



GATOR GAZETTE

FLORIDA WING NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



TAMPA BAY AIRFEST at MacDill AFB

March 25th – 27th

Registration closes Friday, March 11th at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Advance registration for CAP volunteers is required for base access.

There will be NO extensions for registration.

Come and support the Air Force with visitor safety and other airshow duties at Tampa Bay AirFest as we spend a fun filled weekend at MacDill AFB! See the U.S. Navy Blue Angels take to the skies over Tampa and the Air Force put its Airpower on full display for the public. Other aerobatic and demonstration teams will also be performing. CAP volunteers work in shifts, so there is plenty of opportunity for members to visit vendor booths and see the static displays.

Activity Fee: \$35 includes meals starting Saturday breakfast
Bivouac is tent camping only.

More information and registration: <https://flwg.cap.gov/programs/cadet-programs/macdill-airfest>



SUN N FUN at Lakeland Linder Airport

April 2-10 in Lakeland FL

Registration for participants closes March 26th.

Advance registration is required for all participants.

There are no age restrictions this year, but cadets must be at least 16 years old to work flight line marshalling positions with a current FLM ES rating. You may register for the number of days you are available to work; you don't have to attend the entire event.

Cadet Staff applications must be emailed to: 1st Lt Gardner at cyrus.gardner@flwgcap.us no later than March 5th

Register TODAY to be a volunteer to support this amazing airshow! You don't want to miss this one! As in the past, Florida Wing will play a vital role throughout this amazing airshow. Members who volunteer at the airshow will work in various capacities, but our teams work in shifts so there is plenty of time to enjoy the exhibits and participate in some of the free workshops.

Activity fee: none

Bivouac (tent camping only) fee: \$35 includes all meals Tuesday evening through Sunday lunch. Bivouac space is limited. Reservations will be accepted in the order received.

Lunch will be provided for all registered participants by Sun n Fun. If you are not participating in the bivouac, you will be responsible for your own breakfast and supper (bring your own or purchase from vendors.)

More information and registration: <https://flwg.cap.gov/programs/cadet-programs/sun-n-fun>



Summer Encampment at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

July 7-16 2022, Staff

July 9 -16 2022, Students

Commander: Captain Thomas McMahon

Deputy Commander of Support: Captain Jack Duich

Commandant of Cadets: Captain Amon Russell

Cadet Commander: Cadet Major Anya Kratz

Applications are open for cadet and senior staff positions and student registration is also open for the Florida Wing 2022 Summer Encampment.

DEADLINES

- 15 MAR 2021 Senior Cadet Staff applications (Squadron Commanders and Above)
- 08 APR 2021 - All Cadet and senior member staff applications due
- 31 MAY 2021 - First Time Cadet Applications and encampment fee payment
- 31 MAY 2021 - Cadet & Senior staff activity fee payment due
- 30 AUG 2022 - Refund requests due

For more information, forms, and registration:

<https://flwg.cap.gov/programs/cadet-programs/flwg-summer-encampment>

For more information and application procedures for the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program (CEAP), please visit:

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/newcadet/ceap>

SAVE THE DATES

May 6-8: Up, Up, and Away – Balloon Festival at Lakeland Linder Airport/Sun n Fun

May 13-14: Florida Leadership Academy (FLA), Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla

May 21-22: Space Coast Airshow, Titusville

May 21-22: Check Pilot School, Lakeland Linder Airport

June 15-19: Florida Wing Conference with pre-conference courses, Tampa

July 7 – 16: Summer Encampment, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke

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July 24-30: Cyber Camp, Port St Lucie

August 25-27: CAP National Conference, Lexington, KY

August 26-28: Color Guard Academy, Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla

AEROSPACE

AIR FORCE GAMING SURVEY

I am excited to announce that we are exploring a partnership with Air Force Gaming, the official gaming platform of the U.S. Air Force, to bring gaming tournaments to Civil Air Patrol! The U.S. military already recognizes the benefits of tournament gaming and is embracing it as a social and potentially educational activity for active duty soldiers, and we feel CAP cadets and senior members should be able to participate and benefit as well.

We have been in some very positive discussions with Air Force Gaming to create a beta test for the platform here in FL Wing. Based on how this goes and the lessons learned, our hope is to then roll this out as a National initiative for all of CAP's volunteer airmen!

One of the first steps is to get feedback from you, our members. With this in mind, please complete the attached 10-question survey no later than 17:00 on Sunday, March 6th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDWJJTZ>

Thank you very much for your cooperation and we look forward to receiving your responses. We will then keep you updated on the progress as we move forward with this exciting new activity for our organization!

Capt. Brian A. Collins

Director, Aerospace Education-Florida Wing



National High-Altitude Balloon Challenge

Registration for the Aerospace Education team's second National High-Altitude Balloon Challenge is now open, giving every CAP composite or cadet squadron the option to participate.

No registration fee for cadet teams with a top prize of \$5000 for the winning squadron. Registration deadline is April 30th.

Details on the STEM-based competition are available [here](#).

CADET PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NEEDED

Florida Wing Cadet Programs is looking for a director for the spring FLA being held May 13 – 15 at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla FL.

Ideal applicants will have some experience with FLA and hold at least a senior rating in the cadet programs specifically track. Applications should include a cover letter and a CAP resume. Please send applications to annmarie.kozloski@flwg.cap.gov

Application deadline is March 14th.

CADET HONOR SOCIETY

The Cadet Honor Society is looking for cadets who consistently score 90% or better on Civil Air Patrol Leadership and Aerospace tests! Does this sound like you? If so, we want you to apply! Think you might have qualified from past testing? We want you to apply too! All scores will be considered for retroactive induction! The higher you excel in testing the better the benefits. And of course, bragging rights!

Application information can be found on the Florida Wing website at the following link:

<https://flwg.cap.gov/programs/cadet-programs/cadet-honor-society>

Don't delay your application any further and be part of an elite group of Florida Wing cadets!

Questions? Do not hesitate to contact the CHS Administrator, Lt Col Danielle DeAngelo, at CHSadmin@flwg.us

FLWG Executive Leadership Program

The FLWG Executive Leadership Program (ELP) is a new program originally proposed by the FLWG CAC designed to give Cadet Officers who are cadet captains or above and have extensive CAP experience the opportunity to serve in higher-level staff positions to develop their leadership skills. Cadets will be paired with a mentor from their selected directorate and will serve in a support role to learn about the directorate by completing staff assignments.

Directorates currently participating in the Executive Leadership Program include:

Safety

Logistics (FLWG/A4)

Cadet Programs (FLWG/A5CP)

Aerospace Education (FLWG/A5AE)

Operations / Emergency Services (FLWG/A3)

Public Affairs (FLWG/A6PA)

For more information and application link: <https://flwg.cap.gov/programs/cadet-programs/cadet-executive-leadership-program>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

A3 STAFF UPDATE

Please join me in saying thank you to Lt Col George Schaefer for his many years of dedicated service as the Deputy Chief of Staff A3. Lt Col Schaefer has been, and will continue to be, a valuable member to Florida Wing. Effective today, Lt Col Schaefer will be taking a much-deserved break and will be transitioning to the position of FLWG Assistant Director of Operations.

Please join me in congratulating Capt Greg Becker as the Deputy Chief of Staff A3. Capt Becker brings with him a wealth of knowledge from his professional career and his CAP career. Capt Becker has completed his level III. In addition, he holds a master rating in communications, and senior ratings in safety, emergency services, operations, and aerospace.

Please join me in congratulating Lt Col Larry Fernald as the FLWG Director of Operations. Lt Col Fernald has an outstanding professional and CAP career, and he has been the Wing AMO for many years. Lt Col Fernald has completed his Level III and holds a Senior rating in standards and evaluations.

Please join me in congratulating Capt Cesar Hernandez as the primary FLWG Aircraft Maintenance Officer. He holds a senior rating in aerospace and a technician rating in emergency services and operations.

Please join me in congratulating Lt Col John Aden as the coordinator for the FLWG Glider program.

He has worked as the Group 3 Cadet Orientation Flight Coordinator for the last couple of years. He holds senior ratings in operations and command.

Maj Daia Jung

Florida Wing Chief of Staff



News Feature of the Month

Congratulations to the Ti-Co Composite Squadron for a great article and being featured on the front page of the Merritt Island Now magazine.

Read the full article here:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/ndti/tglj/#p=1>

If your squadron is featured in a local publication, please share the article link via email to FLWG Public Affairs at

sybrian.castleman@flwg.cap.gov
