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FLORIDA WING WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



Col Charles R. Barksdale, SE Region Vice Commander performed Change of Command ceremony at the annual FL Wing Conference. Col Don Cunningham, Jr. is shown accepting the FL Wing Flag from past Wing Commander Col Richard E. Leighton. (Photo by Capt June Lawson)



Past Wing Commander, Col Richard E. Leighton assists Col Charles R. Barksdale in putting on Colonel's epalets on Col Don Cunningham's uniform. (Photo by Capt June Lawson)

Col Don Cunningham, Jr. joined Civil Air Patrol on December 1, 1959 with North Dade Comp Sqd. His first assignment was Asst. Supply Officer, moving on to Training, E.S., Commandant of Cadets and soon to Squadron Commander. He was instrumental in increasing the number of Cadets to 147. The squadron was then divided into 3 squadrons. Group 18 (now Group 9) was formed. At this point he held his first Wing position as Director of Personnel. He was "Sector Commander" under Col Owen; Chief of Staff under Col Casenove; did special mission work with Operations under Col Leali; E.S. under Col Cumler; D.O. and E.S. under Col Spieker;

then was appointed Wing I.G., a position he maintained through May 12, 1990. Col Cunningham's long term goal of being Florida Wing's Commander has been accomplished. What next Colonel? Region? National?

Col Cunningham is married to LTC Kay Marie Cunningham. They have one son and two daughters, (along with their spouses) are also active in Civil Air Patrol.

Col Cunningham hopes to bring new and fresh ideas to Florida Wing and he is setting his goals high.

All of us want to welcome you to Florida Wing and wish you a long and successful reign.

1990 FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE

Approximately 400 Seniors and Cadets were in attendance at the annual Florida Wing Conference held at the beautiful Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, FL on May 11-13.

A Senior and Cadet reception were enjoyed on Fri evening for everyone to get acquainted.

After the Colors were Posted by the Brandon Cadet Squadron Color Guard, Saturday was filled with seminars and training sessions followed by an outstanding banquet. Guest speaker for this year's conference was Brigadier General Edward N. Brya who presented a slide presentation and talk on the Panama invasion in Dec, 1989.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed a pizza/Coca Cola/D.J. party following the banquet. Some of the Seniors enjoyed this as much as the cadets.

Following the Chaplain's hour on Sunday morning, everyone welcomed our new Wing Commander, Col Don Cunningham, Jr.

The following Awards were presented to members of the Florida Wing:

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

LTC Robert Croft	Maj Jean Stockton
LTC Angelo Donadeo	Capt Windy Brinkman
LTC Edward Johnson	LTC John Lehr
Maj Daniel Powers	Capt Wayne Hamilton

LTC Tom Welch was presented with "JUSTA CADET" award, which was created by Maj Jacque Prine, for the special work he had performed for the Cadet Program.

**COMMENTS BY
WING COMMANDER**
by Col Donald Cunningham, Jr.

Well, here it is **Father's Day 1990** and as I sit here in **Wing Headquarters** I think of the many members who give their time, and the families who accept their loved ones being absent during festivities, and it makes me very proud to be a member of this **Great Organization**, and being your **Wing Commander**.

Over the 50 yrs of our existence, our methods and faces have changed but the **"Real Mission"** has not. We must all be proud of those before us and those we must train to carry on the **Great Civil Air Patrol Program**.

We must honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifices and those who might give the ultimate sacrifices in the future, for they are the heirs.

As we welcome the summer vacations and activities related to this time of year, I congratulate the young people who will be taking part in the Encampments and Special Activities, and the seniors who willingly give their time and money to make this possible; the **U.S. Air Force L.O.'s** who do their job so well to make the facilities available to our cadets; the **Base Commander and Community Leaders** who go the extra step to make **Our Cadets the Leaders of Tomorrow**. May they always look up to **Civil Air Patrol** and its members as being a **First Class Operation**; only we together can make this happen.

As many of you know, I'm very active in the flying part of our program, search and rescue, special air missions and cadet orientation. I look for more flying requirements, more and better training for our members. Take advantage, it is for you that I seek this!

I will be visiting the Drill Comp, and hopefully all the encampments. Look for me, introduce yourself and let's talk about a positive **Civil Air Patrol Program** that we all love!

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

by LTC Cheryl Miller
Florida Wing PAO

TRULY INSPIRING!! That's what **CIVIL AIR PATROL** is and should be to you. As your new Florida Wing Public Affairs Director, I am proud to be a part of CAP. As a former Cadet with 28 years in this terrific organization, I look forward to working alongside you in your Aerospace, Emergency Service and Cadet Leadership Programs -- I'm here to help **YOU** tell your story!

Briefly, there are several items for **ALL MEMBERS** to take note of:

1. Summer is coming with lots of activities. I look forward to seeing many points on your reports as you send our press releases and work toward your other PAO goals -- remember, take notes, pictures, and then **GET THE STORY OUT FAST!**

2. You can all help Public Affairs by **THINKING POSITIVE!** Promote all the great things about CAP. If you have any criticism, it belongs only in the ear of your Commander. We will go a lot further this way!!

3. PAO Training Seminars are being set up in combined Group areas. Watch your mailout for confirmed dates and locations. CAPF 17's will be required, and the seminars will be all day on a Saturday at locations selected by the Group Commanders convenient to their personnel.

4. One Mission PAO Seminar will probably have been conducted by the time this hist the press, but another is set in conjunction with an MC Training School (located TBA) 22 Sept 1990. Mark it down!

5. Your quarterly PAO reports should now be sent to FL Wg HQ. Mark them Attn: PAO, please!

Finally, have a **SAFE** summer, put on your positive "hat" (PA) and let's **ALL** work toward making this the most creative, productive effort - **GET THE WORD OUT - CAP IS GREAT!!**

FLORIDA WING CONFERENCE

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MERITORIOUS AWARD

LTC Lib Sedita
LTC Wilbert Williams
Capt Robert Pettigrew

**COMMANDER'S
COMMENDATION AWARD**

Maj Larry Hamm
Capt Matt Sharkey
LTC William Boyd
Capt Bob Pettigrew
Capt Jean Rountree
C/Lt Doug Houghton

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
FOR LIFESAVING AWARD**

Cadet Javier Fernandez
Maj Nancy Gallipo
Cadet David Simons

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

LTC Peter E. Murray (and Mrs. Murray) Commander, Oakhurst Cade Sqd, Seminole, FL.

GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD

LTC Waldense Malouf
LTC David Rennie
Maj Sindi Kalua-Miller

SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Capt Robert Pettigrew

**GROUP OF THE YEAR: Group 3
LTC Kenneth Portlock, Commander**

Group 1 received their 4th Unit Citation Award since 1986, LTC Joan Thompson, Commander.

Col Sam Spieker received the FRANK G. BREWER (AEROSPACE) AWARD

**CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR
LTC William Seitz, Group 6**

**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Maj William Dean, Group 4**

**OUTSTANDING E.S. OFFICER
Maj Ralph Dixon, Gator Sr Sqd**

A special award was presented to **B.G. William B. Cass, CAP**, for outstanding assistance in development of the CAP/U.S. Customs Program 1986-1989.

The Unit Scrapbook for 1989 was awarded to **CORAL SPRINGS CADET SQD** for the 2nd year in a row. **1Lt Armando Pucci** was named **PAO of the year for 1989**.

LTC Gerald T. Gardner (Pensacola Comp Sqd) was given his **Certificate of Retirement** from CAP for the period Jan 1964 - March 1990.

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COAST TO COAST

Tyndall AFB was the site of a Group 1 SAR and FTX in May. **Maj Donald Ellsworth** was project officer for the activity. We welcome **1LT Richard W. McCleary** as Deputy for Cadets for **Tallahassee Comp Sqd**. **LTC Frank Stephens** is commander for the new **Apalachicola Sqd**. His cadets are already actively making plans to appear in the July 4th parade. Panama City and Tyndall cadets will be Honor Guard and Post Colors for the Bay County Chapter of Retired Officers at their meeting in June at the Tyndall AFB Officer's Club. Group 1 earned a certificate for its history and a Unit Citation Award for 1989 at the WG Conference; awards accepted by **Maj Joan Thompson**, Commander. The Group is hosting a visit to Pensacola NAS in June and trips are planned for Eglin AFB and Ft. Rucker.

Gainesville Comp Sqd provided safety patrol for the flight line during a recent air show at Gainesville Regional Airport. CAP cadets receiving special awards at their AFJROTC banquet were **Jared Pollock**, **Terry King**, **Eric Barden**, **Steven Parrish** and **Kimberly Murphy**.

Group 2's **Gainesville Comp Sqd** recently fielded one of the two flight teams from FL to compete in the Regional SAR-COMP in Tennessee (See article on pg. 6) to sharpen the skills necessary to complete actual missions.

Congratulations to **Cadet Lanny G. Thompson** of the **Marion County Comp Sqd** for his successful solo in a sailplane. This 14 year old cadet has flying in his blood; his mother, father and grandfather are all pilots. Incidentally, **C/Thompson** accomplished his solo on his 14th birthday.

At the last **Group 3** banquet, **C/Capt Matthew Staehle** was named Cadet of the Year. Other cadets receiving awards from **North Tampa Cadet Sqd** were **C/Sgt J.J. Oliva**, **C/B Launa Staehle** and **C/2Lt Brian Williams**.

Group 4's **Tarpon Springs Cadet Sqd** recently held their Cadet Ball where special awards were given to **C/FO Rasmussen**, **C/B Turner** and **C/B Peters**; also honored was **LTC Rennie**.

The **Gator Senior Squadron** has entered the "Radio Watch" program which, along with the Sheriff's Dept utilizes CAP members to report criminal activities and emergency situations. Thanks to **Sheriff Rice**, **Capt Roger Cloutier** and **Maj Sandy Cloutier** this program has and will continue to be a success.

The **Gator Sr Sqd** is now introducing **K-9 SAR** to aid in the search for missing per-

sons. Their new member "Butch" is trained by **Steve Knopp** of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept and assisting is **Sgt Carron**, both offering support and encouragement.

Over 60 CAP members participated in a SAREX in Zepherhills recently including **Maj Ralph Dixon**, **Maj Jim Webster**, **Capt Dene Peak**, **1Lt William Holcomb**, **S/M Tim Barnet**, **S/M Blake Baldwin**, **S/M Kevin Addams**, **Maj Sandy Cloutier**, **M.C. Roger Cloutier** from the **Gator Sr Sqd**.

Thanks go to **Mr. Frank Witsil** who donated a Chevy Van to the **Gator Sr Sqd**. The **Gator Sr Sqd** has also held seminars on venomous snakes and tornado warnings.

Maj William Almsteadt and **Capt Anne Almsteadt** represented CAP and **Cedar Key Sqd** at the Governor's Hurricane Conference held in Tampa recently. **Governor Bob Martinez**, **Dr. Bill Gray** (Prof of Meteorology) and **Dr. Robert Sheets** (Dir. Nat'l Hurricane Center) spoke on the importance of special training and precautions of possible disasters in and around the coastal areas of FL. The next conference will be held in June 1991 in Tampa.

C/MSgt Jason Inger has been appointed Cadet Commander of **Hernando County Comp Sqd**; **C/1Lt Joseph Vetter** is awaiting word from National HQ to wear the rank of **C/Capt**.

Group 6 congratulates **2Lt Elias Delgado** of the **Central FL Sr Sqd**, who, while returning home from a trip with his family in his plane, spotted a red light in a swamp area which he reported to the local Ft. Pierce Airport. A helicopter appeared within minutes to rescue the people stranded on an airboat which was indeed in trouble. Thanks to **Lt Delgado**, these people were rescued immediately.

Group 6 welcomes two (2) new Squadron Commanders! **Capt George Pringle** to **Lake County Comp Sqd** and **1Lt Robert Hinton** to **Osceola Comp Sqd**.

Promotions in Group 6 include **LTC Ben Nation**, **LTC Fred Karl**, **LTC George Mason**, **Capt Raul Hernandez-Baquero**, **1Lt Martin Daly**, **2Lt Charles Waldrip**, **1Lt Doug Wyatt** and **Maj (Chaplain) Dan Tyler**.

Central FL Sr Sqd recently hosted a SAREX at Orlando Executive Airport. Over 50 people were in attendance including members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services who monitored all the action. Six sorties were flown with 3 ground teams assisting. **Sqd Commander Maj Michael Thompson** expresses his thanks to all who worked hard, especially the ground teams in

90+ weather. **LTC Bob Croft** of FL WG Staff was M.C. Thanks also to **MacDonald's** and **Burger King** for supplying a hearty lunch for everyone.

Group 7 welcomes **1Lt Rodney Randall** as their new **Group Commander** and **1Lt Barbara Randall** as the **Treasure Coast Comp Sqd Commander**.

Tico Comp Sqd had a good turnout for the Twenty-Seventh Space Congress recently. Among the highlights were meeting the Astronauts which were present.

The **Treasure Coast Comp Sqd** hosted a survival training bivouac recently on an island in the Indian River.

Naples Sr Sqd (Group 8) named **Maj Natalie Cherney** Senior Member of the Year. **Maj Cherney** has been in the squadron 9 yrs and serves as **ES Officer** and **Asst. Finance Officer**. Her accomplishments are numerous.

Naples Cadet Sqn has promoted **C/Anthony Bunkers** to **C/Capt** and **S/M Marron** has been promoted to **2Lt**.

Charlotte County and **Naples Sr Sqd** have assisted the fire depts in battling brush fires this Spring. They have held seminars on "Proper Dress" and "Use of the Loran" and held a successful SAREX.

Group 9 Commander, **Capt Anthony Pineda** opened the Awards Banquet held May 19th. **C/FO** promotions went to **Cadets Fred Bragg**, **Robert Leech** and **Matthew D'Andrea**. **Cadets Jude Morris** and **Joseph Cautero** promoted to **C/2Lt**. All participants of the 1990 Honda Classic were given Certificates of Appreciation and **Chaplain Wade Pope** received special recognition for his work with the cadets in moral leadership.

1Lt Armondo Pucci received an award at FL WG Conf for **Public Affairs Officer of the Year** for FL WG and an award for **Group 9** scrapbook for 1988 and 1989.

YOUR NEXT
NEWS-WORTHY
ARTICLES ARE DUE
1 AUG 1990.

SENIOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

LTC JOHN J. LEHR, DIRECTOR

REGION STAFF COLLEGE (RSC) 21-27 OCT 1990, MAXWELL AFB, AL

Commanders and staff officers who have completed senior member training Level III (SLS, ECI-13, and CLC) are eligible to attend. Curriculum outline is included in CAPM 50-17, on page 14. Send 3 copies of typewritten application CAPF 17, with \$50.00 (attendance fee) check attached, to FL WG HQ/TTN as soon as possible to assure acceptance due to quota limitations.

SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS (SLS)

23/24 June 1990 - Patrick AFB, FL

Group 7 Host (Re-scheduled from April 1990) Mail CAPF-17 to 1LT Barbara Randall, SLS Project Officer, 501 S.W. Todd Ave, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

CADET PROTECTION TRAINING (CPT)

Sixty-four (64) FL WG members attended the CPT program for Senior Members, conducted by LTC Frank White, WG Senior Training Officer, at the 1990 Florida Wing Conference 12 May 90 in Tampa, FL. CPT Director's Reports are flowing into FL WG HQ/TTN on numerous seminars being conducted throughout the State. REMINDER, CPT Directors, be sure to include all student critiques with the reports when sent to FL WG HQ/TTN.

The new CPT program for senior members is now included in the Level I training category as a separate program and should be completed after the Orientation Course (OC). It is NOT part of the Orientation Course, but is a separate program and will be a requirement in order for new members to complete Level I Training. The Wing Commander's letter to all Florida units of 1 March 1990 contained explicit information on this new senior member training program.

FL WG SENIOR TRAINING OFFICERS (WSTO)

Additional Wing Senior Training Officers have been added to the Senior Program Section staff at Florida Wing Headquarters. These members are available in their respective Group areas to assist in Wing or Group sponsored senior training activities and have other primary duty assignments on Florida Wing Staff:

LTC Cheryl Miller, 7903 Citrus Pk Blvd, Ft. Pierce FL 34951 (407-468-0123) Groups 5 & 7 areas.

LTC George Williams, 8 Hampton Ct, Mary Esther, FL 32569 (904-244-4667) Group 1 area.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SENIOR PROGRAMS (TTN)

LTC Bob Croft, CAP, has been appointed Assistant Director of Senior Programs, FL WG. LTC Croft has been the Assistant D.O. and a member of FL WG for many years. His wife, 1Lt Verona Croft is Senior Program Admin. FL WG.

NEW SENIOR MEMBER PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

New FL Wg Certificates are now being issued to NEW senior members effective 1 April 1990 as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (Form 29) for completion of the CAP Orientation Course.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (Form 30) form completion of ALL training requirements for Level 1. This includes both the orientation course and the CPT program. This certificate also awards the CAP Membership Award.

Information regarding criteria and application administration for these new awards is contained in FL WG HQ/TTN letter dated 1 May 1990 and FL WG Supplement 2, CAPM 50-17, 1 April 1990 distributed to all FL Units.

Lt James A. Kuncis, CAP, Data Processing Section, FL WG HQ was the first recipient of the new FL WG Certificate of Achievement.

SENIOR MEMBER PROGRAM AWARD

PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

Capt Robert W. Juback 08249
Maj Karen Wade 08033

GROVER LOENING AWARD

Maj David C. Millis 08182
Capt Robert L. Bowling 08272
Capt Henry P. Kalita 08023
Capt. Christopher E. Pike 08159

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/ LEADERSHIP AWARD

LTC George H. Mason 08259
Maj Roger N. Thomas 08383
1Lt Mary L. Galea 08084

NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR FLORIDA WING SAFETY

Coming on board as Director of Safety, FL Wing is Capt Richard Caplinger. As WG Safety Officer, Capt Caplinger will implement the Safety Program as outlined by the FL Wing Commander.

In addition, Col Don Cunningham has appointed Maj Doug Johnson to the newly created position of Aviation Safety Officer. Maj Johnson's job is to concentrate on Aviation Safety, and to work with the WG Safety Officer to improve it.

Both of these men come to us qualified for their task. Capt Caplinger has served as a FL firefighter for 21 yrs. Maj Johnson served as aviation safety officer in the Marine Corps, flew combat missions in Vietnam and was a pilot for Eastern Air Lines for 18 years.

MISSION COORDINATOR'S SCHOOL

A Mission Coordinator's School will be held on July 14 & 15 at MacDill AFB. This school will be a "teaching" school. There are only 25 spaces available and will be filled on a first come basis. Send your CAPF 17 to FL WG HQ/DOS.

Another "training" session will be held in Sept 1990 (date TBA) to incorporate M.C. update school. Mark these dates on your calendar.

PROMOTIONS FOR MAY 1990

08001 Col Don Cunningham, Jr.
08259 LTC Edwin H. Finlayson
08033 Maj Darrell D. Chamberlain
08078 Maj John E. Mintern
08159 Maj Christopher E. Pike
08169 Maj George C. Keller
08033 Capt Gregg K. Bartruff
08159 Capt Bill Passinos
08169 Capt Charles R. Davis, Jr.
08210 Capt Anthony P. Giannetta
08210 Capt. Marcus A. Sims
08267 Capt William D. Pemberton
08355 Capt Sergio I. Taylor
08023 1Lt Ruth M. Mandell
08033 1Lt Victor G. Chambers
08104 1Lt Doreen L. Harrison

CADET PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

FLORIDA WING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

by LTC Thomas C. Welch

JT Selectees, Homestead AFB, 29 July - 3 Aug, 1990

08014 Moredock, Cynthia	08227 Barker, Jeffrey
08014 Zickgraf, Thomas	08279 Piedrahita, Arnaldo
08028 Himelock, Marc	08279 Reeves, Richard
08054 Mauser, James	08301 DeGracia, Alexander
08066 Gallace, David	08318 Perez, Joel
08089 Ayers, Jon	08318 Lemus, Raudel
08090 Guerra, Francisco	08319 Mercado, Jose
08090 Miqueo, Frank	08319 Lee, Anthony
08104 Donato, David	08335 Woodward, Robert
08104 Cannon, Clayton	08355 Schack, Steve
08104 James, Michael	08355 Lemes, Eric
08104 Jordan, Eric	08357 Saffore, Angelo
08104 Harwood, Joy	08159 Putigna, Floriano

ALTERNATES

08049 Scholl, Michael	08227 Krobatsch, Thomas
08090 Glynn, Marian	08237 Soles, Jimmy
08104 Milan, Mark	08319 Martell, Kristian

OJT SELECTEES, MacDILL AFB, 15-20 July, 1990

08027 David, Teresa	08133 Rodriguez, Joseph
08028 Lazzizzera, Michael	08142 King, Terry
08028 Pittman, Christina	08237 Womble, Ronald
08028 Appleton, Jesse	08267 Eccleston, Michael
08029 Rhodes, Matthew	08327 Rasmussen, Kenji
08033 Buckles, Robert	08327 Suttle, Jeffrey
08043 Staley, Arron	08315 Proffer, Rachel
08043 Camp, Nathaniel	08361 Powers, Kimberly
08049 Peake, Carol	08049 Scholl, Adam
08060 Hopton, Penny	08066 Allen, Christopher
08066 Harding, Charles	08084 Geylani, James
08084 Murray, Craig	

ALTERNATES

08015 Meadows, Jonathan	08028 Hefti, Sean
08267 Lower, Jeffrey	08311 Faircloth, Henry
08327 Schneider, Steve	08335 Michael, Andrew

WATER SURVIVAL SELECTEES, HOMESTEAD AFB, 3-5 Aug. 1990

08014 Gallipo, James	08104 Malan, Mark
08016 Sapp, Christopher	08125 Kendrick, Elizabeth
08028 Himeloch, Marc	08159 Jones, Erick
08049 Scholl, Michael	08159 Passions, James
08043 Staley, Arron	08237 Soles, Jimmy
08054 Leali, Davidh	08267 Lovegren, Christopher
08033 Poxon, Todd	08279 Reeves, Richard
08066 Gallace, David	08301 DeGracia, Alexander
08078 Randall, Dempsey	08318 Valentine, Antonio
08078 Wright, Benjamin	08319 Martell, Krisyian
08089 Ayers, Jon	08319 Lee, Anthony
08090 Miqueo, Frank	08335 Doudakain, Greg
08090 Glynn, Marian	08335 Woodward, Robert
08104 Jordan, Erich	08335 Keleshian, Greg
08104 Harwood, Joy	08357 Saffore, Angelo

ALTERNATES

08029 Conner, John	08078 Randall, Julia
08029 Sain, Roger	08089 Glass, Jerry
08279 Winter, Mark	08319 Aranda, Francisco

CADET LEADERSHIP CARDS TO BE PHASED OUT!!!!

Since fingerprint screening has been expanded to all active senior members, the separate Cadet Leader Card is being phased out. New senior members will receive a temporary card until the fingerprint process is complete and the member is approved at which time an "APPROVED" membership card will be issued. Members who now have a Cadet Leader Card will continue to use it until they renew and receive the new "APPROVED" membership card.

IACE SELECTEES

Burke, David A.	Switzerland
Faircloth, Robert L.	Germany
Gallipo, James R.	Netherlands
Moredock, Cynthia M.	France
Otero, Monica	Sweden
Peake, Carol L.	Canada
Pettigrew, Bryan A.	Great Britain
Sirmons, David S.	France

CADET CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The St. Petersburg Hilton, St. Petersburg, FL will be the site for the 1990 Cadet Conference on Sept 21-23 1990. For registration call C/LTC Rob Faircloth at 813/823-7268; this must be done before Aug 17, 1990. Hotel rooms are \$77 per night (up to 4 to a room). Conference cost is \$25. This includes welcome reception, seminars, banquet and dance following banquet. **MORE NEWS TO FOLLOW!!!!**

WING CONFERENCE...continued from pg. 2

Special guests at the Wing Conference included Col Charles Barksdale, SE Region Vice Commander; LTC Don Stallings, USAF LO, FL WG; M/Sgt Richard Skinner, USAF NCO/LO, FL WG; Col Richard Gasparian, USAF LO, SE Region.



C/Capt Chris Hamilton shown with his Group Commander, 1Lt Rodney Randall. C/Hamilton was presented his PILOTS WINGS at the 1990 FL WG Conference. (Photo by 1Lt Barbara Randall, Cmdr Treasure Coast Sqd)

All of us at Florida Wing wish to thank Lori Pristera for the hard work and time she put into bringing this Wing Conference together successfully. Also, one of the highlights of the conference was the slide presentation of the cadet program. Lori, you did a wonderful job which made the 1990 Florida Wing Conference an enjoyable one for all of us attending.

ENCAMPMENT UPDATE

CAMP RUDDER ENCAMPMENT - Maj. Dan Powers, Encampment Commander, states that he will accept walk-ins at Camp Rudder. Bring the proper uniforms, etc. and your check!

TYNDALL AFB ENCAMPMENT - Capt June Lawson, Encampment Commander, wants you to continue to send in your Form 54's (4 copies). There are many slots for first time cadets yet to be filled. These forms can be sent to Wing Headquarters or to LTC Henry Prine.

FLORIDA SWEEPS SECOND PLACE AT SOUTHEAST REGION SARCOMP



FLORIDA WING'S NUMBER ONE AIR TEAM
1Lts. John Carlsen, Carlos Garcia, Tim Arnold and Capt. Joseph Lavati (Photo by 1Lt. Gerry Baumgartner)(Story by Capt Joseph Lavati)

FLORIDA WING'S MC, Ground and Air Teams made a clean sweep at SE Region's Search & Rescue Competition in Knoxville, TN on May 5, 1990. The MC team consisted of **Maj Daniel Powers, Maj Ralph Dixon and LTC Fred Swearingen**. The Ground Team consisted of **Capt Matt Sharkey** (team leader), **C/LTC Patrick Fenneran, C/Tsgt Chris Rapp, C/LTC Todd Engleman and 2LT Abron Deer**.

There were two Air Crews consisting of **Capt Joseph Lavati** (pilot), **1Lt Tim Arnold, 1Lt John Carlsen** (Observers); **1Lt Dee Parrish** (pilot), **Capt David Ball and Maj Ken Massey** (Observers). "A fun time was had by all" stated **1Lt John Carlsen**. **1Lt Tim Arnold** was quoted as saying, "it was a pleasant change flying around the mountains and ridges of Tennessee." The Air Competition was closest with the Tennessee Air Crew beating out Florida Wing Air Crew by only one (1) point. **Maj Dan Powers, FL WG D.O.**, said, "it was a learning experience for all of us. We'll sweep first place at the next SARCOMP."



GROUP 9 SWEEPS CADET COMPETITION

Group 9 Team pictured with 10 first place trophies and overall first place trophy. Pictured with the winning Florida Wing Team is **LTC Henry Prine, LTC Dennis McCoy** and the Group 9 Commander, **Capt Tony Pineda** (Photo taken by Capt June Lawson)



BRANDON CADET SQUADRON PLACED SECOND AT FLORIDA WING'S CADET COMPETITION. C/1LT Tai Miller received the Col Robert Owen Leadership Award (Photo by Capt June Lawson)

CADET COMPETITION A HUGE SUCCESS



The Seniors responsible for organizing the 1990 Cadet Competition pictured left to right: **LTC Dennis McCoy, LTC Henry Prine; LTC Linda Eddy and LTC Tom Welch** (Photo taken by Capt June Lawson)

Florida Wing welcomed 8 teams for Competition this year. They were St. Petersburg Cadet, Group 7, Group 8, Group 9, Brandon Cadet, Group 5, Miami Enterprise and Tamiani Composite Squadrons. It was evident to all participants and observers that these teams had worked long and hard to bring their people together. If this editor were judging, they would all have walked away with First Place trophies.

The Special Team Award was given to Group 8; Cadet Eric Jones was the recipient of his Mitchell Award; LTC Dennis McCoy was presented with an award for outstanding Project Officer 1990 and C/Sgt Malan received the "Fleet Foot" Award for the fastest mile run. All teams received a Participation Award. Next year we are all looking forward to welcoming even more teams at Cadet Competition.

Florida Wing wishes the very best for the Group 9 Team at Region Competition in a few weeks!!



LTC Angelo Donedeo presents the 1st Place Trophy to the Group 9 Team Leader as the Group 9 Commander looks on. (Photo by Capt June Lawson)



LTC Tom Welch is presented with the "awesome" pt shorts and cap worn by the St. Petersburg Team. Pictured with LTC Welch are C/LTC Rob Faircloth and 1Lt Schnur. (Photo by Capt June Lawson)

CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS ARE APPOINTED TO THE MILITARY ACADEMIES



C/Lt Luis Fernando Linares, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron (Photo by **1Lt Armondo Pucci**)

C/Lt Luis Fernando Linares was nominated for appointment to the **U.S. Air Force Academy** by **Senator Bob Graham**. **C/Linares**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Linares** of Coral Springs, FL has been in C.A.P. for 2 1/2 years. He has shown outstanding leadership qualities and hopes to become an Air Force pilot. **C/Linares** has been very active in his school activities and clubs. He was awarded the Certificate of Appointment by the Superintendent of the **Air Force Academy**, **Lt. Gen. Charles R. Hamm**. **C/Linares** is a member of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron.

TICO COMPOSITE SQUADRON has helped groom **C/FO Chris Barrett** for his appointment to the **U.S. Air Force Academy**. **C/Barrett** has been active in Cross Country Running at Titusville High School for the past 3 years where he was the recipient of 3 varsity letters. His activities include National Honor Society, Senior Class V.P., Band, Spanish Honor Society, Physics Club President and many more. He has been active in Civil Air Patrol for 4 years, most recently holding the position of Flight Commander, Deputy Cadet Commander and Cadet Commander. **C/Barrett's** nomination for the **Air Force Academy** came from **Congressman Bill Nelson**.



C/Capt Erich Hernandez-Baquero, Seminole Cadet Squadron (Photo by **Capt June Lawson**)

C/Capt Erich Hernandez-Baquero, was nominated for his appointment to the **U.S. Air Force Academy** by **Congressman Bill McCollum**. **C/Hernandez-Baquero** is a member of the National Honor Society, Golden Fleece, Math Club, Student Government, Future Business Leaders of America, Tri-Hi-Y, and many more at Lake Mary High School. He has been very active in his church with the youth program and the choir. He has participated in retreats, conferences and served as an alter boy. During his years with Civil Air Patrol he has held all positions in his squadron, his most recent being Cadet Commander. **C/Hernandez-Baquero** is the son of **Mr. & Mrs. Raul Hernandez-Baquero** of Longwood, FL.



C/Capt Bryan Pettigrew, Orlando Cadet Squadron (Photo submitted by **Capt Bob Pettigrew**)

C/Capt Bryan Pettigrew has been appointed to the **United States Naval Preparatory School** in San Diego, California. **C/Pettigrew** is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, National Beta Club and many other activities. He has been active in several volunteer organizations in the past few years, working with children and with victims of Alzheimer's Disease. **C/Pettigrew** was a **C/Maj** with his **AFJROTC** unit at Dr. Phillips High School where he was their Public Affairs Officer. During his time spent in Civil Air Patrol, he has held all positions available with his squadron, the most recent being Cadet Commander. **C/Pettigrew** is the son of **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pettigrew** of Orlando, FL.



C/J. Jevon Zirkel, Seminole Cadet Squadron (Photo by **Capt Raul Hernandez-Baquero**)

C/J. Jevon Zirkel was nominated for appointment to the **U.S. Air Force Academy** by **Senator Connie Mack** and **Congressman Bill McCollum**. While attending Lyman High School, **C/Zirkel** was active in varsity volleyball and soccer. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Math Club, Civitans Club, and church youth council representative. He is a certified life guard and active in all water sports. During the year 1989-1990, **C/Zirkel** attended **Marion Military Institute** in Marion, Alabama where he participated in National Precision Drill at the **U.S. Air Force Academy** (his team placed 2nd out of 27 teams). **C/Zirkel** has made the Dean's List and the Commandant's List while at **Marion Military Institute**. During his period with Civil Air Patrol, **C/Zirkel** held several staff positions. He is the son of **Mr. & Mrs. James E. Zirkel** of Longwood, FL.

From the Editor:

Everyone at Florida Wing wants to congratulate these young people on their outstanding accomplishments. All cadets can use these young men as examples of what can be achieved if you work hard and are determined. Nothing is beyond your reach. The Sky is the Limit. The future of this Nation is yours. Take it and make it better for all of us.



FLORIDA WING

MAY YTD

SAVES	0	2
FINDS	1	43
SAR MISSIONS	15	94
DR MISSIONS	0	3
RC (Red Cross) Missions	0	0
SUNDOWN PATROLS	68	472
OTHER MISSIONS	46	170
TOTAL FLIGHT SORTS	53	227
TOTAL FLYING HOURS	166.6	1922.2



ALWAYS VIGILANT

NUMBER OF: MAY

Senior Members (National)	38,554
Cadet Members (National)	26,925
FLORIDA Senior Members	2262
FLORIDA Cadet Members	1566
FLORIDA Squadrons/Flights	85
FLORIDA Group Headquarters	9
FLORIDA Pilots	170
FLORIDA Aircraft Owners	55
FLORIDA CAP/Corp. Aircraft	
FLORIDA Radio Stations	

May Promotions cont'd...

- 08433 Capt. Michael J. Briere
- 08373 1Lt Pamela L. Brackett
- 08001 2Lt James J. Hall
- 08016 2Lt Angela H. Perretti
- 08016 2Lt Teri Jean Pope
- 08021 2Lt Frank Alberti
- 08089 2Lt Mark K. Adkins
- 08142 2Lt Kenneth L. Reeves
- 08169 2Lt Jeffery W. Hopkins
- 08227 2Lt Lisa A. Manderino
- 08249 2Lt Katherine A. Daugherty
- 08357 2Lt Danny A. McCamis
- 08383 2Lt Douglas W. Botbyl
- 08423 2Lt R. Curtis Nations
- 08424 2Lt Lois L. Scherer
- 08123 1Lt Dan D. Sleezer
- 08128 1Lt Beverly A. Horst
- 08259 1Lt Kelton D. Sweet, Jr.

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Please note HF Frequency Changes...

4585 changes to **4466**
4467.3 changes to **4469.0**

These changes take place **1 August 1990**.
If you have any questions, please contact
LTC Ross Sedita at Florida Wing Headquarters,
407-452-5401.

IN APPRECIATION

The Wing Commander and Florida Wing Staff Members want to thank Capt Windy Brinkman for 4 years of hard work and dedicated service as Finance Officer.

WING WILL NO LONGER BE PAYING 108's. ALL 108's WILL BE SUBMITTED TO AND PAID BY THE AIR FORCE.

WANTED-Person interested in Personnel work to serve as Staff Assistant to WG Personnel Officer. Should have good knowledge of and use of computer; familiar with records research, data evaluation and files. Must type and have excellent phone personality qualities. Individual should be quick learner and recall. Will be required to help with presentations and seminars. Should be available to work at Wing Hdqts minimum one to two days per week.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: One (1) pair of black, leather, Georgio Brutini men's shoes, size 11. These shoes were found after the cadet pizza party at the Wing Conference. If they belong to you or someone you know, please call Lori Pristera at Wing Headquarters to retrieve them.

LTC Henry Prine reports that over the past few years he has accumulated a variety of items after encampments. These include jackets, cameras, sweaters, shoes and many types of personal items. If you have lost something, contact **LTC Prine**.

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