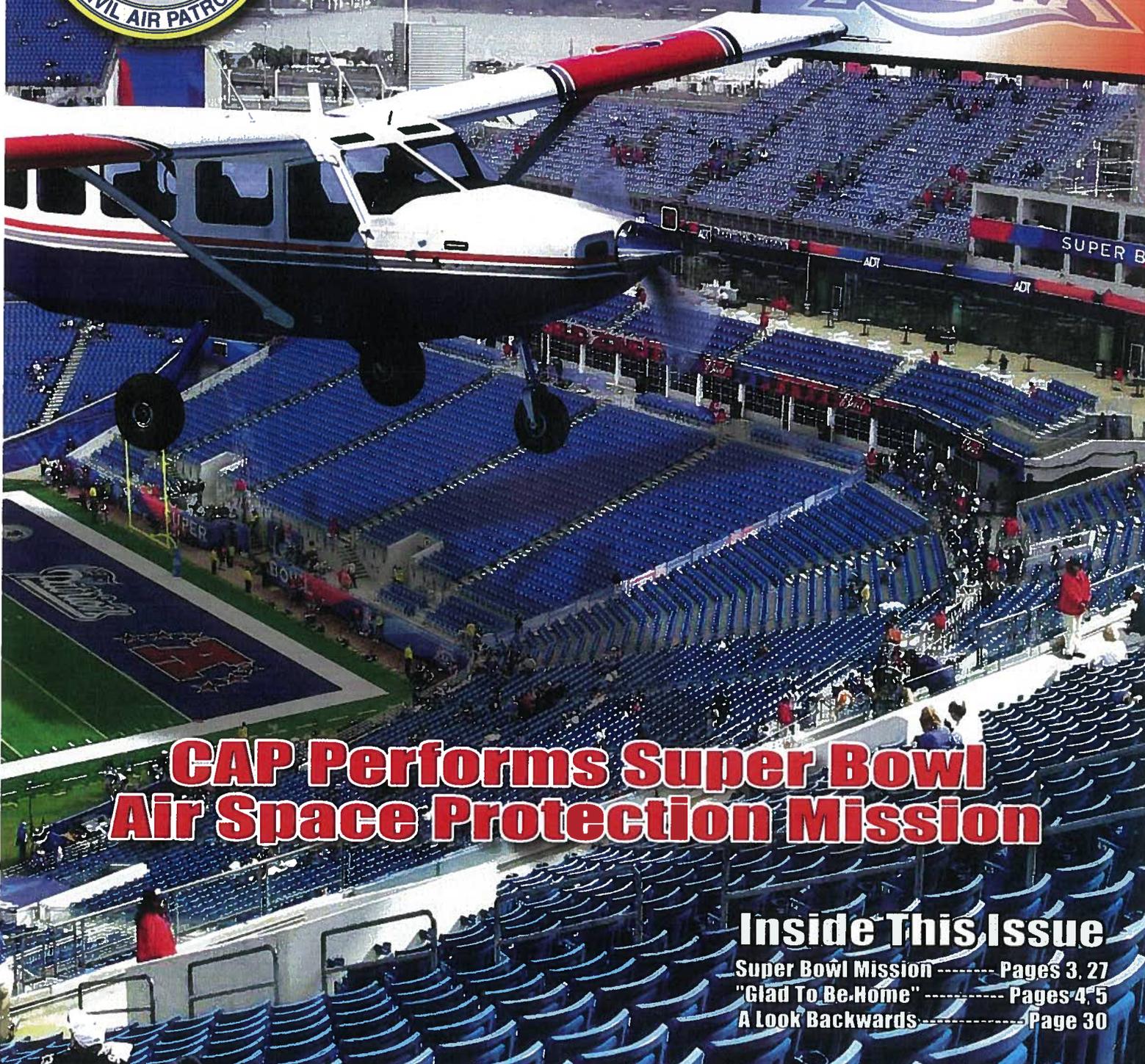


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A large white and red propeller airplane is flying over a stadium filled with blue seats. The airplane is flying low, and its shadow is visible on the seats below. The stadium is mostly empty, with a few people scattered throughout. The background shows the stadium's architecture and a clear blue sky.

CAP Performs Super Bowl Air Space Protection Mission

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Commander's Comments

A moment of reflection and contemplation appears in order now that six months have past since the change of command. Looking back, the wing has been faced with several challenges that required a great deal of teamwork and coordination. Your command staff and wing staff have diligently worked on our everyday processes in an effort to streamline the way business is conducted in the wing. Although much progress has been made, we still have a ways to go. After all continuous improvement is a process that never ends.

Safety

The Safety Directorate was reorganized in order to place more emphasis on flight safety, safety coordination, safety communication, safety education and safety awareness. One key focus for our Safety Directorate will be to find easier ways to implement and document our compliance with crucial safety directives.

Operations Response (ES)

The wing successfully responded to requests from the State of Florida to provide hurricane relief for four major hurricanes. State Emergency Management officials sent back praise for the dedication our members displayed throughout the response. As a result, Florida Wing was recognized by the USAF SELR DO, who issued an excellent rating for our annual emergency services response evaluation. USAF officials were present from start to finish providing guidance and assistance with the coordination between State Emergency Management and the CAP National Operations Center. National Headquarters recognized Florida Wing by awarding a unit citation for outstanding effort by all of our members throughout the state.

The Emergency Services Directorate was merged with the Operations Directorate in order to add extra emphasis on training, resource tracking and emergency response to Air Force assigned missions. Careful analysis of the new Operations Response team's responsibilities and taskings along with strategic use of the Group Command structure has led to a new partnership between command and staff. This partnership will be the foundation upon which an increase in Florida Wing's membership will be based.

The supplement to 60-3 (ES Supplement) has been revisited with extra emphasis and focus placed on safety, removing redundant requirements, and process orientation.

Flight Operations (OPS)

Along with the merger of the Emergency Services Directorate and the Operations Directorate, the old Operations Directorate has recently been reorganized into a Flight Operations Branch in order to meet the demands of higher expectations from all our members. The merger and reorganization of Operations and Emergency Services will provide focus on serving our external and internal customers by placing emphasis on member training, effective mission response, and aircraft maintenance procedural issues.

The Operations 60-1 Supplement has been revisited with a focus on safety, the local member, and mission effectiveness. One component of the revisit was to better define the role of member furnished aircraft with respect to their safe usage on Florida Wing operational missions such as Mission Scanner training as well as cadet orientation flights. Priority usage of corporate aircraft will still be in place, but not at the demise of accomplishment of the mission.

Additionally, the aircraft maintenance program, including the Supplement to 66-1, has been revisited with a focus on identifying ways to improve the wing's aircraft readiness. A more focused approach to task management through teamwork at all levels will help ensure shorter downtime for our aircraft.

State Agreement

The State Agreement was renewed for an additional year. This agreement provides the Florida Wing with much needed funding for day to day operations in support of the State of Florida Department of Emergency Management.

2005 Florida Wing Conference

All of these changes, along with loads of other very valuable information will be covered during our next Florida Wing Conference which will be held June 10 through 12, 2005 at the Sheridan World Resort in Orlando.

Appropriately, the theme of the conference is "Come fly with me!" This theme was first conceived after review of the goals for the conference by the conference planning committee. The goals include: foster a fun and creative environment for every member in attendance, and continue the tradition of making the Florida Wing Conference the premiere social event for the wing.

This will truly be an event that every member of our wing can enjoy while learning about the exciting future of our wing. I look forward to seeing you all there!!



COL JOSEPH J. MARTIN
Florida Wing Commander

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SUPER BOWL AIR SPACE PROTECTION MISSION

On 6 February '05, the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles completed their football training and were at-the-ready for the big day ---- **Super Bowl XXXIX.**

On 6 November, '04, four months before the "starting whistle" for the kickoff of **Super Bowl XXXIX** at the Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL., the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was already in ready for the **Super Bowl Mission.**



Planning meetings were conducted before Thanksgiving as to the role, resources and provide as part of the geared to protecting the the stadium, 2000 additional team support personnel, half-time performers, security forces, volunteers, and two former presidents--George Bush and Bill Clinton. The fact there would be 140 million TV viewers around the world made this event a potential terrorist target.

Capt. John McWhorter, CAP FLWG Chief of Homeland Security [HLS] was assigned the lead on this mission by FLWG Commander, Col. Joseph Martin. Capt. McWhorter initiated the mobilization of pilots, radio operators, slow-scan capable observers, ground teams, logistics personnel, Incident Command staff, traffic and people controllers, and information specialists on 29 November '04.

A mission OPLAN was drafted and approved by HLS. CAP was assigned responsibility for fulfilling a 5 1/2 day mission in the Greater Jacksonville area from 2 to 7 February '05. From 2 through 4 February eight teams were required to make available three Urban Detection Finder [UDF] Teams with CAP vans at-the-ready for 12 hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. As of the evening of 4 February to 7 February, CAP was to provide 24 hour coverage with four teams and aircrews working 12 hour shifts from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Maj. Frank Haas, Chief, Ground Operations, was responsible for scheduling and recruiting all UDF resources for the mission. Statewide recruiting was completed, personnel received their assignments, schedules were distributed, aircraft and vans were given their space locations at Craig Airport and the National Guard Armory served as the billeting facility. Though not luxurious, it was anticipated mission staff would be so exhausted when relieved from their duty assignments, that the army cots would feel like luxury foam mattress beds.

1Lt. Leslie Ballard recruited, briefed and made cadets available to provide driving directions to VIP's in rental cars and limousines, assistance with baggage, directing traffic and pedestrian flow, and providing an "official" visual presence.

Logistics tasked five Civil Air Patrol Cessna 172 and 182 aircraft and

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"Great Relief and Glad to be Home!"

Capt. Luis Garcia, U.S. Army Reserve

"We Are So Glad To Have You Back."

Col. Joseph J. Martin, FLWG Commander

These were the words spoken by Army Reserve Capt. Luis Garcia upon his return from nine months in the war zone of Iraq and of Col. Joseph Martin, Florida Wing Commander, upon greeting him.

While actively serving as a Lt. Col. on the Florida Wing Headquarters Staff and running his large commercial printing plant in Hialeah, Luis Garcia was also serving as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve and in October, 2003, was called to report for active duty. He was ordered to complete three months of intensive deployment training at Fort Huachaca, Arizona; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Hood, Texas; Hurlburt Field, Florida; and then Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

On January 3rd, 2004 Lt. Garcia's First Cavalry Division left for Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and one month later they deployed directly to Iraq, Upon arrival in Baghdad, Lt. Garcia established himself as Communications Officer responsible for maintaining HF/SATCOM/ Telephone/Cellular, and Computer Networks. Additionally, he assumed responsibility as the Battalion's S-2 Intelligence Officer and for providing support for the rebuilding of the infrastructure of Baghdad. These Civil Affairs projects ranged from improving electricity, water and sewer treatment systems plus trash collection and waste management facilities, humanitarian relief, etc.

"These Civil-Military Operations (CMO's) allow our soldiers to use their civilian skills to help the Iraqi citizens. A perfect example of an on-going CMO was a soldier in my unit, a professional firefighter, who established a training and testing program for newly recruited members of the Baghdad Fire Department," said Garcia. "Our CMO teams successfully com-

pleted millions of dollars of projects that helped the Iraqi people have better schools, sewer/water treatment, jobs, and a healthier lifestyle," he continued.



Garcia received a field promotion to the rank of Captain with a ceremony at the famous Iran/Iraq War Crossed Sabers Memorial in Baghdad.

Throughout this civic effort Garcia's unit experienced continuous mortar and rocket attacks. The intensity had its highs and lows but they never relaxed from awareness that their lives were at risk.

During a very infrequent break, Capt Garcia ran into Lt. Col. Gary Nelson who was assigned to Iraq as Deputy Force Protection Officer for Combined Joint Task Force Seven in Baghdad. Lt. Col. Nelson is the Florida Wing Director of Operations. Garcia also met up with 1Lt. Alex Acevedo, an Air Force Officer, who is also a member of the CAP



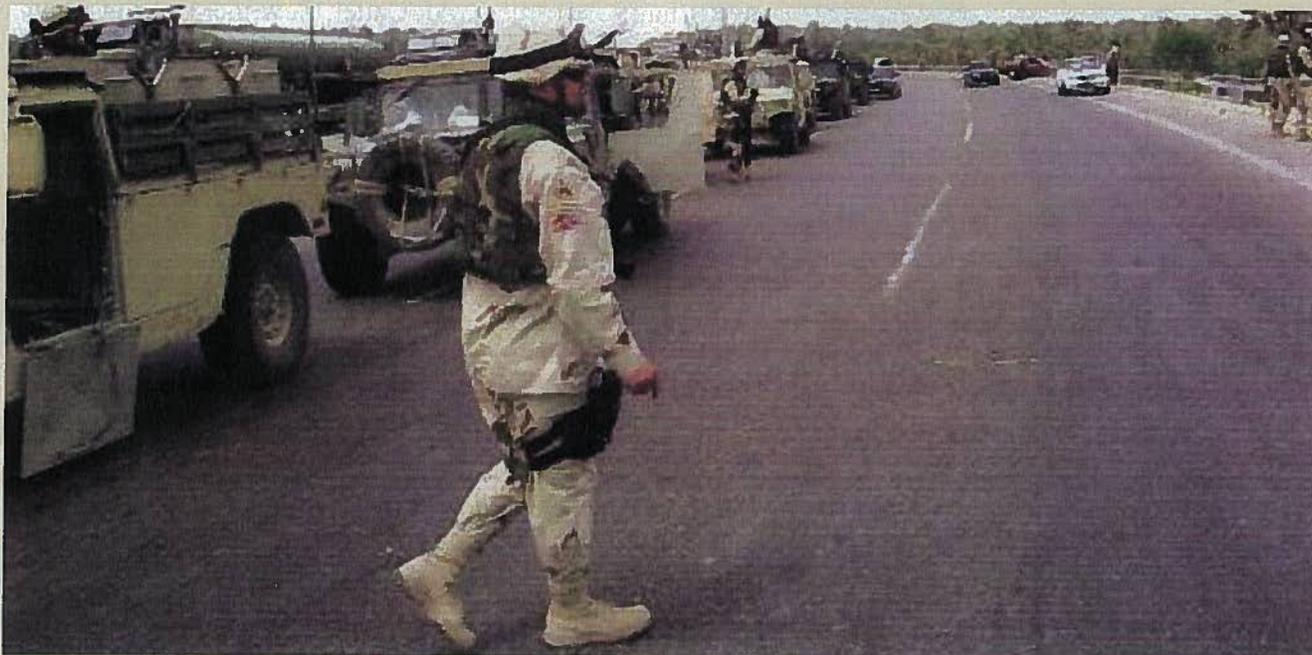
Capt. Luis Garcia [left] and Lt. Col. Gary Nelson during a brief meeting in Baghdad



Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron. Garcia commented, "It was great to see members from Florida Wing and to catch up on what was happening back home."

Capt. Garcia, serving as convoy commander, was frequently assigned projects which required large movement of supplies and personnel to remote cities. These convoys always faced the

"In spite of the all too frequent aggressive insurgent activities, we are making a difference in the lives of people who have been under an oppressive system for more than 45 years. We have removed Saddam Hussein from his tyrannical reign and Iraq's recently conducted election will bring them close to living in a more democratic life-style," observed Capt. Garcia.

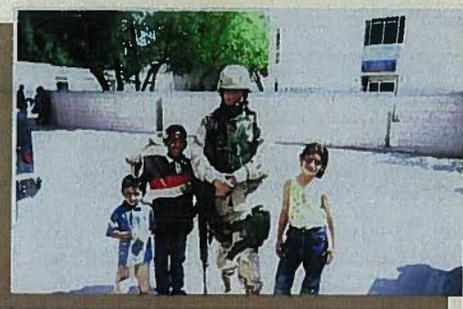


As Convoy Commander, Capt Garcia checks out the activity causing his convoy operation to come to a halt. The stoppage was due to an Improvised Explosive Device discovered directly in front of the convoy.

possibility of a mortar or rocket attack, RPG/Small Arms attacks, Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device [VBIED/Car Bomb], Improvised Explosive Devices [IED's], etc. At Sadr City and Al Najaf the unit experienced some of the heaviest fighting of the war in April and August 2004.

"Like it or not, we are an organization with a wartime mission"
Col. James L. Greenstone
CAP NIQ.

"As an Army Reservist, I am subject to recall within 12 months, but my wife, Patty, and my mom and dad are greatly relieved that I am home. I am continuously concerned about my people who are still in harm's way in Iraq and I pray for their safe return," concluded Capt. Luis Garcia.



Capt. Garcia assessing a school for CMO programming



Capt. Luis Garcia on the grounds of Saddam Hussein's Palace in Baghdad

Story content provided by Lt. Col. Luis Garcia and Capt. Manuel Alfano. Photos provided by Lt. Col. Garcia.



CADETS TOUR THE F-16 EAGLE



Group 7 cadets and some of their parents toured the 125th Fighter Wing Alert Detachment at Homestead Air Reserve Base [ARB]. The cadets learned the 125th Fighter Wing is located at Jacksonville International Airport and maintains a NORAD Alert Detachment. The wing is fully trained and equipped to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and to respond to CINCNORAD operations in time of war or national emergency.

The wing provides armed F-15's and to date has intercepted Soviet Bear bombers, Cuban fighter aircraft, and narcotics traffickers. Lt. Col. Damon Boehmer prepared and conducted the tour.

Maj. John Houchin, Commander, Group 7

AIRBOAT LINE FLIES AGAIN

The St. Petersburg -Tampa Airboat line flew its first powered flight on December 17, 1903. The Airboat Line flew its first commercial scheduled airline flight on January 1, 1914 from St. Petersburg [SPG] to Tampa [TPF] downtown airports. Both flights were Tampa Bay water take-offs and landings near each of the airports.

The St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line will now fly unlimited roundtrips once a year every January 1st to/from Albert Whitted Airport [SPG] and Peter O. Knight Airport [TPF]. Credit card, air miles, check or cash will be accepted for one-way or round-trip airfare. *What has this commercial ad to do with CAP?* All funds collected on New Years Day of each year will now be donated to the Young Eagle program, Civil Air Patrol, Middle and High School Aerospace Aircraft Building programs. Oooooahhh!

E.S. SURVIVAL BIVOUAC

Group 3 sponsored an Emergency Services Survival Bivouac attended by 31 cadets and 8 senior members. Building survival shelters, stretchers and other ways of carrying wounded were demonstrated. As a special bonus, Tampa Police Department Officer Jim Williams, a former CAP Cadet, flew in a Bell Jet Ranger 407 Helicopter which all inspected in awe.



1Lt. Wayne Chaput, Asst. PAO, Grp 3

CADET'S RECOGNITION DESERVED

C/CMSgt Christina Zarrilli received double recognition at America's Young Heroes Award Ceremony at Florida Atlantic University. One was for her saving a senior citizen's life during Hurricane Frances and the other for her poem about the event. Boca Raton Composite Squadron Cadets Josh Klein and Zarrilli knocked on over 400 doors distributing meals to 650 residents trapped for six days without power in the Delray Lakes Apartment Complex.

1Lt Jackie Zarrilli, PAO

MITCHELL AWARD PRESENTED



L. to r. Capt. Peter Acevedo, Pompano Beach Sq. Commander; National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio Pineda; c/2Lt. Adams Sachs holding award; and FLWG Commander Col. Joseph J. Martin.

CAP CANDIDS



First Lady Laura Bush visited the Indian River County Emergency Operations Center [EOC] in Vero Beach soon after Hurricane Jeanne devastated the area.

The CAP members were operating communications in the Emergency Operations Center and were preparing to leave to work at a Salvation Army Food Distribution Station when they crossed paths with the First Lady and her daughters. Cadet Cicalese is a Mission Radio Operator and Lt. Myers operates the CAP, Amateur and county radios in the EOC.

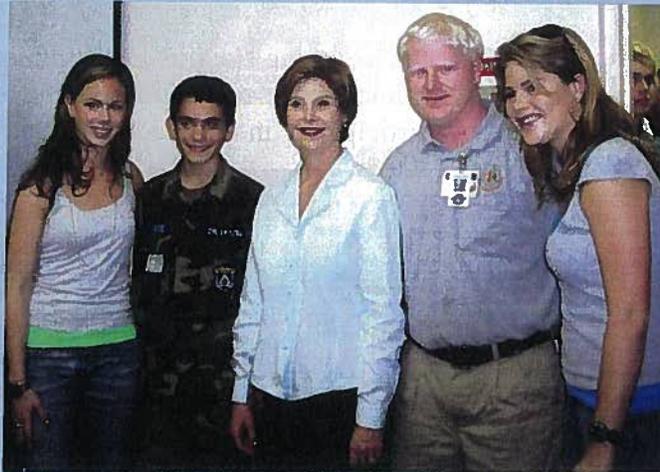
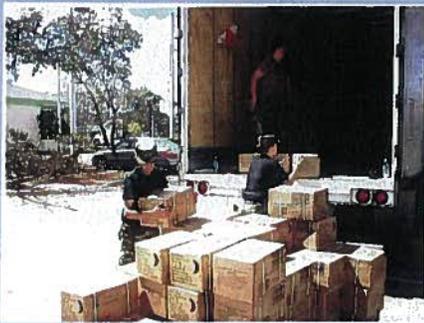


PHOTO L. to R. Jenna Bush, C/Airman Michael Cicalese, First Lady Laura Bush, 1Lt. Christopher Myers, and Barbara Bush. Capt. Bill Wood, PAO Treasure Coast Composite Sq.



South Brevard Composite Sq. C/2Lt. Jenny Ireland and C/SMSgt. Richard Alston unload 25,000 Meals Ready-To-Eat [MRE] for victims of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne.

Photo by Capt. Doug Fenton



Capt. Gooch of the Curtis Pitts Senior Squadron stands by his truck which he filled with toys and games for children of all ages. Capt. Gooch was to be Santa Claus for the South Dade Haitian Mission in Homestead. This was the third consecutive year that Gooch brightened Christmas Day for the mission children.



CAP Major Dean Martinez is promoted to the rank of TSgt. while serving in Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Martinez is an Inspector General-Inspections for Florida Wing.

Lt. Col. Gary Owen
Inspector General



C/MSgt. James Cook, Yeager Cadet Squadron, stands watch over the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Aircraft at the MacDill Air Force Base Air Show in Tampa. More than 100 cadets and senior officers attended the two day event.

2Lt David Cook, PAO



Members of the Florida Wing Ceremonial Honor Guard visited the Medal of Honor room at the Pentagon during their visit to Washington, D.C. to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.



Boca Raton cadets listen intently to Major Bill Bottle as he shows them around the World War II B-17 Bomber, "Fuddy Duddy".

Cadet CAPERS

CAP CADET WINS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Christina Zarrilli, C/CMSgt in the Boca Raton Composite Squadron recently won the middle school Essay Contest in the category of "Investing For The Future". This Annual Scholarship Essay Contest is sponsored by stock brokerage firm Stacy, Englander and Lebnthal. The 13 year old CAP Cadet chose the topic, "What Is The Most Important Thing You Can Do With Your Money." The scholarship was in the amount of \$500 to be used toward a college of her choice plus a \$25 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble.

ENCAMPMENT GOALS SET

Lt. Col. Robert Masiker, Encampment Commander and Capt. Virginia Knudsen, Encampment Vice Commander have released the Encampment Goals For Cadets.

- Gain a greater understanding of CAP and Air Force missions and capabilities.
- Enhance interpersonal relationship skills.
- Acquire competency in time management.
- Learn and apply the principles of team work.
- Attain a sense of discipline, and
- Develop leadership potential.

SQUADRON HOSTS COLOR GUARD ACADEMY

The Keystone Heights Flight played host to the first ever statewide Color Guard Academy. Forty-five cadets and senior members participated in the academy's activities.



Instructors for the event were the cadets of the 2002 and 2004 CAP Color Guard National Championship Teams. Both teams had competed against teams representing eight regions, 50 wings, the National Capitol and Puerto Rico and they took first place. Capt. David Leali, Academy Director, reported the teams from Tampa, Walton County, Jacksonville, and Keystone Heights went through intensive training and all participants did extremely well. Capt. Leali predicts the National Color Guard Competition will be particularly severe this year.

CONGRATULATIONS WELL DESERVED

Major Ivan Acosta, Deputy Director of FLWG Cadet Programs announces the earning of the Ira C. Eaker Award #1442 by CAC Chairperson, C/Lt. Col. Ashlei Hamada.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IS ALL WET!

The Student Leadership Academy Cadet Squadron, Group 800 participated in a very soggy Christmas Parade. When the Venice Parade

started, the WWII refurbished Jeep graciously provided by local businessman Farley would not start, Commander Capt. Tracey Stark and Mrs. Balsinger, a parent volunteer, were forced to make a run for it through torrential downpour and deep puddles.

Capt. Stark's and Mrs. Balsinger's considerably dampened spirit was warmed when they caught up to and fell in step with the cadets being led by Cadet Commander Trevorah and C/Airman Balsinger for the 1.5 mile parade route while loudly singing the various cadences with the cadets. Another outstanding example of CAP going all the way!



FLORIDA WING

CADET PROGRAMS



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CADETS HONOR WAR VETERANS



Cadets from the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron paid honor to 69 war veterans at the Edgewater Pointe Estates annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Boca Raton. From left are C/Amn. Fernando Ramirez, C/2Lt. Mitchell Lazore, C/SMSGt. David Giamundo, and C/Amn. Chris Giamundo who composed the Color Guard, led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the colors during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. To the blowing of "Taps" they performed a precise Color Retrieval.

SCHOOL OBSERVES ANNUAL TRADITION

The Gulf Middle School celebrated Veterans Day for the 10th consecutive year. Under the direction of Lt. Col. James Spieth, a faculty adviser, 1,400 veterans, officials, students, and parents participated in the program. "It's something very important," cadet Commander Demi Busatta said about Veterans Day. "This is how our country was formed. I wouldn't have the freedom I have today without veterans." Gulf Middle School Principal Bill Lane said the event is a chance to teach students the importance of service and the history of their country. "It's important to instill the values of patriotism at a young age and to celebrate how blessed we are to live in this country and to have the rights and liberties we have," Lane said.

GOVERNOR BUSH PRAISES CAP



Gov. Jeb Bush got teary-eyed on the last day of the hurricane season as he thanked CAP and scores of other Indian River County officials and emergency workers for their relief efforts following Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. "The next six months we will have to upgrade to make sure that next hurricane season we're stronger and even quicker to respond," said Bush. His picture above is with Civil Air Patrol Capt. Lou Cicalese.

GROUP 7 PAYS TRIBUTE



For the third year, Group 7 honored the war veterans by participating in the parade and ceremonies. Color Guard Teams and cadets from Miami Beach Cadet Squadron and the Tamiami Composite Squadron marched in the 500+ person parade from Miami's Bicentennial Park to the Torch of Freedom and the John F. Kennedy Memorial. Group Commander Maj John Houchin, Major George Navarini, and 1Lt. Linus Gomez were the senior members in charge.

Wing Wig-Wag

Florida Wing Commander Col. Joseph Martin advises that Major Christie Mathison who was instrumental in forming Group 10 and served as Group Commander, has passed her command to Captain Kevin Smith. Col. Martin also announces the appointment of Lt. Col. Bruce McConnell as Deputy Director of Emergency Services. Major Ivan Acosta will be the Project Officer for the 2005 Florida Wing Cadet Competition. Major Acosta has already selected several members to assist him, as well as the Cadet Programs Team.

The 2005 South East Region Staff College will be conducted from 24 July to 30 July 2005 at the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in beautiful Knoxville, Tennessee. The revised curriculum and assemblage of the most expert instructors from the USAF, ANG, and CAP will provide to the attendees an elevated learning experience essential to our existing and future staff and command officers. Student early Registration is \$50 and private room billeting is only \$10 per night. The Registration fee and CAP Form 17 is to be sent to Lt. Col. Wes Hannah, 4414 Turnberry Court, Bradenton, FL 34210.

Here are some facts that are little known by most. As confirmed by National Headquarters General Counsel, Col. Stanley Leibowitz, there are 69 voting members of the National Board.

To elect a National Commander or a National Vice Commander, 35 votes are required for a majority - -which is the requirement as set forth in the by-laws, In the event board members are not in attendance or not voting or abstaining, then the majority number of votes for these two national command positions is considered to be 51% of the total votes cast.

Civil Air Patrol members from Group 2 joined in a Military Appreciation Day in Palatka. Hundreds of current military personnel, veterans and patriotic citizens congregated alongside the St. James River for barbecue, patriotic music, and inspirational speeches. Each branch of the armed forces, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, VFW, and the American Legion joined CAP with static displays and informational booths. Gainesville cadets and senior members coordinated the parking of cars and trailers for vendors and volunteer organizations in addition to directing traffic for the morning

parade. CAP cadets also assisted the event coordinators with tasks as requested. Event Coordinator Nancy Richardson of Friends of U.S. Veterans commended the CAP personnel for their hard work and dedication. "The services of Civil Air Patrol were greatly appreciated. Your members are an asset to our community."

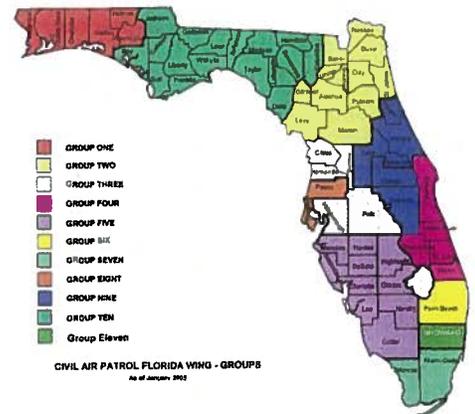
Chaplain Major Tom Carson welcomes Capt. Andres Ruiz as Florida Wing's newest Moral Leadership Officer. Capt. Ruiz is assigned to Group 800.

C/Capt. Roman Pietris transferred command of the Boca Raton Cadet Squadron to C/Capt. Christopher Ziebarth. Both joined the squadron when they were high school freshmen and both are now seniors. They both achieved their ranks together and both received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Outstanding Officer Award. They both received appointments to and attended Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

1Lt. Jackie Zarrilli
PAO, Boca Raton Squadrons

NEW GROUP BOUNDARIES

By action of the wing commander, Florida Wing expanded from ten to eleven groups. The newest Group Eleven is composed of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties in the southernmost tip of the state. The newly appointed Group Eleven Commander is Capt. Dan Levitch.



LATE BREAKING NEWS!



2 Lt Angela Silicato, USAF, was one of the first female cadets in the Boca Raton Squadron. She graduated from the Air Force Academy and then was assigned to the University of

Florida for Special Training. After she was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the USAF, she was sent to the USAF Intelligence School. Lt. Silicato is now in Iraq. Bill Morden, also in Iraq fighting in Mosul, is from the same CAP Squadron. *All our prayers are with them*

Lt. Col. David Mikelson
Commander Group 800



C/Lt. John Samonas, Tamiami Composite Squadron, was recently accepted to attend the University of Florida in the Fall of this year.

Major Vickie Meyer,
FLWG Director of Cadet Programs



Major Robert Booth has logged 28,000 hours of flight. [ED: *How many Log Books does that fill?*] Bob is a former wing check pilot and is a current FAA/CAP flight instructor pilot assigned to the Emerald Coast Squadron in Pensacola. Major Booth was a USAF pilot, flew for commercial airlines, and has extensive time as a civilian flight instructor.



The Flying Eagle Clan is proud to present two annual scholarships to any CAP Cadet who has at least 1/16th Native American Blood Line. The scholarship can be used for training that enhances the cadets career path. The clan's credo is "To become a true Brave one must prepare to succeed and one who prepares can succeed. One who fails to prepare to succeed will fail to become a Brave worthy of his Tribe."



C/SrAmn Chiara Perkins of the Walton Cadet Squadron received the Silver Medal of Valor from National Headquarters. The Citation accompanying the medal read "For saving the life of another by a distinguished and conspicuous heroic act at great risk to her own life, in circumstances well above and beyond the normal call of duty. At approximately 1430 on 23 May 2004, Cadet Perkins saw a fellow cadet disappear below the surface of the water in a shipping channel some 25 yards from shore. With total disregard for her own safety, she jumped into the water swimming to the spot where she last saw the drowning cadet. Cadet Perkins then dived beneath the surface searching for and finally finding the drowning cadet. She managed to pull him to the surface, at which point he began to struggle, pulling both himself and Cadet Perkins below the surface two times before she was able to gain control of the situation. Cadet Perkins then managed to pull both herself and the cadet 25 yards across the shipping channel to the safety of the shoreline. Cadet Perkins action saved the life of another, at very great personal risk. Her initiative, valor, courage, and willingness to risk all for another is in keeping with the very highest traditions of the Civil Air Patrol and reflects great credit on her, the Walton Cadet Squadron and Florida Wing."

Cadet Perkins was also honored by the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps and received a Honor Ribbon.



Florida Wing Commander, Col. Joseph Martin announces recent appointments and promotions:

- The former Group 8 Commander, Lt. Col. Robert Ashman has been named as the new Florida Wing Director of Logistics.
- Lt. Col. Al Bedgood who has served as Florida Wing Professional Development Officer and has conducted Professional Development Weekends throughout the state for the last two years shall be the new Group 8 Commander.
- Lt. Col. Robert Miller has been appointed to take the helm as the new commander of the Miami Senior One Squadron.

Major Frank Haas, Florida Wing Incident Commander, was contacted at 2100 hours [9 p.m.] on a Saturday evening by wing Alerting Officer Capt. Brett Goldston and assigned an Air Force mission to find an Emergency Locator Transmitter [ELT] that was sending out a distress alarm in the Daytona Beach area. Maj. Haas contacted 1Lt. James Fairhurst and requested airports ramp checks in the vicinity of the alarm coordinates. While enroute to the Deland Municipal Airport, Haas contacted Lt. Col. Bob Crane and requested an aircrew and aircraft from the Central Florida Composite Squadron.

Within three minutes of approaching the airport, Maj. Haas acquired an ELT signal on his Directional Finder [DF] and immediately cancelled the aircraft request. At 2257, he and Lt. Fairhurst determined the signal was coming from a locked hangar used by an avionics firm. With no emergency contact information on the door, no owner contact was made until Monday, when the alarm was silenced. Maj. Haas explained the NON-DISTRESS signal could have covered an actual DISTRESS signal and lives might have been placed at risk. Within moments of the explanation the emergency information was posted by the owner.

EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES

Another Toshiba TV set off a search mission for an ELT signal in the Miami area. Lt. Col Joseph M. Martin, Lt. Col. Robert Miller and Chaplain 1Lt. John Hendricks, returning home following a Miami Senior One Squadron meeting, were contacted by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center requesting assistance with an ELT/DF mission. The signal was located at a residential apartment. With the assistance of the Miami-Dade Police, access was gained and the occupants were both surprised and cooperative. When their 27 inch Toshiba TV was unplugged, the signal ceased. The team was pleased with their success and Chaplain Hendricks was particularly pleased in knowing he would soon be sporting his first 'Find' ribbon.

EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES

How does a Hurricane Shelter function? The Coral Springs Cadet Squadron has become extremely experienced as a result of their shelter service during Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Their presence provided a feeling of security and confidence to the hundreds of occupants who evacuated their homes. The cadets readily assisted in the preparing, making and serving of food during breakfast, lunch and dinner.

They lost count of the number of suitcases and other luggage pieces they carried from hurricane victims' vehicles. The cadets put in long and hard hours to complete the tasks assigned. Occupants frequently expressed surprise to learn that the services were on a volunteer basis. C/SSgt. Troy Odierno commented, "I can undoubtedly say the look in every cadet and senior member's eyes showed true dedication. We wanted to be there and I know next hurricane season we'll be prepared to "jump" anytime we are needed."

EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the last seven days of December 2004, Florida Wing was assigned eight missions from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Field, VA. On Christmas Eve two Urban Detection Finder [UDF] Teams were on two ELT search missions and on Christmas Day two more UDF Teams were tracking two other ELT signals. All signals were located, silenced and, thankfully, all proved to be Non-Distress alarms.

EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES * EMERGENCY SERVICES

Capt. Thomas Baldwin of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron works for an ambulance service in Broward County. During Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne he was required to work double shifts relocating patients to hospitals in different locations. Most patients were suffering illnesses that needed life-sustaining equipment.

When finally relieved to return home he found it had been damaged by high winds and heavy rains damaged his belongings. He then heard a radio request for CAP Emergency Services personnel to report for ELT missions in Palm Beach County. As an ES Certified Trainer, Baldwin responded instantly and enroute he picked up a cadet trainee whom he thought would benefit from the mission experience. The cadet participated in three ELT "Finds" and is now very close to completing his training requirements for a General Emergency Services Certification.

Capt Peter Acevedo stated, "The Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron is very proud to have Capt. Baldwin as our Deputy Commander."

[Editor's Note: During the three hurricane onslaught, Florida Wing was assigned more than 700 ELT/DF missions from the USAFRRC. All were located and silenced.]



➤➤ Two Marco Island Senior Squadron members successfully accomplished a “save” but not from the ground or from the air! Lt. Ken Bardon and Lt. Col. Lee Henderson were sailing Lt. Bardon’s Packet 48 *Moonbeam* offshore from Annapolis, Maryland non-stop to Marco Island. Other crewmembers were Ron Stearns and Tim Leskowicz. The second night out they were 20 miles off the coast just south of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina when they were hit by winds over 25 miles per hour with gusts over 40 mph and 10 to 12 foot seas. *Moonbeam* is designed for this kind of weather and was performing superbly.

In the dark of night, Lt. Col. Henderson was on watch when he heard a MAY-DAY distress call from another boat on Marine Radio Channel 16. It was from a 47 foot Catamaran named *Rhatcat* which had just been dis-masted. The Coast Guard also monitored the distress call but *Rhatcat* could not receive their response due to losing their masthead antenna. *Moonbeam* provided the communication link, Lt. Bardon plotted their position and gave Henderson the heading to *Rhatcat* which was only three miles away.

Moonbeam was on the scene in half an hour providing support for the emergency until the Coast Guard arrived. The CG rescue boat was launched out of Morehead City which arrived in about four hours. At this point *Moonbeam* was relieved and after a volley of thanks she continued on her way south. *Rhatcat* was towed into Morehead City by the Coast Guard where she was hauled for repairs. Two days later, off the Florida East Coast, *Moonbeam* received a cell phone call that *Rhatcat* was safe and sound with no crew injuries. 1Lt Jeff White, Public Affairs Officer of the Marco Island Senior Squadron concludes, “The Marco Island Senior Squadron flies Sundown Patrol nearly every evening, weather permitting, searching for boaters in distress. Additionally, all members are well trained in search and rescue missions and emergency services procedures at sea. This at-sea save was a response well executed by Bardon and Henderson.”

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Certain missions require technological and innovative ability. Maj. Frank Haas was assigned a mission to locate an ELT being heard by the Control Tower Operator at Daytona Beach International Airport. No missing or overdue aircraft

was reported.

Within a mile of the airport the ELT signal was acquired and the aircraft was located in a hangar but securely locked. Armed with the tail number of the aircraft, Capt. Bayne used his wireless mobile internet connect to determine the registered owner of the aircraft from the FAA web site. The owner was listed as a Florida Corporation, so Capt. Bayne went to the state of Florida, Division of Corporations web page, to find out the identity of the corporation’s Resident Agent. The Resident Agent’s address was local so the phone book provided his number. A cellular phone call was made and arrangements were developed for someone to come to the airport to silence the ELT.

When a corporate employee arrived and removed the ELT, he advised of a test flight earlier in the day which had activated the ELT. When the reset switch was pressed it was accidentally placed in the ON position rather than the ARMED position. This caused the ELT to transmit an alarm throughout the day. Maj. Haas stated, “This mission is another example of the importance of having Emergency Contact Information at all locations potential to ELT transmissions. The longer these NON-DISTRESS ELT’s transmit, the greater the danger they will cover a DISTRESS transmission.”

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As a topper to the Toshiba TV false emergency signals, Major George Navarini, Group 7 Public Affairs Officer, reports one of the weirdest ELT goose-chase missions ever. It was an alarm signal on frequency 121.5 which was tracked to a neon sign on US Route 1 in Ft. Lauderdale. The sign was improperly attached to the gutter on a roof soffit, making it an excellent antenna and ground combination. The signal would transmit when the light cycled on and go silent when the sign cycled dark. Thus the warbling high-low signal so typical of an ELT.

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“A huge influx of aircraft and boats are anticipated for the Super Bowl weekend at Jacksonville from 3 to 7 February,” advised Capt. Michael Cook, FLWG Deputy Director of Operations. An OPLAN is in final preparation which will specify the resources and assets CAP will provide for the event. A more than usual expectation of activated ELT’s is anticipated. Traffic congestion might also be requiring aerial assessment coverage.

A REMINDER - BE AWARE

By State Director JERRY ANGLE

FLIGHT MISSION AUTHORIZATION -

There appears to be some confusion as to procedures for obtaining approval for A-6 (AFROTC Orientation Flights) and B-12 and B-17 (Unfunded Mission Pilot Proficiency Flights, Check Rides, and Flight Clinics). For A-6 missions the only information I need is the PIC (pilot-in-charge), the aircraft's "N" number, and the Date of the Flight. The SELR Form 1 may still be used to relay this information, but it is no longer required by regulation. The easiest way is to e-mail me the information at jjcangley@aol.com.

For B-12 and B-17 missions you must first be mission qualified (a current and qualified mission pilot, observer, or scanner) and satisfy all the requirements in CAPR 60-1. Mission numbers for B-12 and B-17 sorties are issued the first week of each month and are posted on flight-schedule.pro. These procedures are contained in interim guidance from National Headquarters and will hopefully be included in the next revision to CAPR 60-1.

LODGING RESERVATIONS - Lodging reservations at U.S. Air Force Installations require CAP members be listed on a Military Support Authorization (MSA) which can now be made up to 30 days in advance depending on projected occupancy. Lodging Managers at each base may accept and confirm reservations for Priority 2 (Space Available Personnel which includes CAP) up to three days in advance when the projected occupancy is 86% or greater, up to seven days in advance when the projected occupancy is 85% or less, and up to 30 days when the projected occupancy is 65% or less.

CAP members should note installation commanders still have the final say as to who has priority especially during contingencies or emergencies. To make reservations at Air Force instal-

lations call 1 888 AFLODGE. Please remember CAP members must be listed on a MSA in order to secure military lodging.

SAFETY TIPS - The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute reports driving is 65 times more risky than flying. Michael Sivak, Head of the Institute's Human Factors Division said, "For flying to become as risky as driving, disastrous incidents like those from 9/11 would have to occur about once each month."

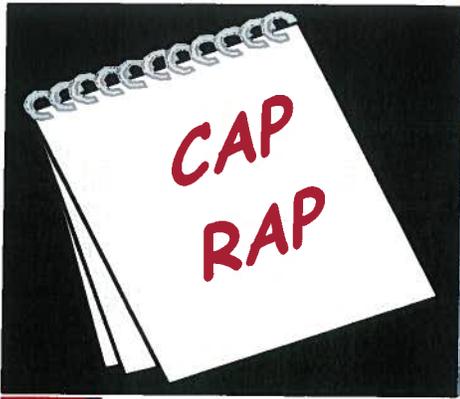
Driving is less dangerous when you buckle up. In 2000, safety belts helped more than 11,000 Americans survive motor vehicle crashes. More than 9,200 of the 43,000 people who died in motor vehicle crashes that year would have survived if every occupant had buckled up. Source: National Safety Council

DRMO PROCEDURES - The Defense Revitalization and Marketing Office (DRMO) has offices at several bases throughout Florida. DRMO is where CAP can obtain

items the Defense Department no longer needs. Items must first be screened by individuals listed on the DRMO authorization letter. At present only four people in Florida are authorized to screen items for CAP - Capt. Virginia Knudsen from SER, and Florida Wing officers Lt. Darlene Ferris, FLWG assistant Professional Development Officer; Maj. Mike Goblet, Daytona Beach Composite Squadron Commander, and Lt. Rudy Korpas, Director of Logistics.

If you need specific items for your unit please contact one of these individuals. Uniform items may be screened at any time. To acquire any other equipment you must first submit a Letter of Justification as to why you need the equipment to the Florida Wing's Director of Logistics. That letter is then forwarded to the State Director's Office. Some items such as vehicles are not always as good a deal as they first appear since mechanical problems may need to be repaired and the vehicle will count against the wing's overall vehicle allocation. So make sure the equipment you obtain won't be more trouble than it's worth.





CAP NHQ has arranged a corporate partnership with **AC Supply**, a science and technology discount company. This partnership will be of great benefit to the aerospace education programs. CAP units will now be availed the best discount prices; no shipping charges for any pre-paid order over \$75. Further, there will be no HAZMAT fees for shipping model rocket engines and other hazardous items. **AC Supply** catalogues are available upon request.

Major Linda Trimpey
External Aerospace Education Officer



1Lt. Jackie Zarrilli and C/ CMSgt. Christina Zarrilli of the Boca Raton Cadet Squadron are also members of the Boca Raton 's Academy Ballet Company. Both are masters of 'quick change'. On one evening, following their performance in "Nutcracker Suite" ballet, Cadet Zarrilli jumped out of her TUTU and into her BDU's to head for Southeast Region's Winter Encampment. 2Lt. Zarrilli switched from having rendered first aid to a seizure victim to performing in the holiday Nutcracker ballet.



Gainesville Composite Squadron celebrated its 50 years of service at its annual banquet. The Wright Broth-

ers Award was presented to Cadets Matthew Peters, Joseph Irizarry, Audrey Morris, Evan Stanley, and Daniel Freeman. 1Lt. Ken Crandall receive a Certificate of Appreciation for SLS Instruction, Leslie Ballard was promoted to 1Lt. and Capt. Bob Oehl got a Certificate of Appreciation for his Fundraising efforts.

1Lt. Leslie Ballard.
Group 2 PAO



In the aftermath of the recent devastating tsunami in Asia and East Africa CAP's Hawaii Wing is reinforced with the knowledge that "Early warning is the best defense against loss of life.," said Lt. Col. Anthony Schena of Ewa Beach. CAP maintains aircraft on each of the Hawaiian Islands and can fly pre-determined routes sounding sirens and using power amplifiers to transmit warnings in the event of an impending disaster. They are also ready to deliver needed supplies, transport emergency officials, and assist with wireless radio communications.

"The toll this disaster has taken on so many innocent people just reinforces the importance of strengthening our warning and emergency response systems in vulnerable areas here at home. Our members know the dangers first hand, because they serve to help save lives. CAP is volunteer work that matters," said Maj. Gen Dwight Wheless, CAP national commander. CAP's Alaska Wing also maintains a disaster response training program and team that is on-the-ready to be used in the event of a tsunami.

Melanie LeMay
PR Specialist , CAP/NHQ



This year's Sun 'n' Fun will be held in Lakeland from 12 to 18 April. Capt. Jose Fernandez, FLWG Director of Emergency Services is recruiting for volunteers to assist in the various tasks that CAP provides year after year. If interested, e-mail Capt. Fernandez at ckride@bellsouth.net



The Summer Encampment is now officially scheduled for 5 to 11 June at Camp Blanding.



Capt. Peter Acevedo, commander of the Pompano Beach Squadron was advised the new Group Commander, Capt. Dan Levitch would not be available to attend the evening meeting to present the Billy Mitchell Award, however, two officers would attend in his place. That night when the substitute officers pulled up in their car, a cadet ran into the meeting and breathlessly announced, "A lot of brass is heading our way." The squadron was honored to have National Vice Commander Brig. Gen Antonio Pineda and Florida Wing Commander Col. Joseph Martin present the Mitchell Award to C/2Lt. Adams Sachs.



The Battalion we are supporting in Afghanistan has requested our shipments include school supplies for them to give to the children. Our plan is to send them a 40 foot container which will have a large volume of school supplies including chalk boards, student desks,, crayons, and other supplies normally used in elementary grade classrooms.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Dewey Painter
Deputy SER Chaplain

Southeast Region Update



Col. Matthew
Sharkey
SER Commander

SER COUNTERDRUG

The Southeast Region Counter Drug program is dynamic in supporting the wing's programs and training activities. Lt. Col. Ernie Bilotto, SER Director assures support and assistance for wing CounterDrug Officers (CDO) needs in their critical role in the National CAP Counter Drug Program. As Commander of SER, Col. Matt Sharkey receives frequent updates concerning all matters associated with SER mission deployable elements for the Southeast Air Defense (SEAD) Program. SEADS Sector mission requests are directed from the 1st Air Force and responded to by assigned air crews whose skills and experience are matched to the mission and its objective.

RECRUITING and RETENTION

CAP is only as strong as its individual members and in the retaining of those members. Col. John Tilton, Commander of the Alabama Wing correctly suggests we should begin to "think out-of-the-box". A formula emerges from six key words - "5M + 1C = CAP Career and Commitment"

- **Marketing** efforts introduce CAP to prospective members as an opportunity to give of themselves to their community, to provide services to their neighbors, their state and nation. Our members should market CAP to persons they work with and, most importantly, to their family members.
- **Membership** must be committed to the CAP Missions - Aerospace Education, Cadet Program, Emergency Services, Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Members to be committed must attend meetings, train, practice missions and perform in actual missions.

Maturity is a member's personal growth within CAP. Each member at the beginning of each year should set personal growth goals and then study, train, and test in each career path until it is fulfilled.

Ministry is utilizing the growth achieved to becoming a vital part of CAP. By serving, experience is gained and additional career paths become opportune.

Mission is a member's willingness to share their gains with others. For example, this may be performed at unit training classes, as an instructor at a Professional Development Weekend, or as a faculty member of a Staff College.

In review: Marketing + Membership + Maturity + Ministry + Missions

Now for the "C" - Commitment

A member to be committed should:

- hold nothing back while promoting the 5M's
- be disciplined in performing the 5M's
- stay the course and lead by using the 5M's
- focus on the future as related to the 5M's
- remember you are not alone and are part of the U. S. Air Force Team and a national organization promoting the 5 M's.

In summary - 5 M + 1 C = CAP Career and Commitment

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It is said, "Membership has its privileges," and I agree. I also say that "Membership IS a privilege." As Americans we enjoy freedoms others are denied which makes service to our country and communities through CAP an especially rewarding experience. I receive this reward when I meet each of you. I gain valuable insight and personal reward spending time with youmy fellow volunteers. Let's each of us give the privilege of membership to those around us which will then make CAP more successful than it already is.



From The MAILBAG

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

“Wishing everyone Peace and Happiness for the New Year.”

**Lt. Angela M. Silicato, USAF
Enroute to Iraq**



“I am a member of the Washington National Guard, an infantry squad leader, assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, in Baghdad, Iraq. After spending six months in Iraq, I got to go home on leave. I had so many people, strangers, walk up to me and thank me in a variety of different ways. To all Americans who support the American soldiers, simply because we are serving all over the world, who we will never meet, or get to personally thank for their enormous support. THANK YOU!

**A grateful American Soldier,
Sgt. Mike Stutzke, “C” Co. 1-161 Infantry, Baghdad,
Iraq**

Editor’s Note: Sgt Stutzke presently patrols the Green Zone in Baghdad. He is due to come home in April.

“This is why we’re proud to wear the uniform we wear, and do the things we do...What an honor!”

**Major Vickie Meyer,
FLWG Director of Cadet Programs**



Writing an article for FLORIDA FACTS is one of the best things about the Florida Wing that I miss by not being the wing’s Head Chaplain.

**Chaplain Lt. Col. Dewey Painter
Southeast Region Deputy Chaplain**



Just received my copy of FLORIDA FACTS. Great article about the Southeast Region Staff College. I always get a great deal of information about the many units in our wing. It certainly helps to keep me current.

**Lt. Col. Wes Hannah
FLWG Vice Commander-South**



I just received my copy of FLORIDA FACTS and it outdoes previous issues! Just when I think it couldn’t possibly get better, it does!

**Major Fran Gleockler
FLWG Chief of Staff [ret]**



Many of you have heard or read the story about Toshiba TV sets sending false distress signals in Oregon. Well it’s happening all the way across our nation in Miami. FLORIDA FACTS has printed at least three such incidents that were tracked by our Emergency Services Ground Teams.

**Major Robert Sims
FLWG Director of Information Management**



I am writing thank you letters to all who helped me with the holiday cards I sent to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Your Fall Issue of FLORIDA FACTS helped me acquaint them with what CAP is really about. I always look forward to reading this professional publication. One elementary school provided 114 individual child made cards which I think the soldiers ‘over there’ will truly appreciate. Also an upscale retirement home also came through with a goodly number of cards.

**Lt. Col. Evelyn Holdren
FLWG Director, Administration**



Dear Lt. Col. Harris,
Thank you so much for your letter and numerous pages of signatures from fellow Americans showing their support for our military. It is a pleasure to serve. God Bless you and your CAP.

**MSgt. Linda Long
HQ 181st Fighter Wing**



Congratulations on a great FLORIDA FACTS and a great Florida Wing. You both serve well.

Chaplain Brig. Gen. William Cass

CAP Helps Santa Claus

Cadets and Senior members of the West Broward Composite Squadron helped Santa Claus arrive at the Sixth Annual North Perry Toy Drop, sponsored by Broward County for delivery of gifts and Xmas spirit to under-privileged children.

Nina Demeo, North Perry Airport Manager briefed the CAP team on the logistics of Santa's arrival. Two planes circled the airport with banners announcing Santa was on his way. The CAP members



marshaled a dozen planes into a conga line to begin the "Plane Parade". Each aircraft carried precious cargo of beautifully wrapped gifts as well as a special guest, Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortiz.

A loudspeaker announced Santa's arrival and he was guided into the semi-circle of aircraft by cadets on the flight-line.



A Backward Glance

2Lt. George McCord of the Weston Cadet Squadron tells of his Hurricane Frances experience.... "As with most CAP members we all have jobs in the 'real world'. Mine is with the Broward County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. During the Hurricane Frances debacle I was assigned to the EOC where I mobilized assistance to the needy. Reporting in on the second day of the storm, I found a familiar person sitting in my seat. It was National Vice Commander Brig. Gen Antonio Pineda, who in his 'real world' is a special agent for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Between emergency situations we talked about CAP moving its assets out of harm's way and the service contingencies planned for implementation immediately following the storm's aftermath. It made me proud to be a CAP member."

Hurricane Relief

"It looked like a snake only it had a lot of wheels and it seemed to stretch to the horizon!" said Lt. Col. David Mosely. It wasn't really a snake, it was actually a line of more than 600 cars filled with people lined up to receive food, water, ice and tarpaulins being distributed by CAP members from Deland, Daytona, and Leesburg Squadrons.

Time after time passengers in the cars told of downed power lines, damaged roofs, hunger and thirst. We were providing high



tech aerial observation assessment for the state but that wasn't what these folks

needed. A meal ready to eat [MRE], water, ice, tarps, a smile, and a sympathetic ear from these helpful volunteers broiling in the sun and heat was far more tangible in easing their suffering.

First Annual DeLand Air Jamboree

The Experimental Aircraft Association [EAA] and Commemorative Air Force [CAF] held the first annual DeLand Air Jamboree to inspire young aviation enthusiasts with the sensation of flight. The CAP also provided orientation flights to its cadets and provided needed flight line support.

The DeLand Composite Squadron managed the flight line throughout the event and Lt. Col. David Mosely of the Lake Composite Squadron instructed CAP members as to the proper signals to use in flight line marshaling.



The AirJam '04 was an excellent opportunity for Emergency Services training of 32 members in UDF and GTM.

2Lt. Anthony Gorss, PAO



SUCCESSFUL FIND - UNHAPPY ENDING

A shrill phone call at 1:37 a.m. from the Leesburg Police Department snapped Major Jack Rabon of the Lake Composite Squadron out of a deep sleep. Numerous reports had been received from witnesses who saw an airplane in a sharp turn, whose engine stopped, followed by the sound of a loud impact.

Multiple agencies were already on a visual search in an area less than one mile from the Leesburg Airport but were deterred by a dense fog. CAP was unable to launch an aircraft and the Sheriff's Department couldn't launch their helicopter. A ground search of the marshy area was the only possibility.

Curiously, the USAF Rescue Coordination Center advised that no ELT signal was being detected by the satellites and they had no report of a missing plane! Lt. Col. David Mosely removed the antenna coax from his CAP radio and applied an adapter and immediately acquired the familiar warble loud and clear. The location of the probable crash site with lives in the balance was triangulated and the search through the muck and mire was underway.

The Directional Finder [DF] led the ground team in the right direction but the fog and marsh impeded coverage of distance. The stricken aircraft was finally located at 4:59 a.m. and regrettably the 61 year old pilot did not survive the crash.



Lee County firefighters examine the crashed Piper PA28 while Lake County Sheriff's Department Investigator, Ken Adams looks on.

Photo by Lt. Col. David Mosely

Lake County Fire Department's Division Chief Randy Jones inspects the wreckage of N1266T found by the ground team of the Lake Composite Squadron.

Photo by Lt. Col. David Mosely



The deceased pilot's daughter said she would be "Eternally grateful that the Civil Air Patrol personnel did not give up the search for her father." She felt much more "at peace now that my dad's airplane was found."

The Leesburg Police and the Sheriff's Departments were so impressed with the DF and CAP's ability to locate crashed planes they requested Lt. Col. Mosely to arrange classes for the Emergency Medical Service, Fire and Police Agencies in the locating of ELT's, where they could be found in the aircraft and how to shut them off.

VISIBLE REMINDER OF THE HOLY

At the national conference this past summer, Chaplain Maj. Gen. Charles Baldwin, Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Air Force, related the vision of the USAF Chaplain Service. He indicated that Chaplains should be a visible reminder of the Holy by Glorifying God, Honoring Airmen and Serving All. As I listened to Chaplain Baldwin, I thought this same vision would serve the Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service well. With that in mind, I would like to suggest the vision of the Florida Wing Chaplain Service would go something like this: "Members of the Florida Wing Chaplain Service should be a reminder of the Holy by Glorifying God through honoring Civil Air Patrol members and serving all."

The members of the Florida Wing Chaplain Service have been endorsed by their faith groups to serve the Florida Wing as representatives of faith in a diverse community. Rabbi, LTJG, Daniella M. Kolodny wrote in an article, "On August 17, 1790, in a letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, RI, President Washington laid down one of the building blocks for religious liberty in the United States. He wrote to the congregation, "The United States which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens." The President promised the U.S. would be a nation where people of all faiths could practice their religious traditions free from government interference or coercion. As Civil Air Patrol Chaplains, we serve in an organization that honors and welcomes those who come from diverse faith, ethnic and social backgrounds. Because our faith traditions form beliefs and actions these actions become a 'visible reminder of the Holy.' These actions

must show that we value all whom we serve.

As such, a passage from the Hebrew Scriptures came to my mind. The passage is found in Micah 6:8. It says, "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, loving kindness and walk humbly with your God". Justice, compassion (loving kindness) and humility are certainly goals that not only chaplain service personnel should strive to reach, but also all of CAP personnel.



Chaplain Major Tom Carson
Florida Wing Chaplain

These fit perfectly into the Core Values of the Florida Wing. We are called to treat all with the respect and equality no matter what their faith, ethnicity or social status. This comes about as we live our lives with integ-

riety.

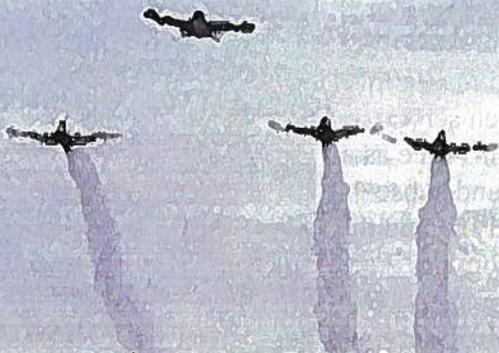
We are called to show compassion to those who have needs. Our value of citizenship fulfills the concept of compassion as we reach out to citizens and members to meet needs and show care to all who call for help.

In humility, we serve. Humility is not weakness. Humility is performing the tasks that we have been given to the best of our abilities, not for praise or honor, but because the tasks will help those we serve.

These goals are rarely approved by people of all faiths. Each and every faith system has some form of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." As chaplains seek justice, show compassion, and walk in humility, they certainly become a visible representation of the One who is just, compassionate and humble.

Sounds like being a visible representative of the Holy isn't too bad in a world that seeks justice, compassion and humility.

Final Flight



**Major Robert J. Schultz
Florida Wing HQ. Staff**

**Major Harold A. Sebexen
Gainesville Composite
Squadron**

*Florida Wing expresses thanks for his generous gift of
dedicated volunteerism, patriotism, and fraternalism.*

**Colonel Joseph J. Martin
Florida Wing Commander**

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS PROJECT

The SRQ Composite Squadron adopted a battalion in Iraq for the holiday season, as they did in 2003. Capt. Deb Merrick made 300 stockings out of cotton holiday prints and the squadron cadets stuffed them with candy along with happy holiday wishes. The senior members shared the cost of all supplies and postage.

During the year, requests are made by military personnel for special items, like the Sunday comics, beef jerky, snack foods, phone calling cards, and personal items. Each small item we can send makes a few minutes in a soldier's day a little brighter. A box packed with two large packages of Oreo cookies has a life expectancy of 30 seconds in the hands of a USAF flight crew in Baghdad. Nature Valley Granola Bars were also a big hit.

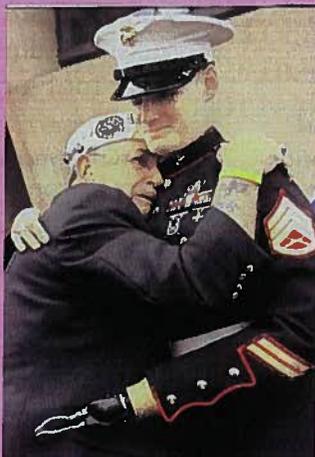
The SRQ Composite Squadron enlisted the help of schools students, employees of Sun Trust Bank and other civic groups to make a bigger impact on the project objective. Capt. Merrick's office became the Operation Iraq supply warehouse for collecting, packing and shipping the requested items in time for the holidays.

Take A Minute To Look At This Photo....In Fact Take Two Or More!

The photo speaks volumes of the respect and love that is being shown to our military personnel presently serving in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. "As a three tour Vietnam veteran and one that was spit on when I arrived at the airport in San Francisco on my last return, I can only say that this photo touched my heart and it evidences the level of respect shown to our troops of today.

Now ask yourself, "What am I doing to show our fighting men and women that I love and appreciate them?" Supporting our troops is a responsibility....not an option.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Dewey Painter, SER



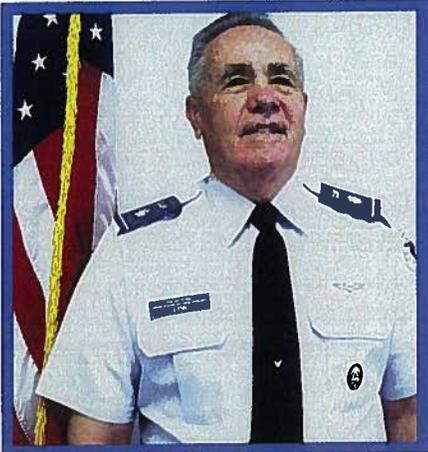
Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris, Florida Wing Staff enlisted the aid of the 114 members of his Edgewater Pointe Estates Computer Club to send holiday greeting cards to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The members who reside in three ACTS communities in Boca Raton designed and printed more than 1,200 cards. Residents of the communities signed each of the cards. These well wisher signatures exceeded 20,000.

In addition, the EPE Computer Club members designed and printed more than 1,000 cards for the soldiers to use in sending their holiday wishes to their friends and loved ones at home.

All shipments were handled by SER Chaplain Lt. Col. Dewey Painter.

MEET YOUR TEAMMATES



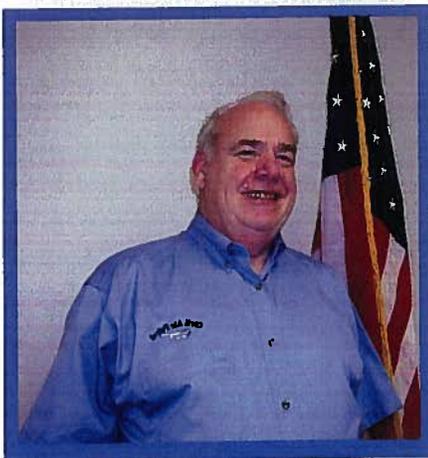
Lt. Col. John Lynn has been in CAP for 12 years and was Squadron Commander of the Lake Composite Squadron. Since 2000 he has been wing Director of Aerospace Education and presently he is also Deputy Commander of

Lake Composite Squadron and the Florida Wing Ceremonial Guard. He is a Mission Observer and has a 'Find' ribbon for having located a crashed aircraft.

He has received numerous awards from Florida Wing, Southeast Region and AFA. He holds a Master's Level in the Aerospace Education Program and Cadet Program.

Capt. John McWhorter joined in 1967. He then served in the Air Force as a pilot and subsequently joined the Jacksonville Composite Squadron serving as Flight Operations Officer for three years.

In 2001, he was selected to serve as wing Director of Homeland Security and has worked on projects for the Army's 101st Air Borne, the Cape Canaveral Security Mission for USAF, and was in charge of the Super Bowl 2005 Security Mission. He currently is on a mission for the Navy Criminal Investigative Service in Jacksonville.



Lt. Col. David Mikelson has been a member of CAP for 45 years and has served as Commander of numerous Squadrons and Groups. Currently he is Group 800 Commander and has chartered 14 new

squadrons in schools and has recruited over 450 new members. Additionally, he serves ADY as Drug Demand Reduction Coordinator for Southeast Region

Lt. Col. Mikelson was recognized as National CAP Senior Member Of The Year in 2001. He has received numerous awards, medals, certificates and ribbons for his more than 100 emergency services missions, cadet programs, obtaining grants for CAP, and having made an impact on local legislative issues and events.

Lt. Col. Michael Brown currently serves as Operations Officer as well as Chief Mission Administrator for Florida Wing. Brown joined CAP in 1991 eventually serving as Commander of Group 9. He is a CAP Senior Pilot, Mission Check Pilot, Observer, Scanner, Ground Team Leader, and Incident Commander. Lt. Col. Brown is a member of the Task Force Sentinel supporting the USAF 45th Space Wing at Cape Canaveral during mission launches.

He is a graduate of AFRCC National Search and Rescue School and the CAP National Staff College, where he met Lt. Col. Valerie Brown and subsequently married her. Valerie is currently the Vice Commander-North of Florida Wing.





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
2005**



MARCH

3-11 Chaplain Service Training
12-13 Communications Workshop
20 Palm Sunday
27 Easter

APRIL

1 FLORIDA FACTS submittal deadline
2-3 Professional Dev. Weekend-Orlando
3 Daylight Savings Time - Change Clocks
12-18 Sun 'n' Fun
24 Passover

MAY

2-8 Southeast Region Chaplain College
2-8 State Hurricane Exercise
5 National Day of Prayer
8 Mother's Day
21 Armed Forces Day
30 Memorial Day

JUNE

5-11 Florida Wing Encampment-Blanding
10 Chaplain Service Training
10 AE Teachers Workshop -Orlando
9-10 Wing Conference Pre-Events-Orlando
10-12 Wing Conference-Orlando
14 Flag Day
19 Father's Day

JULY

4 Independence Day
5 National AE Staff Officer's College, Pensacola
24-31 Career Shadowing, Patrick AF Base
24-31 Florida Leadership Academy
24-31 Southeast Region Staff College, Tennessee

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

5 Labor Day
16 Chaplain Service Training
17 Communication Exercise

OCTOBER

1 FLORIDA FACTS submittal deadline
4 Jewish New Year
13 Yom Kippur

NOVEMBER

8 Election Day
11 Veterans Day [Observed]
24 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

25 Christmas
26 Hanukkah
31 New Years Eve

JANUARY, 2006

1 New Years Day
1 FLORIDA FACTS submittal deadline

FEBRUARY

12 Lincoln's Birthday
20 Washington's Birthday

MARCH

1 Ash Wednesday
17 St Patrick's Day

IS IT UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION OR THE FLU?



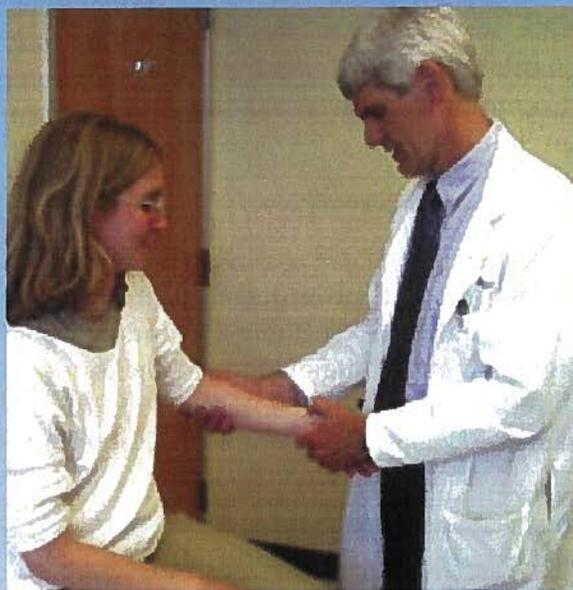
Lt. Col. PATRICIA FAUNT
SER Nurse Officer

It is not easy for most of us to know whether we are experiencing a simple cold or perhaps influenza. To help your physician determine if what you have is a common cold, an upper respiratory condition, or the flu, you may want to help your doctor by answering

the following questions:

1. Do you have a runny nose? If the answer is yes, describe the nature of the drainage, such as - is it clear, yellow/green, white, thick or bloody?
2. Do you have any nasal congestion?
3. Do you have sinus pain?
4. Do you have postnasal drip?
5. Are your eyes red, watery or itchy?
6. Do you have ear pain?
7. Do you have fever? How high?
8. Are you nauseated?
9. Have you vomited?
10. Do you have diarrhea?
11. Do you have a sore throat?
12. Are you achy?
13. Do you have any rashes?
14. Are you coughing? If so describe. Is your cough dry or productive? If it's productive what color is the sputum? Is it clear, yellow/green, white, thick or bloody?
15. Do you have asthma?
16. Do you use tobacco?
17. What other symptoms do you have?
18. Do you have allergies?
19. How long have you been experiencing these symptoms?
20. Have you tried any over-the-counter medications? Do you think they have helped you?

With this information at the ready, your physician can decide what course of treatment to take. He/she may want you to come to their office for an examination or might call a prescription to your pharmacy.



If it is the flu, don't forget the anti-viral medications should be taken within the first two days of your symptoms. These anti-viral medications are used to limit the spread and impact of the influenza outbreaks.



The FDA has approved four anti-viral medications for the treatment of influenza: - Amantadine, Rimantadine, Oseltamivir, and Zanamivir. These medications are effective in reducing the duration of your illness by one to two days when used within the first two days of illness.

It is critically important for you to remember to wash your hands frequently, drink lots of fluids, eat correctly, and get your rest.

Be aware and take care.

ROUNDUP

➤ **FLWG Director of Information Management, Major Robert Sims is designing a new web page showing all of Florida Wing's past commanders. When completed, you will be able to click on the individual commander's photo to learn all about the officer. Additionally, the time lines for each commander graphically depicts key events that occurred during that time-frame.**

➤ **Cadet Programs Director, Major Vickie Meyer is now accepting nominations for the Parent Support Award. The nominee can be a member or non-member. The nominee should exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism. A parent who is always there for the cadets, one who gives unselfishly; someone who can be counted upon. There are many parents who fit this criteria but they must be nominated in writing to Major Vickie Meyer at vmeyer2@cfl.rr.com**

➤ **New Group 11 has been created as is graphically illustrated on the state of Florida map shown on page 10. Group 6, which previously encompassed Palm Beach County and Broward County in South East Florida, was restructured. Broward County has been established as Group 11. This new group includes the Weston Cadet Squadron, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron, West Broward Composite Squadron, Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron and Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron. Lt. Col. Bruce Smith remains as Commander of Group 6 and Capt. Dan Levitch is the newly appointed commander of Group 11.**

➤ **Lt. Jack Knowles reported Coral Springs Mayor Rhon-Earnest Jones proclaimed CAP Cadet Week during a ceremony at City Hall. "The squadron members were honored by the proclamation because it indicates how much the city appreciates our hard work and dedication to serve the city," said Captain Ray Harvey.**

➤ **When Hurricane Ivan struck the Panhandle with tornadoes and fierce winds causing billions of dollars of damage and 52 deaths, USAFR Col. David Stoutamire and CAP Lt. Col. John Brennan were called to duty. Their assignment was to serve as the official liaison between their two organizations and the state. Col. Brennan stated, "CAP is an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and we operate under Chapter 252, which provides we become a state agency during emergencies." Brennan continued, "We staged thousands of truckloads of relief supplies into the affected area. It was amazing as to how many agencies worked together."**

➤ **The Operations Training Branch is now a new branch within the FLWG Operations Directorate. Major Luis Garcia will serve as Chief of Operations, Lt. Col. Russ Reichmann will be Deputy Chief of Operations Training and both will serve as the wing lead on all issues regarding non-mission and mission air crew training for mission pilots, mission observ-**

ers, and mission scanners. Manny Alfaro will be the Chief of Advanced Technology Training to prepare aircrews in the use of Satellite Digital Information System [SDIS], Slow Scan Video, Digital Aerial Photography, Night Vision Devices, Thermal Imaging, and other new technologies.

➤ **Major Jerry Holloway has turned over his command of the Marion County Composite Squadron to 2Lt. Ronald Kielty.**

➤ **CAP has signed a corporate partnership agreement with AirGator, a firm specializing in navigation and situational awareness products. Two products are the NAVAir Moving Map and NAVAirWX with Real Time Broadcast Weather.**

"AirGator joins an impressive list of corporations who support not only the work of our adult volunteers, but also the activities of our cadets who are the Civil Air Patrol of the future," said National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless. "For America to continue its technological dominance we must work together with today's business and government leaders to prepare our young people for an even more complex society."

"AirGator offers a solution for pilots who want easy-to-use navigation equipment in the cockpit," said Al Allenback, CAP Executive Director.

"Anything that improves awareness for pilots is important, especially for CAP which places a high priority on safety."



COMMUNICATIONS

Maj. Paul Blystone
FLWG Director Communications

While transitioning through numerous changes that have come about due to the Computer Age, we have access to so much more information than ever before. Through e-mail and website access we have available to us a world of information and the ability to control much more in a shorter period of time. These systems are great but all are very vulnerable which is why we continue to keep the radio system in tact. This fact was proven during our siege of hurricanes when we lost cellular phone, the regular phone system, electricity, and computer capability.

Following this period of communication interruption, we have three important changes in Communication:

[1] Basically processing of Radio Operator Authorization [ROA] is much the same. The instruction is taught and demonstrated, the Form 22 - Application for ROA is filled out for each student, signed and sent to the Florida Wing Licensing Officer. The Licensing Officer enters the data into the system. The information is then available to anyone who links to the website. The new change is instead of the licensing Officer issuing the ROA cards, this authority has been assigned to each of the Group Communication Officers. Each Group Communications Officer has been provided the template to print ROA cards, both front and back and issue them to those who have completed the course in their respective groups. The information comes from the web site after the wing DCL has entered them in the system....member's name, ID, Card Number, type card "Basic or Advanced".

[2] Each wing is now to keep a list of qualified instructors. The criteria, to be qualified as an instructor in Florida Wing, for both Basic and Advanced ROA, you must have an Advanced ROA Card, and have passed the SET [Skills Evaluation Training] test. This way wing has a complete list of those qualified and the wing DCL can check to see that each instructor that submits Form 22 for processing is current and qualified.

[3] Florida Wing has now given access to CEMS [Communication Equipment Managing System] to all unit Communication Officers. They now have

the ability to go into the system, change the assignment of radio equipment within their respective units, generate a CAP Form 37C, have them signed, keeping copies for their files, and sending an original signed 37C to wing for paper filing. When this is updated and complete, the S-8 Reports are prepared. They are sent out in January and have to be signed and returned to the wing DC no later than 31 March. The wing DC has to have a signed copy delivered to the Air Force Logistics Officer no later than 15 April of each year. These three computerized steps are going to make it much easier to track radio equipment in the future. Transitions are tough but the end result will make it a much easier system to follow.

REPEATER INSTRUCTIONS: Florida Wing has submitted justifications for all 18 of our repeaters plus two additional sites. These have passed through Southeast Region and on to the NRCG [National Repeater Coordination Group]. Once approved by NRCG they will go to Air Force for final approval. Once approved, the funding is already in place for replacement repeaters. The new ones should come programmed with the newly assigned frequencies and when these repeaters arrive this will become transition time from wideband to narrowband. At that time all other VHF radio equipment will have to be reprogrammed for narrowband as well as new frequency assignments.

HURRICANE DAMAGE TO REPEATER SYSTEM: Florida was pounded by four hurricanes in a six week period. This havoc took out four of our repeaters, Ft Myers, Orlando, Kennedy Space Center, and West Palm Beach. The Kennedy Space Center repeater needed a new antenna which has been replaced and is working better than ever. The other three repeaters remain out of service awaiting parts. antennas, cables, etc.

A MORE SECURE RADIO SYSTEM: We are already preparing ourselves for a more secure radio system. Radios will be programmed so the digital readouts will be locations, channels or designators rather than frequencies. For security purposes, we do not give frequencies over the air waves but instead refer to frequencies by their designators. Additionally, any written documents that contain frequencies are to be marked at top and bottom of pages "UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY". We no longer publish documents containing frequencies on web sites unless they are in password protected area.

six CAP vans were reserved to-the-ready and stand-by maintenance and fueling facilities were arranged. Flight Release phone numbers were selected. It was determined to be pragmatic that the huge influx of aircraft and marine vessels would cause an excessive number of ELT's to activate. Directional Finder instruments were acquired from various squadrons adequate in number to support the assembled ground teams.

As the Super Bowl Sunday neared, planning and training shifted into high gear. Air crews launched and flew the prescribed tracks and quads for contact flight familiarization and track timing. Ground teams practiced with their Directional Finders. Mission Supervisors and Team Leaders met frequently to establish military protocol and safety measures. Various selected uniforms were prescribed, air crew equipment was delineated and buy-your-own meal plan was the order of the day.

The mission was underway, as of 5 February, with all personnel at-the-ready or performing as required.

A major news media interview session was scheduled by the mission lead agencies. The Department of Homeland Security's television production unit was there as was Associated Press' reporters and photographers, joined by CNN, NBC-TV, CBP [Customs Border Patrol], U.S. Navy, JSO [Jacksonville Sheriffs Office], U. S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Air Force Auxiliary/Civil Air Patrol, FDLE [Florida Department of Law Enforcement] and other intelligence and security agencies.

A Project Briefing was then held at which time it was clarified as to which agencies were the project leads and how Florida Wing fit into the overall mission. A press conference followed where questions from the multitude of media representatives were directed to the appropriate mission participant.

Immediately after, Customs Border Patrol requested a video shoot of our aircraft from their helicopter. With National Headquarters approval, Capt. John McWhorter took-off and flew around the Alltel Stadium. Customs told John they had some very good pictures of his airplane and that copies of the video would be provided.

Was all the effort, resources and response

availability worth while? The Super Bowl was a spectacular event with two evenly matched professional football teams performing on the field as true champions....without any incident or disruption.

All federal, state, local agencies, armed forces and the Civil Air Patrol/US Air Force Auxiliary fulfilled their assigned mission....**Super Bowl Air Space Protection.**

Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, CAP national commander stated, "*The Florida Wing is one of the most active in the nation, with more than 4,000 members. Many large-scale events take place in that part of the country - including the recently played Super Bowl. Because so many people visit Florida for such events, CAP's presence affects not only the people who live there, but those from throughout the world who are in the state at any given day. For this year's Super Bowl, as with so many major events taking place in Florida, CAP volunteer members supported first-responders in serving the surrounding communities.*"

"The Civil Air Patrol wings of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Florida performed brilliantly during the four recent hurricanes in Florida," noted Brig. Gen. Tony Pineda, national Vice-Commander. "Now Florida again has been effective, efficient and professional in the Super Bowl aerial reconnaissance mission. Our members continuously make me extremely proud to serve with them," concluded Gen. Pineda.

CAP national Executive Director, Al Allenback observed, "Florida Wing is one of the foremost forward-leaning teams when it comes to Homeland Security. Nationally recognized for their superior response during last summer's devastating hurricanes, there's no doubt that Florida Wing scored a 'touchdown' in their Super Bowl mission in support of the responsible Federal agency."

"The more than 50 members who were at-the-ready throughout the entire Super Bowl week again illustrate the level of service our volunteer professional members always provide to our communities whenever there is a need. Florida Wing has a steadfast commitment to Homeland Security and we are focused on continual training in the use of emerging new technologies and instrumentation," stated Florida Wing Commander, Col. Joseph Martin. Col. Martin continued, "CAP is a cost-effective resource for such Air-Force assigned missions since all our members are volunteers."

PROP WASH

C/Airman Mathew Van Pelt of the Boca Raton Composite Squadron has been selected by the American Choral Directors Association to be a member of the prestigious National Honor Choir. 14 year old Van Pelt will be singing in February in Los Angeles, CA.

1Lt. Alina Garcia-Barbon has accepted the position of Commander of the Florida Wing Summer 2005 Encampment at Camp Blanding, FL. The encampment will be held from 5 to 11 June.

The Transportation Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security has mandated security training for all flight instructors. On-line training course is available and upon successful conclusion, a Certificate of Completion is issued.

Group 7 Commander Major John Houchin announced his group hosted an aircrew training course covering the requirements for Mission Scanner, Mission Observer, and Mission Pilot. The course was conducted at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Capt. John Bayne resumes responsibility for Florida Wing's Alerting System. Capt. Bayne is the Emergency Services Operations Support Specialist responsible for the wing Alerting System used by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to notify

rescue missions. His additional duties include mentoring and training of Alerting Officers and Incident Commanders. Capt. Bayne has been a CAP member for nearly 15 years. He is a licensed pilot, Ham Radio Operator, and an Ormand Beach Police Officer.

Maj. Vickie Meyer, FLWG Director of Cadet Programs advises that the Rhode Island Wing is sponsoring a Cadet Encampment during April 17 to April 23, 2005. All Florida Wing Cadets are invited to attend. This will be the only east coast Spring Encampment. In concert with the encampment, Rhode Island will conduct a Leadership Academy and a Ground Search and Rescue School.

Group 8 hosted a Form 5/91 Flight Clinic. Pilots on Mission Orders, Cadet O-Ride Pilots and other Mission Flight Time was funded. Pilots who had actively participated in CAP Missions were given priority on flight schedules and testing.

FLWG Aerospace Education staff will be conducting a FLWG Model Rocketry and Water Bottle Rocketry Competition 22-24 April '05, reports Major Linda Trimpey, External Aerospace Education Officer. Location for the activity is to be

subsequently announced.

Chaplain Major Tom Carson requests Chaplains and MLO's [Moral Leadership Officers] attend the Chaplains Service Staff College 2-5 May at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg.

NASA has hundreds of digital photographs from Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the moon. You can view and review these outstanding historical photos at apolloarchives.com/apollogallery.html

Weston Cadet Squadron participated in the "Toys in the Sun Run" which attracted over 10,000 motorcycles from all over South Florida. Each driver brought at least one toy for an underprivileged child for Christmas. Thousands of toys were collected throughout the day by the cadets which were packed and loaded into many semi-tractor trailers and delivered to the children. This relatively new squadron hosted its first annual banquet which was a great success. In addition to more than 80 attendees, numerous dignitaries joined in the celebration. Among them were National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio Pineda, SER Vice Commander Col. Eileen Parker, Florida Wing Commander Col. Joseph Martin, Group 11 Commander Capt. Dan Levitch and many others. Major Jaime Rojas was named Senior Member of the Year.

Why PROTOCOL? Why PRECISION?

Capt. Raymond L. Pettersen Sr.
Protocol Officer, Group 9



How many times have you asked yourself why every item on your uniform needs to be in this or that order? When we appear in public or at our unit, why do we have to make certain we dress properly and perform all tasks according to a Uniform Dress Code?

Wearing our uniforms properly and assuring our ribbons, medals and decorations are correctly affixed, and that our belt buckle and shoes are shined to a high gleam are our way of honoring many attributes of our nation's history along with honoring those in the military who served before us and are currently serving.

Our military personnel must always represent, by image and performance, a sense of pride and professionalism. CAP members have no less of a responsibility. We wear a uniform that is nearly identical to the uniform worn by members of the United States Air Force. The variation is in the emblems, epaulettes, insignia, and badges unique to the Civil Air Patrol. However, as members of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, we must, individually and collectively, always present a well groomed appearance which reflects credit upon both organizations. Further, we each bear a responsibility to correct any improper wearing of our uniforms by others and to assure that others are continually informed as to what constitutes a proper uniform.

Our military service personnel - enlisted and officers - are brave, dedicated men and women who chose to serve and protect our freedom through living up to the standards set by our leaders, our regulations and our history.

We, in the USAF Auxiliary - our cadets and senior members - must never forget that these principles apply equally to us. The proper and correct wearing of our uniforms directly reflects on the Air Force of which we serve as their auxiliary. Simply stated, when the general public sees you in uniform and performing the many services you provide, they automatically identify you as a component of the organization dedicated to protecting their lives and their freedom.

It is imperative we always present ourselves with dignity and correctness in stature as a way of honoring our forefathers such as Gill Robb Wilson, General "Hap" Arnold, General Jimmy Doolittle, Chuck Yeager, and all the many other heroes who fill Americans with pride. The members of the WWII Coastal Patrol and Submarine Patrol who helped in the desperate defense of our nation in great time of need are also deserving of a continued show of honor and respect. In Summary, as a member of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, when in uniform *Be Sharp, Stay Sharp and Look Sharp.*

Captain Ray Pettersen Sr., U.S. Army [Ret] served 26 years of active military service as a Bandmaster and a Marine and seven years of Reserve Duty and Government Administration. Pettersen joined the Civil Air Patrol, New York Wing, as a cadet in 1969. As a Marine, he was the youngest helicopter crew chief and was sent overseas to fly 1,500 combat rescue sortie hours.

Returning stateside Capt. Pettersen successfully auditioned for the U.S. Armed Forces School of Music and received his Degree in Education Administration and Music and was commissioned as an Officer and U.S. Army Bandmaster. Additional training took him to England to train with Her Majesty's Royal Marine School of Music. When his service as Army Bandmaster ended, Pettersen was assigned the position of Administrator of the National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program in New York State and served as a General Staff Officer until his retirement.

Captain Pettersen has developed a keen sense for the proper fulfillment of ceremonial duties, the proper wearing of the uniform, and the correct manner of personal conduct. Future articles appearing in FLORIDA FACTS will serve as educational and training guides on protocol.

A LOOK BACKWARDS

THE BLUE BERET PROGRAM

Betty Morris, Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the BLUE BERET program was initiated 35 years ago, in 1967, at the Ottumwa Municipal Airport, a Naval Air Station in Iowa where a National Guard Company was assigned, recalled Brig. Gen. William Cass, former CAP National Commander from August 1983 to March 1986. At that time, Gen. Cass was the Deputy Commander of the Iowa Wing.

Gen. Cass remembers being directed to start the Blue Beret Program by United States Air Force Col. Robert Johnston, who was then the Air Force Chief Liaison Officer in Minneapolis. (Archive records indicate an earlier attempt elsewhere, which was unsuccessful.)

From the beginning, weekend training for the Blue Berets highlighted drill field maneuvers, compass reading, first aid, and military courtesy. And, as Gen. Cass remembers, "How to prepare food in the field was always a priority training class."

One of the cadet's first deployment was to Dubuque, Iowa to fight a flood of the Mississippi River. Here the Blue Berets worked closely with the Iowa National Guard in the placing of sand bags to keep the levees from caving. They succeeded in their mission. Their zealous efforts plus their success earned them cheers and praise from the townspeople.

In this same time-frame, some 100 Blue Berets marched in a parade in Des Moines, Iowa. They wore fatigues and displayed their own original guidon consisting of a reconstructed sandbag with "Miss River 67" stenciled on it. It was when they became attached to the North Central Region

that they acquired the "8 Ball" insignia.

Before Gen. Bill retired, his Blue Berets deployed for several plane crashes including an amphibian which crashed near FonduLac.

Gen Cass is now a CAP Chaplain and he delights in recalling memorable experiences. He tells of a local doctor who hand propped his aircraft - with no one in the cockpit. The engine caught, the plane jumped the chocks and ran over an occupied tent. Blue Berets were first on the scene to stabilize the situation and the camper survived. He vividly remembers, "when General George Patton visited the Appleton Airport and

took a ride in the Blue Berets rescue boat."

Cass was glowing in his thanks to the many CAP members, RAF Squadron Leaders, and military officers who were extremely instrumental in the formation and operations of the Blue Beret Program. Early lessons from an Army Green Beret vividly remain with him as does his attendance as Deputy National Commander at the 1974 Oshkosh En-

campment. It was during that event he went to an Atlanta Braves baseball game and was given the honor of throwing out the first ball.

Finally, as Gen. Cass recollected so many of his activities and involvements, he glibly tells of an official visit as National Commander to Washington, D.C. to meet with Mr. William VanRaab, then head of the U.S. Customs Agency, during which, as he tells it, some of the original plans for the establishment of the Civil Air Patrol Counter Narcotics Program were written by them while eating at a McDonald's on U.S. 41.



Brig. Gen. William Cass presents a Blue Beret to graduate Cadet Lt. Wilson while other graduates look on.

CAP CLIPS

➔ Congratulations to Group 4's C/2Lt. Binoy Patel, who earned the Mitchell Award #52924.

➔ Here's a valuable tip... If you lock your remote keys in your car and the spare keys are at home, call someone there on your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about 12 inches from your car door lock and have the other person press the unlock button, while holding the remote near the phone.

Your car door will unlock. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away from home and as long as you can reach someone via cellular telephone who has the other remote key for your car, you can unlock the car door or the trunk.

➔ Lt. Col. Gary Owens has resigned from his service as Inspector General and will assume the position of Florida Wing Director of Safety.

Lt. Col. Rex Meyer steps down as the FLWG Director of Safety to remain on the safety team as the Aircraft Mishap Investigator.

Capt. Ray Bass, an attorney and a pilot, has been appointed the new Inspector General.

1Lt Rudy Korpas has resigned as FLWG Director of Logistics in order to concentrate on Emergency Services.

Lt. Col. Robert Ashman leaves Group 8 as its commander and shifts to being the FLWG Director of Logistics.

Lt. Col. Al Bedgood has been selected to assume command of Group 8 and has relinquished his position as Director of Professional Development.

Major Sharon Taylor takes over the position of FLWG Director of Professional Development.

Capt Deborah Grimes takes on ADY for FLWG Cadet O'Ride Administration transitioning from Capt. Deb Merrick.

➔ The Coral Springs Composite Squadron has received a grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the City of Coral Springs. The grant monies have been spent on Battle Dress Uniforms for the cadets, a summer encampment at Camp Blanding, and transportation to and from the camp.

➔ Group 800 began the year 2005 with 402 cadets and 68 senior members. A remarkable record for Florida Wing's Middle School program. 15 Charters have been issued to newly created squadrons and approximately six additional Charters are awaiting issuance from CAP headquarters. Is it any wonder why Lt. Col. David Mikelson, Group 800 Commander was named National Senior Member of the Year in 2003!

➔ For the second time in a month, a major hurricane hit the Peninsula of Florida at the same latitude and longitude. Lt. Col. Bruce Smith, Group 6 Commander and Lt. Col. Sally Fitzgerald from the West Broward Composite Squadron were tasked to locate and silence hundreds of ELT's that were activated by the storm.

Normally, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center doesn't deploy CAP Search Teams in areas where hurricanes have hit since it is known that such storms set off numerous ELT's. This time was significantly different in that AFRCC was receiving numerous reports of overdue aircraft. CAP teams were mobilized to turn off these signals so that AFRCC could tell a distress alarm from a non-distress signal. Lt. Cols. Smith and Fitzgerald were told to cover all airports north of Boca Raton.

The areas they searched were devastated with many houses, businesses and airport hangars destroyed. Several ELT's were located at various airports and each were silenced. Some couldn't be turned off since they were in unsafe areas like hangars ready to collapse or piles of wind blown debris. In spite of the difficulties encountered dispatched CAP teams successfully silenced hundreds of ELT's.

➔ This Spring Issue of FLORIDA FACTS marks the start of the fifth year of Florida Wing having a four color, glossy, 36 page magazine. The 24 page, black and white predecessor was introduced in 1996, making this issue the start of the tenth year of the Florida Wing publication.

Editor's Note: Sincerest thanks to the hundreds of submitters of news stories and/or announcements for each issue of FLORIDA FACTS. Without your inputs, this magazine would not be publishable.

Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris

CAP CLIPS

FAMOUS FLYER JOINS CAP

One of our newest members has actually flown around the world - backward - and solo. WOW! Are we ever proud to welcome Carol Ann Garratt to Florida Wing.

Carol Ann has been a pilot since 1972, spent her 48th year earning her flight instructor and instrument instructor tickets and volunteered to fly Young Eagles. One year ago, on February 28, alone in her Mooney M20J, Carol Ann headed west on her seven-month, 31,643 nautical-mile trip from her home in Kissimmee, FL.

Planning a flight to circumnavigate the world is not an easy task, but she admitted, "It's half the fun." To learn about the paperwork and permits she would need, Garratt contacted aviation organizations including EAA, AOPA, and FAA early in 2002. Then she talked to ferry operators and international pilots for their hands-on insights. During EAA AirVenture 2002, Carol Ann met a pilot who regularly flew the North Atlantic and she planned that leg based on his experience.

To give her Mooney additional range, she replaced the airplane's standard wing tanks with long-range versions that upped capacity from 64 to 100 gallons. Two 55-gallon tanks replaced the back seats, and a 17-gallon tank replaced the co-pilot's seat. This retro-fit gave her more than enough fuel for the 15-hour legs over the Pacific and Indian Oceans. To communicate over these distances, Ms. Garratt installed a high-frequency radio and added a GPS and oxygen system.

"There are very few women who have achieved this adventure," said Carol Ann. "Even fewer females or males that have done it backward." By flying west she was able to fly the longer legs first. She also used the prevailing northeast winds for tail wind thrust and made use of the extra daylight hours throughout the trip.

Carol Ann landed in New Zealand on March 15, logging four legs and almost 8,000 nautical miles. Then onto Australia for the fifth leg with a return home in September. What a feat!

WWII HERO HONORS CAP

Homestead's AS-PIRA Leadership Cadet Squadron, under the command of Capt. Virginia Knudsen, had a memorable event when a participant of WWII came to relate 'first-hand' stories of experiences of the famous Tuskegee Airmen. Col. Leo Gray captivated the attention of the middle school cadets with his personal military stories and showing his WWII Tuskegee memorabilia. "The cadets were so enraptured with the fascinating stories that Col. Gray related one could hear a pin drop throughout," said Commander Knudsen.



Col. Gray with C/Ann Vanessa Gainer who played "America" on her trumpet.

SQUADRON'S HISTORY TOLD

The West Broward Composite Squadron of Group 11 is located at the North Perry Airport which was constructed by the U.S. Navy in 1943. It was a training field during WWII interacting with the Miami Naval Training Station. The West Broward Squadron was chartered in the early 1960's and was then called the Hollywood Composite Squadron. As the population grew in South Florida and city boundaries shifted, the squadron's city changed from Hollywood to Pembroke Pines. In the early 1980's, the squadron was renamed the West Broward Composite Squadron. Currently, the squadron has 60 members and the cadet program is one of the fastest growing in South Florida. 1Lt. Rolando Fernandez notes that Civil Air Patrol's current National Vice Commander, Brigadier General Antonio Pineda, was once a member of the West Broward Composite Squadron.



"Why Did I Join CAP? Because Bush Asked!"

Gail Swanson's article "A Second Day of Infamy" in the Winter 2004 issue of FLORIDA FACTS compelled me to write this. September 11th infuriated me as it did many others. I experienced the frustration of wanting to do *something*. At the age of 47 I was too old to be accepted as a Federal "Sky Marshal". I listened to President Bush asking Americans to volunteer to help their communities.

At about the same time I read an article in a magazine about the Civil Air Patrol. That article opened my eyes as to what CAP was doing. As a pilot since 1986 and a professional teacher, I thought my time would be of greatest value to CAP, even though I have a background in law enforcement and could have gone with the Florida Highway Patrol Aux..

In the two years of my membership, I've become a CAP pilot, instructor and check pilot. I am General Emergency Services qualified and a 101 Scanner. I'm also a Flight Release Officer. I've completed the Yeager Aerospace exam and CAP Officers Course and I have completed my mission pilot training and am waiting for my checkride. I will be attending an SLS to complete my Level II requirements.

When Hurricane Charley destroyed our Charlotte County Composite Squadron building in Punta Gorda, I was at the airport with other squadron members, the National Guard, members of other squadrons and states. They were all there to help. I saw CAP officers come in and make things happen serving as Incident Commanders and Ground Team Leaders searching for the 700 plus ELT's.

In November of 2004 I transferred to Group 5 and was appointed Safety Officer under Maj. Pat O'Key. He is typical of the many dedicated persons I've met, trained with and worked with since joining CAP. I have a great sense of satisfaction that I'm 'doing something' for my community and my country.

I've attended wing and national conferences which have provided a glimpse into Counter Drug Programs, and our Homeland Security missions. What I've seen in CAP motivated me to recruit my teenage niece. I intend to keep training and performing and that's a handful. I salute all of you who make the Civil Air Patrol the great organization it is and has been since 1941.

Submitted by Capt. Lee Wedlake

NCO Academy Is Huge Success

The Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base was attended by more than 200 cadets from the Southeast Region. This full week of training taught them discipline, heritage, military protocol, and the importance of our Core Values. The encampment fulfilled the cadet's need for earning their Mitchell Award and for becoming a cadet officer.

The encampment attendees received their briefing from Lt. Col. Robert Masiker, the Encampment Commander. The participants included an elite group of eight Spaatz Award winners. During the encampment every cadet felt assured they would leave with the knowledge of how to be a better person, cadet, and future officer. They were inspired.

During the encampment, the cadets toured the Air Force's First Fighter Squadron, got up close to an F-15 and had an orientation ride in the C-130, and a few



were even able to experience what it's like to be a fighter pilot in an F-15



Simulator.



On graduation day, each flight marched proudly at the Pass-in-Review Ceremony before Col. Matthew

Sharkey, Southeast Region Commander and Lt. Col. Robert Masiker.

The encampment was best summed up by C/ A1C Ryan Corn, "It was the opportunity of a lifetime. It helped me to realize what a strong person I am and when I set my mind to anything, I can do it."

Submitted by S/M Nicholas Sacco
Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron

NEWS NOTES

AIR FORCE SECRETARY DEPARTS

Air Force Secretary James Roche has resigned from his position and leaves the Air Force in an undetermined period without civilian leadership and pending high priority issues. Undersecretary Peter Teets, who has directed the Pentagon's space program and the National Reconnaissance Office, is postponing his retirement, but only for a brief period. Teets, who will be serving as Acting Secretary, has announced he will retire in March and move to Colorado. Hopefully, Congress will complete their hearings and act on a new Secretary before that time.

CESSNA EXPANDS

Cessna Aircraft Co. will expand its manufacturing facilities at Independence, Kansas with the building of a 90,000 sq. ft. building to house customer delivery operations and an 11,000 sq. ft. structure for aircraft completions. Both facilities will support production of single-engine, piston-powered aircraft and the new Citation Mustang.

USAF RECRUITING AMPLIFIED

USAF is expending increased efforts to attract recruits as well as convince current members that they made the right choice. A multi-million dollar contract has been awarded to an Austin, TX firm to develop a marketing and advertising cam-

paign ready to take-off in time for professional football's Super Bowl-2006.



CNN FEATURES CAP

In a first for Civil Air Patrol, CNN was allowed to accompany and film a CAP aircrew performing a Homeland Security training exercise for the Air Force. The segment aired as part of CNN's "Defending America" series.

Featured in the story was CAP Col. Rock Palermo, a Louisiana attorney who, with his crew, flew a target intercept mission assigned under the auspices of the North American Air Defense Command [NORAD].

During the exercise, Col. Palermo piloted the CAP plane, posing as a suspicious aircraft flying over restricted air space. The Air Force, upon detection, launched two F-15 fighter aircraft to intercept the CAP plane, allowing the Air Force to test the speed and efficiency of its response, as well as the effectiveness and quality of air defense radar, weapon systems, and operating procedures.

"It's an incredible experience to see those F-15's suddenly appear in the air beside you," Palermo said. "CNN had to work hard and fast to catch it on tape. When you're filming the real thing, you have to get it right the very first time."

CAP members frequently fly such missions. Because CAP is the volunteer civilian auxiliary of

the Air Force, the cost of using CAP's single-engine aircraft with volunteer crews is far less than the cost of using military aircraft and personnel for the same purpose.

"The cost of operating a CAP plane for this purpose is only about \$100 per hour," said Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, CAP National Commander. "That makes CAP one of today's best values in homeland security, and a force-multiplier for our military."

"We in CAP value our country's security and we value human life," Col. Palermo said. "Our volunteer members are honored to use our training and skills to protect both."

"We're extremely grateful for the commitment of all CAP members who give so generously of their time and talent to provide the many services to our nation, communities and citizens," said Brig. Gen. Antonio Pineda, CAP National Vice-Commander. "Our members train hard, practice continuously, and are always at-the-ready to respond professionally to a mission at any hour on any day."

This TV coverage of CAP is the second recent national video TV depiction. The History Channel filmed and showed the story of CAP's missions in the early 40's. The show was hosted by Hunter Ellis and included an interview with Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris, a WWII anti-submarine patroller.

Florida Wing Conference 2005 June 10-12



"It's the one time of year when we can get together with our friends or to really get to know someone from another unit. I consider it the premiere fellowship event of the year."

"I'm excited we're going to have a cadet conference [going on at the same time as the senior's conference] that's just *for* cadets, run *by* cadets."

"I'm looking forward to going. I've never been to a Wing Conference, and I think I could get a lot out of it that I could take back to my squadron."

"I might go to Disney World on Thursday before the conference. And maybe Sea World on Sunday... with my CAP friends!"

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Cadet Registration	\$20	\$25	\$35	\$45
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