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GATOR GAZETTE

FLORIDA WING NEWSLETTER

Diversity and Inclusion in Civil Air Patrol

(From the CAP National Website)

CAP provides an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members and ensures that educational, membership, and operational decisions are based on each individual's abilities and qualifications. Members have the opportunity to participate and their progress is limited only by a member's ability, participation, and performance.



Diversity is a composite of individual characteristics, experiences, and abilities that are consistent with the CAP Mission and Core Values and reflective of the communities in which we serve.

Civil Air Patrol diversity includes but is not limited to: personal life experiences, geographic background, socioeconomic background, cultural knowledge, educational background, work background, language abilities, physical abilities, philosophical and spiritual perspectives, race, color, sex, age, religion (creed), national origin (ancestry), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, marital status, and military or veteran status.

Inclusion is the process of creating a culture where all members of the organization are encouraged to make their fullest contributions to the success of the group, and where there are no unnecessary barriers to success.

Civil Air Patrol diversity and inclusion efforts complement, but remain separate and distinct from, CAP's Equal Opportunity compliance programs and activities.



FLWG Annual Nondiscrimination Policy Memo as follows:

Florida Wing,

Attached you will find the most recent CAP Nondiscrimination Policy MEMO. (Link to the National Commander Nondiscrimination Policy Memo is below.)

I ask every member of our wing to review the MEMO and ensure you understand its contents as I have heard of various recent situations that could easily be deemed discriminatory.

We must remember that CAP is committed to equality of opportunity and we will not exclude members from participation or accessibility to any program or activity solely based on race, sex, age, color, religion (creed), national origin (ancestry), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (formerly handicap), marital status, military or veteran status.

Anyone who has any questions or concerns about what is considered a disability can seek guidance via the Americans with Disabilities Act website via this link <https://www.ada.gov/>

Service Animals. Under the ADA, State and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is allowed to go.

The ADA defines service animals as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. **Service animals are working animals, not pets.** The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Anyone who feels they have been discriminated against can submit a complaint per CAPR 36-2.

Unit Commanders, please include this topic as part of your next Unit meeting.

V/r

Col Luis E. Negrón

Florida Wing Commander

Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

The National Commander's Annual Nondiscrimination Policy Memo can be found at this link: [Annual Nondiscrimination Policy Memo](#)

Florida Wing Cadet Competition

The results are in from the Florida Wing 2022 (virtual) Cadet Competition!

A big thank you to all of the teams that participated in the competition this year and congratulations to the winning teams!



The OVERALL top two teams – First Place Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron and Second Place Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron - will represent Florida Wing at the Southeast Region Cadet Competition. Third Place Tamiami Composite Squadron is the alternate team.

Indoor Practical:

- 1st – Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron
- 2nd – Tamiami Composite Squadron

Outdoor Practical:

- 1st – Tamiami Composite Squadron
- 2nd – Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron

Standard Drill:

- 1st - Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
- 2nd – Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron

Inspection:

- 1st - Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
- 2nd – Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron

Written Exam:

- 1st - Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
- 2nd – Jacksonville Composite Squadron

Physical Fitness Test:

- 1st - Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
- 2nd – Jacksonville Composite Squadron

Want to be a Star?

We are looking for two stellar Master of Ceremonies for the General Session and the Awards Banquet.

No later than May 6th, candidates should send a CAP resume with a picture in your Class A's or CAP Semi-Formal Uniform to: Capt. Nina Burks @ Nina.Burks@flwg.cap.gov Lt. Col Adrian Cuarta at Adrian.Cuarta@flwg.cap.gov and

Maj Daia Jung at daia.jung@flwg.cap.gov

Please refer to CAPR 39-1 for all uniform requirements and grooming standards. The cadet(s) and senior members selected will be required to meet or exceed all uniform regulations.

Auditions will be held on 14 May 2021 via Teams and an invitation link will be sent to those selected for auditions.

For further information, staff inquiries, or questions, please contact Capt. Nina Burks at nina.burks@flwg.cap.gov

Civil Air Patrol at Tampa Bay AirFest 2022

By Maj. Sybrian Castleman, FLWG PAO

Civil Air Patrol joined the 6th Air Mobility Wing for Tampa Bay AirFest 2016 at MacDill Air Force Base the last weekend in March as part of the US Air Force “Total Force”. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) provided over 130 members from around the state of Florida to assist with guest relations and visitor safety during the event.



On Saturday and Sunday, CAP Cadets helped visitors through the static aircraft displays and talked with kids about the various types of aircraft. Inside Hangar 3, Civil Air Patrol had a recruiting booth where visitors had an opportunity to interact with Civil Air Patrol members to find out more about Cadet Programs, CAP’s Search and Rescue missions, and membership opportunities.

Civil Air Patrol members were treated to an “after hours” tour of Fat Albert, the Blue Angels’ C-130 support aircraft and were able to see other static displays after the show was closed to the public. They also had the opportunity to meet Maj. Joshua “Cabo” Gunderson, commander of the F-22 Viper Demonstration Team.



While Civil Air Patrol was at AirFest serving with the 6th Air Mobility Wing, the 927th Reserve Refueling Wing and 6 FFS were serving Civil Air Patrol – literally. Members of the 927th and 6 FFS cheerfully cooked and served the more than 130 CAP members their meals throughout the event. The CAP Commander for this event was Capt. Chris Krier. He and his team attended several meetings at MacDill with the 6th Air Mobility Wing’s event team over many months to plan and prepare for the event.

The support Civil Air Patrol receives from the 6th Air Mobility Wing and the 927th Reserve Refueling Wing extends beyond AirFest. The MacDill Cadet Squadron meets on base and Civil Air Patrol has offered assistance with other events and training exercises at the base further solidifying the working partnership between the US Air Force and Civil Air Patrol as members of the USAF Total Force.



SAVE THE DATES

May 3: Florida Wing Monthly Safety Brief – Virtual on TEAMS

Link: [FLWG Monthly Safety Briefing](#)

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

May 11: FLWG Public Affairs Officer Meeting – Virtual on TEAMS

Link: [FLWG PA Meeting](#)

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

May 14-15: Level IV Modulated Modules – Registration Closed

May 19: FLWG Public Affairs Workshop – Virtual on TEAMS

Link: [FLWG PA Workshop](#)

May 21-22: Space Coast Airshow, Titusville – Registration Open

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

June 4-5 & June 11-12: Special Olympics Support Orlando Executive Airport and Orlando International Airport– Details TBA

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

-Hotel Reservations with CAP Discount Rate Through May 15th

-Early Bird Conference Registration Ends May 15th

-Pre-Conference Courses, Conference, Cadet Conference, and Banquet – Registration Open

June 16-17: Pre-Conference Courses

June 18: Florida Wing Conference and Annual Awards Banquet

June 18: Florida Wing Cadet Conference

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

July 7 – 16: Florida Emergency Services Academy, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke – Registration Open

July 24-30: Cyber Camp, Port St Lucie – Registration Open (student registration will close when full – limited seating)

July 31-Aug 7: Region Cadet Leadership School, Tri-State Christian Camp, DeFuniak Springs, FL

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

August 26-28: FLWG Cadet Honor Academy, Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla



Florida Wing HURCON Plan – on FLWG website

The revised Florida Wing HURCON Plan is now 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.

HURCON PLAN- https://flwg.cap.gov/media/cms/FLWGP_60004_ver_2_4DC22B66B79B1.pdf

HURCON STATUS - <https://flwg.cap.gov/news/hurcon-status>



Up, Up, and Away at Lakeland Linder Airport

May 6 – 8 in Lakeland FL

Registration EXTENDED to May 3rd

Activity Director: Capt. James Chamberland

Up, Up and Away Florida is a 3-day family-oriented Hot Air Balloon Festival in Lakeland, Florida. The event is hosted at the Lakeland Linder International Airport on the SUN N' FUN Expo Campus.

**We are in need of many more volunteers to adequately support this event. Please register as soon as possible!
Event organizers require all volunteers to be at least 14 years of age.**

The annual event is an educational and community exposition for residents and visitors that includes hot air balloon launches, twilight glows and tethered rides, live music, vendors, food, and a myriad of activities for attendees of all ages. CAP senior member and cadet volunteers are needed to staff balloon launches, tethered flights and other activities open to the public.

Activity Fee: None.

Billeting: Bivouac is tent camping only. Camping is not required to participate. Volunteers must be on the flight line by 5:45 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, so be sure you can arrive by 5:00 a.m.

Meals: Participants must provide their own meals. Event will provide each volunteer with ONE meal voucher for the weekend. Participants will need to bring food or be prepared to purchase from on-site vendors.

To apply for staff positions (senior member or cadet) email Capt James Chamberland at james.chamberland@flwgcap.us

More information and registration: [Up Up and Away](#)



Florida Leadership Academy (FLA) at Elks Youth Camp

May 13 – 15 at Umatilla, FL

Activity Director: Capt. Amon Russell

Student Registration closes May 4th

Learn what it takes to be a successful staff member at the next FLWG Encampment!

Cadets who attend FLA will find the instruction to greatly help them when performing leadership roles at their home squadrons and at other CAP activities. Serving on Encampment staff provides a perfect opportunity for cadets to practice the lessons learned from the FLA. Cadets who intend on applying for Encampment staff are highly encouraged to attend the FLA in order to begin developing their leadership abilities.

If you plan on applying to staff an encampment, then you need to make every effort to attend this activity! Our intention is to help train up the best group of leaders in the nation! You will learn the lessons needed to serve at any CAP event and this will weigh heavily when staff are being chosen for the next encampment.

Click here for information and registration: [Florida Leadership Academy](#)



May 21-22
Space Coast
Regional Airport

Space Coast International Airshow

Volunteer Dates: May 20-22, 2022

Airshow Dates: May 21-22, 2022

Hosting unit: Ti-Co Composite Squadron

Activity Director: Capt. Michael Piwowarski

Registration is open through May 19th.

Activity Fee and Registration: Activity Fee (\$5 per day - CASH ONLY) and Paperwork will be hand-carried to event.

Please email activity director or POC if you plan to attend. Activity Director: Capt. Piwowarski – email:

Michael.piwowarski@flwgcap.us Secondary POC: NCOIC, CMSgt Jose Tamayo – email: jose.tamyo@flwgcap.us

Volunteer Requirements:

Cadets Volunteers: Airshow requires all volunteers to be at least 14 years old.

Other requirements: C/Amn (must have Curry) or above, Aircraft Ground Handling, CPP for cadets 18-20.

Senior Volunteers: Level 1 complete, CPP current, Aircraft Ground Handling Training.

Food and Lodging: Meals are provided by Space Coast Airshow. One meal per day may be MRE. Please advise of dietary restrictions. Tent camping only.

More information and required forms: [Space Coast Airshow Registration and Information](#)



Special Olympics USA Games, Orlando

Over 5,500 athletes from all over the Nation will be arriving at Orlando International (MCO) from 4 June 2022 through 5 June 2022 and start departing on 12th June through 13th June. We have been invited by Textron Aviation, (parent company of Cessna and Beechcraft) to assist with the arrival and departure of Athletes.

We are awaiting specific details as this event is rapidly evolving; however, I will share what we know so far so that everyone can start some planning. Details will be made available once we have specifics. But plan on participating on the 4th and 12th of June for certain.

We have been tasked with several duties such as assisting the athletes as they arrive at MCO with their belongings and equipment. Some equipment may arrive at Orlando Executive (ORL) separate from the athletes. We may have to prepare two teams at two separate locations and multiple shifts. We were also asked to set up greeters to cheer on athletes as they arrive.

The Project Officer is Capt Michael Piwowarski and he is working on an OPORD for this event. A sign-up sheet has been developed but we are not accepting sign-ups yet as we don't have specifics. We aim to have that out this week so members can start to sign up. Our CAP Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mr. John Salvador is coming to participate along with Mrs. Kristina Jones, CAP Chief of Philanthropy, and our Region Commander, Col Andrea Van Buren. This event is open to all CAP members in Florida, and it's not just a local Squadron or even Group event. I would like to see as much participation as we can muster, from Miami to Jacksonville and the Panhandle. Everyone is invited to this once-a-lifetime event and cheer on our Athletes.

Additional info will be sent out as we receive it, but I wanted to send this preliminary email out and start to generate some interest in volunteering for this significant event.

V/r

Col Luis E. Negrón

Florida Wing Commander



Florida Wing Conference

Conference – June 18th

Cadet Conference – June 18th

Annual Awards Banquet – June 18th

Pre-conference Courses – June 16-17th

Tampa Marriott Water Street

505 Water Street Tampa, Florida 33602

Conference Coordinator: Capt. Nina Burks

Registration is now open!

Early Bird pricing ends May 15th for the FLWG Conference, Cadet Conference and Annual Awards Banquet.

There is no fee for attending Pre-Conference Courses.

Please check back for Pre-Conference Courses as additional ones maybe added.

Some may be held off-site from the main venue. Please see the information link for more details.

Conference Registration and Information Link:

[FLWG Conference Registration and Information](#)

Hotel Reservations:

There are a limited number of rooms available for the FLWG group rate which is a big savings over the standard room rates. Be sure to reserve your room today so you don't miss out on the special pricing!

Special FLWG CAP rate is available through May 15th.

[FLWG CAP Marriott Room Reservations](#)

If you wish to call in your reservation, you must call and mention FLWG CAP for this special rate.

We have several Pre-Conference course options (Thursday and Friday) to include MRO, Water Survival, TLC and Squadron Commander Course. Additional Pre-Conference courses are being added, so be sure to check back!

At the Conference on Saturday we have a full day of breakout sessions to include, but not limited to, several Paths: Command, Aerospace, New Member, Operations, Emergency Services, Education and Training, and Philanthropy (from NHQ staff).

The Cadet Conference will feature many great sessions focusing on leadership, aerospace and more!

The Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday night will feature an amazing guest speaker and hope to make that announcement soon.



Florida Emergency Services Academy (FLESA)

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

July 7 – 16

Summer FLESA Director: Capt Jay Rosenfeld

Commandant: Capt Chris Krier

Summer FLESA 2022 will be based around the basics of Ground Team and UDF training. Emphasizing the skills needed to both qualify and be proficient in both of those disciplines. This session will include first aid training as well as the practical portion of ICUT. We will spend a lot of time in the field sharpening the skills that will be taught

during the academy and finishing up with a multi-day final scenario based exercise. You will learn how distress beacons work. How to locate and document them. How to search for the missing in both wilderness and urban environments. Practical use of first aid skills will be emphasized during all scenarios and you will feel comfortable with being part of real world missions once completing this course.

We will also be offering both MSA and MRO training which will also get extensive practice as we communicate and document all of the activities of the academy in real time.

DEADLINES:

17 June 2022 – Staff applications due.

30 June 2022 – Student applications due.

30 AUG 2022 - Refund requests due.

For more information and registration: [FLESA](#)



Florida Wing Summer Encampment

July 7-16 2022, Staff

July 9 -16 2022, Students

Commander: Captain Thomas McMahan

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. Student registration –

including ATS - is also open.

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>



Florida Wing Cyber Academy

July 24 – 30, 2022

Saint Lucie County Operations Center,
15305 W. Midway Rd. Fort Pierce, Florida
Activity Director: Capt. Thomas McMahon

Registration opens soon!

The mission of Florida Wing Cyber Academy is to provide cadets a positive training environment that reinforces the core values of the Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force through consistency and adherence to the standards of the Cadet Program. The academy will focus on providing cadets with a better knowledge of Windows and Linux operating systems, NETCAD, networking, cyber security defense techniques, and leadership. We will also explore the different career opportunities and the future demand in the cyber fields. The course consists of learning through classroom instruction and practical application.

For information about registration and staff applications, please visit: [FLWG Cyber Academy](#)

Florida Wing is hosting an in person Region Cadet Leadership School to be held Jul 31st (staff arrival) through Aug. 7th. We have secured a new location for this event at the Tri-State Christian Camp located at 100 Christian Camp Road DeFuniak Springs, FL, 32433. We are looking for a director (senior member) of this activity. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and CAP resume to annmaire.kozloski@flwg.cap.gov



Wreaths Across America Radio

In April, Florida Wing was featured twice on the Wreaths Across America Radio show during it's weekly "Meet the Civil Air Patrol" segment with an interview with 1st Lt. Sue Rice from the Lakeland Composite Squadron and Capt. Jack Duich from the SRQ Composite Squadron. You can listen to the podcasts here:

[WAA Interview 1st Lt Sue Rice](#)

[WAA Interview Capt Jack Duich](#)

Wreaths Across America also hosted a Civil Air Patrol webinar in April. This webinar is specific for Civil Air Patrol members interested in joining the Wreaths Across America mission - whether they are a highly successful squadron or thinking about participating - this is a great opportunity to learn more. You will also hear from some of our more seasoned Squadrons and Groups who share some of their success. If you missed it, you can check out the webinar at this link: [WAA CAP Webinar](#)

Become a CAP Tour Guide for Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Kennedy Space Center



Florida Wing

We have a fantastic opportunity for our Senior Members to become CAP Tour Guides for Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS) and Kennedy Space Center (KSC)

We have partnered with NASA and Cape Canaveral via the 45th Space Launch Delta (SLD) to certify our Senior members to conduct tours for CAP members. This is a fantastic opportunity that will allow us the flexibility and freedom to schedule tours for our membership to areas that are not normally seen by those who visit the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center.

The 45th SLD will provide training in May to a select group of Senior Members, (date to be announced soon). These Seniors will be fully credentialed to enter CCSFS/KSC without escort requirements and provide tours of the facilities to CAP members.

The 45th SLD has asked that as much as possible we select Seniors who meet the following criteria:

- Preferred badged at both Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Kennedy Space Center (including active and retired military);
- Knowledge of the above physical areas;
- Some knowledge of Space history;
- Availability on weekdays and/or weekends for approximately 3-1/2 hours (usually 0900-1230) - at this time (and this may change), tours will be scheduled quarterly;
- Ability to comfortably speak to groups of people (approximately 15-20 people per tour).

I encourage those who have the time and drive to do this regularly to apply even though they don't meet all the criteria above.

Sign-ups are open now via the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/mwuaKN54CU>

If anyone has any questions about this fantastic opportunity, they can email the FLWG Space Operations Liaison, Lt Col Deborah Kolos at deborah.kolos@flwg.cap.gov

V/r

Col Luis E. Negrón

Florida Wing Commander

Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary



New Squadron in Group 1

By Capt. Wayne Hooks

Public Affairs Officer, Tallahassee Composite Squadron

With the assistance of the command staff of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, there is a new middle school squadron in Tallahassee. Tallahassee School of Math and Science is now home to TSMS Cadet Squadron. The school's mission is to provide a strong STEM foundation to students in grades K-8.

Thanks to the efforts of Second Lieutenant Maria D'Oleo, a teacher at TSMS, principal Mr. Ahmet Temel and the school's administrative team, the new squadron was chartered April 8, 2022. Dean of Students, Yaite Arthmann, and Dr. Aisha Morris, Science Department Lead Teacher, have since become senior members.

The squadron will be beneficial to the school and to the Tallahassee Composite Squadron, as well as the cadets that participate in the program.

It will allow the cadets to get a firm foundation in the cadet program in familiar surroundings with staff they already know, their teachers. Upon graduation to high school, they can transfer to the Tallahassee Composite Squadron to continue their cadet path.

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM the staff at TSMS will hold an open house for prospective cadets and parents for orientation about the squadron and answer further questions.

The relationship between the two units promises to build stronger cadets and give Tallahassee two strong Civil Air Patrol squadrons to serve the local community. Members of both squadrons are extremely excited about this new charter.

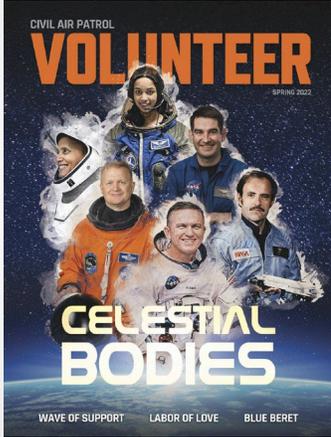


The **Doral Cadet Squadron** was featured last month in the Doral Family Journal. You can read the story here: [*Doral Cadet Squadron - Doral Family Journal Feature Article*](#)

The **Tallahassee Composite Squadron** was part of the Welcome Ceremony for Honor Flights held in Tallahassee in April. The squadron helped to support the event and provided the color guard for the welcome. You can see the video here: [*Tallahassee Composite Squadron Honor Flight Welcome*](#)

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

Read the Spring issue of Civil Air Patrol's
Volunteer Magazine



[Volunteer Magazine Spring 2022](#)

National Conference - Louisville, KY
August 25-27th



Early registration ends June 8th
The hotel group rate at the Galt house of
\$132/night for a regular room or
\$162/night for a suite ends July 22
Check out the National Conference page
for more information, registration and
hotel links

[CAP National Conference](#)

Florida Wing Member Spotlight



C/CMSgt Nicholas
Camperos of the Tamiami
Composite Squadron

Cadet Honor Society
Inductee #640

Earned Member of
Distinction in the Florida
Wing Cadet Honor Society



Maj. Joe Mora, Group 3 Commander,
was presented with a Meritorious
Service Award for service to Group 3 in
2019 as the Group Deputy Commander
and leadership as the Sun n Fun project
officer that year.



Cadet Captain Alicia Cajamarca
of the Marion County Composite
Squadron was awarded the DAR
Outstanding Cadet Medal which
recognizes a cadet that has
distinguished themselves
through outstanding leadership,
honor, service, courage and
patriotism.

Member Achievements – April 2022

Senior Member

Level 1 Completion

SM Elijah Burgess, Ormond Composite Squadron
SM Jarrod Hitchcock, Ormond Composite Squadron
SM Diane Zorrie, Ormond Composite Squadron
SM Chefren Lanie, Charlotte County Composite Squadron
SM Andrew Andris, Lantana Composite Squadron
SM Thomas Devlin, Lantana Composite Squadron
SM Terry Ferrell, Treasure Coast Composite Squadron
SM David Bahr, Merritt Island Senior Squadron
SM Patrick Jones, North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron
SM James Anderson, Ti-Co Composite Squadron
SM Dylan Reid, Ti-Co Composite Squadron
SM Amanda Kroha, Hernando Composite Squadron
SM Mark Stone, Hernando Composite Squadron
SM Francis Scollieri Garlin, Doral Cadet Squadron
SM Enrique Mulet, Doral Cadet Squadron
SM Juan Peralta, Doral Cadet Squadron
SM Tanya Murcia, Boca Raton Composite Squadron
SM Michael Derke, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
SM Justin Eagan, Eglin Composite Squadron
SM Lucius Harvard, Tallahassee Composite Squadron
SM Christian Wukits, Clearwater Composite Squadron
SM Anthony Young, Clearwater Composite Squadron
SM Malone Makenzie, Lakeland Composite Squadron
SM Mark Anderson, Gold Coast Senior Squadron
SM Irene Lopez, Gold Coast Senior Squadron

Level 2 Completion

Capt. Edwin Maier, Stuart Composite Squadron
1st Lt. Jerome Budde, Clearwater Composite Squadron
1st Lt. German Melo, Opa-Locka Composite Squadron

Cadet Milestone Awards in April

Wright Brothers Award

Avaraham Aneudy Orsini Pagan, Stuart Composite Squadron
Thomas Ranalli, St. Pete Cadet Squadron
Elizabeth Lobetti, Fruit Cove Cadet Squadron
Finn Klein, Central Florida Composite Squadron
Conner Swanda, Polk Composite Squadron
Nathan Doty, Jr., Patrick Composite Squadron
Owen Denard, Naples Cadet Squadron
Haywood Ball III, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
Annelise Davis, Jacksonville Composite Squadron
Dillon Williams, Tallahassee Composite Squadron
Ann Jacobo, Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
James McDonald, Wesley Chapel Cadet Squadron
Kyleigh Anderssohn, Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron

Billy Mitchell Award

Luke Mauro, St. Augustine Composite Squadron

Amelia Earhart Award

Linden Shawcroft, Hernando Composite Squadron

**Congratulations to all of our members
for their achievements.**

**Florida Wing wishes you continued
success in your Civil Air Patrol journey.
Thank you for volunteering with us!**



Florida Wing Education and Training

The inaugural offering of the Florida Senior Leadership Academy (FSLA), formerly known as Level IV, is being held May 14th and 15th, 2022 at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL. There is room for 9 students, but registration closes May 5. Prior to attending, you must have completed Level III and have the grade of Captain or higher. There are pre-course readings/student guides so come prepared. To register, go to <https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?lang=en-US&origin=OfficeDotCom&route=Start#FormId=BEBSR5BaTEajaTw6Ub2tBkQIssJiq15PvPe3BbHAVphUQUxPOU5ZNzIIRkkyNVFYMFRXVFCNUpsOC4u>

There will be a **Squadron Commander's Course** on June 16 and 17 as part of the Florida Wing Pre-Conference offerings. This is open to sitting commanders, deputy commanders, and others with command in their future plans. It is a requirement for the Technician rating in Command. Registration is not necessary, but interested members should prepare by reading the modules student guides. For more information, contact Lt Col Judith Hewett / judith.hewett@flwg.cap.gov. We are in need of one more VolU instructor for three modules!

Gator Gazette Submissions: If your Directorate or unit would like to have items considered to be included in the monthly FLWG newsletter, please send your submission to Maj Sybrian Castleman by the 25th of the month for the next issue. This includes activities, events, training opportunities, items for “News Feature of the Month” – which is sharing items published by external media, or short articles. Past issues of the Gator Gazette can be found on the Florida Wing website.

Florida Wing Website Calendar Submissions,

Event pages and registration: Please send requests for these items to Capt Christian Dominguez and Maj Sybrian Castleman. We need at least three weeks lead time to build new event pages and registration set up through Eventbrite; For reoccurring activities and events, two weeks lead time. This gives us time to review information, set up and test registration links, set up graphics, and build social media (Facebook) campaigns to support registration efforts.

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If you haven't set up your e-mail signature line or need other Public Affairs resources and tools, such as logos and templates, be sure to visit the NHQ Brand Portal at the link below.

[CAP Brand Portal](#)

Florida Wing Volunteers Assist at Sun n Fun International Aerospace Expo 2022

by Maj. Sybrian Castleman

FLWG PAO



Members of Civil Air Patrol's Florida Wing volunteer at Sun n Fun each year to help make Sun n Fun International Aerospace Expo in Lakeland one of the most successful aviation events in the world. With over 200,000 visitors this year to see the aerobatic performers- including the US Air Force Thunderbirds, visit the industry trade show, and attend aerospace related exhibits and workshops, Civil Air Patrol members work in various capacities to help assure the safety of guests and participants. Since Sun n Fun attracts so many aviation minded people from around the world, it's an ideal location to make Civil Air Patrol's missions and presence known through CAP members' volunteer service at the event.

During the airshow, CAP members were assisting with emergency locator transmitter (ELT) searches during the event, working as part of the SOCOM flag recovery team during opening ceremonies each day, attending to door duty during set up at the vendor hangars, manning a CAP information and recruiting booth, keeping guests from crossing over the show lines during the aerobatic demonstrations, working in general aviation parking, and maintaining safety on the active taxiways where visitors are permitted to cross during the event.



Cadet and senior member participation is essential to fulfill the many volunteer roles needed to work an airshow of this size over the nine days before and during Sun n Fun. Civil Air Patrol had over 150 members who volunteered for the Sun n Fun with Lt. Col. Dave Panzera serving as the CAP event commander and Cadet Maj. Anya Kratz serving as the cadet commander. In the months before the event, CAP members attend several Sun n Fun planning meetings in Lakeland and hold numerous CAP planning sessions.

While serving at Sun n Fun is a lot of work, Civil Air Patrol members have many opportunities during the airshow to tour static displays, visit the vendor booths, participate in performer meet and greets, and attend workshops and seminars.

This year, many CAP members were interviewed by Florida Aviation Network (FAN). If you missed the live broadcasts during Sun n Fun, you can click the links to below to hear each of our featured members.

Florida Aviation Network Interviews:

[Col. Luis Negrón, FLWG CC - FAN Sun n Fun Interview](#)

[Lt. Col. Joshua Fry, SER CAP-USAF Liaison Commander - Sun n Fun FAN Interview](#)

[Lt. Col. John May, FLWG ES Officer - Sun n Fun FAN Interview](#)

[Cadet Major Anya Kratz, Cadet Event CC - Sun n Fun FAN Interview](#)

[Cadet Major Olivia Jenkins, Cadet Wings Graduate - Sun n Fun FAN Interview](#)

