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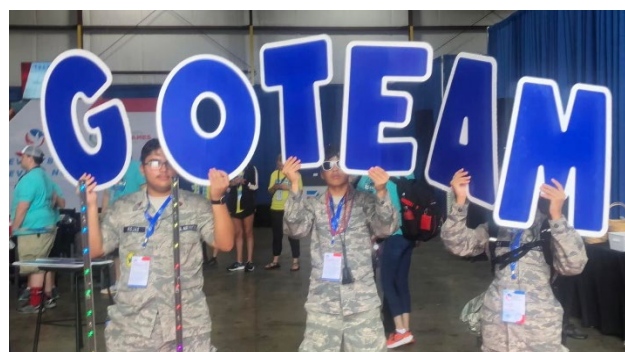
FLORIDA WING NEWSLETTER

Florida Wing Members Support Special Olympics Airlift

by Maj. Sybrian Castleman, FLWG Public Affairs

Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol members arrived before dawn on June 4th to support the Special Olympics Airlift, sponsored by Textron Aviation, at the Orlando Executive Airport to greet athletes upon their arrival to Orlando for their week of competition in the 2022 USA Games.

This was an amazing, fun-filled day as volunteers cheered athletes from the moment they stepped off the aircraft to the welcome center where they were greeted by more cheering, dancing, and clapping. Florida Wing members also assisted with loading the incoming athletes' baggage into trucks to be transported to their hotels helping make this complex operation run smoothly.



It was a memorable day for athletes, coaches, and volunteers. Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning was at the event for photo opportunities and to show his support for the athletes. Civil Air Patrol's chief operating officer, Southeast Region Commander Col. Andrea Van Buren and Florida Wing Commander Col. Luis Negron were also in attendance, helping greet athletes and visiting with Florida Wing members throughout the day.

Overall, 60 Florida Wing members supplied over 400 volunteer hours during the Airlift with nearly 80 planning hours contributed by Capt. Michael Piwowski, Activity Director; Maj. Ayrton Ingle, Incident Commander; and their advance planning team. About twice as members originally volunteered to support the Airlift, but as Tropical Storm Alex approached and threatened the southern part of the state, many Florida Wing members were unable to attend.

"We had a few showers and some drizzle for most of the day but it didn't dampen the spirits of the arriving athletes or any of the volunteers who made them feel very welcome," said John Salvador, CAP's chief operating officer. "Our cadets played a huge role in welcoming the athletes at the hangar where they gathered after arrival."



SAVE THE DATES

July 7 – 16: Summer Encampment,
Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke
– Student Registration Closed
TAC Officers Still Needed

More information, senior member staff
application, and staff payment link:

[FLWG Summer Encampment](#)

July 7 – 16: Florida Emergency Services Academy,
Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke –
Registration Closed
Information: [FLESA](#)

July 24-30: Cyber Camp, Port St Lucie –
Student Registration Closed
Staff applications accepted through July 11th
Information and Application Link:

[FLWG Cyber Academy](#)

July 31-Aug 7: Region Cadet Leadership School,
Tri- State Christian Camp, DeFuniak Springs, FL
Student Registration, Cadet and Senior Member
Staff Applications Open – Deadline July 10th
[RCLS](#)

August 25-27: CAP National Conference,
Lexington, KY- Registration Open through July 21st
Information and Registration Link:
[CAP National Conference](#)

**August 26-28: FLWG Cadet Color Guard
Academy,** Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla, FL
Staff applications and student registration
opening soon. [FLWG Website](#)

October 21-23: Ultimate Cadet Challenge,
Camp Flaming Arrow near Lake Wales FL
Applications being accepted for Activity Director
through July 9th. Email:
AnnMarie.Kozloski@flwg.cap.gov

**November 18-20: Fall Florida
Leadership Academy,** TBA

Tropical Storm Alex

In early June, parts of Florida Wing rapidly advanced through HURCON levels in anticipation of Tropical Storm Alex. Many storms give us a lot of time to prepare, while others develop quickly, leaving little time to put a plan into action.

Fortunately, there was little impact from TS Alex and it gave Florida Wing members an opportunity to complete tasks to secure buildings, vehicles, aircraft, and other assets - and to discover if local storm preparedness plans or unit contact lists needed to be updated or revised.



What's new in the HURCON FLWG Plan?

One of the first items you may notice as you read through the plan or check the 2022 FLWG HURCON Status on the wing website is that the wing is currently at HURCON 5. HURCON 5 is a seasonal alert condition that is automatically set by all units in FLWG from 1 June through 30 November each year unless directed otherwise by the Florida Wing Commander.

The 2022 Florida Wing HURCON Plan is available on the FLWG website. Please become familiar with the plan and the SITREP procedure. It is recommended that you review the plan with members of your unit, discuss local plans for securing assets and maintaining communication with unit members if your area is affected by a storm.

Important Links:

[FLWG HURCON PLAN](#)

[FLWG HURCON STATUS](#)

[Unit SITREP](#)



Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School

Tri-State Christian Camp
100 Christian Camp Road
DeFuniak Springs, FL, 32433

July 31 to August 6, 2022

Academy Director: Lt. Col. Thomas
Trammell

DESCRIPTION

Florida Wing is hosting a Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School from 31 Jul to 6 Aug 2022 at the Tri-State Christian Camp (TSCC) in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. The Region Cadet Leadership School is a week-long activity for Cadet Officers and Senior NCOs that expands and builds upon leadership skills already familiar to experienced cadets.

The goal is to impart both academic knowledge and tools for practical application which will make participants more effective both in CAP and in life. The RCLS program has been expanded to a full week so that the curriculum more closely parallels that found at the National Cadet Officer School. Attendance at a RCLS is a requirement for the Eaker Award.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to attend RCLS the cadet should be an officer or an NCO at or above the grade of Master Sergeant, and have completed a basic encampment. Seniors participating as staff should have extensive experience with the cadet program. Cadets who have completed the national Cadet Officer School or who have earned the Spaatz award may also apply for staff.

DEADLINES

10 JULY 2022 - All Staff Applications are due
10 JULY 2022 - All Cadet applications are due
15 JULY 2022 - All Payments are due
17 JULY 2022 - Refund date deadline

FEES

All participants will have a fee of \$280

Payment Methods

In accordance with FLWGP 200-2, Florida Wing Financial Management Procedures, payments shall only be made online via Eventbrite or Wing Banker transfer. Eventbrite is the preferred method. If you're registering as a student, payment will be part of the registration process. If you're applying for a staff position, do not pay until you've been confirmed as staff.

Refund Policy: All refunds must be requested through and approved by the Activity Director.

For more information about the Southeast Region Cadet Leadership Academy including registration instructions, registration links, staff applications, fee payment links, transportation, packing lists and graduation, please visit the Florida Wing website at:

[Southeast Region Cadet Leadership Academy](#)

Training Opportunities



Florida Wing Monthly Safety Briefing

First Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. Eastern, Virtual on FLWG Microsoft Teams

The FLWG Monthly Safety Brief isn't just for wing staff members! All Florida Wing members are welcome to join the meeting. Don't be late logging in because these Safety Briefs are...BRIEF! Most months the briefing takes between 15-30 minutes depending upon topic and member participation.

Unit commanders or safety officers can login to Teams and show this safety briefing during their meeting to fulfill the monthly safety briefing requirement for their unit. The topics are varied, innovative, interesting, engaging, and timely. Be sure to remember to log your members' training in e-services if they are not logged into the Teams meeting!

[FLWG Monthly Safety Brief](#)

Please login 10 minutes early in case you have trouble accessing through the link. If you have login issues, please email: arrash.shekari@flwg.cap.gov



Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) Basic - Virtual

Date: Saturday, July 16th

Registration ends when full or July 13th

Through 2022, Training Leaders of Cadets Basic is being offered quarterly by the RMR/NCR Chaplain Corps. Classes are normally scheduled on the 3rd Saturday of the first month of each quarter and advance online coursework through AXIS will need to be completed before attending.

Next session will be October 15th. Registration will open a few weeks before.

Registration Link: <http://caphclub.us>

Join CAP's Ongoing Damage Assessment Efforts (From PROPS Newsletter)

CAP members - Do you want to be involved in a disaster response, regardless of where you live? Have you always wanted to serve during a mission but felt you don't get the opportunity because disasters don't occur where you live, you don't fly, or you're not a member of a specialized team?

Things are changing. Did you see this article on "[Harnessing Technology](#)" in the Spring edition of Civil Air Patrol Volunteer? This past year, CAP helped assess damage from Hurricane Ida; tornadoes in the Quad States, New Orleans, and Andover, Kansas; and New Mexico's Hermit Creek Fire.

You now have the opportunity to support FEMA by helping conduct imagery-based damage assessments. On behalf of the CAP Geospatial Program, all members, including those from our international squadrons, are eligible to apply and help.

You must complete the training to be eligible. You may be called on to support a disaster response (to hurricane, fires, tornadoes, floods, etc.), regardless of where you live. To sign up and help, [see these details](#).

Florida Wing Member Spotlight



Cadet Wings -158th Cadet to Earn Private Pilot Certificate

Cadet Joseandres Hernandez of Florida Wing's Pines-Miramar Composite Squadron became the 158th cadet to earn his Private Pilot Certificate through Cadet Wings on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, thanks to funding from the Ray Foundation.

Cadet Hernandez recently reported to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Congratulations Cadet Hernandez!

Photo of Cadet Hernandez and his CFI, Mr. Javier Garcia

C/1st Lt Katherine Crane of the Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron flew her first solo glider at the North Central Region Glider Academy in June. Congratulations!



Cadet CMSgt. James Dewey of the Sunlake High School Cadet Squadron flew his first powered solo at the National Flight Academy held in Great Lakes Region last month. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Cadet Master Sergeant Roger Roden of the Lake Composite Squadron on being inducted into the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society as inductee #641! Squadron!

*Additional members
will be recognized in
the 2022 FLWG
Conference Magazine
which will publish later
this month!*

June Cadet Milestone Awards

Earhart Award



Ryan Vidal, Tamiami Composite Sq.

Mitchell Award



Sydney Sanford, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Christopher Beebe, Brandon Cadet Sq.
Grace St. Pierre, Hernando Composite Sq.
Hunter Hewitt, Clearwater Composite Sq.
William Berlanga, Jr., Key West Cadet Sq.

Wright Brothers



October Broadway, Ormond Beach Composite Sq.
Luke Leonard, Ormond Beach Composite Sq.
Benjamin Jones, Charlotte County Composite Sq.
Lucian Willey, Charlotte County Composite Sq.
Aaron Ferrell, Treasure Coast Composite Sq.
Owen Humphreys, 089th MacDill Aviation Cadet Sq.
Hayden Burk, Gainesville Composite Sq.
Halley Chu, North Palm Beach Composite Sq.
Amaia Areta, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Braylon Janssen, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Derek Rios, Brandon Cadet Sq.
Stella Nawyn, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Andrew Burns, Pines-Miramar Composite Sq.
Nathan Gribble, Patrick Composite Sq.
Aidan Fernandez, Tamiami Composite Sq.
Mateo Machado, Tamiami Composite Sq.
Anthony Rubino, Naples Cadet Sq.
Raelan Chisolm, Wesley Chapel Cadet Sq.
Austin Campbell, 463rd Composite Sq.

June Senior Member Education and Training Awards

Level 4



Douglas Martin, Boca Raton Composite Sq.

Level 2



Kimberly Bynum, SRQ Composite Sq.
John Henderson, Ti-Co Composite Sq.
Jeffery Reed, Pensacola Cadet Sq.
Justin Torres, Tallahassee Composite Sq.
Dennis Lasowski, 463rd Composite Sq.

Level 1



Kenneth Velazquez, Stuart Composite Sq.
Natalie Putnam, SRQ Composite Sq.
Joseph Efinger, Charlotte County Composite Sq.
Robert Freiburger, Charlotte County Composite Sq.
Michael Bohn, Merritt Island Senior Sq.
Christopher Donaghue, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Adrian Horreo Gonzalez, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Jessica Swanson, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Vincent Iglesias, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Jason Fox, Patrick Composite Sq.
Vincent Kaiserian, Jacksonville Composite Sq.
Richard Appleyard, Emerald Coast Senior Sq.

The Boynton Beach Library recognizes CAP with a display of CAP and Lantana Composite Squadron artifacts commemorating 80 years. Georgen Charnes, Professional Archivist for the Library, created by the display with the support of the Palm Beach Historical Society.



Wreaths Across America Radio June Interviews

[Chaplain Linda Pugsley, CAP National Chief of Chaplains](#)
[Maj. Sybrian Castleman, FLWG Director of Public Affairs](#)

Change of Command Held for Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron

By 2nd Lt. Cynthia Minnick, CAP

Public Affairs Officer, Charlotte County Composite Squadron

Changing command is a time-honored ceremony steeped in military tradition. The Charlotte County Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets participated in that tradition during a ceremony at the squadron's building in Punta Gorda on Monday, May 23, 2022.

During the event, the incoming cadet commander, Cadet 2nd Lt. Alexandria Mulvaney, took the reins of the squadron, while outgoing commander, Cadet Capt. Riley Pezdek, reflected on her tenure.

Mulvaney is a third-generation CAP member and credited her grandfather as the inspiration for joining the Punta Gorda-based squadron. She acknowledged the valuable camaraderie she gained through participation in the program.

"The best part is the friendships and family I've gained," Mulvaney said. "I consider them all my CAP brothers and sisters."

As commander, Mulvaney said her goals for the next year are to increase cadet recruiting and retention efforts, develop new activities and foster the camaraderie in the squadron.

Reflecting on her term as cadet commander, Pezdek praised the cadets' dedication during the recent pandemic challenges, "I am so proud of you all," she said. "Without you, there wouldn't be a squadron."

The recent North Fort Myers High School graduate spoke about her upcoming attendance at Florida State University and pledged to visit the squadron again. "This is good night, not goodbye," Pezdek said.



Pictured (from left) Cadet 2nd Lt. Alexandria Mulvaney and Cadet Capt. Riley Pezdek after Charlotte County Civil Air Patrol Change of Command ceremony.

To have your articles considered for Florida Wing publications, articles should be 150 to 500 words in length using AP Style in a Word doc format. Photos and images should be in jpg format in the largest size available with a maximum of five photos or images. For articles to be considered for the Gator Gazette Newsletter, they should be submitted no later than the 27th of the month.

For the Member Spotlight segment, please submit a photo and a few sentences about their achievement you'd like to have included in the newsletter.



Our new Civil Air Patrol logo helps visually link our organization to the Air Force as its auxiliary — and Total Force partner since 2015 — while retaining a piece of our Civil Air Patrol heritage from 1941. Read more about the brand story behind this modernization at [New CAP Logo CAP.news Story](#). The logo is available at <https://brand.GoCivilAirPatrol.com> and is a registered trademark of Civil Air Patrol, Inc.

Please update your email signature lines, business cards, social media, and other places where your unit has the old CAP logo (this is the white triangle with red three blade prop) with the new logo. Banners and other printed materials should be updated as soon as possible, but NHQ is allowing for a phase-out/phase-in as noted below under “Legacy Marks.” A suspense date for the Legacy Mark provision has not been provided at this time.

The information below can be found in the CAP Branding Portal along with templates for email signature lines, business cards, and more detailed information about how/when/where to use the new logo. A couple of additional notes: The Civil Defense-based Tri-blade has not been replaced for heraldry, historical applications, and where the Command Emblem, Roundel, and/or Official Seal are authorized for use. The Command Emblem, Roundel, and Official Seal have not been changed or replaced.

Symbol

The primary symbol is a blue winged “V” known as the “Flying V.” This symbol replaces all previous versions of the Civil Defense-based Tri-blade symbol in all commercial applications except for heraldry and historical applications, uniforms, and where the Command Emblem, Roundel, and/or Official Seal are authorized. The Flying V and all variants of the symbol, wordmark, and logo are a registered trademarks of the corporation and may not be used without express permission.

Acceptable Use

The CAP Symbol is the basic visual brand identity element of the brand. It is appropriate for application incorporated into every mark and emblem that the corporation uses. It may be used as an opaque watermark on photos, video, and illustrations. The CAP Logo will be used when the name and symbol are displayed together. Use of the CAP Symbol as an avatar or profile photo on social media sites is limited to HQ CAP or with approval from CAP/PA.

Unacceptable Use

The CAP Symbol will not be used in isolation without the Civil Air Patrol name within visual reference. It will not be altered or manipulated in any form. No text or graphics will overlap the CAP Symbol.

Legacy Marks

Previous CAP symbols may continue to be displayed if there is a monetary barrier to updating the use. All digital assets must be updated.

Logo

When the CAP Symbol is paired with the CAP wordmark it is the official Logo and a trademark of the Corporation. The wordmark is based on the Rajdhani typeface but has been modified to ensure it is unique to CAP. The CAP Logo may only be displayed in the manner and configurations listed in this guide. Use of the horizontal layout is preferred.



Acceptable Use

The CAP Logo will be used on all websites, social media, magazines, newsletters, recruiting material, activity programs, advertising, presentation slides, business cards, email signatures, exhibits, facility signage, and any other item that represents any aspect of the organization. The Logo will be used as a bumper at the end of all video content produced and used for CAP business; animations of the logo are not authorized unless provided or approved by CAP/MAC.

In all instances, the CAP Logo will take the place of prominence when used with other logos or with region, wing, or unit graphics. When CAP is the host or primary activity, no logo will be larger than the CAP Logo.

Unacceptable Use

The CAP Logo will not be modified or altered in any way. Do not add effects like a shadow, stroke, or glow unless approval has been obtained from CAP/MAC. CAP/MAC must approve all non-CAP use of the logo. Animations of the logo are not authorized unless provided or approved by CAP/MAC.

Legacy Marks

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Subordinate Unit, Activity, & Programs

When subordinate entities wish to use the Civil Air Patrol brand, there are additional requirements for implementation. Examples of subordinate entities include squadrons, region flight academies, national directorates, and more.

Read more about these specific requirements on the [Subordinate Entities page](#).

**Be sure to visit the [CAP Brand Guide Portal](#)
to review more information and to access various resources.**

Group 7 STEM Day

By Lt. Col. Trevor H. Stewart
Group 7 Public Affairs Officer

On Saturday, 25 June 2022, the Group 7 Aerospace Education Officer Lt. Col. Bonnie Hinck, with the support of the Homestead Air Reserve Base Cadet Squadron, hosted the 2022 Group 7 STEM Day.

The activity included welcome remarks from the Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron Commander Capt. Pedro Jimenez; the Pledge of Allegiance led by cadet officers; comments by Lt. Col. Manuel Pelati, Group Commander; an address on cyber education and training by Lt. German Melo, Group 7 Plans and Programs Officer; basic radio communication techniques by a team led by Capt. Christian Dominguez, Group 7 Communications Officer; and practical STEM activities led by Lt. Col. Hinck.

More than sixty senior members and cadets from four squadrons—Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron, Tamiami Composite Squadron, Doral Cadet Squadron, and Opa-Locka Cadet Squadron—participated in this activity.

“This, being my first group activity, was a wonderful experience for me to meet and exchange ideas with members from other units,” stated SM Juan Peralta, Cyber Education Officer, Doral Cadet Squadron, at the end of the day.

Photographs furnished by Lt. Col. Bonnie Hinck and Lt. Col. Trevor H Stewart.

