



FLORIDA WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL

GATOR GAZETTE

AUGUST 2023



SAVE THE DATES

August 25-27: Florida Wing Color Guard Academy, Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla

September 22-24: Fall Florida Leadership Academy (FLA), Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla

September 23-24: GAWG/SER Conference and SER Change of Command, Savannah, GA

October 21-22: Level V, Session 1, Location TBA

November 3-5: Ultimate Cadet Challenge, Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, Lake Wales

November 18-19: Level V, Session 2, Location TBA

December 5: Sunshine State Drone Expos, Azalea Middle School, St. Petersburg

December 16: Various locations across the state

Feb 23-25, 2024: Cadet Competition, Patrick Space Force Base

March 29-30, 2023: AirFest, MacDill Air Force Base

April 4-6, 2024: Florida Wing Conference, Pre-Conference Courses, Annual Awards Banquet

April 5-15, 2024: Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland

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2023 Civil Air Patrol National and Region Awards



Director of Finance of the Year

*Maj. Christopher A. Davis, CAP
Headquarters Group 6
Florida Wing*

As a group finance officer, Maj. Davis is a stickler when it comes to fiscal responsibility, regulations, and reporting. Finances are an essential part of a commander's responsibility, requiring the finance officer to ensure accuracy and compliance. Davis has been gladly sharing his time and expertise since joining CAP in 2012. He assumed the duties of Group 6 finance officer and squadron assistant finance officer in September 2015.

His achievements attest to his devotion to duty. In addition to his duties as a finance officer, he also serves as a professional development officer, a wing inspector general, and is a CAP pilot.

Davis' attention to detail showed up soon after his assignment a group finance officer, when he took the initiative to conduct a thorough review of group financial procedures. He then instituted regular sessions with the group's squadron finance officers to increase their awareness of CAP fiscal responsibility. Davis assists other finance officers as requested and offers recommendations about policy and procedure when needed.



George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year

*Lt. Col. Joyce A. Nader, CAP
Florida Wing*

In her short time as the Florida Wing's government relations adviser, Lt. Col. Nader met the national CAP goal for wing GRAs by meeting with every member of Florida's large congressional delegation and their staffs. Nader accomplished this milestone through dogged determination and a steady stream of phone calls and emails. The end result was contact, even with members of Congress and Hill staffers who had either been uncooperative in the past or had not met with CAP representatives in several years.

This unprecedented achievement came despite the coronavirus pandemic through a series of either in-person or online meetings. Those sessions included one with a newly elected House member whose office was still being set up.

Nader increased the number of such meetings from eight in 2021 to 29 in 2022 – an increase of 262%. She previously served as a team member for the Florida Wing's legislative effort from the ground up, working to develop solid relationships not only in Congress but also in the Florida Legislature.

**Florida Wing received the
Southeast Region Disaster Relief Award and the
Southeast Region Aerospace Education Award.**

Homestead Cadet Solos at Flight Academy

C/2nd Lt. Nawyn Receives Distinguished Graduate Award at Flight Academy

By 1st Lt. Beth Crane, CAP

Cadet 2nd Lt. Stella Nawyn of the Homestead Air Reserve Base Cadet Squadron graduated from the Robert Ayres National Flight Academy on July 9th. One of Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA), the flight academy is held at the Washington County Airport in Hagerstown MD, hosted by the Hagerstown Composite Squadron.



The Robert Ayres National Flight Academy is the longest-running activity of its type, starting in 1991. The goal of the academy's training is to solo pilot a powered aircraft as well as prepare for and pass the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Private Pilot written exam. The program is structured in three segments: two weekends of ground school and one 9-day period of flight instruction concluded by the administration of the FAA written exam to all academy students. This year, ten cadets were selected nationwide after a competitive application process which included an application packet, interview with a selection board, and a national cadet special activity ranking.

Despite the challenge of some mechanical issues, C/2nd Lt. Stella Nawyn was able to solo the aircraft three times. She successfully passed the FAA written exam as well. Upon graduation, 2nd Lt. Nawyn was selected as the Distinguished Graduate of her class and, as a result, will receive Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Wings Scholarship, enabling her to complete the remainder of her Private Pilot License (PPL) training.

Cadet Nawyn's Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) at the academy was Maj. Gen. Joseph Vasquez, a former National Commander of Civil Air Patrol. Cadet Nawyn will finish the remainder of her PPL training at the Homestead General Aviation Airport.

C/2nd Lt. Nawyn said, "I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to attend the Robert Ayres NFA. From start to finish, the level of instruction and care was fantastic. Lt. Col. Henderson put together a fantastic event, and Maj. Gen. Vasquez was more than I could have asked for in an instructor. Everyone involved gave their 100% best to help us cadets succeed and I am grateful!"



Cadet Nawyn is congratulated by her flight instructor, Maj Gen Joseph Vasquez, upon successful completion of her solo flight.

From the August Cadet Wings Digest

Two Florida Wing Cadets Earn their Private Pilot Certificate

The Cadet Wings team would like to celebrate 10 new Private Pilots that earned their certificate in July-- 6 of the 10 earned their certificate at the Advanced Flight Training Academy, CAP's 30-day In-Residence track of Cadet Wings. We are so proud of them! We hope they continue to give back to CAP and mentor future cadets that are interested in flying with Cadet Wings. It has been an honor to serve these outstanding cadets and wish them all the best as they continue to pursue their aviation goals. Blue skies!



Left:
#254
Cadet Keoni Ramiro
Pensacola Cadet Squadron
July 7, 2023
Funded by the U.S. Air Force



Right:
#258
Cadet James Dewey
North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Sq.
July 18, 2023
Funded by the U.S. Air Force

From PROPS

New National MAC Photo/Video Competition Coming Soon: CAP in Focus Awards

Civil Air Patrol's National Marketing and Communications team is launching a new competition to find the best photos taken and videos produced by any CAP member. The goal of this competition is to support MAC's needs for photographs and videos for a variety of marketing programs and products.

Separate from the longstanding Balsem Awards competition, which is limited to public affairs officers, the "CAP in Focus Awards" are open to any current CAP senior member or cadet member except for those currently serving on any national volunteer staff.

Submissions for the CAP in Focus Awards competition will be accepted from Sept. 1-30 via an online portal, which will open Sept. 1st. More information and submission links will be published at that time.

All work submitted for consideration for an award must have been completed from Sept. 1, 2022-Aug. 31, 2023.

Photos will be judged in five categories: community service, education, activities, fleet, and technology.

Videos may cover any relevant topic and will be judged in two categories: video shorts (one minute or less) and three-minute videos.



Camp Mackle Returns to the Launch Pad with Civil Air Patrol

Sixty-plus kids attending Camp Mackle built and launched rockets in a program led by the Civil Air Patrol-Marco Island Senior Squadron during their summer camp day in early August.

By Lt. Col. Marian Motyl-Szary, CAP

Marco Island, Fla. - Children attending Camp Mackle, grades 1-5, participated in an aerospace education session this summer where they learned about rocketry, propulsion, and aerodynamics. Major Jesse Lee Baker, aerospace education officer for the Marco Island Senior Squadron, led the session. The aerospace session was coordinated with Camp Mackle camp director Dawn Snyder to plan the half-day program held at the City of Marco Island's Frank E. Mackle Community Park.

The kids built their rockets out of card-stock cylinders adding paper nose cones and fins. "The compression mechanism was built out of PVC piping and utilized bicycle pumps to create a burst of air that propelled the rockets, on average, 20 feet," said Baker. Captain Mark Senda and Lt. Col. Marian Motyl-Szary from the Marco Island Squadron supported the educational session by providing information and assistance to optimize the children's learning experience. This is the third year that the Marco Island Squadron has provided aerospace education to Camp Mackle students, reaching just under 200 kids.

"This program encompasses two of Civil Air Patrol's primary focus areas: youth development and Aerospace Education," shared Lt. Col. Robert Nager, commander of the Marco Island Squadron. "We thank the leadership at Camp Mackle for the opportunity to collaborate. We value developing meaningful community relationships and welcome any leads on broadening this aspect of our programming," said Nager.





From the Hernando Sun

Local Civil Air Patrol Cadet Achieves Milestone Award, Heads to College

By Mark Stone, CAP

Cadet Katherine Johnson of the Hernando County Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, was recognized recently for earning the Amelia Earhart Award. The award is one of the highest in the cadet program and is given to cadets who complete a rigorous course of study that includes leadership, character development, aerospace education, and physical fitness. Only a small percentage of CAP cadets reach the Earhart Award milestone, which is accompanied by a promotion to the rank of Cadet Captain.

The award was presented by Florida Wing Vice Commander LTC Daia Jung in a ceremony at the Hernando County Composite Squadron Headquarters building on August 1st.

<https://www.hernadosun.com/2023/08/12/local-civil-air-patrol-cadet-achieves-milestone-award-heads-to-college/>

Group 7 AEO Makes Presentations to Teachers in South Florida



As part of the “Back to School” professional development planning day, Group 7 Aerospace Officer Lt. Col. Bonnie Hinck presented information at two schools which focus on Aviation and Space themes the benefits of being involved with Civil Air Patrol and becoming Aerospace Education Members.

There were over 100 teachers and administrators in attendance and more than 30 teachers indicated that they are interested in the AEM program.



Ormond Beach Composite Cadets Explore Aerodynamics at I-FLY

The dynamic cadets of Civil Air Patrol's Squadron recently embarked on an exhilarating and educational escapade, combining the thrill of indoor skydiving at IFLY with a meaningful advancement toward their STEM badges. As they donned their flight gear and stepped into the vertical wind tunnel, a palpable sense of anticipation filled the air. These aspiring aviators not only experienced the sensation of flight, but also gained invaluable insights into the principles of aerodynamics and physics that underpin the art of soaring.

Guided by adept instructors, they skillfully navigated the wind currents, demonstrating both teamwork and individual prowess. Beyond the sheer excitement, the cadets accrued valuable hours toward their STEM badges, aligning their adventurous spirit with tangible progress in their educational pursuits. This multifaceted encounter at IFLY not only solidified their commitment to the world of aviation but also kindled a profound appreciation for the scientific marvels that enable flight.

A heartfelt and resounding expression of gratitude extends to Major Kristen Miller, whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts made the remarkable fusion of indoor skydiving at IFLY Jacksonville and STEM badge progress a reality for the cadets of Squadron SER-FL-049. Major Miller's vision and determination illuminated a path for these young aviators to experience the thrill of flight and expand their scientific horizons.

Equally deserving of profound appreciation is IFLY Jacksonville, whose gracious hospitality and expertise created an unforgettable adventure, elevating the cadets' understanding of aerodynamics and teamwork. Moreover, a heartfelt thank you goes to K&G Aviation, whose generous sponsorship covered half of the cadets' fees, exemplifying their commitment to nurturing the next generation of aviation enthusiasts. The collective efforts of Major Kristen Miller, IFLY Jacksonville, and K&G Aviation have woven an inspiring tapestry of learning, growth, and discovery, leaving an indelible mark on the lives and aspirations of these dedicated young cadets.



Lakeland Composite Squadron Member Serves at Engineering Academy

Lakeland and Gainesville Composite Squadron Members Attend E-Tech Engineering Academy



Lt. Col. Chris Giles, CAP-USAF after driving one of the Baja Buggies.

The E-Tech Engineering Academy was held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murphysboro, Tennessee. Thirty-four cadets from across the United States attended along with some from Brittany and Germany.

The week-long activity covers many aspects of engineering futures for interested cadets. Aerospace- including a tour of an airframe manufacturing plant and exploring NASA projects; mechatronics, robotics, commercial flight simulators, audio, and data science are a few of the topics and most include hands-on experiences.



Lt. Col. Robert Gilbert, Southeast Region, has been the Academy Director for the last 14 years.

Cadet TSgt. Simeon Montgomery from the Gainesville Composite Squadron was a first-year student at the academy. Maj. Anthony Pitman, Lakeland Composite Squadron, has been attending the academy since 2017 and this year served as the Assistant Director. In 2021, Maj. Pitman received a Region Commander's Commendation for his work in setting up the academy as a virtual event during COVID.



You can check out the video from the academy here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azvLjo_aUU

Cadets and senior members share what they most enjoyed about the E-Tech Engineering Academy.



National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

If your squadron is interested in supporting WAA and fundraiser for your unit as a wreath sponsorship group, you will need to register on the WAA website to get started.

Fundraising sign-up information: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/LeadASponsorshipGroup>

Complete and submit the Sponsorship Group Sign Up Form on the website. After your request has been processed, you will be sent a welcome email, with your Group ID, a direct link to your group website, and everything you will need to know to get started.

Across the Wing

Featured stories have been selected from
unit Facebook pages or newsletters.

Facebook page of the month is
Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron in Group 7



Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

July 27 at 10:53 AM · 🌐

Congratulations to another Mako . . . newly promoted Cadet Captain Daniel Jimenez graduated from the Advanced class of the [Pararescue Orientation Course \(Civil Air Patrol\)](#) this past weekend!

This is one of [Civil Air Patrol](#)'s most selective and physically rigorous National Cadet Special Activities. Way to go, Mako! 🇺🇸



Lantana Cadets Tour Palm Beach International Airport

Across the Wing



The FAA Administrator at the Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) invited the Lantana Composite Squadron cadets to tour the airport's Air Traffic Control Center (ATCC). Nine cadets and two senior members participated.

Cadets were first given a briefing by three air traffic control veterans with 20 to 28 years of experience each. Cadets were provided an overview of operations at the ATCC, as well as career advice, ways to engage in aviation, and education and experience paths to become member of the FAA's Air Traffic Control.

It was enlightening to realize the PBI tower manages air space and aviation traffic in and around airports as far north as Sebastian to as far south as Boca Raton. In peak season over 3,000 flights are managed daily by the Palm Beach International Airport air traffic control.

Cadets visited, toured and discussed the roles of controllers who work at the top of the tower, releasing aircraft to depart the gate, taxi to the runway and takeoff as they are following and orchestrating the pattern of incoming flights for safe arrival at the terminal. Cadets were given a brief overview of the controller instrument panels used to visualize aircraft

identity, location, altitude, speed and flight path.

Cadets also toured the Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility (TRACON), which is a dark windowless room flanked by monitors all around the room. In each area of the room there were controllers and monitors dedicated to specific region of air space being controlled. Cadets observed monitors depicting, clouds, rain and other weather conditions requiring controllers to advise aircraft to avoid.

Overall, it was a fun and educational tour of our local international airport with the opportunity to see an area of commercial flight operations and learn about the function of air traffic controllers.



Ti-Co Composite Squadron Completes Hydraulics STEM Activity

As one of the missions of the Civil Air Patrol is Aerospace Education, the cadets require completion of aerospace education opportunities to advance in grade. At this past week's meeting, the cadets broke up into pairs, and each team constructed a machine from the Hydraulic Engineering STEM kit provided by CAP. The machines demonstrated how force can be transmitted through a liquid.





Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol is in Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

July 24 at 9:50 PM · 🌐

Florida Wing Cadets attending the 2023 Cadet Officer School NCSA at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery AL. Tomorrow brings the final championship Volleyball game and.....Project X. Graduation is Wednesday 26 July. Follow all the action at <https://www.facebook.com/CAPCOS/>



Tyndall-Panama Composite Squadron

July 14 · 🌐

C/ 1Lt Schoettle and someone else we are familiar with, Major Andrew Miller now of Tennessee Wing and formerly our Squadron Commander, at the Hawk Mountain Ranger training school in Pennsylvania. Congrats to both for their accomplishments there at this very challenging and rewarding school.

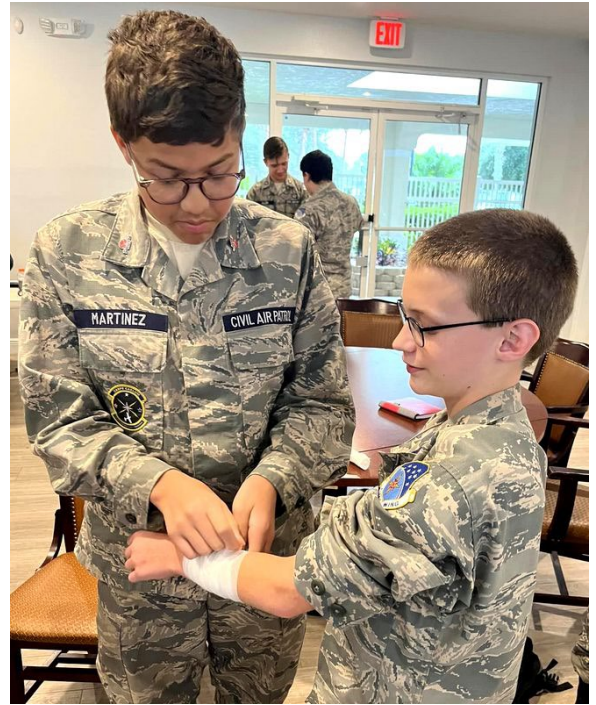




Civil Air Patrol - Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron

August 5 at 9:52 PM · 🌐

Several of our members successfully completed CPR/First Aid training along side members of Civil Air Patrol - Clearwater Composite Squadron, Lakeland Composite and our very own FLWG Vice Commander. Thank you 2dLt Teresa Beebe for your excellent class and helping our cadets take the next step on their development. And thank you Lt Col Daia Jung for providing us with a very comfortable location at your community center.





Civil Air Patrol - North Tampa Lutz-Cadet Squadron

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A great and fun meeting yesterday learning to fly drones!

Across the Wing



Civil Air Patrol - North Tampa Lutz-Cadet Squadron

Just now · 🌐

Congratulations to Cadet MSgt. Jack Wilson for completing his glider solo last week!



Boca Raton Composite Squadron

Three cadets from Boca Raton Composite soloed during flight academies this summer.

Photos from left to right:

Cadet CMSgt. Camden Potts, Johnson Powered Flight Academy in Mattoon, IL.

Cadet CMSgt. Olivia Pagano, Texas Powered Flight Academy, Nacogdoches, TX.

Cadet CMSgt. Kyle Peterson, Johnson Powered Flight Academy in Mattoon, IL.



North Florida Teacher Takes TOP Flight with Group 2

Lilly Chappell is a new AEM member and a STEM teacher for grades K-6 with the Bradford County School District. She had the opportunity to take her first TOP flight in early August. Before the flight, she said, "I'm excited to bring your STEM program to the school. I would love to experience a TOP flight and bring back the first-person experience to my students." Congratulations to Ms. Chappell for completing her flight!



Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flights provide the opportunity for CAP Aerospace Education Members (AEMs) to experience orientation flights in CAP aircraft at their local airports. Any educator member of CAP can receive these orientation flights as a part of their membership benefits. Educators can receive one TOP Flight per fiscal year (1 Oct-30 Sept) in powered or glider aircraft (where available).



Senior Member Education and Training Awards

Level I, or Onboarding, is the first of CAP's five Education and Training Program levels. The materials in Level I provide the new senior member with the information required to participate actively in CAP.

The following senior members completed the requirements for Level I in July:

Paul Nadeau, Stuart Composite Sq.
Jonathan Van Waardhuizen, SRQ Comp. Sq.
David Venable, SRQ Composite Sq.
Michael Kmon, Ormond Beach Comp. Sq.
Heather Fermin, St. Petersburg Cadet Sq.
Christopher Hawley, Treasure Coast Comp. Sq.
Blaize Dunn, Merritt Island Senior Sq.
Roben David, Central Florida Comp. Sq.

Ana Rosa Hernandez, Central Florida Comp. Sq.
William Deveson, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Stephen Pomichter, Patrick Composite Sq.
Samuel Hendry, Hernando Co. Comp. Sq.
Carl Steidl, Emerald Coast Senior Squadron
Matthew McDermott, Indian River Composite Sq.

Level II focuses on developing members to participate actively at the squadron level. At this level, members select a specialty track which aligns with their duty position and earns a Technician Rating in that specialty. Members must also earn the Yeager Award which is part of CAP's Aerospace Education Program.

The following senior members completed the requirements for Level II in July:

Jazz Jules, North Palm Beach County Comp. Sq.
Joseph Bjornstad, Marion County Composite Sq.
Christian Wukits, Clearwater Composite Sq.
Scott Kirkwood, Lakeland Composite Squadron

Level III focuses on developing the squadron level leader who aspires to serve on staff or as a commander.

To complete this level and earn the Grover C. Loening Award and the Loening ribbon, members must become senior rated in a specialty track, attend two major conferences, serve in a staff or command assignment for at least one year, mentor a member through Level I, and complete the Level III modules. See CAPR 40-1 for details on these requirements.

The following senior members completed the requirements for Level III in July:

David Lowe, Patrick Composite Squadron
Karl Coutinho, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron
Dennis Lasowski, 463rd Composite Squadron



Wright Brothers Award

The Wright Brothers Award in the CAP Cadet Program launched in 2003, during the centennial of Orville and Wilbur Wright's historic first flight.

Cadets earn the award upon completing Phase I, "The Learning Phase," consisting of the Cadet Program's first three achievements. As such, the award recognizes excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. In addition, Wright Brothers Award recipients have passed a challenging, closed-book examination testing leadership knowledge and proficiency in drill and ceremonies.

Once a cadet earns the Wright Brothers Award, he or she is promoted to the grade of cadet staff sergeant and begins service as a cadet non-commissioned officer. Cadet NCOs are expected to transition from individuals who have been cared for to young servant-leaders who care for others as they enter Phase II of the Cadet Program – The Leadership Phase.

The following FLWG cadets completed the requirements to earn the Wright Brothers Award in July:

Tyler Nortman, North Perry Composite Squadron

Gage Harmsen, SRQ Composite Squadron

Simon Chanthavong, Charlotte County Composite Squadron

Grafton Stuart, St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron

Diego Molina, St. Augustine Composite Squadron

Logan Whittaker, Brandon Cadet Squadron

Leah Herby, Hernando County Composite Squadron

Michel Toro, Jr., Tamiami Composite Squadron

Liam Bowman, Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron



Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society Welcomes New Inductee

Congratulations to Cadet CMSgt. Kyleigh Anderssohn of the Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron for her induction to the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society as its 656th member.



Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award

The Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award honors a fearless pilot whose patriotism, foresight, and tenacity surpassed the ridicule he faced.

The "Father of the Independent Air Force," Billy Mitchell led an aerial bombing demonstration resulting in the sinking of the surplus German battleship Ostfriesland in 1921. The Navy had said such a feat would be impossible, and the Army remained skeptical toward airpower. Mitchell continued his all-out public campaign for airpower, even facing court-martial for his persistence. He knew that in the new "aeronautical era," military airpower, operating independently of ground and sea forces, needed to be the first line of defense. Not until World War II did the full U.S. military establishment realize how right he was. After the Allied victory, and by a special act of Congress, Mitchell was posthumously awarded a gold medal.

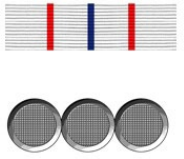
With General Mitchell as their role model, cadet officers know that speaking truth to power is a moral duty. The Mitchell Award marks completion of Phase II of the CAP Cadet Program, recognizing sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. Further, Mitchell cadets must have passed comprehensive examinations on leadership and aerospace topics and have completed a week-long encampment immersing them in a challenging Core Values and Stem environment.

The U.S. Air Force respects Mitchell Award recipients' accomplishments. Mitchell cadets who enlist in the Air Force enter the service at the advanced grade of E-3, Airman First Class. The service also looks favorably upon Mitchell cadets when evaluating AFROTC and Academy applicants.

Once a cadet earns the Mitchell Award, he or she becomes a cadet officer, is promoted to the grade of cadet second lieutenant, and is challenged to lead and serve junior-ranking cadets, while continuing to develop into a "dynamic American and aerospace leader."

The following Florida Wing cadets completed the requirements to earn the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award in July:

Owen Denard, Naples Composite Squadron
Rylan Wilson, Naples Composite Squadron
Lukas Iglesias, Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron
Trenton Doherty, Hernando County Composite Squadron
Haywood Ball, III, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
William Douglass, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
Duncan Haldermann, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
Gunner Williams, Clearwater Composite Squadron
Emily Inman, Lakeland Composite Squadron



Amelia Earhart Award

The Earhart Award marks completion of Phase III of the CAP Cadet Program, recognizing sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. Further, Earhart Award cadets must have passed comprehensive examinations on leadership and aerospace topics.

Once a cadet earns the Amelia Earhart Award, he or she is promoted to the grade of cadet captain and is challenged to lead and serve junior-ranking cadets not just in the hometown squadron but around their wing (state) as well. Perhaps the award's most coveted benefit is that Earhart cadets become eligible to represent the United States in the International Air Cadet Exchange.

To further illustrate the significance of this accomplishment, only three percent of Civil Air Patrol cadets complete the requirements to earn the Earhart Award. The following cadets earned the Earhart Award in July:

Anderson Kochik, Stuart Composite Squadron

Madison Fauntleroy, North Palm Beach Composite Squadron

Daniel Jimenez, Homestead ARB Cadet Squadron

Katherine Johnson, Hernando County Composite Squadron



General Ira C. Eaker Award

The General Ira C. Eaker Award is the CAP Cadet Program's second most prestigious award and honors one of the forefathers of an independent Air Force. The Eaker Award marks completion of Phase IV of the CAP Cadet Program, recognizing sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character.

Cadets will have graduated from an academically-intensive leadership academy to qualify for this honor, which is appropriate considering the Air Force celebrates Gen. Eaker's legacy by naming the service's top school for commanders in his honor – the Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development at Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. To stand in General Eaker's shadow is to study leadership carefully and serve others.

Once a cadet earns the General Ira C. Eaker Award, he or she is promoted to the grade of cadet lieutenant colonel and is challenged to lead and serve junior-ranking cadets not just in the hometown squadron but around their wing (state) as well. After earning the Eaker Award, only the prestigious Spaatz Award Examination remains for the young person to conquer as a CAP cadet.

To further illustrate the significance of this accomplishment, only 1416 Eaker Awards have been presented since the award's inception in 1998. The following cadets completed the requirements for the Eaker Award in July:

Suzi Lin Meldrum-Green, Brandon Cadet Squadron

Killian Eire-Mahdi Sullivan, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron



Cadet Programs Updates

Specialty Track for Cadet Programs update: Eservices has been corrected to remove the "time in specialty track" which was not a requirement. The requirement was to have been in a CP type duty assignment/position for 6 months not the Specialty Track itself.

Progressive Discipline - This was a topic of discussion at the national level. Here is a link to the CAP resource: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cpofficer/progressive-discipline>

Wings application - Wings application period is still open. Cadets who are applying now or plan to apply in future need to review the newly revised Cadet Wings guide: https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/CAPP_6043_Cadet_Wings_Guide_June_2023_final_v2_5b47de83ed454.pdf

For other Cadet Invest scholarships and opportunities, visit -
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest>



Breaking News!
CADETINVE\$T
Application Cycle Change

Cadet Wings
1 July- 30 September
Top/Lift & Scholarships
1 Oct- 15 January



Florida Wing Winter Encampment Florida Leadership Academy Command Team Announced

The FLWG Winter Encampment Commander Capt. Barbara Rich is pleased to announce that Capt. Jordan Wiggins will be the Commandant of Cadets and Capt. Sara Fishbein will be the Deputy Commander of Support. The legendary Lt. Col. Thomas Trammel will return as Commander of the Advanced Training Squadron.

Your Winter Encampment Cadet Commander is Cadet Major Ian Purrone.

For the purpose of continuity of training for the Encampment staff Capt. Jordan Wiggins has been selected as the Director of the Florida Leadership Academy being held Sept. 22 - 24 at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, FL. Cadet Commander will be Cadet Major Ian Purrone.



Florida Leadership Academy (FLA)

Sept. 22-24 at Florida Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla, FL

Instructor and staff applications are OPEN!

Deadline: August 29TH

The Florida Leadership Academy is a training program that provides participants with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and knowledge base and is designed for cadets who plan to apply and serve in leadership positions at encampments and their home squadrons.

Cadet Instructors and Senior Member Class Advisors are welcome to apply for this year's Florida Leadership Academy. **The following are requirements for the positions:**

Cadet NCOA Instructors may be a CMSgt if they have previously attended the NCOA as a student, otherwise applicants should be C/2nd Lt. – C/Capt. Previous FLA graduate is also recommended.

Cadet SNCO Instructors should be C/2nd Lt. – C/Capt. and be a previous FLA graduate.

Cadet CCC Instructors should be C/Capt or higher and a previous FLA graduate. Previous experience staffing an encampment would be a plus.

Senior Member class advisors should have at least a Tech rating in cadet programs and experience working with cadets. The advisor role is very much like that of a training officer at encampment. You are there to assist and provide supplemental support and information when needed.

Please send your resume to jordan.wiggins@flwgcap.us. By August 29, 2023.

Florida Executive Leadership Academy

Florida Wing Offers In-Person Level V Course

Gil Rob Willson
Award

Florida Wing is hosting an on-site Level V opportunity for members to complete all the modules over the course of two weekends. We call it the Florida Executive Leadership Academy (FELA). Virtual attendance is not an option.



Prerequisites:

- Completion of Level IV showing in Professional Accomplishments
- Grade of Capt or above, or NCO equivalent

Dates:

- Session One: October 21 - 22, 2023 - starts at 08:30 each morning
- Session Two: November 18 - 19, 2023 - starts at 08:30 each morning

Location:

- Martin County Fire Rescue Administration Building
- 800 SE Monterey Rd. Stuart, FL 34997

Registration Deadline:

- For both sessions: October 14
- Only the November session: November 11
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Class enrollment is limited to 30 members.

After you register, you will receive a course guide with additional information.

Preparation: Student guides are available in gocivilairpatrol.com/ed-training/level-v-executive. Some of the modules have pre-course readings, in addition to the student guide. Come prepared! There is a new set for Mentoring Programs that will be sent out as well which will be sent out as soon as they are available.

October modules:

- Strategic Leadership
- Committees & Teams
- The COO Perspective (Mr. John Desmarais)
- CAP Culture and its Unique Challenges
- Boards at the Region and National Level
- Leading Change
- Marketing & Strategic Communications
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Student Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BEBSR5BaTEajaTw6Ub2tBkQIssJiq15PvPe3BbHAVphUNFZXNTdUWDIYQkNUMEVFTIJRUE80WFYxQi4u>

If you are a VolU instructor, or subject matter expert, please contact Lt. Col. Hewett directly if you are interested in participating as an instructor.

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DRONES: Are You Ready for the New FAA Remote ID Requirement?

Beginning September 16, 2023, any drone that requires FAA registration operating in U.S. Airspace must comply with the rule on Remote ID. This includes drones flown for recreation, business, or public safety. Remote ID rules vary, depending upon the type of drone, purpose, and pilot status.

From the FAA Website:

Drones are fundamentally changing aviation, and the FAA is committed to working towards fully integrating drones into the National Airspace System (NAS). Beginning September 16, 2023, all drone pilots who are required to register their UAS must operate in accordance with [the rule on Remote ID](#). Safety and security are top priorities for the FAA and Remote ID for drones is crucial to our integration efforts.

What is it? Remote ID is the ability of a drone in flight to provide identification and location information that can be received by other parties through a broadcast signal.

Why do we need it? Remote ID lays the foundation of the safety and security groundwork needed for more complex drone operations. Remote ID also helps the FAA, law enforcement, and other federal agencies locate the control station when a drone appears to be flying in an unsafe manner or where it is not allowed to fly.

More information about the three ways drone pilots can meet the Remote ID requirement and how to register before the September 16th deadline can be found on the FAA website at:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/remote_id



TRUST is legally required for all recreational drone/unmanned aircraft pilots in the United States.

To fly your drone as a recreational flyer, you will need to understand recreational flying requirements and learn the rules for recreational flyers. https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyers

All FAA-approved TRUST test administrators offer the test free.

Embry-Riddle offers TRUST at <https://erau.edu/gaetz-aerospace-institute/faa-trust>

IMPORTANT: After completing TRUST, you'll need to download, save or print your completion certificate.

Download the FAA's B4UFLY mobile app for more recreational drone flying resources.



Recreational users who only fly their drone for fun, now have an improved app – B4UFLY – to help show where they can and cannot fly with interactive maps.

The app provides situational awareness to recreational flyers and other drone users. It does not allow users to obtain airspace authorizations to fly in controlled airspace.

The B4UFLY app is available to download for free at the App Store for iOS and Google Play store for Android. Desktop option is also available.

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