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New Wing Commander Appointed



LtC. Howard R. Cumler, CAP, has accepted the position of Interim Wing Commander effective 1 September 1981.

LtC. Cumler has been a member of Civil Air Patrol since 1975, serving as Commander, North Tampa Cadet Squadron; Commander, Group 3; Commander, Sector C; and Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the Florida Wing. Active in both the cadet and senior programs, **LtC. Cumler** has commanded three cadet encampments and served on the staff of the Wing Director of Cadet Programs and the Wing's pilot program, Cadet Command and Staff School, as well as serving on the staff of Squadron Leadership School and the Florida Wing Squadron Staff School. He is a graduate of the Southeast Region Staff School. **LtC. Cumler** holds the recruiter's ribbon with four clasps, the search and rescue ribbon, the find ribbon, the leadership ribbon with bronze star, the membership ribbon, the exceptional service award, the commander's commendation, and the red service ribbon.

A native of Lakewood, Ohio, **LtC. Cumler** graduated from the Cleveland

State University with a degree in mechanical engineering after service in the United States Army. Following several work assignments in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he joined Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Naval Nuclear Program in 1962, transferring to the Commercial Nuclear Generation Plant in Tampa, Florida in 1971. Since 1976, he has been assigned to the Wyoming Mineral Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westinghouse Electric Corporation extracting uranium from phosphoric acid, as Manager, Procurement/Cost Control.

In addition to Civil Air Patrol, **LtC. Cumler** holds permanent membership in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, granted after twenty years'

service; is a member of the Florida West Coast Chapter of the National Purchasing Association; serves on the Board of Directors of the Lakeland Junior Achievement Program; and is a member of the Air Force Association's Chapter #124, Lake Region.

LtC. Cumler and his wife, the former **Karen Harmany** of Pittsburgh, reside in Lakeland with their three children. The entire family is active in Civil Air Patrol. **Captain Karen Cumler** serves as the Florida Wing Plans and Programs Officer, **C/LtC. William Cumler** is Cadet Commander of the Lakeland Cadet Squadron and Cadet Advisor to the Florida Wing Director of Training, and **C/2Lt. Kimberly Cumler** and **C/TSgt. Judith Cumler** are members of the Lakeland Cadet Squadron. □

British Air Cadets Visit Orlando

Article by **1Lt. Elaine M. Pavone**, CAP Public Affairs Officer for Seminole Cadet Squadron #08116 — Florida Wing.

On Saturday July 25, 1981, a company of 12 British Air Cadets and their Senior Escort flew into Orlando, Florida for a 10 day visit. These cadets are part of the program called the IACE (International Air Cadet Exchange) where foreign cadets visit the United States and American Cadets in the Civil Air Patrol visit various places in Canada, Europe, and the Far East.

The British Cadets and their Escort stayed with host families in the Central Florida area and toured Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, Walt Disney World, Navy Recruit Graduation, Wings and Wheels Museum, Daytona Beach, Lakeland Piper Aircraft Factory, and visited the Mayor of Orlando.

The cadets and their escort also attended a party and banquet in their honor and went flying at Herndon Air-

port in Orlando, Florida.

Before leaving for home on Tuesday August 4, 1981, the cadets were asked how they enjoyed their stay and if they regretted missing the Royal Wedding. In answer to those questions, the cadets responded that they had a wonderful time in America and that although they missed the Royal Wedding, they would not have missed coming to the U.S.A. for anything in the world! □

**Florida Wing
Wins 1980 SAR
Competition
For SE Region
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Florida Cadet Honored In National Convention

C/LtC. Paul A. Griffith, Florida Wing Cadet of the Year for 1981 and Southeast Region Cadet of the Year, was the first runner-up in the National Competition for the honor.

The National Headquarters Cadet of the Year Selection Board selected **C/Col. Alan Dickinson** of the Michigan Wing, as Outstanding Cadet of the Year, with **C/LtC. Griffith** being selected as the runner-up.

Arthur W. Ahl, Lt.C., USAF, Director of Training, wrote, "Congratulations to both of these fine young cadets. They can be very proud of their selection from a competitive group of 22 nominees". □



Commander's Corner

by **Howard R. Cumler**,
Lt. Col., CAP,
Commander, Florida Wing

Close The Back Door

We have all heard about the need to recruit more members into Civil Air Patrol to develop a bigger and better organization; we have heard from Wing, Region, and National commanders. We have not heard about the *back door* where our poor retention is hurting us.

During the GEER '81 period (July 1980 through June 1981), the Florida Wing recruited 967 cadets and 641 seniors. Yet, we ended the GEER '81 period with 222 fewer cadet members than when we started and only 24 more seniors.

The only reason anyone becomes a member of Civil Air Patrol is to become active in one of three missions — Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, or the Cadet Program. A new member has the right to adequate training in those areas. When cadets, after one year of membership, leave the program without ever having even one Orientation Flight, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing. When Squadron and Group staff officers fail to see the bulletins mailed out from Wing Headquarters, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to

be doing. When members are not even told about training activities in their local area, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing. When Squadrons and Groups do not follow Wing policy, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing. When Squadrons and Groups do not follow Wing policy, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing. When members choose to complain rather than support the program, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing. When senior members and cadets become inactive because meetings are poorly planned and only "hangar flying" results, WE are not accomplishing what we are supposed to be doing.

Until WE begin to carry out the Civil Air Patrol program and close the *back door*, we can never achieve our goal because all we will ever have is temporary members — recruited, passing through, and leaving after a year or two — because we do not offer them positive attitude, challenge, commitment, job training, directions, and, most of all, a sense of fellowship and belonging to the greatest organization in the nation...an organization that involves an individual from cadet membership as a young adult to senior citizenship.

Civil Air Patrol is the greatest organization in the nation. It provides young adults with the opportunity to acquire the skills to become the leaders of tomorrow, all of its members the opportunity to "rub shoulders" with the men and women of the United States Air Force, and its senior and cadet members the opportunity to provide humanitarian services to their communities, state, and nation.

Why Do They Leave By The Back Door?

I am enthusiastic, I am proud to be your Commander, and I will supply you with programs and direction to make the Florida Wing the "pace setter" for the nation, but YOU are going to have to do your jobs equally well or better so WE may all feel proud of our accomplishments.

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Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol has an account at the Southwest Florida Blood Bank, Inc., in Tampa. We encourage all members, when they donate blood, to

specify that their donations be credited to this account, and remind you that all members of the Florida Wing are eligible to draw from this account. □

ACROSS THE WING

The Ocala Composite Squadron announced their move from the old Bison Hangar at Jim Taylor Field to the Central Hangar.

Headquarters, Group 16 has announced plans for a banquet and awards night on 1 December at the Cypress Gardens Plaza in Winter Haven. The evening will also mark the 40th anniversary of Civil Air Patrol.

The Bay Area Senior Squadron published the first edition of its unit newsletter, *Lifeline*, in October. Members of the new squadron recently completed 24 hours of Advanced First Aid, instructed by **Major James Gilmore**, a member of the squadron, at Pasadena Hospital.

Group 7's recent Emergency Services Bivouac made the Channel 2 news. WESH-TV, an NBC affiliate, filmed part of the Airplane Crash Trauma and Treatment class conducted by **1Lt. Elaine M. Pavone**. **1Lt. Pavone** is the Seminole Cadet Squadron's Public Affairs Officer and a qualified EMT. Training activities at the Leesburg Airport also included compass and ground navigation, communications, ground direction of aircraft, and ramp checks.

Mr. Ronald Gagnon, instructor for the Saint Lucie County paramedics and fire department, recently taught First Aid and CPR courses for the Fort Pierce Composite Squadron.

Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron sponsored training for Group 3 cadets at the MacDill Air Force Base NCO Leadership School. Classes in discipline, communications, problem solving, and the Russian threat were presented by **SSgt. Halen** of the Leadership School. Participating cadets received Certificates of Accomplishment.

Cadets from St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron received Orientation Flights, thanks to **Captain Frank Hensel**, Pinellas Senior Squadron commander, and **Captain Ruth Hubert**, who flew the cadets in Group 17's Cessna 172.

Members of the Hollywood Composite Squadron had the opportunity to "fly" F-4's in the simulators at Homestead Air Force Base.

Captain Barbara Goddard, Orange City Composite Squadron

commander; **LtC. Clayton Miller**, Deland Composite Squadron commander; and **Captain Lillie Miller** represented Civil Air Patrol at the recent dedication of Orange City's Garland Safety Complex. The complex was named for Orange City's former police chief who was a charter member of the Orange City Composite Squadron. **Major** and **Mrs. Harry Criss**, the Group 6 commander and his wife, toured the complex prior to the dedication with **Chaplain Charles Fix** and the Orange City mayor, **Clarence Willey**, a member of the Orange City Composite Squadron. Space for a future squadron headquarters has been set aside in the Complex.

Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron enjoyed a basic communications class taught by **Mr. Larry Gisport**, Supervisor of Communications for Civil Defense. **Mr. Gisport** covered basic radio operations and types of radios available. The squadron also enjoyed a safety film provided by members of the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Service, and Civil Defense when they visited a squadron meeting recently.

Tico Composite Squadron is developing a rocketry program with a rocketry bivouac and contest schedule. The squadron assisted with the FAA General Aviation Pilot Survey this past summer.

The 130th SAR Senior Squadron has almost completed renovation of the Civil Air Patrol building at the North Perry Airport. **Captains Frank Ventimiglia, Hank Hartzell, Bob Jessup, and Roman Kolody** recently installed carpeting with the assistance of cadets **Peter Wargacki** and **Richard Campo** of the Everglades Cadet Squadron.

Members of the Tamiami Cadet Squadron visited Charleston, thanks to the support of the 90th Aerial Post Squadron, USAFR, and **Colonel Eugene Turano**. Activities included tours of "Old Charleston", the museum at The Citadel, the Charleston Navy Base, and the USS Richmond K. Turner, a missile cruiser.

Twenty-three members of Group 6 attended a Fly-In Brunch at River Ranch. Seven Group 6 aircraft were used.

Mr. Robert J. MacDonald of Venture Aloft, Ocala, introduced members of the Ocala Composite Squadron to hot air balloons at a recent squadron meeting. **Mr. MacDonald** demonstrated the assembly and flight preparation required for balloons and lectured on various types of balloons, balloon operation, safety, and FAA rules using a slide presentation that provided some colorful views of balloon meets and the different types of balloons. Members from Civil Air Patrol units in Marion, Citrus, and Levy counties joined the Ocala Composite Squadron for the activity.

North Tampa Cadet held a Leadership and Land Navigation Training Bivouac with communications, rappelling, and ELT location classes. Fifteen cadets and four seniors participated.

The Florida International Cadet Squadron recently arranged for a night tour of the Opalocka Tower. The squadron reported that the night tour was interesting even to members who had previously had the opportunity to tour the tower.

"Victims" from Patrick Cadet, T1-CO Composite, and Central Brevard Composite Squadron were part of a mock B-52 accident, complete with Civil Defense provided injuries. **C/Lt. Tim Phipps, C/TSgt. Jeff Eurgatis, Cadets Andrew Wetzel and Thomas Wyrick, and 2Lt. Tim Parnell** were made up with moulage and transported to the Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne. **LtC. Herbert Bogert, USAFR, and LtC. Nancy Gwinn, CAP,** evaluated the exercise.

The Florida International Cadet Squadron presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Major Robert Hussey**, Hialeah Branch Commander of the Salvation Army, for the use of their facilities and the support of the Moral Leadership program.

Cadets attempting the Computer Camp at Webber College this summer included **Anthony Sharp**, Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron, and **Judith Cumler**, Lakeland Cadet Squadron.

Nineteen cadets from Group 12 completed First Aid at Patrick Air Force Base. **Chris and Jean Comeau** from South Brevard Composite

ACTIVITIES



Squadron; **Jeff Eurgatis, Gene Malone, Cilia Porter, Brian Pariseau, Matt Clark and Ray Pecaut**, from Central Brevard Composite Squadron; **Dan Trombly, Andrew Wetzel, and John O'Neill, Jr.**, from Patrick Cadet Squadron; and **Shawn Krug, Jeff Nie, Fred Ramos, Troy Savoie, Ronald Rabaut, Frank Wise, Steve Sopko, and Herbert Missick** from TI-CO Composite Squadron participated in the course taught by **Col. Ralph Gwinn, LtC. Nancy Gwinn, and Vivian Kistner**.

Group 20 and Naples-based Civil Air Patrol units participated in the Coastland Center's Children's Fun Festival. The Festival was held to acquaint young people and their parents with the many organizations and activities available in the Naples area and to raise money for the Naples Community Hospital.

Fifty senior cadet members of Group 17 participated in SAR training and Orientation Flights at the Brooksville Airport recently. **Major Larry Upham, Major Jim Webster, and LtC. Kenneth McMahon** conducted the SAR training. In addition to orientation flights for the cadets attending, pilots were able to get checked out in the Group's corporate aircraft by **Captain Ernie Zeldenryke**.

Captain E. B. Bergman, Group 5's Public Affairs Officer, was featured in "Way Back When" in the July Issue of CIVIL AIR PATROL NEWS.

1Lt. Julian Warner set up a tour of the Miami International Control Tower for Group 15 members. Tower Chief, **Mr. Tom Jones**, and tour guide, **Mr. Russ Potter**, provided a slide presentation on the tower's operation and a video tape of the rescue operation following the 1973 crash of an airliner in the Everglades for 19 members of Group 15 as a part of the tour.

The Hollywood Composite Squadron held CPR training at the North Perry Airport for members of Group 9.

Captain Michael Feland of Enterprise Cadet Squadron completed his check ride in Group 10's corporate aircraft. **Captain Feland**, a CFII, will be available to provide orientation

flights to cadets in the Group.

The Pinellas Park Cadet Squadron did a TV spot for Channel 44, WTOG. **C/2C Mike Shelp** and **C/SSgt. Bobby Williams** set the Civil Air Patrol commercial up, with **Cadet Shelp** appearing on the camera.

Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron reports some successful fund-raising activities, thanks to the support of members, their families, and their friends. The squadron has held several car washes, bake sales, and a dance.

Group 16 reported that the Lake Wales "Daily Highlander" ran a photo article on the Florida Wing Squadron Staff School held at Webber College. Headlined, "Take a Look at CAP and What It Does in the Lake Wales Area", the article included photos of Group 16 Commander, **Major Dan Glisson**; the Group Deputy Commander, **Captain Vince Pickett**; and Group 16 members **Captain Earl G. Hodges, 1Lt. Randall Rose, and C/LtC. William H. Cumler**.

Twelve members of Group 17 combined business with pleasure when they joined members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary on a cruise in Tampa Bay. Discussions on the local Civil Air Patrol units' "Sun-Down" patrols and their ability to support the auxiliary's missions were combined with a day of fun in the sun and socializing with members of this similar emergency services organization.

Members of the TI-CO Composite Squadron were on hand for a night launch of a Delta Launch Vehicle carrying a business communications satellite payload. A tour of Mission Control followed the launch for **2Lt. Gay Hensley, Captain Arthur Hensley, LtC. Nancy Gwinn, C/2C Ronald Rabaut**, and Group Commander **Col. Ralph Gwinn**.

Group 3 squadrons provided communications for the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon at the University of Tampa.

Pinellas Senior Squadron members enjoyed an annual Fly-In to Cedar Key including lunch at the Captain's Table and a tour of the town. Twenty-five members in five aircraft made the flight.

Seminole Cadet Squadron had a

recruiting/public information booth at the Sanford Air Show. **C/MSgt. Julie Johnson** and **C/B Michelle Rucker** assisted **1Lt. Elaine Pavone**.

Seminole Cadet Squadron hosted Navy **Lt. Jim Philpott** who explained the criteria for entrance into the Naval Aviator Program. **Lt. Philpott** is a former cadet member of the squadron and served as cadet commander. He graduated from the Florida State University where he participated in the U.S. Air Force ROTC. He is attached to Fighter Squadron VF 111 and flies an F-14 Tomcat. Following his presentation, **Lt. Philpott** fielded questions from both cadets and senior members.

North Tampa Cadet Squadron held its annual Rocketry Bivouac at **Major Ken Rand's** property in Sidney. Cadets built rockets on Saturday morning, with rocketry safety on the afternoon schedule. Squadron **Chaplain 1Lt. John Williams** held services on Sunday morning. Cadets had the opportunity to see their rockets in action Sunday.

Central Brevard Composite Squadron, Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron, MacDill Cadet Squadron, North Tampa Cadet Squadron, and Tamiami Cadet Squadron all reported "celebrating" the end of summer. Central Brevard held a fun bivouac at Ichetucknee Springs with weekend activities including tubing down the river. Lantana-Lake Worth enjoyed good food, soft drinks, and dancing to music provided by **Lt. Glenn Griffin**. MacDill sponsored a family fun day at Hillsborough State Park with games and swimming followed by dinner. The squadron provided hot dogs and buns, and the families of members provided salads, baked beans, and desserts. North Tampa held a fun bivouac at the Hillsborough River State Park. Cadets and senior enjoyed swimming, canoeing, and paddleboating during the weekend. Tamiami spent a day skin-diving and swimming off Elliott Key in Biscayne Bay, thanks to **Mr. Stanley Balsley** and **Mr. Stanley Murray**, members of the Cutler Cove Power Squadron, who provided "marine transportation" for the activity. □

New Sector C Commander Named

LtC. Elizabeth Sedita, CAP, has been named Commander, Sector C, Florida Wing, effective 1 November 1981. She replaces **Major Linda J. Eddy**, who has joined the staff of **LtC. Thomas C. Welch**, Florida Wing Director of Cadet Programs.

LtC. Sedita has served as Com-

mander, Patrick Cadet Squadron, and Commander, Group 12. She will continue to carry out the duties of the Florida Wing Historian.

Major Eddy will have the responsibility of developing Wing-level training for cadet NCO's, junior cadet officers, and senior cadet officers in her new position. □



Colonel Ralph T. Gwinn is presented with the Charter for Group 12, Florida Wing by the outgoing Group Commander **Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Sedita**. **Lt. Colonel Al Seechaaf**, Florida Wing Executive Officer looks on. (Photo by **Maj. Cbet Brogan**)

Special Offer on Falcon Force Kits

The Center for Aerospace Education Development has announced a special rate of \$20.00 each for Falcon Force kits. Available only to Civil Air Patrol members and units, this offer is good through 31 December 1981.

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gold seals to be attached to the certificates as students complete the study fields. An initial supply adequate for 35 students is included in the kit, with additional wallet cards, certificates, and seals available from the Center.

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Public Affairs

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The quarterly Southeast Region newsletter, *SER Update*, has a new editor. **Major Sue Goss**, CAP, has asked that all units send her a copy of their monthly publications and articles of general Region interest. **Major Goss's** address is:

Major Sue Goss, CAP,
Editor, *SER Update*
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The Public Affairs office is currently developing a Wing newsletter contest. Watch for details in future Public Affairs bulletins and check your newsletter to be sure it is up to par. Units are again reminded that their unit charter number must be incorporated in the masthead of their publications.

Several units have included cartoons in recent issue of their newsletters. *Original* cartoons or artwork will add life to any publication, but a word of caution is in order . . . never reproduce published cartoons or other material without permission from the author or publisher.

2Lt. Dottie Stirling has joined the Florida Wing's Public Affairs Office. **Lt. Stirling** will be administering the monthly report of Public Affairs activity. All reports should continue to be sent to Wing Headquarters no later than the 10th of the following month.



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**From the
 Editor's Desk**

Karen H. Cumler, Captain,
 CAP, Editor, *Gator CAPers*

I'd like to put on my Plans and Programs Officer's "hat" and thank all of the members of the Florida Wing for their support of the Fall Wing Commander's Call. I heard nothing but compliments from the management and staff of the Plant City Holiday Inn and the Towne Hall Convention Center about what a great brunch of people you are, and I hope each of you had the opportunity during the weekend to learn something new about Civil Air Patrol and to get acquainted with least one new fellow member of the greatest Wing in the nation.

Final registration topped out at 260 with 230 attending the banquet in **Colonel Richard L. Leali's** honor on Saturday evening, which was a most impressive event with four past Wing Commanders present: **Brigadier General Hal DuPont**, **Colonel Henri Casenove**, **Colonel Ralph Gwinn**, and **Colonel Robert Owen**.

The banquet program was videotaped for presentation to **Colonel Leali**, and a copy should be shown at the Wing Conference at the Ramada Inn North, Tampa, during the first weekend in May.

Special thanks go to **1Lt. Barbara McCoy**, Palm Beach Cadet Squadron; **Captain Anne Archer**, who has joined Wing staff as the Plans and Programs Coordinator for Sector A; and **C/SSgt. Judith Cumler**, Lakeland Cadet Squadron, for their assistance at the Registration Desk and in administrative support; to **C/LtC. William Cumler**, Lakeland Cadet Squadron for provided ground transportation; and to **Major John Stootman** and the Group 3 personnel who provided communications. □

New Liaison Officer Assigned To Florida Wing



Lt. Col. Dick Read

LtC. Dick Read is the new Air Force Liaison Officer for the Florida Wing replacing **LtC. Mike Mills** who is retiring.

LtC. Read is from Sycamore, Illinois where he attended elementary and high school. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Texas Lutheran College in 1972 and a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Troy State University, Alabama in 1977. He has completed Squadron Officer's School, Air Command and Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and attended the Air War College in 1977.

He entered the Air Force as an Aviation Cadet in 1958 and completed Navigator Training in 1959 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the regular Air Force.

He served as an instructor and standardization/evaluation navigator in Strategic Air Command until 1963 when he entered pilot training. He was awarded his pilot's wings in 1964 and was transferred to Japan where he flew C-130s for the 815th Troop Carrier Sqdn. During the next four years he accumulated 500 hours of combat time in South Vietnam. In 1968, he was transferred to Saigon, VN. where he was responsible for scheduling the C-130 Tactical Airlift Operations.

He returned to Randolph AFB, Tx in 1969 where he became an instructor pilot in the USAF Instrument Pilot Instructor's School. In 1973, he was assigned as Hq. Air Force Representative to the FAA Southern Region Hq. in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1977, he attended the Air War College and upon graduation was assigned to the United States Readiness Command Hq. at MacDill AFB, Fl as an Air Operations Officer. In 1980, he was selected as part of the initial cadre to form the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force Hq. in response to President Carter's Mid-East Foreign Policy.

LtC. Read assumed his present duties in August 1981.

He is a Senior Pilot with 2900 hours in a variety of aircraft, including the KB-50, T-37, T-38, T-39, T-29 and the C-130.

Among his decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

LtC. Read is married to the former **Marlis Elmquist** of Stromsburg, Neb. They have two daughters, **Lynn** and **Kristy**, who are students at the University of South Florida in Tampa. □

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National and Regional Staff Colleges

The National Staff College has been scheduled for 29 July-7 August, 1982 at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Applicants are required to have completed a Regional Staff College and should send CAPF 17 to Wing Headquarters no later than 30 April, 1982.

The Southeast Regional Staff College has been scheduled for 22-28 August, 1982. Applicants are required to have completed Squadron Leadership School and should submit CAPF 17 to Wing Headquarters no later than 15 July, 1982.

Past Wing Commander Thanks Florida Wing

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as Commander of the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol during the past four years. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Wing during this period of time, and I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the more important ones.

1. A total increase in membership from 2,997 members on 31 July, 1977 to 4,007 members as of 31 May, 1981. This represents a 34% growth in membership.

2. An increase in chartered units from 88 on 31 July 1977 to 127 as of 4 August 1981. This represents a net increase of 39 newly-chartered units.

3. The resumption of the State of Florida appropriation for Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and the obtaining of \$250,000 in appropriated funds.

4. Modernization and standardization of the Florida Wing Corporate Aircraft Fleet in addition to increasing the number of Corporate aircraft from 13 on 31 July, 1977 to 18 as of 4 August, 1981.

5. The establishment of a Florida Wing Centralized Aircraft Maintenance Fund which not only provides for the ongoing maintenance of all of our Corporate aircraft, but also has a fund balance in excess of \$25,000.

6. The obtaining of a permanent 10 acre site on the Ocala Airport for the future construction of a Florida Wing Training Center and encampment facility.

7. The complete renovation of Florida Wing Headquarters at relatively no cost to Civil Air Patrol.

8. Several innovative programs for cadets including:

a. The Uniform: Changing With The Times — an opportunity for new cadets to progress through the first four achievements wearing the CAP jumpsuit and continuing with contemporary hair styles.

b. All-Year Type A Cadet Encampment Program — opportunities for cadets to attend Type A Encampments during Spring recess and Christmas vacation as well as during the summer vacation.

c. Annual Florida Wing CAP Fly Day — on 21 June 1981, the last Fly Day, 261 cadets were flown 185 hours in 25 Corporate and member-owned aircraft.

9. Support of the 1980 Congress on

Aerospace, held in Orlando, including participation by some 250 Florida Wing members in a special Mini-Congress held concurrently.

I am appreciative of the opportunity of having served Civil Air Patrol during the past four years, and I am especially appreciative of the support I received from many members within the Florida Wing.

My best wishes to each and everyone of you for continued success in the Civil Air Patrol program. Working together, I know that you can continue to keep Florida Wing the best in the nation!

Richard L. Leali, Sr., Colonel,
CAP, Past Commander,
Florida Wing

Misquote Of The Month

Several newsletters have printed it, and many members have repeated it, *but...it is NOT Florida Wing Policy to require members to retake a Level 1 Clinic every three years.*

National policy requires any member rejoining Civil Air Patrol —

regardless of former rank, length of service, or length of lapse in membership — to retake a Level 1 Clinic if more than two years have passed since their last Level 1 Clinic at the time of rejoining Civil Air Patrol.

At the Fall Wing Commander's Call, the Wing Commander *recommended* that members of the Florida Wing who completed their Level 1 Clinic more than three years ago take the opportunity to attend the *new* Level 1 Clinic the next time it is offered in their area. This recommendation was made for two reasons:

(1) The "old" members will get a first-hand look at the new audio-visual presentation being made by the Level 1 Clinic to new members and give them a chance to get acquainted with those new members and welcome them to Civil Air Patrol.

(2) "Old" members who have previously taken the Level 1 Clinic may "retake" the Level 1 Clinic whenever offered and request that the instructor certify completion so that their CAP Form 45a may be annotated by their unit commander to show the most recent Level 1 Clinic completed. This may save you from retaking a Level 1 Clinic if you should have a lapse in membership. □

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Encampment Attendance Awards

Sixteen cadet/composite squadrons were recognized for achieving encampment attendance goals at the Fall Wing Commander's Call by sending at least one-third of those cadets not previously having attended an encampment to the NTC Type B and Sector Type B encampments held during the spring and summer of 1981.

Recognized were:

- Group 1 08365 Wewahitchka Composite Squadron
- Group 2 08173 Santa Rosa Composite Squadron
- Group 3 08089 MacDill Cadet Squadron
- Group 4 08327 Hudson Cadet Squadron
- Group 5 08159 Palm Beach Cadet Squadron
08024 Stuart Cadet Squadron
- Group 9 08026 Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron
08337 Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron
- Group 10 08355 Tamiami Cadet Squadron
08090 Enterprise Cadet Squadron
- Group 11 08314 Blue Max Composite Squadron
- Group 13 08013 Ocala Composite Squadron
- Group 15 08319 Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron
- Group 17 08084 Pinellas Park Cadet Squadron

Attention All Members

Listed below are the deadline dates for editorial material for the 1982 issues of the magazine. In order to meet our publication dates, it is imperative that we have your material by the deadlines indicated below:

Wing Editorial Deadlines
Feb. 26 May 28 August 27

Please send all editorial material to Civil Air Patrol member (designated by Wing Headquarters) by Wing editorial deadline date.

GEER '81 Awards

GEER '81 awards were presented to Group 11, first place; Group 7, second place; and Group 13, third place, at the Fall Wing Commander's Call in October. **Major Linda J. Eddy**, Sector C Commander, was recognized for her outstanding management of the GEER program within the Sector resulting in Sector C groups achieving the highest average group score in the GEER '81 program.

GEER '81 standings were:

1st Place Group 11 25,070 Points

2nd Place	Group 7	14,277 Points
3rd Place	Group 13	14,226 Points
4th Place	Group 6	12,553 Points
5th Place	Group 15	12,318 Points
6th Place	Group 9	11,962 Points
7th Place	Group 16	10,444 Points
8th Place	Group 5	10,376 Points
9th Place	Group 12	9,747 Points
10th Place	Group 2	9,560 Points
11th Place	Group 17	9,530 Points
12th Place	Group 3	8,957 Points
13th Place	Group 10	8,836 Points
14th Place	Group 4	8,790 Points
15th Place	Group 8	8,272 Points
16th Place	Group 1	8,253 Points
17th Place	Group 14	6,753 Points
18th Place	Group 18	4,540 Points

Aerospace Education Handbook To Be Published

You may recall mention being made from time to time in this Bulletin of an Aerospace Education Handbook. This is a volume compiled initially when I was AEO for Group 3 and has since been distributed to selected units in Wing. There are now plans in the works to republish it and to make it available to units throughout the Wing.

The Handbook contains a series of AE session outlines on various subjects. Accompanying these are suggestions for training aids, related material for further study, tours which are related to the classroom subject material, and forms to be copied for classroom use. Examples of topics are: Basic Aerodynamics, Basic Aeronautical Navigation, Use of the Time/Distance Computer, Course Plotting and Flight Planning, Meteorology — Air Masses and Fronts, and Search and Rescue.

The purpose of the Handbook is to provide support to the new AEO, but it has come in handy for the old hand. The Handbook, in and of itself, does

not provide a "script". However, with some lesson preparation beforehand, it serves to structure the classroom session and provide the framework upon which dialog between the AEO and the students can be expanded.

The Handbook is modularly constructed so that additional sections can be inserted. As new material is developed (hopefully some of you will contribute), it will be edited, published, and made available to Handbook recipients.

We are shooting for a year-end 1981 availability date for the republished volume. We've decided to make it available on a request basis so that we're sure that it will be used, maintained, and passes on to successor AEO's or STO's in the unit. Also, this approach will provide a name to whom we can forward additional material later. If you would like a copy — no cost (thanks to my company which is picking up the publication expense) — fill in the form below.

Ray S. Taylor

AEROSPACE EDUCATION HANDBOOK ORDER FORM

Please send me a copy of the Florida Wing Aerospace Education Handbook. I agree to see that it is maintained for use in my unit, or to pass this responsibility to my successor if I am no longer in my position.

Name _____ Rank _____ Unit Number _____

Unit Name _____ Position In Unit _____

Mail completed form to: **Ray S. Taylor**, Capt. CAPM EDI, Hq. Florida Wing, 8850 Binnacle Way, Orlando, FL 32812. □



AEROSPACE

A Reawakening

by **Ray S. Taylor, Capt. CAP,**
Director of Aerospace Education

A reawakening is sweeping Civil Air Patrol — a new recognition of the significance of the Aerospace Education Mission of CAP. In the wake of the incredible successes of the Voyager space craft, the Space Shuttle, and the impact of aerospace technology on today's society (just think about the Air Traffic Controller's strike, for instance!) the importance of *Aerospace Literacy* is taking on a vastly increased emphasis.

CAP members, by their very association with Civil Air Patrol, must be Aerospace Literate themselves, as well as leading advocates of Aerospace Literacy in the general populace. Let me tell you how I see this concept being applied, within Florida Wing, and in support of our external Aerospace Education mission.

Cadet Program Aerospace Education

This program has been in place for some time, and is primarily involved with Phase II of a cadet's progression. The material available for cadet study is excellent; **Aerospace '81** and its predecessors offer an outstanding exposure to a number of aerospace disciplines. As good as this program is, however, there are some things we can do to make it better. Following are some thoughts:

- Assignment of senior members to Squadron and Group aerospace positions is a must! A program cannot be effective without enthusiastic leadership. The Aerospace Education Officer is responsible, not only for assisting cadets through the various achievement contracts, but for structuring and carrying out all aspects of the unit AE program — a big job!
- The linkage between the academics and the practical side of Aerospace Education needs to be strengthened. Classroom sessions should have accompanying activities which reinforce them. Orientation flights should not be given without first acquainting the cadets with the nature of the flight, and what they are suppos-

ed to learn from it. This linkage is an important key in improved learning, and the retention of the material taught.

- The post-Phase II cadet program materials do not carry on an Aerospace Education emphasis. If the Aerospace Literacy concept is to be real, AE must be an on-going part of the senior cadet's CAP life. Senior cadets can continue to be involved in the Aerospace Education Program as assistants to the AEO. This technique has been successfully used by a number of units, through cadets leading aerospace current event sessions and serving as instructors of particular aerospace classroom periods.

Senior Member Aerospace Education

The CAP Senior Member Program currently has no structured Aerospace Education except for that specialty track. However, the Aerospace Literacy concept is as applicable to seniors as it is to cadets. National Headquarters has announced a program of Aerospace Education for senior members. As currently conceived, it is to be based on CAP's aerospace text *Aerospace — the Challenge*. A test is being proposed, much like the Mitchell Test for cadets, which will be a requirement for senior progression past Level II. The program, once fully developed, will be piloted using Wing Commanders as the initial students. I will keep you posted as the specifics develop.

External Aerospace Education Program

Each CAP member has a stake in CAP's external Aerospace Education program — the familiarization of the general public with aerospace and its monumental importance. Florida Wing will continue to support this important activity by providing periodic publications to schools informing them of materials available from Civil Air Patrol. Wing Headquarters AE personnel should be looked upon as a resource to all Florida Wing Group and Squadron personnel to support contacts with local schools.

How are we going to achieve an improved Florida Wing Aerospace Education Program? The following

points apply:

- The command emphasis coming from National, Region, and Wing must be picked up and amplified by Group and Squadron commanders. A serious "think Aerospace Education" program must be launched.
- As mentioned above, AEO positions must be staffed! Additionally, once assigned, AEO's need to know what the job entails. In this latter vein, a seminar to train AEO's is being developed for introduction in the Sector Staff School curriculum.
- Resources must be identified and exploited. National Headquarters CAP offers many materials. The Aerospace Education Handbook, announced for republication in the September AE Bulletin, is another aid. The USAF LO's represent an extremely valuable, and willing asset. And a wealth of external resources exist — many for the asking.
- We need visibility of what's going on in AE around the Wing. To this end, a quarterly Aerospace Education Report will be proposed which will measure quality as well as quantity of AE activities. The newly implemented PACE program also recognizes AE and offers points for the identification of unit AEO's.

Aerospace Education is reassuming its rightful place of importance in Civil Air Patrol's missions. Please join with me in supporting this reawakening, in selling the idea and importance of Aerospace Literacy, both within and outside of CAP.

It's Won't Happen By Itself

by **Ray S. Taylor, Capt., CAP**
Director of Aerospace Education

In my last *Gator CAPers* article, I reviewed the results of the Aerospace Education Resource Questionnaire which had been sent to Florida Wing units in October, 1980. Since then, I've been doing some listening, and some talking, and have decided that my conclusion then was correct:

EDUCATION



Florida Wing is badly understaffed in Aerospace Education Officers. Since the AEO is at the core of the effectiveness of our AE program, I feel compelled to write on the subject again — to reiterate what I see as Florida Wing's most urged AE need.

One instance where the lack of the AE staffing was underscored was a discussion I had a few months ago with a Group DCP. He was a very CAP-knowledgeable gentleman indeed, and very perceptive in his view of AE and its importance to CAP. He also recognized the importance of the AEO in leading and coordinating the program. I think he was particularly sensitive to the issue because, at the time, there were no AEO's in units within his group.

The May, 1981 Wing Conference in Tampa served to emphasize, once again, our AEO need. We had a good turn-out at the AE Seminar with some 28 senior members and cadets attending a two hour give and take session on AE. It was interesting to note that, of the total, only four listed AE as their duty assignment within their unit. The presence of the remainder, non-AEO's, was perhaps all the more significant since they apparently felt that AE was important to them and their organization, and I'm sure they had other things to think about.

Hopefully, we all agree that AE is one of the cornerstones of CAP. If this is the case, it certainly deserves attention from a staffing point of view. How-recognizing an issue's importance and doing something about it are sometimes vastly different, in spite of well directed intentions. It won't do us much good to suggest additional AE activities and provide additional training material and suggestions if a unit does not have an AEO to follow through. It is therefore up to the unit and Group senior leadership to recognize this need and the important of filling it.

Getting an AEO who will pursue the job on a well motivated basis isn't easy. The February, 1981 AE Bulletin had some suggestions which I'll repeat below:

- The most obvious place is within the unit. Perhaps there's someone who could rise to the challenge who's already in the ranks.
- Science or aerospace instructors

in local schools would make terrific AEO's.

- Employees from fixed base operators at local airports might be desirable candidates.
- Air carrier personnel should also be considered, although schedules are sometimes difficult to work around.
- The aviation arms of law enforcement agencies often contain highly motivated individuals with good aviation skills.
- Military, or military related people, such as USAF, Army, Navy, ANG, AFA members, American Legion, and VFW members.
- How about the members of local Experimental Aircraft Association chapters?
- Why not ask your local USAF Assistance officer. He may be able to make some good suggestions.

Some good points came out of the AE Seminar at the May Wing Conference as well. In answer to the question: what do we have to do to recruit more AEO's?, one attendee suggested that enthusiasm was needed to convince people that this was a CAP career of importance. The recent success of the Space Shuttle was cited as a good example of an event which should be used to generate this enthusiasm. Another senior member suggested that a "train the trainer" workshop might take some of the dread out of having to stand up in front of a group and teach, perhaps dealing with subject material which is unfamiliar. This is a good idea, and will be pursued with Wing Director of Training LtC. **Jim Mowbray** to see what might be set up, perhaps on a Sector basis.

But the bottom line point, as I see it, is the need to get on with the task of Aerospace Education Officer recruiting. Once the people are there, our AE potential will know no bounds. I'd appreciate a Wing-wide emphasis on this in all units. Aerospace Education is a big job — and most certainly one that will not happen by itself.

I'd like to extend a special welcome to these Aerospace Education Officers:

LtC. Don Williams, Headquarters, Group 17; **Captains Clinton Wing**, Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron; **S/M Robert L. Renick**, Osceola

Composite Squadron; **Captain Bruce M. Johnson**, Hollywood Composite Squadron; **Captain Heywood C. Massara**, Brandon Cadet Squadron; **Major Sam Spieker**, Headquarters, Group 15.

Also, I think congratulations are in order to **1Lt. Wilbur J. Williams**, Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron, who attended the Aerospace Education Workshop at the University of Central Florida this past summer. □

Aerospace Education In Action

Sixteen members of Tamiami Cadet Squadron attended a Private Pilot Ground School in July to prepare for the FAA Private Pilot Written Examination. **Captain Eric M. Perle**, Assistant Aerospace Education Officer for the squadron, was the instructor. **Captain Perle** holds many FAA ratings, including AGI, CFII, and ATP.

Twelve members passed the written examination with scores of 70% or better. High scores of 93% were racked up by **C/WO Henry Gendron**, Squadron Commander, **Captain Robert Flanagan**, and **WO Todd Puglise**. Other scores were: **C/1C Robert Closius**, 90%; **C/2Lt. Michael Durovick**, 85%; **C/SSgt. Greg Faltin**, 82%; **C/Capt. Michael Hayes**, 88%; **C/2Lt. David Horowitz**, 92%; **C/WO Steven Salinsky**, 75%; **C/B Stephanie Smith**, 70%; **C/TSgt. Lynn Turano**, 85%; and **C/SSgt. William Witzig**, 77%. The training was especially timely and effective for solo qualified students **Turano**, **Horowitz**, and **Gendron**, and cadets **Salinsky**, **Faltin**, and **Hayes**, currently in flight training.

Plans include a repeat of the Private Pilot Ground School with the addition of Commercial and Instrument sessions in the future. □



CADET CORNER

C/WO Rual Valdes has been appointed Cadet Commander of the McCoy Cadet Squadron. **C/WO Valdes** replaces **C/2Lt. Don Feliciano** who has joined the Navy and will attend Nuclear Power School after completing basic training.

Mark Penland, past Cadet Commander of the Seminole Cadet Squadron, is now stationed at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, where he serves with the 2851st Security Police Squadron.

C/2Lt. Richard E. Hebblethwaite has been named Cadet Commander of the Florida Air National Guard Composite Squadron in Jacksonville. **C/2Lt. Hebblethwaite** replaces **C/2Lt. Lewis F. McMullen, Jr.**, who has entered the Senior Transition Program and is now attending Clearwater Christian College.

C/2Lt. David E. Prescott, Florida Air National Guard Composite Squadron, has entered the Army. He hopes to attend the Army's Flight School and become a helicopter pilot.

C/WO Steven Salinsky was named outstanding cadet of the year by the Tamiami Cadet Squadron. **C/WO Salinsky** serves as cadet deputy commander of the squadron.

C/LtC. John R. O'Neill, Jr., Patrick Cadet Squadron, and **C/LtC. Charles Brown, II**, McCoy Cadet Squadron, were honored at a formal banquet by the Order of Daedalians as outstanding cadets from Group 12 and Group 7, respectively, at Patrick Air Force Base's Officer's Club.

Flight scholarships have been awarded to **C/TSgt. Steven Parks**, Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron; Cadet **Kenneth Broyles**, Deland Composite Squadron; **C/TSgt. Zoraida Garcia**, North Dade Cadet Squadron; and **C/WO Henry Guidon** and **C/SSgt. Greg Faltin**, Tamiami Cadet Squadron.

C/Major Mitchell L. Hayes, Tamiami Cadet Squadron, made his first solo flight on 9 August in N5672G, the Corporate Cessna 150 managed by the Tamiami Cadet Squadron. **C/Major Hayes** was the first cadet to solo in the aircraft after nine months of rebuilding the plane. His mother presented him his "wings" at the next unit meeting. **C/Major Hayes** will transfer to the Connecticut Wing due to his parents' transfer of employment. His father, the unit chaplain, received his promotion to the rank of captain, and **C/Major Hayes** was presented with a scrapbook of unit activities at their last meeting before moving.

Seminole Cadet Squadron announced that two cadet officers have joined the Air Force. **C/WO Benny Guardado** will enter aircraft maintenance after basic training, and **C/2Lt. Richard Raychell** will enter aircraft bombardment maintenance.

Three cadets from the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Survival School this past summer: **C/LtC. Matt Maranto**, **C/LtC. Tom Kaczmarek**, and **C/Maj. Chris Carolin**.

C/Maj. Mike Lawler visited Austria on IACE. A member of the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron, **C/Maj. Lawler** has been awarded a one-year scholarship at Auburn to study Computer Science.

Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron member, **C/Lt. Scott Taylor** attended ATCFC in Columbus, Mississippi.

C/2Lt. Mark Boas, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron, won a four-year scholarship to Purdue in NROTC. He is a private pilot with CAP wings and hopes to earn his Navy wings at Purdue. □

CAC...

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and that the tenure of this year's Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council has come to an end. It has been my great privilege and pleasure to chair the 1980-1981 CAC for the #1 Wing in the nation. We've accomplished many things this year, such as overcoming a two-year lapse of no council and the recent bad attitude associated with CAC. We've laid a basic operating framework — the SOP, we've had council supervised cadet activities at Wing functions and taken a more active part and lead in Southeast Region CAC. There are many more things that we've accomplished, but I've just touched on the highlights. However, there is more to be done in the upcoming years. I hope that every cadet and senior will take an active role in not only further improving the cadet program but the whole Civil Air Patrol program.

I would like to thank my closest friends and officers for all of the help and guidance they have given me this past year, for without that help I, and the CAC, could have done nothing. I also wish the best of luck and my hopes for success to next year's CAC Chairman, **C/LtC. Matthew Maranto**, and his staff. I hope that you will support them as well as many of you have supported me. Thank you once again, and please keep in contact.

Paul A. Griffith, Jr., C/LtC.,
CAP, FL WG CAC Chairman —
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Hudson Cadet Squadron adapted the custom of "shirt-tailing" for cadets taking their first airplane ride. Cadet **Donna Osten** became the first cadet in the squadron to "donate" to the "Shirt Tail Hall of Honor", with the assistance of cadets **Kevin** and **Eric Smith**.

Cadet Promotions

08084 Mike Skelp — C/2C
 Cecily Fix — C/1C
 Wayne Seibert — C/MSgt.
 James Walters — C/2Lt.
 08089 William L. Kabrich — C/2C
 Ralph Alfonso — C/2C
 Rick J. Trinkle — C/2C
 Natalie M. Buda — C/1C
 Ruth A. Brisbin — C/Sgt.
 Christopher S. Robinson — C/SSgt.
 Vincent K. Goldner — C/TSgt.
 Lester E. Preston — C/MSgt.
 Michael C. Preston — C/WO
 Kathy M. Chambers — C/WO
 Eric Savelle — C/WO
 Steven A. Stockford — C/Cpt.
 08243 Robert Hines — C/1C
 Johnny Durrant — C/1C
 Troy Rodriguez — C/2C
 08318 Douglas Aponte — C/2C
 Virgil Lasaga — C/2C
 William Loreda — C/2C
 Joseph Reis — C/2C
 Darin Riuz — C/2C
 Eddy Obrer — C/WO
 William Obrer — C/2Lt.
 Juan Ruiz — C/2Lt.
 Jorge Garcia — C/1Lt.

Juan Suarez — C/1Lt.
 Joel Herrera — C/Maj.
 08335 Johnie L. Johnson — C/TSgt.
 Thomas Boswink — C/WO
 Deborah Keller — C/2C
 Martha Richardson — C/2C
 Pedro Dove — C/2C
 Jenine Jones — C/2C
 Melynie Enos — C/1C
 Robert Closius — C/Sgt.
 William Witzig — C/Sgt.
 Richard Closius — C/Sgt.
 Greg Faltin — C/TSgt.
 Michele Press — C/TSgt.
 Henry Genron — C/MSgt.
 Steven Salinsky — C/WO
 Mitchell Hayes — C/Maj.
 08357 Ken Camp — C/2C
 Michael Nelson — C/2C
 John Wiley — C/2C
 Oliver Rodriguez — C/2C
 Shawn Krug — C/2C
 Ellen Knight — C/1C
 Mario Perciro — C/Sgt.
 Steve Sopko — C/SSgt.
 Angelo Williams — C/Capt.
 GP 15 Eric Espino — C/1C
 Susan Heide — C/MSgt.



A dual presentation of the Billy Mitchell Award was made recently to Cadets **Scott Taylor** and **Steven Parks** by LtC. **Tom Welch**, DCP, Florida Wing and Lt. **Jim Cox**, Commander, Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron. It was just seven years to the month that Col. **Welch** made a similar presentation to Cadets **Jim Cox** and **Ronny Geroux** at the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron when he was commander of the squadron. History does have a way of repeating itself when you've been in the Cadet Program as long as Col. **Welch** has.

Tamiami Cadet Squadron Receives Colors

Officer **Bill Williams** of the City of Miami Beach Police Department and Coordinator of the Miami Beach Police Athletic League, "PAL", presented an American flag to the Tamiami Cadet Squadron in September.

Cadet Commander, C/1Lt. **David Horowitz** accepted the flag for the squadron's newly-formed color guard. □

Cadet Appointed to West Point

C/LtC. **Doug Sena**, a member of the Seminole Cadet Squadron in Altamonte Springs, has accepted an appointment to West Point.

A graduate of Lake Howell High School, C/LtC. **Sena** was a member of the National Honor Society. He received nominations to both the Air Force Academy and West Point, as well as two full four-year scholarships from both Air Force and Army ROTC. In addition, he has received a \$500 Civil Air Patrol scholarship.

C/LtC. **Sena** began his training at West Point in July. □

What I Did In Austria

by C/Maj. **Don Barnes**,
 Deputy Cadet Commander,
 North Tampa Cadet Squadron

For those of you who wondered where I had disappeared to, I was on assignment in Austria with IACE. IACE stands for International Air Cadet Exchange and has 25 participating countries which have air clubs similar to Civil Air Patrol.

In Austria, it is the Aero-Club of Austria, a state-run organization. The Aero-Club has no uniform and does not perform any SAR activities. Its main job is training pilots. Because operating a plane in Austria is rather expensive, the government offers lessons and flying time for its pilots at a very low price (approximately half of what it is here).

There were six Americans, including myself and our escort, two Canadians, two Israelis, and two Turkish cadets in our group. After arriving at Rhein-Main Air Base in West Germany, we had a six-hour van trip to Salzburg, just inside the Austrian border. From there a three-hour train trip took us to Wein. While there we toured the city and saw several palaces, historical monuments and gardens. At the flying school in Spitzburg, near the Czech border, we did some glider flying later that day and also visited the marker where the Czack, Hungarian, and Austrian borders meet. We also saw the large cathedral and several other churches. We visited a park and heard the old Vienna waltzes in an outdoor concert and attended a wine festival.

In Graz we visited the Riegersburg Castle, visited a hill overlooking Graz, visited an open air museum, saw a small air show at Aerodrome Firstenfeld, visited the Lurgrotte Caves, and flew to Maridor, Yugoslavia.

In Klagenfurt we visited the airport, toured a lake, and a grill party.

In Zellam Sie we did more glider flying and regular flying. We visited Water Falls Lake Glacier (Kitzsteinhorn), well known for summer skiing.

Returning to Salzburg, we toured the city, saw several cathedrals, and had a farewell party.

It was a lot of fun, and I would encourage anyone who gets a chance to apply. It will be the time of your life.

Auf Wiedersehen! □



Safety Corner



Colonel L.H. McCormack, CAP, Southeast Region Commander, has issued guidelines which all Civil Air Patrol pilots should observe while the ATC system is limited in capability due to loss of Air Traffic Controllers.

In the Southeast Region, **Colonel McCormack** has directed that all Civil Air Patrol pilots should read and be familiar with these guidelines and review them before each flight. The guidelines have been distributed to all units, and a copy should be placed and retained in all Corporate aircraft, readily available to pilots and air crews.

Safety Precautions During Lowered Air Traffic Controller Availability

All CAP flying personnel are cautioned to observe the following general operating guidelines in times of limited ATC capacity — i.e., while the Air Traffic Controller system is being rebuilt:

1. Always check NOTAMS. Ask for them. FSS personnel are not required to give them automatically.
2. Whenever it is safe to fly VFR, do so to avoid putting an increased burden on the system. But, advise FSS and ATC when feasible when approaching possible congested areas.
3. Be particularly aware of other VFR traffic, including military.
4. Many towers at airports have been closed or reduced in hours of operation. If closed, use the same airport advisory procedures — on the tower frequency — as you would at an airport without the towers. Stage III service may be suspended. Consult NOTAMS.
5. VFR service at certain TCAs has been suspended. Consult NOTAMS.
6. For IFR, there is flow control which means only a given number of IFR flights are ac-

cepted each hour. The number changes often each hour. Check with FSS about restrictions along your route.

7. If you are an emergency, or a medical evacuation or air search flight, advise FSS. Flow restrictions do not apply.
8. Some IFR flights can be completed by "tower enroute" service. This is done by keeping the route totally in less crowded Approach Control Air space. Ask your FSS for best altitude.
9. Plan your flight for non-peak hours. Peak airline times are normally early morning and middle to late afternoon. Avoid these times for better handling.
10. File for preferential routes, where published. Ask FSS.
11. File IFR flight plans no more than 6 hours and no less than one hour before expected departure time.
12. Try to schedule instrument flight instruction for off-peak hours. Check with appropriate ATC facilities to determine best times.
13. Avoid temptations to short-cut the system. Let's keep our CAP flying cooperative, careful and SAFE.

L. H. McCormack, Colonel, CAP, Commander, SER □



by **LtC. George J. Rennard**, Florida Wing Chaplain

One word, and yet, so full of power! We do research to discover new sources of energy, and have been successful to a degree, but incur many dangers in the process.

We in Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol need to re-discover the avenues to success that lie before us by merely becoming willing to conform to the rules and regulations of this great source of power of which the *first* and most *difficult* step is *humility*.

Not long ago, the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain was granted to me by the National Commander, **Gen. John-**

Chaplain's Corner

Co-Operation!

nie Boyd, that of National Chaplain of 1981.

I wondered why I was given such high honor and discovered that it was not because of one or two great outstanding deeds, but faithful service and *co-operation* with my fellow officers through the years that counted!

In my acceptance speech I referred to the Church as my source for the above qualifications and I add here: how wonderful it would be if every unit in Florida Wing had a Chaplain to instill the spirit of *Co-Operation* into every member. This is my prayer and my goal. I'll really appreciate your help and patience! God bless you all. □

Fraternal Group Supports CAP

The St. Petersburg Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles presented the Pinellas Senior Squadron with a \$300 donation to be used for maintenance of the Group 17 Corporate aircraft based at the Squadron.

Captain Frank Hensel, Squadron Commander, and **Major Arthur Trinque**, Commander of Group 17, made a presentation to the Aerie on the origin, organization, and mission of Civil Air Patrol and the mission of the Pinellas Senior Squadron in emergency services.

Following an outstanding dinner and an evening of good fellowship, Aerie President, **Al McClinic**, presented **Captain Hensel** with a check for \$300. According to **Captain Hensel**, "It should be noted that this donation reflected the efforts of the Aerie for that one evening and came strictly from donations. Needless to say, their efforts are greatly appreciated." □

★ ★ ASSIGNMENTS ★ ★

Group 17 announced the following staff assignments: **Major Larry Upham**, Inspector; **LtC. Don Williams**, Aerospace Education Officer; **Captain Deck Deso**, Cadet Programs; and **Captain Chuck Snyder**, Cadet Activities Officer.

Captain Clinton Wing has been assigned as Aerospace Education Officer by the Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron. **Captain Wing** is a teacher at the John I. Leonard High School in Lake Worth.

S/M Robert L. Renick has been appointed Aerospace Education Officer for the Osceola Composite Squadron.

Captain Frederick R. Swearingen has been named the new Commander, Group 15. **Captain Swearingen** replaces **LtC. James Porter**, who has accepted command of Sector A.

S/M Mary Jane Law is the Public Affairs Officer of the Joe Ross Senior Squadron. A graduate of the George T. Taker Aviation Technological School at Miami, she holds an FAA Instrument/Commercial Pilot's license with glider, seaplane, and power plant mechanics' ratings. She has logged 1600 flying hours since learning to fly in 1955. **S/M Law** is a member of the 99's, the Florida Women's Pilot Association, and the Grasshopper Ladies Flying Club of Florida.

Captain Bruce M. Johnston has been appointed Aerospace Education Officer for the Hollywood Composite Squadron.

Captain James Gilmore has assumed command of the Pinellas Park Cadet Squadron, Group 17. He was formerly with St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron and is a past Director of Cadet Programs for the Maryland Wing.

2Lt. Mike Scott has taken command of the 130th SAR Senior Squadron. **Lt. Scott** is the district sales manager for Buick Motor Division, GM. He and his wife **Nancy** have two children, **Karen**, age 5, and **Michael**, age 3.

Major Sam Spieker has been appointed Director of Operations and Aerospace Education Officer for Group 15.

Major Bernard R. Sypniewski has accepted the position of Finance Officer for the Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron. He is also serving as Public Affairs Officer for the squadron.

S/M Betty Richards, a former member of Pinellas Senior Squadron, has accepted the position of Finance Officer for the newly-formed Bay Area Senior Squadron.

Captain Heywood C. Massara has been named Aerospace Education Officer for the Brandon Cadet Squadron.

Captain John Norman, long active in Civil Air Patrol and many local civic activities in the Ocala area, has been replaced by **Lt. Jerry Green** as commander of the Ocala Composite Squadron. **Lt. Green** is employed by Sears and has been active in setting up the FAA pilot safety program in the squadron.

S/M William Williams, a retired Air Force sergeant, has taken command of the Pinellas Park Cadet Squadron.

S/M Steve Harris has been named commander of the new Bay Area Senior Squadron. □

Walt Disney World Family Fun Day Scheduled

All members of Civil Air Patrol, their families, their friends, and the members of organizations which support the Civil Air Patrol program are invited to participate in the Third Annual Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol Family Fun Day at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom on Saturday, 20 February, 1982.

Special tickets good for unlimited use of all rides and attractions in the Magic Kingdom, except coin-operated devices and the Shootin' Gallery, from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, 20 February, 1982, are \$10.50 each. Ticket price includes parking and handling charges.

Order your tickets early — by mail — or buy your tickets at any Wing activity in December 1981 and January 1982. Let's turn Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom "blue" on Saturday, 20 February 1982. □

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Colonel Ralph M. Lockbart, USA Ret., was recognized as the Florida Wing Safety Officer of the Year. **Colonel Lockbart** serves as the Safety Officer for Group 12. **Lt. C. Al Seeschaaf**, Florida Wing Executive Officer made the presentation.

Group 15 recently recognized 10 members receiving awards. **LtC. James Porter**, former Group 15 Commander, received the Paul E. Garber Award. **Joe Martinez** received his Observer Wings. **Betty Bowser**, **Edward Kirkland**, **Jayson Ferron**, **Kent Gilpin**, **Charles Acoſta**, **Nancy Bowser**, **Christopher Hawley**, and **Brian Handlin** received the Commander's Commendation Award.

Tamiami Cadet Squadron named **C/WO Steven Salinsky** its Outstanding Cadet of the Year for 1981. **C/WO Salinsky** received his Mitchell Award in August.

Group 9 recognized individual and unit performance with the following awards:

Baldwin Award to the Outstanding Senior Member of the Group: **2Lt. Foster McCormick**, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron.

Holmes Award to the Outstanding Cadet Member of the Group **C/SSgt. Scott Taylor**, Sky-Tel Executive Cadet Squadron, **C/WO Michael Lawler**, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron (First Runner Up), **C/WO Mark Boas**, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron (Second Runner Up).

Outstanding Squadron of the Group 130th SAR Senior Squadron.

Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron named **C/LtC. Gregory K. Williams** as its Cadet of the Year and **1Lt. Wilbur J. Williams** as its Senior Member of the Year. Also recognized by the squadron were: **C/2C Thomas White** — Outstanding Service, **C/Sgt. Mario Perriera** — Most Potential, **C/2C David Chamberlin** — Doolie of the Year.

Pinellas Senior Squadron member, **1Lt. John J. Haberman**, completed Pilot Proficiency Wings Phase II in

September.

Certificates of Proficiency for completion of Level II of the Civil Air Patrol senior program were earned by **1Lt. Lester A. Preston**, **2Lt. Susan T. Preston**, and **2Lt. William J. Kern** of MacDill Cadet Squadron.

North Tampa Cadet Squadron recognized its outstanding members: Senior of the Year, **2Lt. Jannis Dalrymple**; Cadet of the Year, **C/WO Donald Dalrymple**; Doolie of the Year, **C/Sgt. Chris Sakezles**; and Outstanding Attendance, **C/SSgt. Melvin Dalrymple**.

Captain Judy Anderson, commander of the Central Brevard Composite Squadron, received the Commander's Commendation Award for her support of the New Jersey Wing during their trip to the first Space Shuttle launch.

Group 3 named **C/LtC. Gregory K. Williams** as Group Cadet of the Year. **1Lt. W.J. Williams** was named Group Senior Member of the Year. The pair are father and son, and both are members of Southeast Tampa Cadet Squadron.

1Lt. Elaine Marie Pavone was presented a Certificate of Proficiency for completion of the requirements for Level II of the Senior Program.

North Tampa Cadet Squadron was named Squadron of the Year by Group 3. The squadron has been recognized by the Group for 4 consecutive years as its outstanding unit. □

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