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## READY TO ROLL

## FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**A**s a cadet, there was a question on an aerospace test that asked for the definition of a tool. I'm not sure I ever answered it correctly, but as I look back, I realize that this was perhaps an extremely important question. We, individually, are extremely capable, but in order to be more productive, we need to use many tools that are available.

The tools of technology - computers and internet - are those that I consider imperatives in the expansive spheres of communication and information research. As a spokesman for technology, I want to bring to your attention various tools that are available to you and me with regard to CAP.

**CAPWATCH:** This is the National Headquarters database that is available from the National website, via the link 'eServices'. This MS Access database hosts all of the personal and organization data that a member or commander could need. Tracking of membership status, training achievements, contact information are only a few of the highlights. One great advantage is that you, the member, can go into this site and update your data.

At the wing level, we use this database to load information into the Unit Directory, the Communication Roster, Unit Statistics Chart, and Wing Mailings. We also extract data about member's 101 records and pilot's authorizations. If your data is not correct or current, it could exclude you from involvement.

**WING WEBSITE:** One of the concerns I have heard throughout my 20 years in CAP is the timeliness of information to the base level of CAP. The Florida Wing website is updated on a constant basis [I am the webmaster, as a hobby] and contains the latest information on events, dates, time, and specifics.

This current data can assist the units in day-to-day operations. Certificates for awards and promotions, wing supplements and forms, activity flyers, and monthly safety

briefings are just a fraction of the tools that are available. And, best of all, our website is there for you 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.



**COL. MATTHEW R. SHARKEY**  
**Florida Wing Commander**

**MAILHOST:** In November 1998, a large explosion of e-mail hosts occurred and with it came the means to bring information direct to members' homes at low cost. Every Group, and a high percentage of units have created a mailhost that allows them to get information out quickly to their members and to eliminate the comment about lack of communications.

Additionally, most of the CAP Specialties, i.e. Command, Emergency Services, Communications, Cadet Programs, etc. have mailboxes which can be found on the main page of the wing website. If you want to be current on your specialties, get onto these mailing

lists.

**FORMS:** In trying to convert CAP to a paperless operation, the creation of on-line forms is high on my list. We have used them for conference registrations and currently have set up a SAR reporting page to facilitate Incident Commander's reporting, as well as a Vehicle Usage page for reporting how we use our vehicles. More are in preparation to include award recognition and training requests.

**LOGS:** Various logs that I have asked staff to create are distributed to all unit commanders. Chief amongst these is the Personnel Log which covers promotions, awards and organizational actions. This spreadsheet details the status of the flow of these actions. Other logs include the 101 card log, the vehicle usage log, the aircraft usage log, and the safety event log.

All of these tools, when used properly, help us to do our jobs more professionally and comprehensively. Use of these tools help each of us to advance. Reach out and find the tool or tools that help you to succeed.

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## VETERANS DAY FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY REVEALS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE MEANING.



Veteran's Day display of five folded flags, each representing a branch of our Armed Forces

We each have on numerous occasions seen our nation's flag ceremoniously folded but how many of us have read the Flag Folding Ceremony as described in the Uniformed Services Code? The flag-folding ceremony represents the same principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who served our country in uniform. In the Armed

Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our faith in our nation and that for which it stands.

*The First Fold* of our flag is a symbol of life. *The Second Fold* is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life. *The Third Fold* is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world. *The Fourth Fold* represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance. *The Fifth Fold* is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong." *The Sixth Fold* is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. *The Seventh Fold* is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic. *The Eighth Fold* is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mothers, for whom it flies on Mother's Day. *The Ninth Fold* is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. *The Tenth Fold* is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. *The Eleventh Fold* in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. *The Twelfth Fold*, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we each enjoy today.

# PROP WASH

Wing has received three new vans for our fleet. Our need is much greater since many units don't have this asset. The National Vehicle Committee, on which Col. Sharkey is a member, will be researching this matter for possible resolution in 2003.

Required Navigation Performance is beyond the testing stage and is in use at seven Alaskan airports and will soon be in use at San Francisco International Airport. In essence, this new technology permits an airliner to home in on any point on earth, using only geographical coordinates. RNP works by combining signals from GPS, ground and air based navigational systems and inertial guidance systems. Each system cross checks the other, assuring that none are incorrect.

RNP is so precise it allows a plane to land in zero visibility or avoid crashing into a mountain obscured by clouds. It will also allow aircraft to fly closer together, promoting more efficient use of the sky.

Part Rogers of Martinsburg, West Virginia has finally, after 11 years, finished the restoration of his former sub-chaser aircraft—a 1940 Stinson 10, N26265. Research by Rogers has shown the Stinson was flown

by Sub Patrol Base Two pilots Eddie Edwards and Tom O'Day.

Roger Thiel  
Washington, D.C.

Maj. Paul Blystone reports that Operation Check-in was a huge success. Six net control stations; FC6330, FC426, FC404, FC810, FC510 and FC729 were all operative at their designated times. The CAP airborne repeater flew from Gainesville to Lake City and return, to test the effectiveness, range and clarity of our VHF radio system and repeaters. Simplex and Duplex communication was used. More than 100 participated and the range was remarkable. Florida Cap 6330 [near the Georgia border] was checking in stations from Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, Deland and Daytona Beach areas with a high level of readability.

Already on the main General Aviation ramp at Tallahassee Regional Airport, cadets from the Tallahassee Composite Squadron were prepared for an evening briefing on the T-38 Talon USAF training aircraft. Aircrews from Columbus AFB were making final preparations to present their three aircraft to the cadets when the group was notified that an inbound jet carrying a VIP would need to be parked where they were standing in formation. Cadet Flight Leaders quickly

marched their flights into a single file formation creating a long row of Civil Air Patrol cadets that would extend from the ramp to the vehicle exit gate. After the aircraft came to a stop, the passenger disembarked to vehicles forming a caravan on the way out of the airport. The Cadet Flight Leaders instantaneously ordered a hand salute as the caravan passed.

At that moment the caravan slowed, made a U-turn, and stopped directly in front of the cadet line. A door opened and out stepped Governor Jeb Bush.

Governor Bush returned the salute and then walked down to the very end of the cadet line and one-by-one shook hands with each of the cadets. He thanked each for their help and told them they were involved in an excellent program.

Before leaving, the Governor shook hands with the Flight Leaders and the USAF 2Lt. who arrived to begin the briefing. When the convoy departed, he asked "who was that guy?" He was quite astounded to be told he had shaken the hand of the Florida Governor.

Col. Sharkey and the Florida Wing Staff Officers wish you and yours a safe, healthy, happy and peaceful New Year!

# CAP WINS NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AEROSPACE EDUCATION

## Air Force Auxilliary receives Vandenberg and Hardy Awards

Although the Civil Air Patrol, official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, is better known for its search and rescue missions or disaster relief, recent national awards demonstrate the organization's expertise in aerospace education.

CAP received two awards for contributions to aerospace education from the Air Force Association, a non-profit civilian group that promotes aerospace power as fundamental to national security. The 2002 Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award and the George D. Hardy Award were presented to CAP in conjunction with AFA's national conference in Washington, D.C.

"The Vandenberg Award is one of AFA's highest honors," said Napoleon Byars, AFA Director of Policy and Communications. "It recognizes outstanding contributions in aerospace educa-

tion. As a national organization, CAP enhances the lives of thousands of youths by introducing them to aerospace education. Many have gone on to be national leaders and make significant contributions to air and space programs.

CAP trains its adult and cadet members nationwide in aviation and aerospace technology and provides lesson plans and classroom materials to teachers free of charge. Among its offerings are textbooks, "The Journey of Flight" and "Aerospace Dimensions", and the in-depth Aerospace Education Award Program available to CAP's membership of over 62,000. Members throughout the nation follow a prescribed cur-

riculum with periodic tests and must meet rigorous requirements to excel.

The Vandenberg Award is named in memory of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who was the second chief of staff of the United States Air Force.



The CAP was named 2002 winner of Air Force Association's Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award for excellence in aerospace education. Shown at the Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. are l. to r. John Politi, AFA President, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP Executive Director Col. Al Allenback and Tom McKee, AFA Chairman of the Board.

The Aerospace Education **EDUCATOR GRANT WINNERS** Foundation selected Capt. Ed Martin, Commander of Miramar High School Cadet Squadron to be one of Florida's recipients of a \$250 grant. The program is designed to promote aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The lump sum grant can be used for exciting projects, that this

year include building rockets, visiting the Johnson Space Center, purchase of computer software that allows the students to fly the Space Shuttle, and purchasing supplemental textbooks.

# READY TO ROLL for HOMELAND SECURITY

The 9-11 tragedy is a non-ending crisis facing our nation.

Homeland Security Secretary Designate Tom Ridge will take office on January 24, 2003 and nearly all of the 22 departments and agencies and their 170,000 personnel will begin consolidating into the new department on March 1, 2003. This enormous reorganization will ideally be completed prior to 2004.

Since terrorism is a continuing and immediate threat, the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol has been positioned to be a "cost effective force multiplier for the Air Force", said CAP Executive Director Al Allenback, formerly an Air Force Colonel.

When Brig. Gen. Dave Clary, Air Force Homeland Security Director, recently toured Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, he concluded our 62,000 members nationwide trained and experienced in reconnaissance, search and rescue, and disaster relief with more than 530 aircraft and 50,000 radios is a unique resource for our nation.

Executive Director Allenback assured General Clary that, "CAP can put an airbase platform over any major metropolitan area or strategic resource in the United States within 2 hours or less for \$90 an hour."

"Many don't realize that following the 9-11 devastation, the first planes flying over Ground Zero in New York City were those flown by CAP," said Phil Boyer, President of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association [AOPA].

Air Force Chief of Staff General John

Jumper recently recognized CAP's effectiveness by advancing our National Commander Brig. Gen. Richard Bowling to the rank of Major General and our Vice Commander, Col. Dwight Wheless to the rank of Brigadier General.



Major General Richard Bowling, National CAP Commander addresses audience after receiving his promotion in grade.

Photo by Tech Sgt Jim Varhegyi

pride and devotion and has earned the enduring appreciation of a grateful nation as our country's 'eyes of the home skies'", said General Jumper.

CAP's National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB is fully operational. CAP is exploiting technologies such as hyper spectral imaging, night vision, and thermal imaging which make our efforts even more effective.

Major General Bowling informed USAF General Clary "We believe a trained, equipped, and ready volunteer civilian auxiliary can provide significant support for homeland security operations at the federal, state and local levels. We directly support the three Air Force Homeland Security Task Force mission goals - prevent, protect and respond - and add a fourth of our own - prepare."

President Bush stressed recently, "The battlefield for this 21st century war is here at home. The threat of terrorism attack is growing, so the need for action is important."

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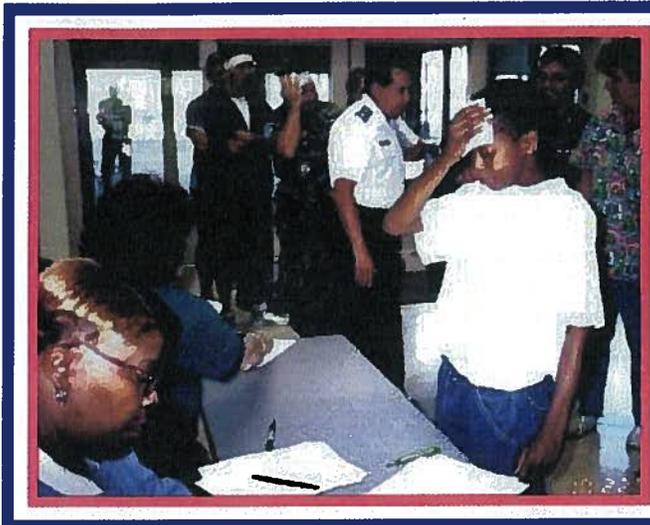
CAP is ready and is expanding and improving its readiness to best serve our nation once again in time of need. The practical consequences of weapons of mass destruction if used by terrorists must be evaluated. Two modeling programs - Hazard Prediction and Assessment Capability [HPAC] and Consequences Assessment Tool Set [CATS] are both capable of calculating the outcome of thousands of possible scenarios involving weapons of mass destruction. These outputs are significantly valuable for CAP's response preparedness.

Additionally, the new CAP National Operations Center is fully operational and the chief is Rick McDow. Prior to joining CAP one year ago, Rick served in the Air Force for 24 years. He was responsible for operations at numerous command post locations both in the United States and overseas to include support for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Rick has the leadership skills as well as background and experience to ensure the National Operations Center [NOC] meets the needs of both the field, our Homeland Security Agencies and the U.S. Air Force.

Air Force Homeland Security Director General Clary received a full briefing of the NOC during his recent visit. Clary observed that "I knew the Civil Air Patrol was a large organization, but its capabilities are greater than I'd thought. CAP definitely has upward potential." Col. Al Allenback, CAP Executive Director stated, "We were pleased General Clary was able to get our homeland security capabilities briefing first hand, and learn about potentials for exploitation of 'beyond the eyeball' technologies to enhance security around the clock." This new National

Operations Center provides a 'one stop' center for the many federal, state and local government agencies that use CAP's services.

Capt. Diane Reid, Southeast Region Director of Personnel, reports the Weston Cadet Squadron and the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron participated in a Weapons of Mass Destruction simulation exercise conducted by the City of Weston and the Broward County Hospital District. The scenario was a detonated bomb attack causing large numbers of injuries. The hospital emergency rooms were overloaded. CAP personnel were assigned a variety of injuries and received bandages to their heads, arms, legs and eyes. They had to sign in as if they were just brought to the medical facility and had to act as if they were in pain from an injury or contamination.



**Cadet 'victims' of terrorist bomb explosion scenario sign in to emergency room admissions for recording of their name, injury, and degree of pain. Each was assigned to a medical team for diagnosis and treatment.**

When one cadet passed out screaming from pain, he was rushed to a helicopter and transferred to a trauma unit. Another cadet ran around yelling he was contaminated. The medical staff immediately rushed him out of the building for decontamination and treatment. Though just a drill the volunteers performed their roles as victims and the medical staff reacted as if it was a real emergency.

As uniformed members of a non-weapon bearing military auxiliary, CAP is a bit of a paradox. Our ability to provide extra eyes and ears when we work at special events which attract large crowds is a distinct benefit to the law enforcement and security agencies. We must continue to sharpen our situation awareness capabilities by observing and reporting suspicious behavior, actions, conditions, smells, and costume. We must additionally remember that women, as well as men, can be suspect. We must always be alert to the threat of terrorism here at home.



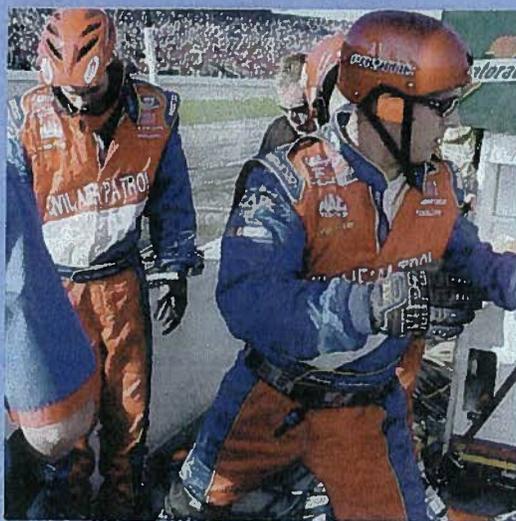
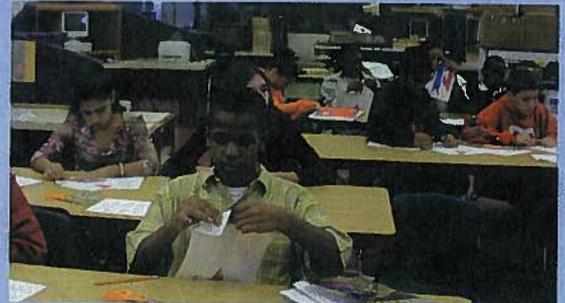
▶ Maj. Gen. Bowling, National Commander gives oath of office to Brig. Gen. Wheless, National Vice Commander. Both were elevated in grade by Gen. Jumper, USAF Chief of Staff.

▶ Col. Matt Sharkey presents new squadron charter to Capt. Melvin Carr, Commander of MacDill Aeronautical Academy Cadet Squadron.



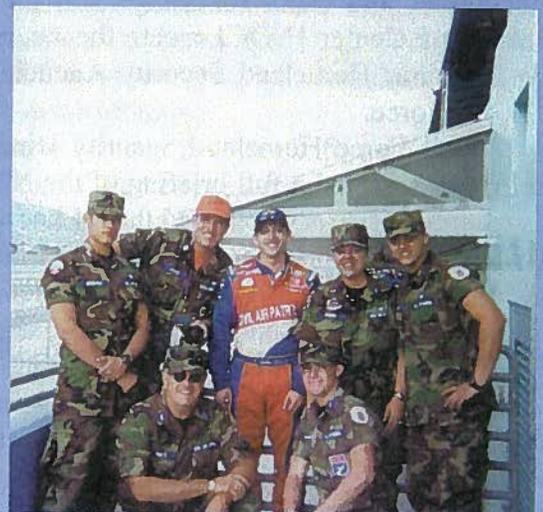
▶ Aerospace Education Officer, Capt. Linda Trimpey monitors the students from the Ferrill Middle Magnate School in Tampa while they assemble the Civil Air Patrol airplanes at a Florida Wing, Group 3 presentation during Teach-In Day. Following the presentation, the students tested their planes in flight to see which flew the furthest.

▶ Lt. Col. Frank Reidinger of the Fernandina Beach Senior Squadron is congratulated on being named the Southeast Region and Florida Wing 2002 Senior Member of the Year. The Fernandina Beach City Commission recognized Lt. Col. Reidinger and adopted a proclamation declaring the first week of December as Civil Air Patrol Week. L. to r. Paul Condit, Rick Kendel, Lt. Reidinger, and Sq. CC Jerry Kaweckl.



▶ Members of Group 7 talked for an hour with CAP car driver Ashton Lewis following his qualifying run at the Homestead Motor Sport Speedway. A NASCAR Official said, "That was the first time I've ever seen a driver do that."

▶ The pit crew wearing CAP coveralls and helmets prepare for CAP's car #46 to come in for a pit stop. Driver Lewis finished the last season's race in 9th position.





# LATE BREAKING NEWS



U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. Jumper recently moved Civil Air Patrol from the Air Force Directorate of Operations and Training to the new Homeland Security Directorate under Brig. Gen. David E. Clary.



NHQ Cadet Programs is extending the deadline for applications for the USAF Academy Preparatory School scholarship from November 31, 2002 to January 31, 2003. Cadets selected for the Prep School and complete the course have an excellent chance of being accepted by the Academy itself upon completion.



Upon receiving his promotion to Major General, National Commander Richard Bowling said, "This ceremony today marks an occasion never seen before in CAP. General Wheelless and I received the stars, but the entire organization received the promotion."



Lt. Col. Leroy Barnett is newly appointed Commander of the newly created Group 9, effective as of 15 January, 2003. Col. Matt Sharkey advised that Col. Barnett has been a member of CAP for 50 years and has served in the United States Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, And the Volusia County Disaster Emergency Management team.



Cadet Commander Paul Cheval of Coral Springs Cadet Squadron has been nominated by US Congressman Robert Wexler to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Paul is in the top ten of his class.



MacDill AFB commander, Maj. Gen. Wayne Hodges has been reassigned to Washington, D.C. where he will serve as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. Col. David M. Snyder, currently executive officer to the com-

mander of U.S. Transportation Command and the commander of Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, will replace Hodges.



Two new middle school squadrons have been chartered. Middleton Magnet School has purchased a \$28,000 Elite Flight Simulator that is Instrument Flight Rated and the MacDill Aeronautical Academy continues to receive outstanding support from the US Air Force. All Florida Wing Middle School Cadet Squadrons are in Group 800. Currently there are 9 school squadrons with a membership of 300 cadets. Three additional squadrons are anticipated to be chartered in 2003.



Lt. Col. Robert Smith, NHQ Directorate of Cadet Programs announces, in response to requests from cadets in many wings, changes to CAPP 52-7, Cadet Orientation Flight Syllabus. Former restriction, commonly called the "over nine rule", where cadets who had completed all NINE rides under the old flight program before 1 October 2001 were eligible only for the FIVE glider flights and ALL back seat rides available. Now, all cadets only need to look at their flying history from 1 October 2001 to the current date. The second change modifies the procedure where the cadet must have their membership card in their hand before being allowed to fly. Now, cadets must show proof of current membership to the pilot before flying. This proof may be the current membership card, a photocopy of the current membership card, a copy of the MML, or a CAPWATCH report.



5000 red ribbons were worn by CAP members in support of Drug Demand Reduction "Just Do It" Week in December. This occasion was also used as a recruiting drive where the theme "CAP Is One Of The Best Anti-Drugs" for the young people of our nation, was publicized.

# WINGS WIG-WAG

Col. Matt Sharkey is very proud to announce the appointment of C/Lt. Col. [soon to be senior member, Capt.] Michael Tier as the Florida Wing Protocol Officer. With the forthcoming and expansive missions we will be providing for Homeland Security, the eyes of the Air Force and the people we serve will be upon us. We will be sharp but we must also look sharp. That's one of Michael's goals.

January 6, 2003 will be the first day of activity for the newly created Group 9. To afford better demographic balance, span and control, Group 4 has been divided into two groups. Valencia Cadet; Central Florida Composite; DeLand Composite; New Smyrna Beach Composite; Lake County Composite; Timber Creek Cadet; Seminole Cadet; Daytona Beach Composite; and Ormond Beach Composite Squadrons compose the newly formed Group 9. The squadrons remaining in Group 4 include Stuart Cadet; Patrick Composite; Central Brevard Senior; Treasure Coast Composite; South Brevard Cadet; and TICO Composite. Major Walter Lane continues as Group 4 Commander.

During a recent tour of the Hernando County Composite Squadron, Col. Sharkey pro-

moted cadets Butler, Gordon and Horvath to the rank of SrA and cadets Rago and Wheeler to A1C, cadet Horvath to AMN and James Mills to 1Lt.

Former CAP National Commander, Brigadier General Richard Anderson, who is also an active duty USAF Colonel, has been selected to serve as Chief of the Air Force Auxiliary Division, Directorate of Homeland Security, DCS Air and Space Operations. This is a new Homeland Security position based at the Pentagon.

Transportation Security Administration [TSA] anticipates new General Airports Security Rules to be in place by mid 2003. CAP is anticipated to be involved in Airport Watch and Aviation Watch programs. A national toll-free hotline will be activated in January 2003.

Col. Sharkey proposed and did gain approval from the National Executive Committee for creation of an Honorary Membership for CAP members with 50 or more years of service. He recently obtained that recognition for Colonel William Bass, the 12th Florida Wing Commander who served from 15 March 1968 to 1 July 1970. Col. Sharkey presented Bass with a 50 year service plaque, waiving of membership fees, National Board

Badge and a Cadet Program Coin. [See Page 15 "From the Mail Bag"]

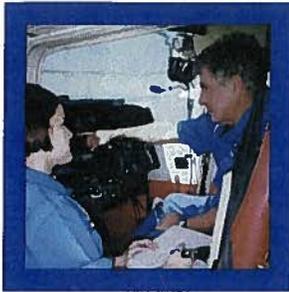
Cadets may now view a short video instead of merely reading about a Cadet Special Activity. The videos are available on the CAP website, Click this link to access the NCSA video page <[http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cps/ncsa\\_videos.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cps/ncsa_videos.htm)>

In recognition of the frequent use of the Lakeland FAA Safety Center where wing's annual Check Pilot School is held, Lt. Col. Obie Young received a plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation from Wing Commander Col. Matt Sharkey. Similarly recognized were Capt. Ben Coleman for his Safety and Airworthiness expertise and Capt. Ray Meyer for his continued support to Emergency Services, Counter Drugs, and Cadet Orientation Air Operations.

Col. Sharkey recently visited the Daytona Beach Squadron to present an Eaker Award to c/Lt. Col. Wabeke, a Mitchell Award to c/2Lt McLoughlin, and the Arnold Award to c/SrA Pozo. He stayed on to answer questions the cadets had. Immediately following he went on to tour the Ormond Beach Flight which is in the process of rebuilding their headquarters and membership.



# CADET CAP'ERS



While Charlotte County Composite Squadron's Cadet Amanda Mazzara prepares for her solo flight, Cadet Jennifer Obranic of Lantana-Lake Worth Cadet Squadron, Cadet Valdivia of the Tamiami Composite Squadron and Cadet Benjamin

Brennan of the Emerald Coast Squadron are proudly sporting their newly acquired solo pilot's wings.

Only Director of Cadet Programs, Capt. Vickie Meyer knows how Florida Wing cadets accomplished so much more in 2002 than the prior record breaking year!

\*Florida Wing had the largest Special Activities Selection Board in the nation, with 142 cadets participating.

\*The SRQ Drill Team and Lantana-Lake Worth all girls Color Guard Team were outstanding in the Southeast Region Competition. The Color Guard Team advanced to the National Competition in Colorado and, for the very first time, captured ALL First Place Trophies, as well as individual trophies...a clean sweep!

\*52 cadets graduated from the two week winter encampment in South Florida.

\*Florida Wing hosted the first Cadet Officer Basic Course at Patrick Air Force Base with the help of the Airman Leadership School.

\*Camp Blanding proved to be an excellent Summer Encampment location. The summer was busy with cadets attending the Florida Wing conference; traveling to Australia, France, Canada, Belgium and England; involvement with all types of Special Activities, International Air Cadet Exchange, and Student Ambassador programs.

\*Florida Leadership Academy held at Patrick Air Force Base and the winter Cadet Officer Basic Course again hosted at Patrick AFB.

\*The 2003 Cadet Program is in final stages of scheduling and it appears to easily be a 'topper' to the record breaker program of 2002.

The Tampa Streetcar System was reopened for the first time since it last ran in early 1940's. Located downtown in the historical Ybor City the streetcars carry passengers on tracks that run on a 6-mile loop. Twenty-six members of the MacDill Composite Squadron and Tampa Cadet Squadron assisted the Hillsborough Transit Authority with crowd control and security.

C/2Lt. Tatiana Schoeppler, PAO

Miami Springs Optimist Cadet Squadron cadets recently expressed their views about CAP, as follows:

- "My most exciting moments in CAP were during the FTX [Field Training Exercise]. It was great fun and I'm looking forward to the ATX [Aquatic Training Exercise.] I also enjoyed being Cadet of the Month." - C/B Mijares
- "My favorite activity was Model Rocketry. It was the first time I ever flew a rocket and it was an experience I shared with others. - C/B M. Hinestroza
- "I first came to CAP with no experience in airplanes or engines. Now I learn about them and other things that fly. I never liked planes, but now I do." - C/B Taveres
- "My best activity was the FTX. We went to the Everglades for three days. Learned a lot about ground search and rescue. I need to learn more before I can be a good leader." - C/B A. Cotera
- "Everybody thought I couldn't make it through my first FTX. I went through all the exercises and camping with no excuses, and everybody realized that I was stronger than they thought. Then I got better, stronger, and more motivated." - C/AI Lavado
- "I like Physical Training. We have a relay and obstacle course. PT is hard but a lot of fun." - C/B Bergakker
- "The best was Fly Day. I flew an airplane and now want to pursue an aerospace career. I've learned ethic, integrity and am learning to be a good leader." - C/AFC C. Santana

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

The Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron Cadet Color Guard presented the colors proudly before a huge crowd at Edgewater Pointe Estates in Boca



L. to r. C/SrA Chris Giamundo, C/MSgt Mitchell Lazore, C/Arm Lan Tran and C/SrA David Giamundo

Raton. The hundreds in attendance paid homage to 76 veterans representing all branches of the Armed Forces. Lt. Gen. Joseph LaPosata (Ret.) was the guest speaker. Martha Pearson of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented each veteran with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service to our nation.

The **SRQ Composite Squadron** participated in the Manatee County Veterans Day Parade.

The **Boca Raton Composite Squadron** provided a moving ceremony of color guard and laying of a wreath in honor of veterans who died.

The **North Tampa Cadet Squadron** provided a color guard bearing the American flag and flags of all Branches of the Armed Forces at the Veterans Day Mass at Our Lady of Rosary Church.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is currently accepting applications for their aviation scholarship. Leroy Homer was the First Officer on United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.

“LeRoy had a passion for flying,” said Cheryl Homer Wilson, LeRoy’s sister. “We wanted to keep his dream of flight alive, so we established this foundation.” The scholarships will financially assist recipients to pursue professional flight instruction leading to certification as a Private Pilot.

The foundation will award up to three scholarships by April 30, 2003. Instruction will be completed at an approved Cessna Pilot Training Center.

LeRoy Homer dreamed of flying at a young age. As a child, he assembled model airplanes and collected aviation memorabilia. His passion for flying took off at the age of 15 when he started flight instruction in a Cessna 152. He completed his first solo when he was 16. LeRoy graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and as a Captain flew in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. On September 11, 2001, LeRoy was flying with Captain Jason Dahl on Flight 93. They were the first to fight the terrorists who were hijacking their aircraft. LeRoy left behind his wife, Melodie, and baby daughter, Laurel.

## CADET FREE UNIFORM PROGRAM

The free uniform program for newly recruited cadet members exceeded \$50,000 this year. This was a substantial increase from prior years. The uniforms included Air Force blue shirts and pants and BDU [battle dress uniform] shirts and pants. Final distributions for this year will be delayed for two months due to procedural changes and budgetary increases.

## PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a CAP Cadet, earned your Billy Mitchell Award, have solo wings in a powered aircraft, maintain at least a normalized 3.0 GPA, have not received or been selected for a similar scholarship or grant, then you are eligible for a **Spatz Association Aerospace Leadership Scholarship**. The scholarship must be used to bring a cadet from a solo to a Private Pilot License. Applications must be mailed NLT 28 Feb. 2003 to Col. Robert Mattes, USAF, 2108 Caledonia Place, Viera, FL 32940.

**TO: All Civil Air Patrol National Board Members  
HQCAP-USAF at Maxwell AFB  
CAP-USAF Liaison Regions  
CAP-USAF State Director/Deputy Director Offices  
62,000 Devoted Volunteers in CAP's 8 Regions, 52 Wings, 1700 Units**



**As we pause and reflect on the meaning of this holiday season, I speak on behalf of all members of the Air Force Directorate of Homeland Security [AF/XOH] in sending you our warmest wishes from the Pentagon for a safe, memorable and peaceful holiday.**

**With movement of Air Force Auxiliary policy, guidance and advocacy responsibilities from AF/XOO to AF/XOH this past October, I and all members of the XOH family have quickly developed a sincere respect and appreciation for all of you who serve and lead the Air Force Auxiliary at this critical time in our nation's history.**

**It has been a privilege to work with Major General Rick Bowling, Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless, Col. George Vogt, Col. Al Allenback, and Col. Larry Kauffman since October 1st when my directorate forged a new partnership with the Air Force Auxiliary. Your work has been nothing less than spectacular over the last 61 years, during which you have performed CAP's Missions for America with great distinction - but your relevance took on new meaning after the attacks of 11 Sep 01. For those of you whom I have not yet met, I look forward to seeing you in late February at the Winter National Board Meeting here in Washington - and I am particularly anxious to get into the field in 2003 to see your volunteers in action, performing truly selfless service on behalf of our fellow countrymen.**

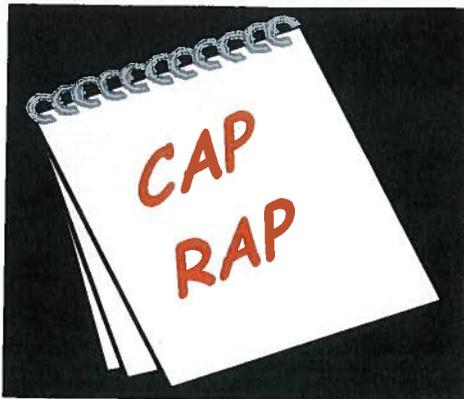
**On behalf of a grateful United States Air Force, thank you for your devotion as CAP officers and cadets, HQCAP Staff, and supporting CAP-USAF Officers, NCO's and civilians. You are a vital, respected, and appreciated part of our Air Force family, and we wish you a Happy Holiday and a great--and SAFE--year in 2003. Semper Vigilans!**

**Warm regards,  
DAVID E. CLARY  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director, Homeland Security  
DCS/Air and Space Operations**

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Weston Cadet Squadron members participated in a unique affair at the request of the Broward Sheriffs Office. The annual "Run In The Sun" is a motorcycle parade from Pompano Beach to Sunrise, Florida. This year 60,000 motorcycles, each carrying an unwrapped toy, converged into Markham Park in Sunrise. The expressways were closed to normal traffic to allow the bikes to proceed. Cadets and senior members were in the park with large bags to collect the toys when the sea of bikes, bikers, and toys arrived. The CAP'ers then loaded the toys onto two 18-wheeler semi-trucks. All toys were distributed to needy children on Christmas Day.





 The Civil Air Patrol presented the colors at the final Busch Race of the season at the Miami Homestead Speedway. Four cadets and senior members were afforded the opportunity to be on the pit road during pre-race ceremonies. Driver Ashton Lewis also had a 'meet and greet' session with all the attending cadets.

**Keri Wright**  
Motor Sports Program Manager

 Congratulations to cadets Solomon Nader and Michael Spears for earning the Gen. Ira Eaker Award. The following cadets earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award: Joshua Aders, Steve Adriazola, Patrick Bartosavage, Gil Gutierrez, Erin Killian, Steven Maros, Eduardo Rodriguez, and Griffin Sowinski. These awards require hard work and these cadets are deserving of recognition for their achievements.

**Capt. Vickie Meyer**  
FLWG Director of Cadet Programs

 James Furman, Lead Fire Management Official of the Eglin Air Force Base Fire Management office conducted a half day workshop teaching CAP air crews how to spot, report and document fires from the air. Mr. Furman said, "Air support by the

CAP has been exemplary. I expect more good things to come from this program. The Florida Division of Forestry is very interested in this program and I expect CAP's unprecedented capabilities to spread outside Florida soon." Installation of permanent antennae on the aircraft and camera software to record the date/time with latitude/longitude on the digital imagery will further improve the program results.

**Lt. Col. Gregory Hogan**  
USAF Reserve, FLWG CAP-USAF

 Data logs show that Col. Matt Sharkey receives a daily average of 125 e-mails, to which 100 receive personal responses. Col. Sharkey generates another 25 e-mails a day and usually receives 4 faxes. Phone calls average 10 a day and his time spent on the wing web site averages 30 minutes per day. Quite a workload for non-paying, part-time volunteer service!

 On February 1, 2003, Major Jean duBois Jr. will take command of Group 2 from Lt. Col. David Mitchell. Both duBois and Mitchell are currently working together to assure a smooth transition.

**Col. Matthew Sharkey**  
Florida Wing Commander

 The Federal Communications Commission has approved the use of frequency 406.025 MHz for Personal Locator Beacons. Registration of these PLB's with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] will be mandatory. This rule change facilitates the use of radio spectrum to increase the safety of the general public in life-threatening situations in remote environments after all other means of notifying search and rescue responders have been used.

 Two recently published documents are now available for downloading. The Governor's Guide to Emergency Management-Volume One: Natural Disasters and Volume Two: Homeland Security provide a wealth of information about emergency management that all CAP'ers should be aware of. The CAP website for Homeland Security is <<http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/es/HS.htm>>

 Col. Matt Sharkey has announced the appointment of Lt. Col. Harvey Bennett as the new Director of Marketing/Public Relations. Harvey has an outstanding record of service as a squadron Public Affairs Officer, Mission PAO and as the current PAO of Group Six.

 The following is an excerpt from a letter to Major General Richard Bowling, CAP National Commander, from Brigadier General Paul Hankins, USAF;

"I thank you and all of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary members who continue to make the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps [AFROTC] / CAP Flight Orientation Program such a resounding success."

"I appreciate your support of this vital Air Force program. Since the program's inception, you and your members motivated many of our AFROTC cadets to seek an Air Force career."

Through these efforts, CAP directly contributes to renewing and sustaining the military leadership of our great nation."



# From The MAILBAG

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

Your team has truly outdone itself, from the artwork to the composition. Each issue is truly a demonstration of continuous improvement. Since you began with a great issue, that's absolutely amazing. I know you make every member proud.

**Col. Valerie Brown**  
Southeast Region Vice Commander



Great stuff as normally expected of your gang!

**Mike Goblet**  
Commandant of Cadets



It is great to read about my fellow cadets. The articles and pictures are great.

**Cadet Christina Zarrilli**  
Boca Raton Composite Squadron.



Just a thought! Would it be possible to include the e-mail address for the author of each article to facilitate communicating with them?

**Capt. Les Schwartz**

**Editor's Note:** What do you, the reader, think about this suggestion? "Feedback is the 'Breakfast of Champions,'" so says Al Allenback, CAP Executive Director.



FLORIDA FACTS is the finest wing magazine that I have seen in 60 years of CAP activity! Keep up the good work. I am a charter member of CAP and friend of Major Perry Snell of Florida Wing, another Charter Member.

**Lt. Col. Benjamin Stone**  
Georgia Wing Staff



Great job done with the wing magazine.

**Capt. Dennis Jordan**

The magazine Florida Wing publishes is truly professional. Should be on the news stands.

**2Lt. Darlene Ferris**



The Wright Brothers material looks great in the Fall Issue of FLORIDA FACTS.

**Barbara Bottaro**  
The Franklin Institute Science Museum  
Philadelphia, PA



Another first class job on the Fall Issue of the FLORIDA FACTS. The issues keep getting better.

**Capt. Tom Kuznar**  
Naples Senior Squadron Commander



I have enjoyed your magazine during the period of my command. You have a superior publication and I applaud you for that.

**Col. H. Click Smith**  
Virginia Wing Commander



Just finished reading the Fall Issue of FLORIDA FACTS. As usual you and your staff have done an excellent job. I keep wondering why there are so many Florida related articles! Then I remember, I am not reading a national magazine.

**Lt. Col. Howard Gelbman**



It was an emotional moment to receive the 50 year membership plaque and honorary membership card. The National Board Badge is a special honor which holds particular meaning for me.

Colonel Sharkey, you have gone the extra mile and then some. My heartfelt thanks.

**Lt. Col. Bill Bass**

## IT'S COMING AGAIN!

This will be the fifth annual AIR FAIR in Pompano Beach and, as always, it will be fabulous. AIR FAIR 2003 will again prove to be a premier family entertainment.

The show features two full days of fun



attractions and static displays - from vintage WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam era warbirds to current commercial and private aircraft. This year's special event will honor all veterans by hosting a USO WWII style "Canteen Dance" on Saturday night, open to the public. The dance will be attended by both active duty personnel and veterans in period service uniforms.

Aircraft from the "Wings Over Miami" air museum will on static display along with a spectacular fly-by of a F-86F Saber and a MIG-15. Also at AIR FAIR 2003, a B-17 Flying Fortress and a B-24 Liberator from the Collings Foundation will be on display.

Youth attending AIR FAIR 2003 will be given the opportunity to take a 45-minute ground school followed by a complimentary flight in an aircraft over Pompano Beach. Moms and Dads will experience the pride and excitement of watching their children soaring overhead on both Saturday and Sunday.

AIR FAIR 2003 is conducted by the Gold Coast Chapter 351 of the Air Force Association.. Major General "Boots" Blesse USAF, Ret. will be the guest speaker, Tuskegee Airmen, WASPS, and veterans from WWII to Desert Storm complete the list of dignitaries. AIR FAIR 2003 will be presented on January 18 and 19, 2003 at the Pompano Beach Airport.

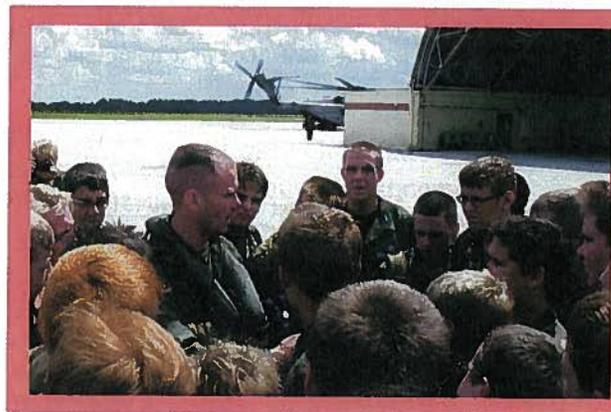
## NASA's RETURNING TO MARS.

NASA is planning to launch a pair of rovers to the planet Mars in May and June 2003. The robotic explorers are part of NASA's upcoming Mars Exploration Rover mission. From January 8 through January 15, NASA is taking a closer look at the mysterious Red Planet, by showcasing videos about Mars on NASA TV. Multimedia products and web resources related to this theme are available from the Mars Extra website.

76 members of Group 5 converged on the Avon Park Bombing Range for a weekend bivouac. General ES Training included compass reading,



night navigation, standard drill, and flight com-



petitions. A special treat was a Sea Stallion helicopter flight demonstration and talking with the Marine Corps pilot after the flight. See photos above.

Capt. Patrick O'Key, Group PAO



National Color Guard from Florida Wing present the colors at the opening of the General Assembly at the Southeast Region 2002 Conference in Marietta, Georgia.



Bruce Baughman, Director of Office of National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, receives Plaque of Appreciation from SE Region Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda.



Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling [l.] and Col. Tony Pineda present the Southeast Region Outstanding Wing of the Year Award to Florida Wing Commander, Col. Matt Sharkey.



Florida Wing Commander of Cadets, C/Lt. Col. Drapaudí Beloved receives the coveted Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award from l to r Col. Sharkey, Gen. Kehoe, Gen. Bowling, Col. Pineda, Col. Vogt



All the Florida Wing members attending the Southeast Region Conference pose for a group photo. The POW/MIA Team is in the foreground. [Missing is Lt. Col. Buddy Harris, the photographer]



45 members-no! that's not a typo-count them, 45 members from the Sweetwater Cadet Squadron in Miami, Fl. attended the Southeast Region Conference in Marietta, Georgia! Squadron Commander, Capt. Idania Llanio is to right of Gen. Bowling.

# E-MAIL EMISSIONS



**Cadet Commander C/Maj. Paul Cheval has been named a College Board Scholar based on his AP scores of 3.8/5 on all tests, with a solid 5.0 in both American History and Psychology. Cadet Cheval did this while not only maintaining his personal Cadet Program, managing his command position in an exemplary manner, and assisting other units and echelons.**

Major Linda Rose

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**The Brandon Cadet Squadron held their first annual Flag Burning ceremony. Posters were placed in flag stores, local department stores and supermarkets inviting people to donate their distressed flag and attend the ceremony. 11 flags were donated. C/Lt Tiffany Knight directed the ceremony. Flags were presented and inspected while on silver platters and were attended by the color guard in Class B blues and white ascots and gloves. Cadet Commander C/LtC David Butler presented the history of the U.S. Flag and its proper use and display. Squadron members and guests then formed a semi-circle around the burn container and patriotic music was played during the burning of the flags. In response to the requests of store owners and attending veterans, this ceremony will be conducted annually by the Brandon Cadet Squadron.**

Capt. Christine Ferry

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**Twenty new Aerospace Education Members crowned a week of meetings and tours with an introduction to Civil Air Patrol-its history, organization, and mission, at the Merritt Island Airport.**

**Three wing corporate aircraft from Gainesville, Orlando and Fort Pierce augmented the CAP plane at Merritt Island which were to treat these professional teachers to their first introductory flight in general aviation aircraft. The Mission Base staff was comprised of members from 11 different CAP Units which included NHQ,**

**FLWG, three Groups, and eight Squadrons. A total of ten orientation flights were conducted. Many of the**

**teachers handled the controls and nearly all viewed the Kennedy Space Center. All twenty teachers stated they were enthralled with the experience and pleased to have learned about the opportunities for their students in the Civil Air Patrol and themselves as active senior members.**

Major Walter A. Lane

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**Several hundred students and teachers attended the Second Annual Aerospace Education Day held at the Miramar High School. The cadets prepared classroom demonstrations including a computerized wind tunnel and a flight simulator. WWI and WWII aircraft models were on display with student reports describing the impact of each aircraft on the outcome of the war. Local airline exhibits and a Broward Community College Aviation Program booth was staffed by faculty members.**

Lt. Colonel David Mikelson

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**Lantana Squadron members and Tom Miller of FLWG/DDRA participated in the 2002 Southeast Region Red Ribbon and Recruiting "Just Do It" program by folding, stuffing and sealing more than 5,000 envelopes. Each envelope contained a Red Ribbon to commemorate the significance of the Drug Demand Reduction Day.**

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**Twenty Senior Members from squadrons in Group Six attended a Squadron Leadership School weekend in Fort Lauderdale. Instructors were provided by Florida Wing, Group Six and various squadrons. Cadets from the Ft. Lauderdale Cadet Squadron assisted the program.**

# NOT JUST A FLYING CLUB

By State Director Jerry Angley

Florida Wing Commander, Col. Matt Sharkey recently announced that membership in the wing has exceeded 4100 and was still growing. The recruiting campaign that was initiated last fall is already starting to pay dividends. The goal was for every member to recruit one new member. If we succeed the wing will double in size by the end of the year.

How do you go about recruiting new members? Most people are either totally unfamiliar with CAP or think we are a group of flying enthusiasts who just like to fly small airplanes. We do have a fleet of planes that compose the world's largest general aviation air force, but as you know, CAP has much more to offer. What are the additional services provided by our members?

CAP's primary missions for starters. Our Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs are the finest in the nation. No doubt this is a major selling point. CAP programs provide a tremendous opportunity to learn about leadership, aviation, communications, search and rescue, and disaster relief. This is unquestionably the backbone of the organization, but CAP's primary missions are not the whole story.

The friendships we develop can last a lifetime. I am still amazed when a CAP member tells me that one of their best friends was a fellow cadet they met back in the seventies. Whether it's sharing common goals or the fact that CAP is an all volunteer force there is definitely something that binds us together.

One summer when I worked at CAP National Headquarters, two of us from Emergency

Services traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia to set up a ground search and rescue school. Soon after we arrived we discovered the CAP member slated to be the school's medical officer had to move from one building to another to allow for renovation. Since she had been kind enough to help us with our project, we thought the least we could do was to help her relocate. Even though it took the better part of the day and we were all tired and worn out from lifting furniture, it all seemed worth it. That evening she cooked dinner for us and said that she had yet to meet any group of people more warm and caring than those of us in CAP.

CAP membership also provides opportunities to polish up your leadership and managerial skills. Cadets and seniors are constantly exposed to challenging situations that test their leadership abilities. Whether it's running an encampment, managing a REDCAP mission, or conducting a unit meeting, CAP members are developing personal skills that are essential for success no matter which direction life takes them.

CAP provides the opportunity to give something back to the community. It's helping young adults add purpose and meaning to their lives. It's sending a CARE package to a military member overseas. It's distributing water and medical supplies to a city ravaged by a hurricane or flood. It's helping law enforcement curb the flow of illegal drugs. It's helping to protect our shores and communities from terrorists. So, the next time you find yourself recruiting a potential new member don't forget to mention many of the benefits one derives from CAP—our nation's finest volunteer organization. CAP is definitely more than just a flying club.



# SUCCESS IS A TEAM.

Every step of life leads us to hope for success. We trust our education system to give us the foundational tools and then we rely on opportunity to allow us to use the knowledge we obtained. When one enters the Cadet Program of the Air Force Auxiliary you are moving into the higher realm of training, which will afford you opportunities to be successful in your adult life. Your preparations of today pave the path for your success tomorrow. Training to be correct must be in proper proportions. It must be in balance. A squadron of cadets that is in balance will make a good team and find success.



**Major Dewey E. Painter,  
Florida Wing Chaplain**

For those that are in the Senior Program of the Air Force Auxiliary you are a part of a well established and balanced organization that can afford you the opportunity to lead and be successful. The rank and file system within the program allows you to progress in responsibility as well as grade, assuming more responsibility along the way. In order to achieve success, the training and application must be in balance. A squadron of senior members who are in balance will make a good team and achieve success.

Success is the very fiber of our being. Some may openly deny they want to be successful but they cannot deny the inner desire to want success. Some may only envy the success of others and therefore do not succeed. Others are inspired by success and do succeed. Finding balance is the foundation for having a successful team.

There are many factors that make up a team. Some are based on personalities, some on ethnicity, some on faith, and some on common grounds. What should be the composure of the best team? If one factor is more dominant than the other, it could discourage individuals from joining or remaining a part of the team. Some of us may strive to specialize in certain areas such as Emergency Services or Aerospace Education. Some may choose to be a Communicator or a Chaplain. However, regardless of individual aspirations, we must not forget the common denominator, we are all CAP'ers. As part of the whole, we become a working element within which, when operating as a team, helps us to

keep a balance and produce success.

What are the real factors that make up a team? The makeup of the Civil Air Patrol Program I believe answers that question in several ways. [1] **Organization**-being well organized allows a team to follow an established plan of action, [2] **Training**-being well trained allows more to understand how a plan of action and how to individually play an important role in that plan, [3] **Leadership**-having quality leaders who keep in balance with goals and objectives and lead by example, and [4] **Morality**-this factor is so important the USAF and the CAP mandated it be a part of the Cadet Program to the extent it is a required part of advancement.

A team is a collection of individuals who strive together for the success of their unit or specialty. They employ individualism yet they keep in balance by setting aside their personal differences and ambitions and set their sights on achieving success for their team as the common goal.

Some of us are people of great faith and have learned that the greatness of our faith is the understanding of each other and by example let our spirituality be seen. Some are people with extensive knowledge in technical or operational areas, yet they are willing to follow when led and by example let their expertise be seen. Not everyone can fly a plane [sure wish I could]. However, it takes many just to put a plane in the air, from the maintenance personnel, to the pilot and crew, to the instructor pilots and check pilots, and to the administration staff that maintains the records and assignments of the plane, to the finance staff who pay the bills for maintenance, repairs and fuel. Working together as a team, aircraft are readied for flight, crews are trained, aircraft are manned, and logistics in support of the aircraft are in place.

Are you a person of great faith? If you are, then your balance in serving will inspire others. Are you a person of extensive knowledge? If you are then your balance in serving will inspire others. A great person or a great leader does not have to entice and enforce discipline but brings it forth by example.

Executive Director Al Allenback, in a long overdue effort to improve communication and dialogue has initiated a monthly "Open Cockpit" newsletter which will cover events, initiatives, and policy development. Here are just a few:

- ◆ CAP's new National Operations Center [NOC] assigned National Weather Service Support missions in Tennessee and Indiana in response to tornado destruction.
- ◆ New procedures with U.S. Customs Service and Drug Enforcement Administration has reduced CAP Counter-Drug background screening time from several months to less than three weeks.
- ◆ Southeast Region has received two casualty simulation kits.
- ◆ SPAG [Safety Process Action Group] comprised of CAP, Corporate personnel, and Air Force personnel are working on new operational guidance to enhance CAP safety.
- ◆ Each wing will soon be receiving VHF radios and Computers.



The CAP Supply Depot in Amarillo, Texas is closing down. The CAP Bookstore at Maxwell AFB will take over all inventory and

pending orders data.



Lt. Col. Harvey Bennett has wing staff positions available for his new Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs. He needs members who have an interest in getting the CAP story out to the public, media, and governmental agencies. Experience is an advantage but not a requirement since staff will be trained. Those wishing to be considered should phone him at 561-733-2234



The Transportation Security Administration [TSA] has implemented a national toll-free hotline that CAP can use to report any out-of-the-ordinary events or activities noted at General Aviation airports. 1-866-GA SECURE is the hotline operated by the National Response Center which centralizes all reporting and transmits them to the applicable local, state and federal agencies.



All Public Affairs Officers should be on the alert for their unit's receipt of "Present Tense" which is chock full of great PR ideas and is produced monthly by Melanie Lemay, newly added to the staff of NCAP Marketing/PR Department.

Lt. Col. Dave Mikelson advises that the newly created Crystal Lake Middle School Squadron [CLMSS] has been chartered and the Commander will be Kathleen Foy. It's interesting to note that her mother and father were CAP members in 1944! The squadron kicks off with nearly 40 cadets and many teachers are joining as senior members. CLMSS, you join up with the newly chartered MacDill Air Academy commanded by Capt. Melvin Carr and the 804th Booker Middle School Cadet Squadron which is the only Sarasota Squadron based in a public school. Capt. Tracey Stark is the Commander as well as the Education Officer.

1Lt Linda Trimpey



The 2002 Direction Finder Competition conducted at Daytona Beach was again won by the Deland Composite Squadron representing Group 4. Second Place was won by the Tallahassee Composite Squadron representing Group 1. The objective of the competition was to test the accuracy and speed of electronic search teams. The scenarios included searches in a forested area, parking lot, building, ocean beach, marina, and hangar.

## MEET YOUR TEAMMATES



Col. Steve Bell is your Florida Wing Deputy Director of Emergency Services. Steve has been a CAP Member for 10 years and has graduated from four Search and Rescue

Schools. He holds eight mission ratings including that of Planning Section Chief. Steve has received more than 20 awards and decorations and serves as Senior Pastor of the Free Methodist Church since 1982.

Col. Bell was the first CAP Chaplain to preach in the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel and personally met the President of the United States while providing security services during a disaster relief mission.



Lt. Col. Evelyn Holdren is the tried and true Director of Administration for Florida Wing at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. She volunteered to help the WWII ef-

fort by joining the Ground Observer Corps and still has the wings they awarded. Col. Holdren joined Civil Air Patrol in 1963 and held numerous jobs in Pinellas Senior Squadron, Group Three and Group Six and for Col. Bill Bass on Wing Staff. Evelyn has served as an Inspector General for two wing commanders and was then appointed to Director of Administration by then Wing Commander Col. Antonio Pineda and has been reappointed by Col. Matthew Sharkey.



Major Stephen M. Governale, U. S. Air Force Reserve is the new Florida Wing Reserve Officer. Steve entered active duty in the U. S. Air Force in 1985 at Mather AFB, CA and held several positions as a Ser-

vices Officer. He was a Squadron Commander at Reese AFB, TX, Base Commander of Bellows AFS, HI, and as Chief Inspector, Services Directorate Inspector Generals Office AETC Randolph AFB, TX.

Major Governale earned numerous decorations including AF Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal with cluster, and the Outstanding Unit Award. Steve entered the HQ CAP - USAF program in 1986 where he has served as a Reserve Assistance Officer, Deputy Wing Reserve Coordinator, Deputy Director National Cadet Officer School. Presently, he is the Director of the National Cadet Officer School.



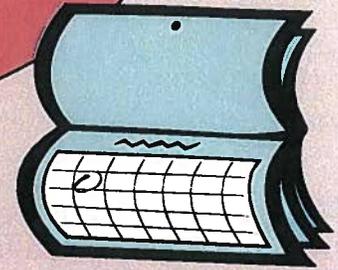
Lt. Col. David Lehtonen is your Director of Operations. He manages our fleet of 23 aircraft including gliders, 500 pilots scattered throughout the state, and the

wing counter drug program. He is responsible for hurricane relocation planning and implementation, and flying assigned emergency services and CD missions. Dave is an active Certified Flight Instructor and Chief Check Pilot.

Formerly, Col. Lehtonen was a Squadron Commander and check pilot of the Travis County Senior Squadron in Austin, Texas. He served as a Group Commander of seven squadrons for twelve years and was promoted to Florida Wing in 1997. In addition to numerous CAP medals and Certificates of Recognition, Dave has a Distinguished Flying Cross, Korean Presidential Citation, plus many other honors.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



Submitted by Lt. Col. William Brockman  
Florida Wing Chief of Staff

#### **JANUARY**

11-12 Operations Training Seminar, Naples  
11-12 EPIC Photo Training, TBA  
18 CEMP Annual Review  
18 Group 1 Inspection  
18-19 Special Acts, Fl Elks Youth Camp  
18-19 AIR FAIR, Pompano Beach Airport  
25 Wing Staff and Commanders Call, MacDill AFB

#### **FEBRUARY**

1 Group 6 Banquet  
8 Operations Training Seminar, Tallahassee  
15 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB  
18-21 Recon Team Training, Camp Blanding  
22 Aircraft Evacuation Exercise, TBA  
27-28 Winter Board of Governors Meeting  
28 Unit History due to Wing Historian

#### **MARCH**

1 FLORIDA FACTS deadline  
1-2 Cadet Competition, Fl Elks Youth Camp  
8-9 Professional Development, Pensacola  
8 Group 5 Inspection, TBA  
15 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB  
16 CD Orientation, TBA  
28-30 Disaster Relief Exercise, Ormond Beach

#### **APRIL**

1-8 Sun-N-Fun, Lakeland  
4-5 Unit Chaplain School, TBA  
12 Wing Staff Meeting, Daytona Beach  
12 Operations Training Seminar, Boca Raton  
26 Group 2 Inspection, TBA  
27 CD Training, TBA  
28 - May 1 SER Chaplains School, TBA

#### **MAY**

9 Water Survival School, Pensacola  
10 Operations Training Seminar, Ocala  
12-16 State Hurricane Exercise, TBA  
30-June 1 Florida Wing Conference, Daytona Beach

#### **JUNE**

1 FLORIDA FACTS Deadline  
7 Group 3 Inspection, TBA

7 Operations Training Seminar, Vandenberg AFB

20 Water Survival School, Pensacola

21 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB

22-28 Summer Encampment, Camp Blanding

#### **JULY**

12 Operations Training Seminar, Charlotte County  
19 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB  
19 Water Survival School Opalocka  
26 Group 7 Inspection, TBA  
27-2 August Region Cadet Leadership School, Patrick AFB

#### **AUGUST**

8 Water Survival School, Pensacola  
9 Operations Training Seminar, Pensacola  
25-27 National Board Meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER**

1 FLORIDA FACTS DEADLINE  
6 Group 6, TBA  
6-7 Professional Development, South Florida  
13 Operations Training Seminar, Patrick AFB  
20 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB  
20 CD Orientation, TBA  
26-28 SER Conference, Atlanta

#### **OCTOBER**

11 Operations Training Seminar, TBA  
18 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB  
19 Group 4 Inspection, TBA  
24-26 Check Pilot School, Lakeland

#### **NOVEMBER**

1 AEO Workshop, TBA  
1 Unit Finance Report due  
8 Operation Training Seminar, TBA  
15 Wing Staff Meeting  
22 Group 8 Inspection, TBA

#### **DECEMBER**

1 CAP's 62nd Anniversary  
1 FLORIDA FACTS Deadline  
13 TIGER DAY, Statewide  
17 100th Anniversary of powered flight  
20 Wing Staff Meeting, MacDill AFB



# AROUND THE REGION



Southeast Region Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda unveiled his "Operation Just Do It" campaign. He challenged every SER member to "recruit one new member for CAP." Even with SER currently the largest region in the nation, Col. Pineda wants to double our membership to over 21,000. With the oncoming Homeland Security mission demands, Pineda says it is an imperative to increase our manpower resource.



**COL. ANTONIO PINEDA**  
Commander, Southeast Region



Roy Boudreaux, who has performed brilliantly as Master of Ceremonies at CAP events including the 60th Gala in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C.. and numerous CAP conferences, is not a CAP member Until now! To kick off his campaign, Col. Pineda became the first SER member to recruit a new member...Roy Boudreaux!



Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling awarded a Unit Citation to the Southeast Region for the period 1 September 2001 to 1 September 2002. Any member of the Florida Wing whose membership was current during that time period is authorized to wear the Unit Citation ribbon and/or an additional clasp on the ribbon from a past Unit Citation award. No CAPF 2a is required for the wearing of this award.



The third annual Aerospace Education Conference for the Southwest, Middle East and Southeast Regions was held in Biloxi, Mississippi. The three region conference was hosted by SER. The focus of the conference was aerospace education in the classroom but also included field trips to the Hurricane Hunter and the Air Traffic Control Training Center at Keesler AFB. Visits also included the Stennis Space Center and the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.



The dates for the 2003 National Check Pilot Standardization Course were announced for the six wings in the Southeast Region. Florida Wing is scheduled for October.



SER's 2002 Conference held in Marietta, Georgia was the most heavily attended conference in the history of the SER. A highlight was the presentation of awards, many of which were proudly received by members of the Florida Wing. The General Carl A. Spaatz Award, earned by fewer than 1% of all CAP Cadets who enter the program was presented to C/Lt. Col. Drapaudi Beloved, Florida Wing Cadet Commander. The Amelia Earhart Award was received by Andres Holquin. The General Billy Mitchell Award went to Steve Adiazola and Gil Guitierrez. C/2Lt. Samantha Price was the cadet winner of the Aerospace Education Frank Brewer Award and the senior member winners were 1Lt. Linda Trimpey and Lt. Col. Richard Patrucci.

The SER Public Affairs Officer of the Year was Lt. Col. Buddy Harris; Communicator of the Year 1Lt. Robert Colbert; AE Officer of the Year Lt. Col. John Lynn; Chaplain of the Year Maj. Dewey Painter; Senior Member of the Year Lt. Col. Frank Reidinger; and, finally, the Wing of the Year was Florida Wing. A total of fifteen awards out of nineteen presented by Col. Tony Pineda. OOOOOAAA!!!!



## FINAL FLIGHT

**Lt. Col. Carl A. Driscoll**  
Florida Wing

**2Lt. Bruce H. Durie**  
Pinellas Senior Squadron

**1Lt. Walter K. Van Duzer**  
Herlong Composite Squadron

**Lt. Col. Samuel Berkowitz**  
Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron

*We offer thanks for their generous gift of dedicated  
volunteerism, patriotism and fraternalism.*

Colonel Matthew R. Sharkey  
Florida Wing Commander

### PEACE

[Author Unknown]

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;  
I'm following the path God laid for me;  
I took his hand when I heard his call;  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day;  
To laugh, to love, to work or play;  
Tasks left undone, must stay that way;  
I found that place at close of day.

If my parting has left a void;  
Then fill it with remembered joy;  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes! These things I too will miss;

Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow;  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch;

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;  
Lift up your heart, and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.....  
Lt. Col. Howard Gelbman

**B**ut as long as you need me, I'll be there" .....was the response that Lt. Col. Samuel Berkowitz always gave when he talked about retiring from the Civil Air Patrol. And so he was until the end....a loyal friend, a gentle man, and a dedicated member of CAP.

At a Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron Memorial Ceremony, members formed an Honor Line as the Cadet Honor Guard folded an interment flag to honor Lt. Col. Berkowitz. Deputy Commander Captain Parness offered a moving eulogy and C/TSgt Montgomery, who learned to play various bugle calls from Berkowitz, played Taps.

Sam Berkowitz was a WWII veteran. Stateside, Sam was the Major-Domo for a U.S. Battalion Army Band. When shipped to Europe, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was with one of the first units of GI's that liberated the Concentration Camp, Dachau.

In the late 1950's, Berkowitz learned to fly, bought his first of five airplanes, and joined the CAP. His CAP career spanned 47 years. He was a squadron commander and in 1988 he was honored as the Group Nine Senior of the Year. As a commander, he genuinely encouraged camaraderie among the squadron members by his amiable attitude and courteous manner.

By the 1960's, Lt. Col. Berkowitz was a mission-rated pilot and after many missions and accumulating many air hours, he was certified as a Command Pilot. He kept his brilliant red Cessna 172 in a hangar at Ft. Lauderdale Executive Airport [FTL] and there was hardly a day that would go by without some CAP'er or fellow pilot visiting to 'talk shop'.

In the last five years, Lt. Col. Berkowitz slowed down just a bit but he was never too tired to attend all squadron meetings. He taught Basic Aerospace Education classes with a ready wit which delighted the cadets. His great sense of humor and sage advice will be deeply missed by all.

Submitted by  
Major Virginia Montalvo

## YEAGER AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

Lt. Col. John Lynn, FLWG DAE

New procedures and requirements have recently been issued for senior members wanting to obtain the Yeager Award.

Senior members are now required to use the new textbook, "Aerospace: The Journey of Flight" for the Yeager Award. With the change to the new text, new tests and procedures have been implemented. Each chartered unit should have received two copies of each test along with the answer keys for their use. The tests and answer keys are controlled items and must be safeguarded as with any other CAP controlled item. Test Control Officers are authorized to locally reproduce copies of the exam. All copies must be controlled in the same manner as the originals. I would suggest adding control numbers to these copies. Units which did not receive these new tests should request them on a Form 8.

Education Officers should conduct study sessions with the senior members in their squadron who are interested in taking the Yeager exam.

Another change authorizes local Test Control Officers to administer the test even though they do not have the Yeager Award. Squadrons who administer the exams shall send the corrected answer sheets and a Form 126 to the Wing DAE.

The new textbook, "Aerospace: The Journey of Flight" may be purchased from the CAP Bookstore for \$17.50. There is also a Teachers Guide to accompany the textbook. The Guide includes objectives, sample tests, and lessons plans that can be used for studying or presenting the material.

## FLY-DAY IS TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Lt. Col. Bob Ashman, Commander of Group 8, is fully aware one of the greatest experiences avail-

able to a CAP Cadet is the opportunity to encounter the freedom of powered flight. After much planning and scheduling, Group 8 initiated a program that will offer Fly-Days on a bi-monthly basis.

The first Fly-Day flew 50 cadets in 25 sorties with 4 aircraft. During the second function 54 cadets flew on 27 sorties and 7 aircraft.

The cadets who participate in this exciting adventure learn the requisite phases of the Orientation Flight Syllabus.

Certificates of Flight are issued to all cadets who completed each of their syllabus requirements. Each cadet received a preflight briefing and then, in turn, boarded an aircraft and took off on their first flight. Each sortie lasted just a tad under one hour. While each sortie was airborne, the remaining cadets were instructed in various facets of the cadet program.

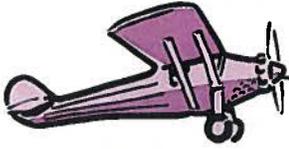
2Lt. Wayne Chaput, Clearwater Composite Squadron PAO

## THREE CAP MEMBERS RECEIVE AFA AWARDS



l. to r. 1Lt. William Kingston, Brig. Gen. William Hodges, Capt. Ray Meyers, and C/Lt. George Foster.

Three CAP members were honored at the Highlands County Chapter of the Air Force Association Community Service Awards luncheon. Brigadier General William Hodges, USAF Commander of 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill AFB was the guest speaker. The Matty Laird Award was presented to Capt. Ray Meyers, Senior CAP member of the Year was presented to Lt. William Kingston and C/Lt. George Foster was awarded CAP Cadet of the Year.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES



### BEING PREPARED REQUIRES TRAINING, TRAINING AND TRAINING

As the evening sun began to set, Florida Wing Emergency Services personnel converged on the Deland Composite Squadron for a Disaster Response Training Exercise. This was previously planned as a joint training session with the U.S. Army at Key West and was cancelled at the last moment due to an impending hurricane.

A quick turnaround included equipment relocation and installation, mission re-planning, revised team preparations, assets and logistic rearrangement, and newly developed briefing. Beginning at 0500 [5 a.m.] elements of the Forward Control Team [FTC], two ground Reconnaissance [RECON] teams, mission base staff and three aircrews began a series of disaster response evolutions on the ground and in the air. SlowScan TV was used from the air, and the RECON teams activated radio procedures using the State of Florida Disaster Reporting Format.

Air crews responded to maintenance requirements and ferry flight requests while the RECON teams carried compasses and topographic charts to the Tiger Bay State Forest for challenging ground missions.

A tactical 'stand down' was called at 1700 [5 p.m.] and all field personnel performed tick checks, foot care, meal breaks, and crew rest in preparation for night mission assignments at 2100 [9 p.m.].

As the moon rose over Volusia County, the RECON and FTC personnel entered the woods. Search and Rescue critical spacing and grid search controls were tested and clue awareness was stressed. The teams were relieved at 2400 [midnight] for a much needed rest cycle.

Sun-up found the teams back in a RECON mode working as a search unit and working with aircraft that were either picking up or dropping supplies. Pyrotechnic signaling systems which included smoke and flares were tested air-to-ground and ground-to-ground in response to Disaster Response Mission needs.

Heavy use of the airborne repeater and SlowScan video systems were involved due to the scenario of damage which required assessment evaluation.

**Captain Chip Maher, Director - Emergency Services**

### SAFETY MUST BE FIRST PRIORITY

The tragic loss of lives and aircraft recently experienced in North Carolina and Tennessee have highlighted the need for all air crews to be proficient and safe in our operations. Pilots must keep proficient by working closely with check pilots, instructor pilots, and mission check pilots. Additionally, all aircrew personnel should take advantage of the FAA Wings Seminar Program.

All pilots need to be aware of the SER Supplement 1 to CAPR 60-1. This supplement has been approved by CAP National Headquarters and has become effective as of September. All aircraft custodians must ensure that a copy of the Wing and SER Supplements are in the Aircraft Information File. Additionally, pilots should review the supplements to the new currency requirements and fuel planning requirements.

Group Stan/Eval Officers need to begin coordination with the Wing Stan/Eval on CAPR 50-11 flight clinics as per FLWG Supplement 1 to CAPR 60-1. This flight clinic program has been approved for reimbursement at \$40.00 per CAP Pilot.

Operations and Emergency Services are working closely together to combine some training events in an effort to improve overall training. Pilots will be afforded the opportunity to complete Form 5 and Form 91 checkrides at the Operation Training Days. We must make safety our first priority.

**Lt. Col. David Lehtonen**  
**Director - Operations**

### MISSION RESPONSES EXCEED PRIOR YEARS

2002 is proving to be the most active mission response year that Florida Wing has ever recorded, 317 non-distress missions were completed in 2000 and 399 were performed in 2001. This year, up to and including September 12, FLWG has already responded to 298 non-distress missions and 8 missing aircraft missions.

April was the most active month with 41 completed missions and 40 missions were assigned by the Air Force in February. The summer months were consistently active with 38 missions in June, 36 in July and 38 in August.

# SAFETY SENTRY

CAPT. ERNIE MANZANO  
Florida Wing Safety Officer

## THE ABC'S OF SAFETY

Safety is a combination of **attitude, behavior, and control** - both on and off the job.

- **Attitude** is your frame of mind when you approach a given situation.
- **Behavior** is what you will do about the situation.
- **Control** refers to making your surroundings safe.

A safe **attitude** means staying alert and focused on the job at hand. There is no horseplay and you don't let emotions like anger and frustration get in the way of job performance. When you train your people to complete a task properly, you are also training them to do it safely. Each person is responsible for using this knowledge to prevent mishaps.

How you react or your **behavior** toward a situation is an important part of being safe. Following established safety guidelines and procedures, refusing to take 'shortcuts', using personal protective equipment or

asking questions about the task at hand are examples of safe behavior. Most people think of their homes as sanctuaries from hazards. However, records show many injuries occur in the home. Hazards are often ignored because they are not recognized as hazards. While at home, people are more likely to use unsafe equipment and perform unsafe acts than they would on the job.

**Control** is taking responsibility of ensuring a safe work environment. Keep your surroundings clean and neat. Clean up spills and debris. Make sure walkways are free of obstacles and report unsafe conditions to your supervisor. The supervisor is in day-to-day contact with employees and is in the best position to spot human errors. Help all personnel to understand the importance of safety practices.

**Attitude, behavior and control** are the three most important aspects of personal safety on and off the job. Take a moment to review your safety ABC's to see if you're doing all you can to protect yourself, your coworkers and your loved ones from needless injury.

## INSPECTOR GENERAL - Who? What? Why?



Major Gary W. Owen  
Florida Wing Inspector-General

The IG is tasked with two primary duties. First, investigating valid complaints and, second, Subordinate Unit Inspections (SUI's). The Florida Wing Inspector General inspects all nine Group Headquarters every 1 1/2 years. The IG ensures that all directives, policies, and regulations are being adhered to; CAP's three missions are being achieved; detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) is enforced; and how effectively, efficiently, and safely assigned missions are accomplished.

As to the Complaint Process, most should be handled at the lowest level possible. If it is necessary to contact the IG, you should refer to CAPR 123-2 to determine if the grievance or concern meets the definition of a 'complaint'. Should you ever file a complaint with the IG, you are guaranteed confidentiality and protection against reprisals or abuse from anyone.

The intentional spreading of false rumors not only is vicious and demoralizing, but it also breaches the core values of integrity and professionalism, therefore, constituting "conduct unbecoming a member of CAP". These types of violations are investigated and the violator is subject to disciplinary action.

The job of an Inspector General is a very difficult one and is without glamour. Unfortunately, in the course of our duties, we are disliked by many and appreciated by only a few. It is our responsibility to be skillful and knowledgeable, and to conduct ourselves with professionalism and the highest tenets of character, to include integrity, honesty and respect. The Inspector General conducts all investigations in like manner and shall be objective, fair and without bias or prejudice. Anything less is not tolerated. Once the wing Inspector General has determined the facts and findings of a case, this information is forwarded to the wing commander for review and disciplinary actions, if warranted.

Whether you are a cadet or a senior member, if you feel you have a valid complaint to send to the Inspector General for review, you have that right and that privilege. It is important to remember you must file the complaint within 30 days of the alleged violation or incident and you must submit an original of the complaint with your signature.

*Please be aware that personality conflicts are not legitimate complaints, so save the trees!*

You can contact the Inspector General via e-mail or telephone anytime if you have questions or concerns. Not all complaints are valid and not all will be investigated, particularly those found to be frivolous. If the IG feels a complaint can be handled at a lower level, then that may happen, as well.

A preliminary investigation may be conducted to determine if a full-fledged or formal investigation is warranted. Investigations take time and are very painstaking. Most investigations take 90 to 180 days and some take longer. So **PLEASE BE PATIENT** during an investigative process. You can be assured that an investigation will be completed in the most timely manner possible. Be equally assured that it will be accomplished professionally, methodically, and thoroughly.

It is important to remember that the Inspector General really is human and not some evil entity! We are not the 'bad guys'! Inspector Generals are the 'eyes and ears' of the commander. Inspector Generals are eager to help if you have a question or need, and we stand ready to offer any member any assistance at any time, whenever possible. *Semper vigilans!*

## STANDING ROOM ONLY!!!!

### FLORIDA WING AND SOUTHEAST REGION CONFERENCES BREAK RECORDS.

Florida Wing's Conference in Sarasota was such an outstanding success that most wondered how the Southeast Region Conference planners could even come close. Well they did! How? They matched all the successful elements from Florida and then overlaid innovative components which in total was the formula for another 'standing room only' success.

What were the specifics that worked so brilliantly? It's best told by the remarks of those who attended - a cadet said "Wow! To be able to shake my National Commander's hand and to speak with him for ten minutes is something I'll long remember." Another cadet remarked "There were many seminars for cadets and I learned a lot. This conference is cool!" A Georgia Wing Major stated "Meeting with my colleagues from five other states was super. I've already made friends and will be corresponding with them. I wouldn't have missed this for anything." A new senior member quipped, "I've read their names but not in my wildest imagination did I think I would ever meet them, hear them and speak with them."

Heavy attendance of CAP leadership and dignitaries was overwhelming. Past National Commanders included Maj. Gen. Eugene Harwell, Brig. Gen. Hal DuPont, and Brig. Gen. William Cass, CAP-USAF Southeast Region Liaison-USAF Lt. Col. Mark O'Brien; CAP-USAF Commander-USAF Col. George Vogt; Advisor to the National Commander-Col. Charles Davenport; CAP's Assistant Executive Director-Col. Scott Hamilton; National Legal Officer-Col. George Graves; Legal Staff Officer-Col. Stanley Leibowitz; National Finance Officer-Col. Andrew Skiba; National Comptroller-Col. Joseph Meighan; many members of

CAP National Headquarters staff; plus National Executive Director-Col. Al Allenback; National Commander Major General Richard Bowling;

Chairman of CAP Board of Governors-Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe; and the guest speaker, Director of the Office of National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency-Mr. Bruce Baughman; Southeast Region Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda; the wing commanders from each of the six wings; and most of the



Attendees in packed banquet ballroom solemnly watch the 9-11 memorial presentation ceremony.

region staff officers; composed just a part of the renowned participants list.

Each of these officials made themselves readily available to speak with the conference attendees and to pose for pictures to the delight of hundreds of flash activating photographers.

All 35 of the workshops and seminars were heavily attended and the instructors were the who's who in their respective specialties.

At the General Assembly, Major General Richard Bowling sent forth a message to the 62,000 CAP members that "Safety is my highest priority. If we can save one life, save a single asset, save a resource, then we have achieved the optimum in operational efficiency."

"Safety must be a constant state of mind. In fact, to effectuate this, I have requested a program of pop-up messages to appear on our NHQ website which every visitor will see before they can go to any link. We must do a better job in safety. We need to self discipline ourselves to not take safety lightly. Our lives and our assets are too precious to lose to carelessness and thoughtlessness."

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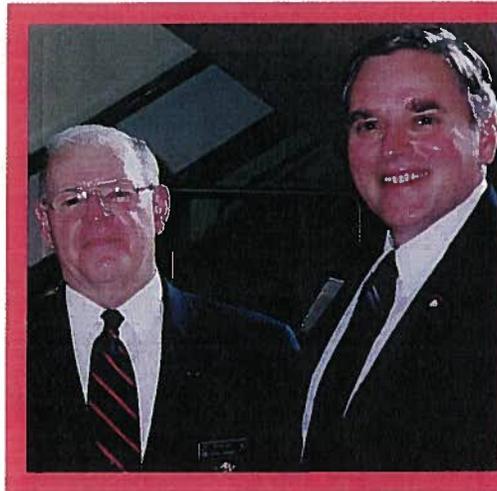
"With our forthcoming Homeland Security endeavor, we have pledged to perform professionally and without risk. In all that we do, we must have integrity. Integrity is the way we conduct ourselves when no one is watching. We are the finest volunteer organization in this country and we deliver our services professionally and with pride," concluded Gen. Bowling.

Executive Director Al Allenback informed the assemblage that our Air Force partnership and forthcoming Homeland Security partnership is being streamlined and expanded. A member's Information Center is in the works to provide a quick answer to any question a member might have. Our Operations Center is totally operative and in a position to better serve the agencies we service. We are currently going through the first NHQ reorganization since 1995, all geared to serve you better. Our Information Technologies Initiative is intended to lighten your paper load by gathering data electronically. We at NHQ want to assist you to make things happen easier and faster. If you have a problem that the chain of command can't solve, call me at NHQ and 'ask for Al'. I'm there to help you do your job better.

CAP-USAF Commander, Col. George Boden told the conference audience that "The U.S. Air Force supports you to help you do your job. With people like you, America is secure."

Southeast Region Commander, Col. Tony Pineda welcomed all attendees and thanked them for making 2002 the largest attended conference in the history of the Southeast Region. He proudly stated that presenting awards is one of the highlights of the conference in that it provides the opportunity to recognize those outstanding, dedicated, and exceptional members of the Southeast Region. From that moment on, it appeared that there was a transition from a region conference to a Florida Wing Conference. As the names of award recipients were called out, it seemed that nearly all were from Florida; **Commander's Commendation went to Lt. Col. Richard Wilson, Lt. Col. Patricia Faust, Major Ray Davis and 2Lt. Steve Bass;**

**General Billy Mitchell Award to Cadets Steve Adiazola and Gil Gutierrez; Amelia Earhart Award to Cadet Andres Holguin; Commander's Certificate of Appreciation to members of the First Prize National Color Guard Team-Capt. Edith Miller, 1Lt. David Leali, Major Joseph Martin, Capt. Linda Martin, C/MSgt Marissa Streifel, C/CMSgt Jacqueline Broedell, C/SMSgt Jennifer Obranic, C/SSgt Celeste Brewer, C/SrA Jessica Craig, Capt. Nancy Hart and Capt. Margarita Mesones-Mori; Outstanding Leadership to Col. Matt Sharkey; Frank Brewer Award to C/2Lt. Samantha Price, 1Lt. Linda Trimpey and Lt. Col. Richard Patrucci; SER Communicator of the Year-1Lt. Robert Colbert; SER AEO of the Year-Lt. Col. John Lynn; SER Chaplain of the Year-Major Dewey Painter; SER Public Affairs Officer**



l. to r. Major General Richard Bowling and Executive Director Al Allenback

**of the Year-Lt. Col. S. Buddy Harris; SER Senior Member of the Year-Lt. Col. Frank Reidinger; SER WING OF THE YEAR-FLORIDA; and the General Carl A. Spaatz Award to Cadet Commander Drapaudi Beloved.**

Col. Matt Sharkey was popping buttons off his Class A uniform when he realized that 28 members of his wing received personal recognition awards and the wing was recognized as the best of all six wings in the region. "None of us work for awards. We train, we respond, we perform, we assist and never with the thought of earning an award for our efforts. We are dedicated to the mission of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary and we fulfill it to the best of our ability. We also continue to strive to improve our abilities and to expand our membership. To be recognized by others for our efforts and to be the recipient of a cherished award, or plaque, or medal, or certificate is icing on the cake for which we are sincerely appreciative."

See Conference Photos on Page 17.

## FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE 2003

FRIDAY, MAY 30 to SUNDAY, JUNE 1



It's sheer magic to arrange for a great city, one of the best hotels in Florida, beautiful beach by the Atlantic Ocean, informative program with renowned instructors/presenters...yes, once again our conference planning team has literally pulled this "rabbit" out of the hat. This one is a "Must Attend!"

The conference is at the ADAM'S MARK DAYTONA BEACH RESORT located oceanfront in Daytona Beach. A \$53 million expansion has just been completed, 700 guest rooms, numerous cafes and restaurants, indoor/outdoor pools, fitness center, and beachfront location on Daytona's only traffic-free beach. A perfect place for you and the family.

**Reserve Now! At \$79, these luxury rooms will go fast.**

The Adam's Mark Hotel reservation deadline is April 30, 2003 but these luxury rooms at this special conference rate of only \$79 [single or double] are limited and the block will fill up before the deadline, so call 1-800-444-ADAM to reserve your room....and do it now!

Join National Commander, Major General Richard Bowling; Southeast Region Commander, Col. Antonio Pineda; Florida Wing Commander, Col. Matt Sharkey; honored guests; wing staff officers; wing instructors; and 400 of your colleagues from around the state. The formal banquet is on Saturday evening and your guests are most welcomed to join with you. General Assembly, workshops and seminars covering a wide range of topics for cadets and senior members, CAP Bookstore and Cadet Academic Competition will fill Friday and Saturday.

**SENIOR REGISTRATION SAVER:** seniors conference registration fee is only \$30 and \$55 for conference and banquet until March 31. In April, the fees increase \$10 and the last week of May, they go up \$20.

**BANQUET FEE:** for guests, cadets, chaplains, and instructors are \$35 until March 31, \$40 from April 1 to May 23, and \$50 thereafter.

**CADETS, CHAPLAINS, INSTRUCTORS SPECIAL REGISTRATION RATE:** only \$15 until March 31, \$20 from April 1 to May 23, and \$25 from May 24 on and at the door. Cadets taking part in the Cadet Academic Competition will have conference registration [not banquet] fees waived [but must pre-register].

**SQUADRON COMMANDERS:** receive a special 10% discount if they pay with a single check for a group of 10 or more from their unit.

Questions? Contact Major Sharon Taylor, Conference Coordinator: [FLWGConference@aol.com](mailto:FLWGConference@aol.com)

## A VERY RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF SOCIETY

It was with admiration and utmost regard that FLORIDA FACTS, Summer 2002, Page 14 included a story about C/1Lt Timothy Medeiros of the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron. He was chosen to serve as a student ambassador to Australia and then to Washington, D. C. to be part of the Future World Leader's Summit.

As that story was being written, this editor wondered what type of person does one have to be to receive such coveted recognition? Further, would that type of individual have developed a sense of self-esteem that would elevate his persona way above the lesser advantaged members of our society? I just wondered!

Now I am writing about that very same Civil Air Patrol Cadet, 1Lt Timothy Medeiros who recently demonstrated to the contrary to an elderly woman, a middle aged couple, a father with two small children and to 49 other families in need.

Unbeknown to most, this young member of our society, this Cadet Timothy Medeiros, had spent nearly one year performing 104 hours of community service to earn the ability to buy food at a discount. This young man rented a truck and drove to a food bank in Tampa to pick up food to fill 52 baskets with complete Thanksgiving dinners to feed 52 families. Few knew that he had applied for a \$1000 grant to cover the costs, or that he spent \$83 of his own money to buy baskets and roasting pans. Only a handful of helpers knew that each basket contained a 10-pound frozen turkey, oranges, sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie and an aluminum roasting pan.

It wasn't important to Tim Medeiros for others to know. The 16-year-old's gift to the needy this year as it was last year and the year before that, is a personal payback for a Thanksgiving dinner he received in 1995. That was the year Tim's father was dying of lung cancer. The prospects for Tim and his mother to have a holiday meal were dismal until the Salvation Army stepped in at the request of Hospice of the Flor-

ida Suncoast. "They brought us a complete meal," said Deborah Medeiros. "Then they turned around at Christmas and totally overwhelmed us with everything from a tree to gifts to food. We were just amazed."

This made such an impression on 9 year old Timothy that he personally vowed to return the favor someday and began watching for an opportunity. SHARE, a non-profit organization that sells reduced-price food packages in return for community service, was just what he was hoping for. He arranged to purchase more than 50 turkey dinners for \$15 and two volunteer hours each for the following Thanksgiving. He begged a gas station owner to give him part-time work to cover his costs. He spent Sunday afternoons shelving books at the St. Petersburg Public Library as his community service.

Tim repeated the process the next year and did it again this year, with one difference. The gas station changed hands and the new owners laid him off, so Tim applied for a \$1000 Youth as Resources Grant to cover his expenses. The Director of SHARE, first encountered Tim's tenacity three years ago. "He came in with his own hard earned money to purchase 52 packages to donate to the Salvation Army. It's not unusual to see young people involved in doing good things, but I think the degree of effort he had put in to make it happen and the goal-setting that he did is just very commendable," said Linda Nagle.

Donald Jones, Director of Social Services of the Salvation Army said, "Tim's annual Thanksgiving gift goes a long way toward easing the burden of needy families when the demand is the greatest." This coincides perfectly with Tim's vision, and provides him with all the thanks he needs.

"You never know when or if you will ever need help," he wrote in an essay a couple of years ago. "What I do affects those I come in contact with, who go on to affect others and so on, like the ripples on a pond when a pebble is dropped in."

**Cadet Medeiros, Florida Wing members are proud to serve with you and we salute you.**

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## TIGER FLY-DAY, A HUGE SUCCESS

Capt. Dave Harrington, Palm Beach Squadron



**'Twas the night before "Fly-Day" and all through the state,  
Not a cadet was sleeping, awaiting this date.  
The pilots were briefed and the planes made ready,  
The flight line was serviced, and security was steady.  
The big day arrived with a sky a bit hazy,  
To fly "O-Rides" that day seemed a little bit crazy!  
But the sun did its thing and burned off the haze,  
And everyone shouted a big round of praise!  
The cadets were excited and anxious to start,  
"Pre-flight class was first, so each did his part.  
While pilots readied planes, cadets weights were recorded,  
And "O-Rides" began as the planes were all boarded.  
Hundreds of cadets got their "O-Rides that day,  
Because each one had earned it, we'd planned it that way!**

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The night before Tiger Fly Day, my mind was pre-occupied with thoughts about the planned event. This Florida Wing event was state-wide, but the particular activity I was concerned with was taking place at the Pompano Air Park in Pompano Beach. Were we ready? Did we do everything possible to assure safety? Were all the planes and pilots going to show up? Were the planes going to perform well or were we going to have maintenance problems? Sleep finally came, and eased my restless mind a bit.

The next morning started at 4:30, in order to arrive at Pompano Air Park in CAP Flight 827. Flight 827, the plane we were going to furnish for the event. We called for a weather brief-

ing and it appeared as though the weather was going to cooperate after all, though it started out hazy, with some low clouds on the horizon until 9 a.m. When we touched down, we were greeted by Lt. Col. Harvey Siegal, the framework planner behind the program. His smiling face let me know that the plans were coming together. By 10 a.m. the sun had burned off the early morning haze that had threatened the Fly Day. All the paperwork was completed and the Orientation Rides could begin. As I assisted on the flight line, getting cadets strapped into their seats and helping with the pre-flight briefing, I could see the apprehension and excitement in the faces of the 'first-

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flight' cadets. I gave them a few words of encouragement, and away they went. I recall one young female cadet who was very excited, as I got her ready for her first flight. She had no idea what to expect. When she came back down and I was helping her out of the plane, I could see the look of complete satisfaction, accomplishment and pride on her face. Lt. Mike Loya who was piloting the plane, told me that he let her take the controls briefly in order to allow her to better understand the sensations involved in making a turn, and he commented he thought she was a 'natural'. I don't think her feet touched the ground until she left the terminal.

She was so happy it occurred to me this is what "O-Rides" are all about...getting our kids so excited about daily life, their future and aviation, that they don't have time for destructive influences made available to them on a daily basis.

The 36 cadets who were able to get their "O-Rides" the first day were complemented by an additional 24 cadets on the final day. What a successful 'Tiger Fly-Day' this was. Sixty cadets were able to experience what the Civil Air Patrol is all about. With this experience behind them, they can now concentrate their efforts on committing the time and energy necessary to continue to grow into responsible and capable adults.

A total of 316 O'Rides were flown including 9 glider flights. Yes, 'Tiger Fly-Day' was a success. But it was successful only because of the volunteer efforts of every Civil Air Patrol member who donated their time to this event. Lt. Bob Simeone and Lt. Col. Bud

Borner, pilots; Lt. Col. Bruce Smith, Group 6 Commander; Lt. Col. Russ Reichmann, Florida Wing Stan/Eval Officer; and Capt. Tom Inglima, Group 6 Safety Officer.

Additionally, Major Virginia Montalvo, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron who helped with the 'signing-in'; Capt. Tom Baldwin, Group 6 Emergency Services Officer who kept the flight line running smoothly; Lt. Col. Harvey Bennett, Florida Wing Director of Marketing/Public Affairs lent his support wherever needed; Capt. Peter Acevedo, Pompano Cadet Squadron Commander had his cadets ready when the big day arrived.

This is only a few of the many U.S. Air Force Auxiliary volunteers who worked together as a team to make this day such a huge success. It is volunteers like those, who make the Civil Air Patrol the best volunteer organization in our nation.

We also benefited from the generosity and caring of non-members such as Mr. Owen Gassaway of Airmotive, Inc. who furnished us with an additional airplane out of the goodness of his heart. Anthony Aviation helped by permitting us to use the airport and who furnishes a building for the Pompano Cadets to use for their training.

After a weekend like this, it is easy for all involved to look back and say that their lost sleep is a small price to pay for the many young lives that were influenced by this event. CAP volunteers are always volunteering their time and efforts wherever and whenever it is needed. In our cadet activities, it is inspiring to know that somewhere a young person, who one day may be the President of the United States, is being challenged today to become more than what they ever thought they could be.



