events came to life in my imagination. I could see David and Goliath. I could hear the noise of the sling and the thud of the rock. I tried to relate to David because he was just a kid himself. I remember the details of Jonah and the whale unfold with clarity. It was like standing on the beach watching the storm and Jonah getting swallowed up by this big fish. I remember the great shout and blaring of trumpets of a rag tag army bringing down the walls of Jericho, leaving only a pile of rocks. I remember the problems David brought on himself as king because he had broken the law and slept with another man's wife. In later years I have come to cherish that same man's psalms., especially the 23rd in which he writes, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I won't be afraid, because God is with me."

I've also come to a point in which I struggle with some of the teachings of Jesus, especially when it comes to the matter of loving my enemies. That's not the most natural thing to do under the best of circumstances. I've leaned on the words of Paul in a letter he wrote to the fledgling church in Rome and reminded the persecuted members that in the long run "all things work for good to those who love the Lord." Particularly when I have needed that kind of reassurance during troubling and challenging times.

When I was doing my undergraduate studies I took many courses in philosophy. I was intrigued with the way common threads found their way in the writings of early philosophers and my own religious background. I learned something from them all. I learned just how much is shared in spite of cultural, ethnic and religious differences. In fact, we are more alike than we might like to admit. We are individual and different when we want to be to pursue our dreams and ambitions. We are alike when we must be to protect those things which we hold in common as being ultimately important.

Many opportunities to learn come our way all the time. Each one brings something to the table that can enrich the lives of those within our circle of friends and associates. Some of what we learn will be useful in a variety of settings, some rather specialized, and some merely a pleasant exchange of knowledge.

We have much to share during our CAP careers. What we share is the result of our intellectual, cultural, ethnic and religious traditions. It's the sum of who we are and the priorities we've embraced. The corporate benefit makes us better able to help cadets grow into responsible adults, interpret the benefit of exploring the unknown, and in service to our nation and its people during times of distress.

NEWS FLASH

By order of Wing Commander Col. Antonio Pineda, effective 1 May 2001, the new Florida patch becomes the official uniform patch for Florida Wing. The old Florida patch [alligator] will be obsolete and cannot be worn by members after 30 April 2001. The new patch will be shipped the same date of receipt of order. Checks made payable to "Civil Air Patrol" should be sent with your order to Civil Air Patrol, Florida Wing Headquarters South, West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 300, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. The cost of the patch is \$2 each which includes shipping.

During the Florida Disaster Preparedness Conference in Jacksonville, Group 2 conducted a live demonstration of CAP's SSTV capability. The demonstration was seen by the city managers of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach plus representatives of FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department and many other agencies involved with disaster planning. The flight started at the JAX Beach coastline and proceeded westerly to take aerial photos of municipal infrastructure and disaster

planned elements. Following the successful live video, the City of Jacksonville committed to use the assets that CAP Group 2 can provide for the upcoming fire season and the hurricane season. Capt. Russ Blaser was the pilot, Capt. Peter Leet was Observer and camera operator, and Capt. Mike Banner was Mission Pilot trainee. Mission Base staff included Lt. Co Don Wood, Incident Commander was Lt. Col. David Mitchell and Lt. Col. Rick Harvey served as ground-to-air radio operator. Col. Pineda sent a "Well Done" to the mission staff.

The Air Force announced that Col. Albert A. Allenback, Commander, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell AF will replace Col. Dennis Parkhurst as Commander, CAP-USAF upon Col. Parkhurst's retirement this summer.

CAP's Cadet Program is now promoted on a new 11 x 17 poster that fits nicely on school and library bulletin boards and in store windows. Orders for the poster and other recruiting materials may be sent via e-mail to pa_Marketing@capnhq.gov.

Chief of Staff Matt Sharkey advises that the latest update for Florida Wing Forms and Supplements are available for downloading, as needed. The site address is <http://flwg.cap.gov/Downloads.htm>

Maj. Russ Reichmann, FLWG Assistant Director of Operations announces that Florida Wing's newest pilot is Cadet Major Theodore Spanos of the Pompano Cadet Squadron. He passed his check flight and his Form 5. Wing Commander Pineda stated, "I am pleased and proud to add Cadet Spanos to our list of licensed pilots."

Cadet 1st Lt. Caralyn Cain, Cadet Commander of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron has been appointed by Senator Clay Shaw to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Lt. Cain will enter the academy as another Pompano Cadet, Lt. Towel graduates from the academy. Florida Wing extends congratulations and best wishes to Lt. Cain. You make Florida Wing and our cadet corps very proud.

GROUP JOTTINGS



The long awaited moment has finally arrived and Group 2 is pleased to announce that they are officially in their new headquarters. The Cecil Field Headquarters building is at 13512 Aerospace Way, Bldg. 547, Cecil Commerce Port, Jacksonville, FL 32210. All renovations are completed and an Incident Command Class has already been conducted.

Capt. Peter Leet, Jr,
Group 2 Executive Officer



Group 3, once again, served as host to the MacDill Air Force Base AirFest-2001. The skies came alive when the US Navy Blue Angels, Stearman's Red Baron, Joint Communications Support Element static line parachute jump and the Special Operations Command Parachute Jump team enthralled the huge crowds that attended the two day event. Group 3 personnel provided parking assistance, security around static aircraft display areas, information service and various other needs as they emerged. Group 3 Commander, Major Donna Morris welcomed CAP Cadets from as far north as Michigan and Pennsylvania.



With Spring Break and the anticipation of over 100,000 cars to descend on Daytona Beach area, Group 4 utilized the opportunity for the conducting of a Disaster Relief Exercise [DREX]. Massive traffic delays and back-ups on several major arterials provided the opportunity to practice a disaster evacuation scenario with numerous evacuation route monitoring missions anticipated to be tasked to CAP by the State Emergency Operations Center. Ground and air-crew activities were practiced and simulated conditions perfected the

multi-various skills that were taught as well as tested.

Major David Younce
Group 4 Professional Development Officer



Group 8 will be hosting two cadets and one escort from Belgium and four cadets from the United Kingdom as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. The foreign guests are scheduled to arrive on 21 July and leave on 31 July. Orientation flights in Cessnas and Blatnik Gliders are on the itinerary. Also scheduled are visits to Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World and Busch Gardens.

Capt. Christine Ferry
Group Eight Commander



One hundred-forty members and guests attended the Group 4 Annual Banquet at Patrick Air Force Base Officer's Club. Every aspect of the evening was a huge and enjoyable success. In attendance were Col. Pineda; Col. Ernie Lewis, former wing commander; Col. Jerry Angley, Air Force/CAP Liaison Officer; Lt. Col. Matt Sharkey, Chief of Staff; Major Eileen Parker, Vice Chief of Staff; Major Ed Wasserman, Executive Assistant; Lt. Col. David Lehtonen, FLWG Director of Operations; Major Joey Widmayer, USAF/CAP Reserve Assistance Officer; Richard Ortega, Vice-President Aerospace Education, AFA Florida; and John T. Brock, President, Central Florida Chapter of the AFA. Lt. Col. Joe Tirado, Group 4 Commander and Major Frank Haas, former Group 4 Commander were extremely enthusiastic with the turnout. It was announced that the new Group 4 Headquarters is now based at Patrick Air Force Base.

Major Frank N. Haas



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



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

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| 21 April | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, MacDill Air Force Base |
| 28 April | Search and Rescue Evaluation, Jacksonville |
| 5-6 May | Thunderbirds, Ft. Lauderdale |
| 5-6 May | Search Management Course, AFRCC |
| 11-13 May | SMC by Air Force Rescue Coordination Center |
| 19 May | Florida Wing Headquarters' Staff Meeting, Grosvenor Hotel |
| 1 June | FLORIDA FACTS deadline |
| 8-10 June | 2001 Wing Conference, Grosvenor Hotel, Disney World, Orlando |
| 24-30 June | Summer Cadet Encampment |
| 7-8 July | Commander's Course, SRQ Squadron |
| 13-14 July | Blue Angels, Pensacola Beach |
| 21 July | Florida Wing Headquarters Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB |
| 4-5 August | Cadet Leaders Course |
| 16-18 August | National Board Meeting, Cincinnati |
| 1 September | FLORIDA FACTS deadline |
| 15 September | Florida Wing Headquarters Staff meeting, MacDill AFB |
| 15 September | Counter Drug Orientation |
| 29-30 September | Wing-level Corporate Learning Course |
| 12-14 October | Emergency Services Competition |
| 20 October | Florida Wing Headquarters Staff meeting, MacDill AFB |
| 26-28 October | Check Pilot's School |
| 3-4 November | Aerospace Education Workshop |
| 8-10 November | AOPA Conference, Ft. Lauderdale |

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

SO YOU WANT TO BE PUBLISHED!

The other day, I submitted an article to the Civil Air Patrol News. It did not go as smoothly as I had hoped but Dan Meredith at National HQ. was very helpful and provided the following guidelines. Here are his words and I hope they make your submission easier than mine.

Stan Skrabut
Canandaigua Composite Squadron, N.Y. Wing

“We ask that you use the subject line of your e-mail to give us very specific information. The best analogy is like a label on a box. If you have 50-100 boxes, it makes sense to put a label on them so you do not have to open all when you want to find something. The subject line is that label. When it reads news release, press release, article, submission, etc., we can only file by opening it. It doesn't take long to open one box, but when you have 100, it's a sizeable task. Same thing here-we get hundreds of e-mails and it takes forever to open and file them.”

“Please put in the subject line the following information: Wing/Unit/2-3 words about subject, and date. That way, without opening the e-mail, we know who to send it to, where to file it, and how to retrieve it.”

“A properly-sized photo is so big that at 100% you cannot see it all on the monitor, and in jpeg form it takes up at least 200K, not 10K. If it is a digital camera image, the camera needs to be capable of high resolution and set at settings to take photos with at least 1000 x 800 pixels, preferably 1200 x 960 or better.”

“If it is a scanned image, it needs to be scanned in at 203 dots per inch or scan the image at 300% of the original size in the highest resolution setting you can.”

“Finally, I need specific contact info, most of which you have, at the top of the press release. Please put in single line spacing your name, [Editor insert-rank and duty assignment] daytime phone number, plus an alternate number-either night phone, home phone, cellular phone or work phone. Next, put the name and location of the unit.”

Dan Meredith
Assistant Editor, CAP News

Editor's note: all of Dan's excellent recommendations are wholly valid for your submissions to FLORIDA FACTS, as well. One additional suggestion, when you submit developed photos, be sure you paste a caption on the back of each photo. Further, thanks for the more than 100

stories and for the more than 300 photos you sent in. It would have been easy to produce a 60 page magazine excepting that printing and mailing costs would exceed the budget. Certain of the stories and photos not used for this issue, will be used in the next issue. Your FLORIDA FACTS staff -LT. Col. Valerie Brown, Capt. Dan Thompson and Lt. Bill Morden have worked tirelessly, diligently, and professionally to bring you this new magazine. Lori Gotschall, Printing Coordinator and Lee Taylor, Computer Composer have earned our sincerest thanks. We sincerely hope you are pleased and we welcome your comments.

Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris,
Editor/Publisher

CHANGE OF COMMAND

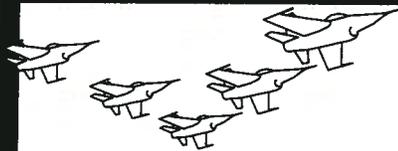
1Lt Kathy Paine, Group 7 PAO, reports that Lt. Col. Joseph Martin has relinquished command of Homestead Composite Squadron 279 to Major Alvaro Bernal. *Editor's Note: Lt. Col. Martin is the newly appointed Wing Vice Commander-South.*

CAP ON TV

History Channel on TV will broadcast a special show on Civil Air Patrol's Search and Rescue missions in Alaska. This video about the Alaska Wing will be well worth seeing on 26 June.

CAP's DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

On 1 December, 2001, the Civil Air Patrol and Florida Wing will celebrate its 60th anniversary having been organized six days before Pearl Harbor on 1 December, 1941. The next three issues of FLORIDA FACTS will feature the glorious past of our national organization as well as Florida Wing. Wing Historian, Lt. Col. Roger Thomas is searching through 60 years of historical documents and, hopefully as has Major Virginia Montalvo, all members will 'dig' out there albums and send in photos from the past.



FINAL FLIGHT

Lt. Col. Fred Uzzle, Group 2
Capt. Thomas T. Ward, Highlands County Composite Sq.
Capt. William Scott, Stuart Composite Sq.

These members, each in his or her own way made a difference in their families, their communities and in the causes they supported. Each will be missed by those who knew them and those who benefited from their work.

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

Lt. Col. Ralph Rivers,
Florida Wing Chaplain

COMMAND ONE IS OPERATIONAL

Following months of effort to obtain and convert an ambulance into a communication "Mobile Emergency Operations Unit", Capt Ray Spengler and 2Lt. Robert Lynch stood back and looked with pride at their creation.



Command One is equipped with VHF radios, HF radios, VHF-FM radios, copier and fax. It is also equipped with first aid kits, stretchers, blankets and cots. Other storage areas contain ELT and EPIRB Directional Finders, hand-held radios, and vests for ground teams. Command One is assigned to Florida Wing and is available to units based on need.

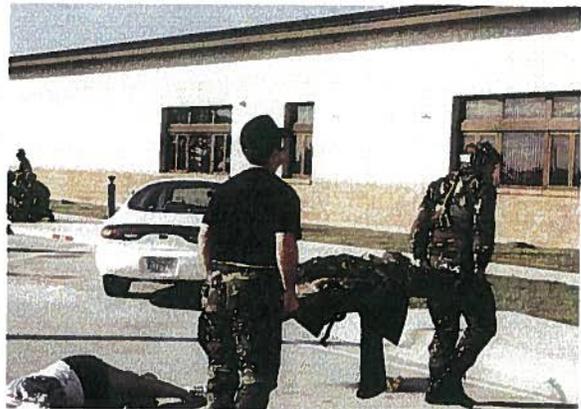
CAP AS "AIRLINER CRASH VICTIMS"

Group 4 CAP cadets and seniors supported the Brevard County Red Cross Disaster Services Office by serving as "crash victim passengers" of a simulated airliner crash at the Melbourne Airport.

To add to the realism, 'victims' were made-up by Disney World make-up artists. The simulated crash was a 'sudden occurrence' rather than a planned activity and the site was responded to by ambulances, paramedics, fire trucks, and police. Each group reacted and performed their assigned tasks as they would under arduous conditions of an actual accident.

Microscopic evaluation of the response teams was performed by members of the National Transportation Safety Board, Brevard County Airport Authority and various Brevard County Commissioners.

The simulated crash began at 8 p.m. and lasted till 10:30 p.m.. The entire scene was so realistically staged that a major movie studio could have shot a full length feature film there. The victims were not only bleeding, swathed in bandages, splinted, but even had missing arms and/or legs.



Capt. David Freed, Disaster Preparedness Officer, was extremely pleased and proud of all CAP'ers who participated. They provided the realism that this type exercise requires.

A similar mass casualty exercise was conducted at the Homestead Air Reserve Base. Cadets and senior members from the Homestead Composite Squadron, Homestead Cadet Squadron, Southridge Squadron and the Tamiami Squadron assisted the 482nd Fighter Wing with their annual mass casualty evaluation.



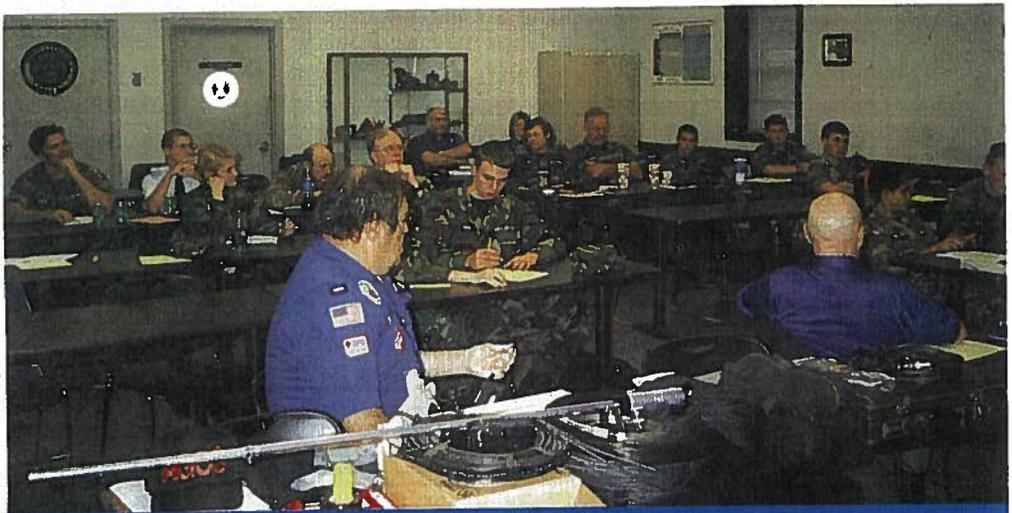
COMMUNICATIONS

Capt Paul Blystone
FLWG Director Communications

The recent two day Communications Workshop and Field Day conducted at MacDill Air Force Base was attended by thirty-five members. Certain of the attendees came specifically for the Basic and Advanced Radio Training. Others came to learn about antennas and there were those who observed toward the singular goal of being communication trainers in their own groups or squadrons.

Nineteen students took the B-CUT and A-CUT training course. 1 Lt. Bob Colbert, Wing DCL, was present with a computer and issued Radio Operator Authorization cards to all the students following completion and passing of their tests.

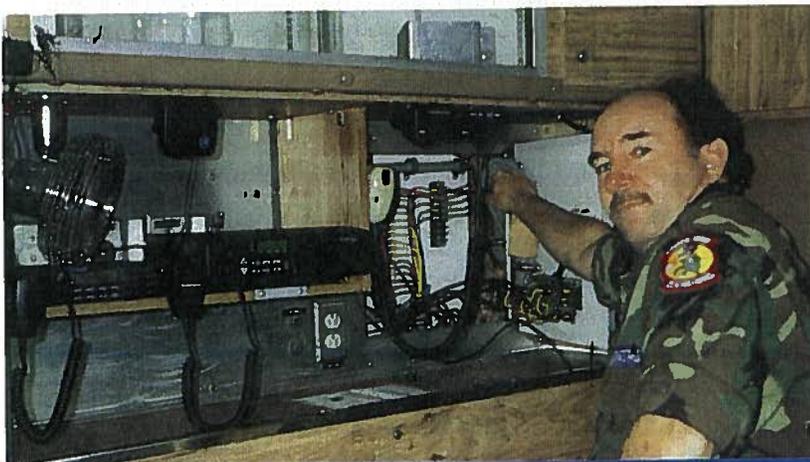
The afternoon session was a specialized class in use of antennas and the erection of an antenna mast. Sunday morning started off with an early class in HF radio usage. As previously arranged, several Florida Wing HF stations and one HF station in the Georgia Wing passed formal traffic to the Headquarters Station, Florida CAP 9. Replies were sent to the transmitting stations by various students. Many of the students experienced their first operation of a radio and passing and receiving radio traffic. This hands-on training was a highlight for the class attendees.



The instructor has the close attention of the student body at the Communications Workshop and Field Training Class

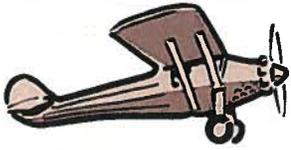
Photo by Maj. Al Ferraro, Wing Public Affairs Officer

Advanced radio training was provided by Major Paul Blystone, Wing Director of Communications and Major Haas taught an advanced class on antennas. Lt. Col. Joel Katz, Southeast Region Director of Communications joined the training session and participated on a panel with Major Frank Haas, Capt. Ray Spengler, Wing Director of Logistics and Major Blystone. The Communication Officers were updated on the transition from wideband to narrowband communication. The weekend training session concluded with a 3 hour outdoor field exercise of actually erecting a 40 ft. antenna mast.



1 Lt. Bob Lynch at radio console in new Wing Communication Van.

Photo by Maj. Al Ferraro



EMERGENCY SERVICES



ANOTHER DAY-A CHANGED PROGRAM

Submitted by Lt Col Donald Wood

FLWG Director, Emergency Services

By the time this article is read the new Emergency Services Regulations will be in effect {CAPR 60-3, -4, -5}. These Regulations are another of the sweeping changes that are taking place within our organization. We all will be looking at Emergency Services in a new light that will affect every member who currently is in or anticipates being active in this mission of Civil Air Patrol.

Times have changed and so must our attitudes. Gone are the days when we only interacted with our own organization. We can no longer function in a manner that is exclusive of other emergency support organizations. Indeed, very soon, the majority of our emergency response efforts will be at the request of outside agencies. We will use our expertise to provide the services necessary for these other agencies to serve those in need. In order to do this, we must learn a new language and new ways of doing the things that we have done in the past. To assure that CAP is continued to be looked upon as a safe, professional, effective and efficient organization, we must all be on the forefront of this newly emerging era for broadened emergency response programming.

The new Regulations will be something that we can show other organizations to illustrate how our members are trained. They will be the benchmark that we must all work towards and exceed. Every member can access - indeed, this is your responsibility - these new Regulations and read them from cover to cover. Some things will not be changed except for the Regulation number, but a vast amount of the material is a different program than what we have had. Referencing a copy of CAPR 55-1 or 50-15, will no longer be in order.

Gone will be the day when someone has a CAPF 101 that is marked with every specialty. The number of ratings you have will not be important. Being competent and efficient in a particular specialty will be important. Continuing education and training

will become a fact of life in emergency services. Demonstration of acquired skills will be a must. Possession of the proper tools to do the job will be required. A pilot without current charts and a supply of CAPF 104 is not a Mission Pilot. A member who is without a good compass and the knowledge to read it is not a Ground Team Leader. We are entering into a new era of professionalism that will demand more of each of us than ever before. Fulfilling the assignments that we are tasked to do requires constant study, preparation, training and practice. Being 'good enough' never has been and will not be acceptable. Performing your specialty skill once every two years does not keep you proficient. All who take up this challenge will be part of the best Emergency Services program in the Civil Air Patrol.

I recently had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Craig Fugate, Bureau Chief of Preparedness and Response for the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Mr. Fugate feels strongly that we can be a vital part of Florida's Emergency Management program. He was a former member of the Gainesville Composite Squadron and holds CAP in the highest regard. The Division of Emergency Management is willing to utilize our organization as an integral part of the state's response to disaster situations. Indeed, Mr. Fugate sees the ability of Florida wing to even act in an advisory capacity to other emergency management organizations. The responsibility we have is to be prepared to do the job with the highest level of professionalism and knowledge possible.

Florida Wing will be an organization that can demonstrate to government leaders at the local, state and federal levels what volunteer professionalism can be. We can be as good as paid professionals. Indeed, being motivated volunteers, we may even be able to surpass general expectations. I know that each of you will take up this challenge and become a participant in our new, expanded Emergency Services mission.

SAFETY FIRST

Major Tek Konkell, Group 4 Safety Officer

What is safety? Is it using a checklist prior to launching an air or ground search? Is it being trained in CPR to be used in case of an accident? Is it being the 'buddy-system' when swimming? Yes, all of those are examples of behaviors that exhibit knowledge of safety factors. But, in my mind, safety is an attitude.

Having an attitude of safety means that all we do is evaluated in terms of safety, *before* we do it. We must ask ourselves what the consequences of our actions could be, not would be or should be, but *could* be.

Last year while driving south on I-95 from my home in Ormond Beach to the wing conference, I passed a grass fire in the median strip south of Melbourne. The fire was burning on the north and south and did not appear to be a danger to the woods on either side of the roadway itself. Not a big deal as far as Florida fires go, but one that needed fire equipment to extinguish none-the-less. One can only speculate about what caused this fire on a bright, sunny day with no indication of lightning in sight.

Of course, it's possible that someone intentionally set the fire to see if the area really was tinder dry as we'd been told by the media. Possible, but not likely. It's more likely that, given the location of this fire, it was started by a motorist who carelessly discarded a cigarette out the window of a vehicle passing by. Clearly not someone with an attitude of safety.

Again, fire season is here, whether we are ready or not. Water restrictions are in effect due to the lack of rain and wild fires have been burning for several weeks now in the interior of the state. Hopefully, you are all practicing good fire safety standards. Do you have fire extinguishers in your home? Have they been inspected yearly for full charge? A fire extinguisher that won't work correctly is nothing more than a club to throw at the fire. Home fire extinguishers are relatively inexpensive and can provide a modicum of help

until the fire department arrives. Additionally, you may be eligible for a reduction in the premium cost for your home insurance if you have a fire extinguisher. Check with your agent. A working fire extinguisher is required in vehicles when driven on ground searches. A small, general-purpose fire extinguisher should be standard equipment in your vehicle's storage compartment. The plastic type is light and can withstand the heated temperatures in a closed space. They do need to be secured so as not to be punctured by other objects.

By the time this article is published it is likely there will be a state-wide ban on outdoor trash burning. The fire that was responsible for the closing of I-4 in Central Florida in February, was started by a person who let a trash fire get out of control. In the event that those types of fires are not banned, never start a trash fire without sufficient means to extinguish the fire. Do not attempt to burn trash alone. One person is helpless if the fire becomes unmanageable.

Pay attention to where you park your vehicle. Parking over leaves or other combustible materials can start a fire. The heat from the exhaust system, especially those with catalytic converters, is sufficient to start a fire, when the conditions are as they are now. If undetected this type of fire can spread very quickly.

Fire extinguishers are on many minds this time of year. It is a great time to consider a fundraiser for your unit by selling small extinguishers. Check with your local fire department to find the vendor[s] who will provide you with a good price for the extinguishers. The vendor can provide refill and inspections service of the extinguisher in the future while your unit can make the profit on the initial sales. Everybody wins!

For information and news about fires in our state, go to website: www.floridadisaster.org/ for up-to-date-information.



2000 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES



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TO GOVERNOR JEB BUSH AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

It is again my pleasure to highlight the accomplishments of the volunteer members of Civil Air Patrol throughout our great state as they so generously contribute their talents and time for the benefit of our communities and our citizens. Their dedication to public service and professional training supplement state resources in times of need, but more importantly provide assistance that exceeds multi-millions of dollars. Whether responding to emergencies tasked by the Division of Emergency Management, searching for missing aircraft, or mentoring young teenagers, our unpaid volunteers demonstrate unique qualities of citizenship and readiness to serve every day.

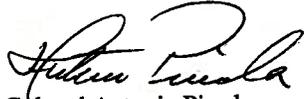
Current technology allows us to offer more effective and efficient services to the State of Florida than ever before. During the Interstate 10 reverse lane exercise, our aircraft and personnel were able to deliver both slow scan and digital photos clearly showing the status of the exercise as it progressed. Additional expansion funding is needed to provide statewide operational readiness for this particular mission.

Through our agreement with the National Weather Service we have also provided observation flights for the NWS personnel to assess tornado and severe weather damage. This facilitates prompt assessment verification for the release of disaster relief aid to critically damaged areas in Florida.

Our aircraft, our low operating costs and specially trained ground teams and flight crews provide substantial savings to the taxpayers of Florida. We are pleased to provide the state with aircraft resources valued at over one million dollars and our professional flight crews. Upgrading our fleet of 19 Cessna aircraft last year was extensive. Standardizing our cockpit equipment will provide safer operating environments and greater flexibility in use of equipment and crews. VHF-FM radio communications has been improved for enhanced interaction with state agencies and our maintenance procedures are insuring top operational status. Over 5000 flight hours [Hobbs] included 319 Search and Rescue missions, counter narcotic reconnaissance flights, nightly sundown patrols, proficiency training, Orientation Flights for U.S. Air Force ROTC Cadets at various universities throughout Florida and for our Cadet members.

CAP membership in Florida is higher than in any other state in the nation. Nearly 2000 cadet members participate in our youth leadership program. "Character Counts" in Civil Air Patrol. Our leadership program develops moral values and well-rounded, capable, physically fit and aerospace educated, young leaders.

Florida Wing thanks you for your generous support of the continuance of our worthy missions.


Colonel Antonio Pineda
Florida Wing Commanding Officer



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TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP) remains one of the best bargains available to the American taxpayer. More than 4,000 members make up an organization that extends from Pensacola to Key West. These dedicated and well-trained volunteers provide a great service to Florida and the nation at a fraction of the cost of what other organizations charge.

CAP members are constantly out searching for downed aircraft and missing persons. CAP flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland search and rescue missions and Florida leads the nation in the number of missions flown. CAP also provides state and local disaster managers with cost effective air and ground assets and an extensive communications network. In addition, CAP supports US Customs and the Drug Enforcement Administration by conducting reconnaissance missions that help prevent illegal drugs from reaching the streets and endangering our youth.

CAP provides Florida's youth with an alternative lifestyle to drugs and violence. For over 50 years the cadet program has helped young men and women embrace leadership roles with confidence and determination. Cadets participate in a wide variety of activities and compete for flying and academic scholarships. Whether our cadets choose a military or civilian career the leadership and management skills they learn greatly enhance their value to the community.

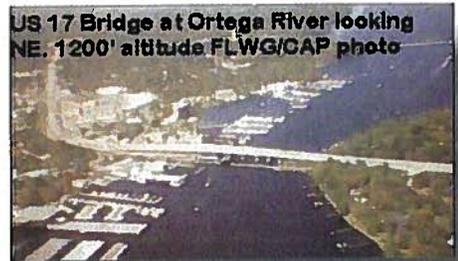
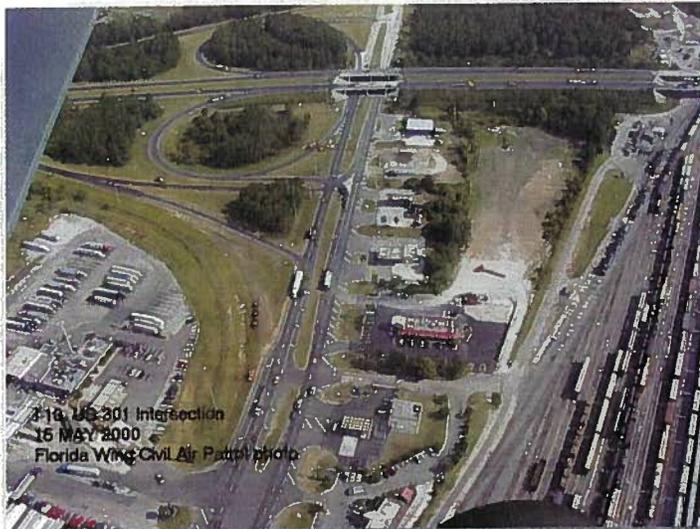
CAP is also actively involved in education. Every year CAP hosts workshops and provides presentations to schools, colleges and universities throughout Florida to stimulate interest in aerospace technologies and career opportunities. CAP also provides aerospace education materials to school teachers throughout the nation.

CAP members volunteer their time, efforts and personal resources to help save lives, relieve human suffering and motivate young men and women to the ideals of leadership and community service. The generous support provided by the State of Florida helps make this possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry C. Angley".

**Jerry C. Angley
Colonel, USAF (Ret)
Florida Wing Liaison Officer**

EMERGENCY SERVICES / OPERATIONS



EYES IN THE SKY



DISASTER RELIEF

- I-10 Reverse Lane Evacuation Exercise in support of the State of Florida DEM
- Eglin Air Force Base Fire Watch Patrols
- Department of Health (ESF-8 Exercise)
- **Aerial Damage Assessment** Missions (Digital & Slow-Scan Imaging)



SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES

- 365 Total Hours Flown in 319 Missions
- 2,171 Mission Personnel
- 5 Missing Aircraft Searches

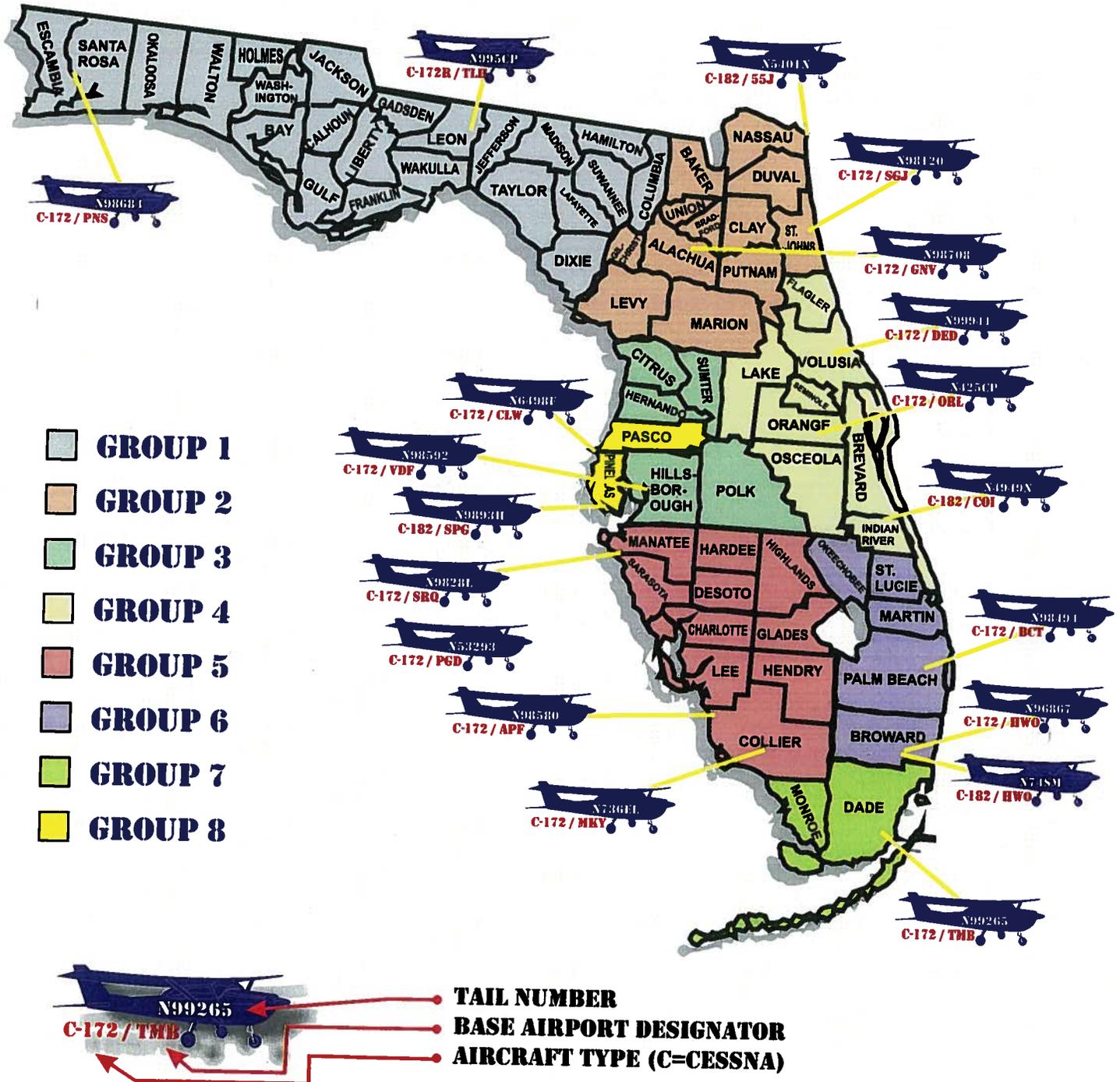
COUNTER-DRUG SUPPORT

- 794 Total Hours Flown in 232 Missions
- Aerial Photography of **Clandestine Airfields**
- Transportation of Law Enforcement Agents
- DEA & US Customs Assignments
- Marine Reconnaissance
- Aerial Communications Relay
- USAF Funding



ORGANIZATION / RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

- Over 4,000 volunteer personnel
- Over 100 local units organized into 8 Groups
- 19 specially-equipped rescue aircraft, representing over \$1,000,000.00 in flying assets
- 400 mission-qualified pilots
- 300 mission aircrew personnel



FIFTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BLENDING AVIATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE



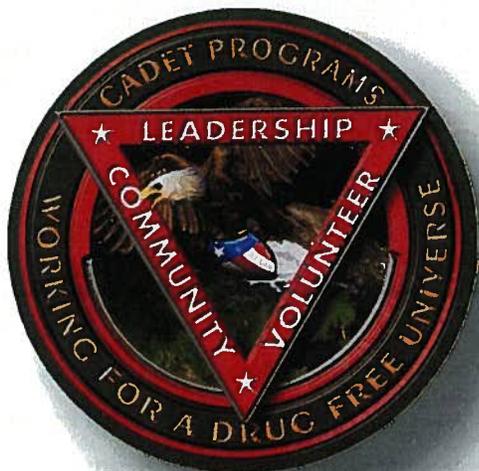
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS GLIDER PROGRAM SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS

Blanik L-23 Glider serves not only the Gainesville Composite Squadron who pioneered this program but the young people in other units who enjoy soaring.



SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES TAKES MANY FORMS

- Providing Color Guards for Parades**
- Honoring our Flag by Providing Proper Disposal Ceremonies**
- Honoring P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s with Special Honor Guards**
- Providing Special Support to Worthy Community Organizations Like the Special Olympics, the March of Dimes, and Many Others**
- Providing Communications and Other Support Services for Military Air Shows and Government Sponsored Disaster Drills**



WINNERS OF AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION A.E. FOUNDATION GRANTS ARE ALSO PARTICIPANTS IN THE AEROSPACE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

North Tampa Cadet Squadron
Marion County Composite Squadron



CHARACTER COUNTS

FIVE PILLARS OF THE CADET PROGRAM

1. Leadership Theory & Practice - Developing Life Skills
2. Aerospace Education - Exploring Career Options
3. Moral Development - Values for Living
4. Physical Fitness
5. Activities

Orientation Flights - 500 Cadets

Week-Long Training Encampment - 300 Cadets

USAF Orientation Courses - 11 Cadets

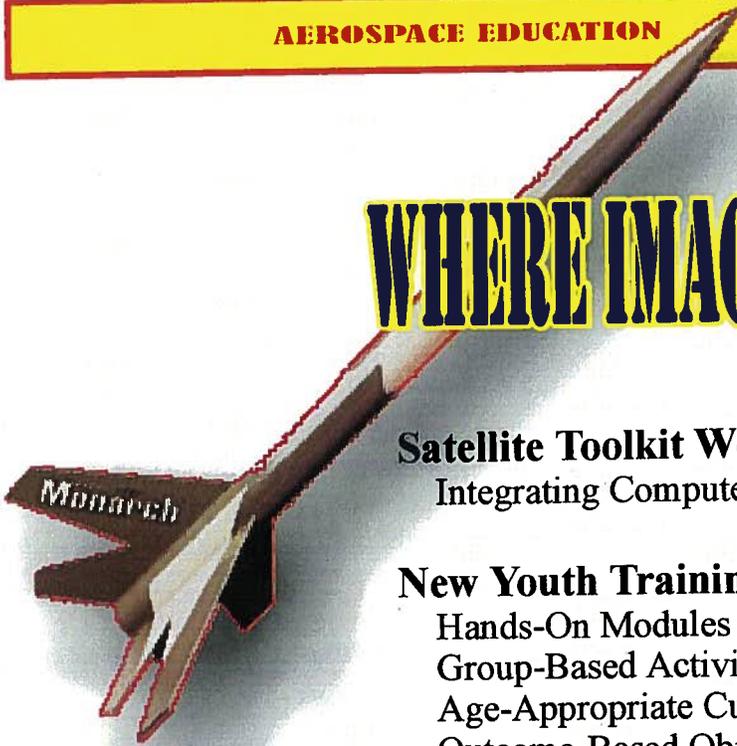
National Cadet Officer School - 11 Cadets

National Flight Encampments - 7 Cadets

International Air Cadet Exchange - 5 Cadets

Numerous Academic & Flight Scholarships

WHERE IMAGINATION TAKES FLIGHT



Satellite Toolkit Workshops

Integrating Computer Technology with Aerospace Education

New Youth Training Materials

Hands-On Modules
Group-Based Activities
Age-Appropriate Curriculum
Outcome-Based Objectives



Teacher Workshops and Resources

Middle School Association Conference
National Science Teachers Association Conference
Air Force Association Air War Symposium

Sun 'N Fun - Experimental Aviation Association Fly-In

Air Fest - MacDill Air Force Base

Brewer Award Winning Teacher of the Year,
Marie Grein of Pinellas County for the "Air Bears" Program



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REGISTRATION

Last name _____ First name _____ Grade _____

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

CONFERENCE FEES

Cadets, chaplains and instructors who are listed on the program are \$25 postmarked before June 7 and \$35 at the door. The special combination conference-banquet rate is available only until May 15 for \$55.

Seniors are \$35 before June 7 and \$45 at the door. The combination conference-banquet rate is available only until May 15 for \$65.

Banquet tickets are an additional \$46 before June 7 and \$56 at the door.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$_____ for registration and \$____ for the banquet).
Attach a registration form for each person including banquet guests. Thank you!

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

ATTENTION CADETS:

Don't miss a great time having fun with your squadron and meeting new friends. This year, cadet participation will be really high. Compete in the Academic Bowl, socialize, swim, play volleyball, and most importantly, learn more about CAP activities for your squadron. For free time Friday and Sunday afternoon, the location is unbeatable across the street from Downtown Disney and DisneyQuest, the virtual interactive adventure attraction (with special CAP rates for Friday).

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Wing Conference 2001 can be a great family event. Meet CAP directors and leaders from throughout the state. Learn about a wide variety of programs and activities for cadets. Take your other children to Disney or walk across the street to the restaurants, shopping, and theaters in Downtown Disney and the West End.

*Come as a squadron! Come with your CAP friends!
Come as an individual! Come with your spouse!
Come with your whole family!*

About the Grosvenor Resort

Located a mile from I-4 and across the street from fabulous Downtown Disney Marketplace, the Grosvenor Resort, with more than 600 tower and garden rooms will appeal to everyone. The standard garden room has been reserved at \$79 (single, double, triple or quad), a 40% discount, but they will go fast, so call today.

The Grosvenor has amenities for all ages! Pools, hot tub, tennis, beach volleyball, basketball, game room, restaurants, lounges, free parking, great meeting space, and free transportation to Disney. Reserve by calling 1-800-624-4109 (refer to Civil Air Patrol, Florida Wing Conference) and if you want to add on extra days, they will honor the \$79 rate for up to four days before and four days after the conference (subject to availability).

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