



GATOR GAZETTE

FLORIDA WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL

Florida Wing Recognized at National Conference for Excellence



At the National Conference each year, one wing out of each region is recognized for excellence and outstanding achievements within Civil Air Patrol's three primary mission areas. Florida Wing Commander Col. Luis Negrón attended the 2022 National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky last month to receive two of these awards on behalf of Florida Wing.

For Southeast Region, Florida Wing received the Cadet Programs Award for Excellence and Outstanding Achievements and the Homeland Defense/Homeland Security Excellence Award.

Florida Wing Color Guard Academy Inspires Cadets

by Maj. Sybrian Castleman, CAP

FLWG Public Affairs

Photo credit: Lt. Col. Danielle DeAngelo

Umatilla, Fla.- Nearly a hundred cadets and senior members from units across Florida Wing gathered at the Elks Youth Camp for the Color Guard Academy in Umatilla over the weekend of August 26-28 to learn what it takes to form a color guard team at their squadrons and compete in the annual Cadet Competition.

Academy Director, Lt. Col. Danielle DeAngelo said, “This year we decided to take a different angle on training by opening up registration to individual attendees in addition to full teams. This allows everyone the opportunity to learn and take back tools to teach other squadron members. We hope this promotes color guard in squadrons who are just beginning to find an interest in the subject and for those who are looking to compete in the future the tools they need to be successful.”



Participants learned how to start a color guard team, including the equipment needed and how to wear it properly. Manuals, regulations, and the National Cadet Competition guide were reviewed with cadets and senior member escorts so they were able to become familiar with these resources. Other topics included fundraising and other options to gain equipment, the importance of proper uniform wear, and proper decorum. Cadets practiced marching as a color guard with and without flags and rifles, flag procedures, how to perform an outdoor posting with flag folding procedures, and multiple indoor posing scenarios.



Maj. Susan Barnett with the North Perry Composite Squadron said, “I was impressed with the organization of the academy and with the training and practice provided. The cadets from my squadron who attended the academy are excited and motivated to teach other cadets what they learned and to have a team ready for the next Cadet Competition.”

Florida Wing units represented at the Color Guard Academy were Boca Raton Composite, Hernando County Composite, Jacksonville Composite, Marion County Composite, North Palm Beach Composite, North Perry Composite, North Tampa-Lutz Cadet, Pines-Miramar Composite, Stuart Composite, St. Augustine Composite, Crystal Lake Middle School Cadet, Lake Composite, Naples Composite, Fruit Cove Cadet, Central Florida Composite, Ormond Beach Composite, Lantana Composite, Ti-Co Composite, Zephyr Airport Cadet, Brandon Cadet, Group 2 HQ and Florida Wing staff.

SRQ Composite Squadron Cadets Attend Private Pilot Ground School

by 1st Lt. Ronald Rowe, CAP

SRQ Composite Squadron, Public Affairs

Sarasota Fla. – Private Pilot Ground School kicked off for 14 cadets and 2 senior members of the SRQ Composite Squadron at Universal Flight Training of Sarasota. This opportunity is the result of an effort by 2nd Lt. David Bynum, Deputy Squadron



Commander, after observing the interest by cadets in flying and becoming a pilot. As 2nd Lt. Bynum relates, “I was impressed at the number of cadets who wanted to be pilots.

Each cadet had different goals such as commercial jets, military aircraft or small planes. I felt we could help these cadets”. Upon further research, 2nd Lt. Bynum learned that other squadrons were providing ground school training to their cadets in preparation for the FAA exam. 2nd Lt. Bynum met with the owner of Universal Flight Training, Jose Santos in Sarasota and former CAP National Commander Major General Vasquez who is the Chief Instructor at Universal. A plan was created to provide the FAA ground school to cadets and senior members at no cost.

Capt. Mark Aragon, Commander of the Sunlake High School Cadet Squadron in Land O’ Lakes, volunteered to be the instructor for the class. Capt. Aragon, is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, an FAA certified instructor and a commercial pilot.

Students who graduate from the course will be endorsed to take the FAA Ground Knowledge Test in pursuit of their private pilots license. The students will attend 40 hours of instruction over several weeks and after passing the FAA Ground Knowledge Test, the students can arrange for flight training. As 2nd Lt. Bynum states, “We are very thankful to Jose Santos of Universal Flight Training, General Vasquez and Capt. Aragon for making this idea a reality and providing a golden opportunity for these aspiring aviators.”

Cadets from Group 1 Squadrons Experience Flight Simulator



Cadets from Eglin Composite Squadron and Marianna Composite Squadron joined the Tallahassee Composite Squadron to fly a Redbird full motion simulator at FL Aviation at the Tallahassee International Airport under the direction of Capt. Ken Jacobs, commander of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron.



Group 3 Squadrons Plant Seedlings at Lower Green Swamp Preserve

At one time, long leaf pine forests covered more than 92 million acres across the United States. As a result of human impact, only five percent of those forests remain. Cadets and senior members from Brandon Cadet, 089th MacDill Cadet, and



North Tampa-Lutz Cadet squadrons recently assisted Hillsborough County Division of Forestry rangers with conservation efforts to restore local lands at the Lower Green Swamp Preserve in planting more than 700 long-leaf pine trees at the Lower Green Swamp Preserve. Conservation efforts, such as these tree planting events, are helping to reduce the impact and restore protected lands.



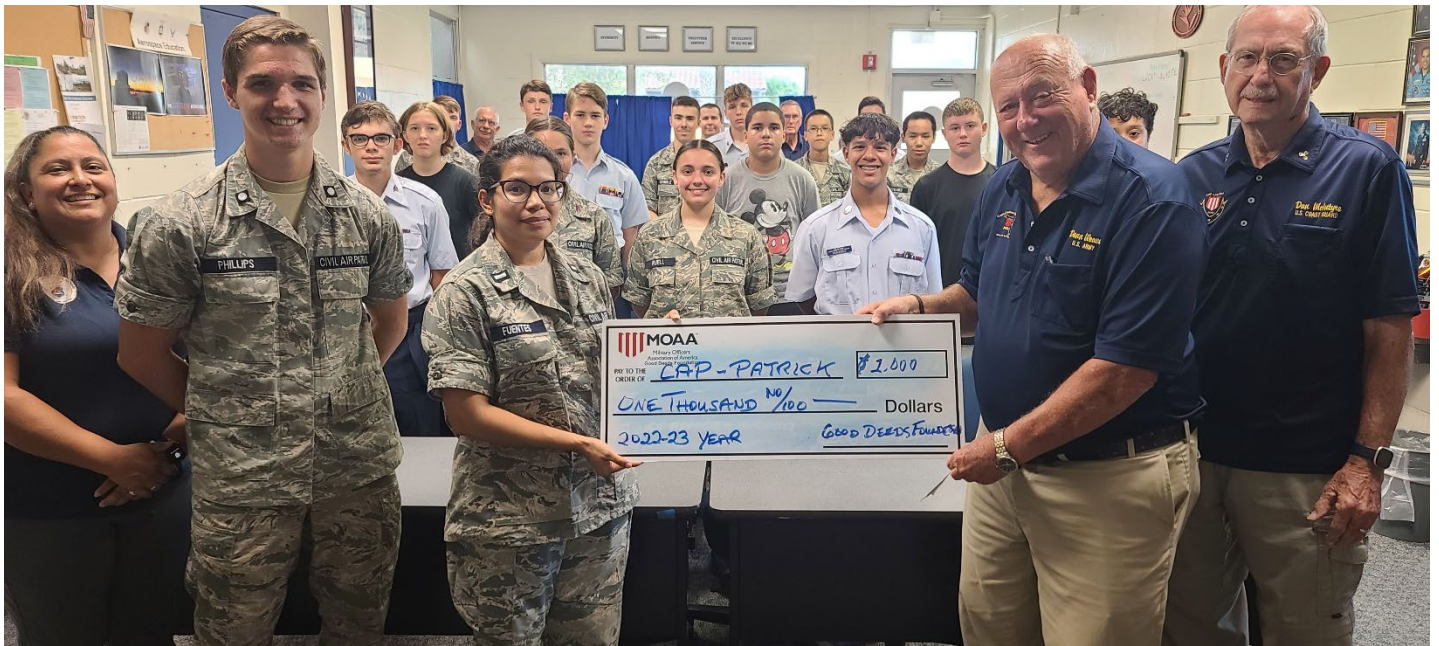
Patrick Composite Squadron Receives MOAA – Good Deeds Foundation Grant

By Chief MSgt. Jose A. Tamayo, CAP
Patrick Composite Squadron NCO

Donn Weaver and Dan McIntyre from the Military Officers Association Cape Canaveral Chapter, Good Deeds Foundation presented a \$1000 grant/donation to Lt Kimberly Fuentes who accepted the check on behalf of Patrick Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol on Wednesday 24 August.

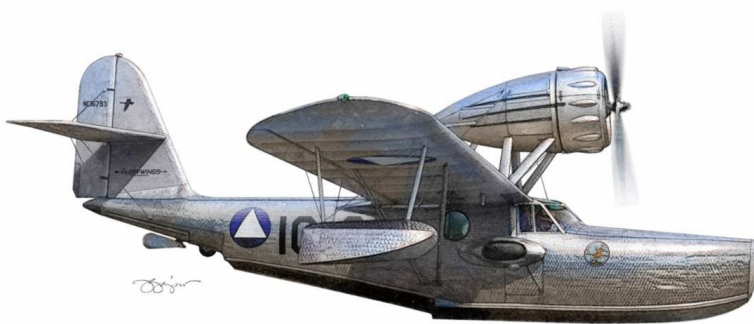
The Good Deeds Foundation provides direct support and grants to area military members (primarily enlisted), veterans and their families; ROTC, JROTC, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, Young Marines and veteran's organizations in Brevard County.

They will also be presenting a donation to Titusville-Cocoa Composite Squadron, CAP on 7 Sep 22.



From PROPS:

CAP Launches Second Aircraft Artwork Series



CAP SILVERED WINGS

Fleetwings Sea Bird F-401 NC16793

c1942 Coastal Patrol Base No.10, Beaumont, Texas By Ron Finger, CAP National Artist



The popularity of Maj. Ronald C. Finger's "Timeline Flight" paintings leading up to CAP's 80th anniversary has inspired a second series of vintage aircraft artwork — the Silvered Wings Series.

This series once again features the work of Finger, a national staff member on CAP's Marketing & Strategic Communications team.

Here is the first installment of the Silvered Wings Series, as seen on CAP.news.

The next one will be posted on the news site in mid-September. <https://www.cap.news/silvered-wings-photo-1/>

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Join Col. Kittinger for HAB Launch Watch Party

By C/Lt. Col. Maximus Kousiry
FLWG ELP Public Affairs Officer

Cadets from four Florida Wing squadrons joined Col. Joseph Kittinger at the Orlando Executive Airport on August 13th to participate in the live High-Altitude Balloon Challenge Watch Party.

Orlando, FL - The National High-Altitude Balloon Challenge for Cadets is in its second year. This is a STEM-based competition in which Cadets participate in five unique areas.

Cadets and senior members from North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron, Central Florida Composite Squadron, Ormond Beach Composite Squadron, and the 463rd Composite Squadron joined Col. Kittinger for the live broadcast of the high-altitude balloon launch.

One of the most notable people dedicated to this field of work is Colonel Joe Kittinger. He is famed for his high-altitude Jump in 1960, where he traveled over one-hundred-thousand into the atmosphere on a high-altitude balloon. His purpose was to assist the United States Air Force in developing new technology and equipment for the space program at the time. Not only did he set records with his jump, but he also set a landmark in the space industry, leading up to the infamous Apollo 11 Mission.



Col. Joe Kittinger

DANGER



Cadets watching the CAP Military Makeover episode, filmed during the FLWG 2021 Summer Encampment, was included as part of the HAB Watch Party event.

With all his accomplishments and knowledge in this area, the colonel said it's an honor and privilege for him to serve as the Challenge Ambassador for the second year.

In an interview with the Colonel, he shares his view on the challenge, as well as his experience working with high-altitude balloons throughout his career in the Air Force: "I believe in the STEM Program. I believe that it's important that our youth have the opportunity to expand their education into the STEM principles... Our present generation will be the future leaders of our country, so it's finally important that they have the opportunity for a good aerospace education, and the CAP (Civil Air Patrol) has an excellent program on aerospace education."

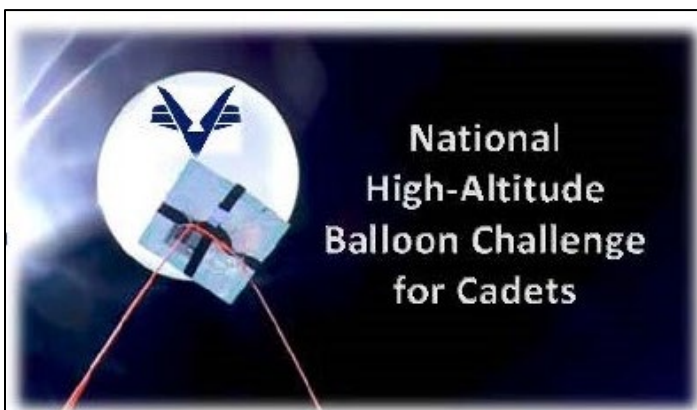
The High-Altitude Balloon Challenge for Cadet is comprised of several components. The main event is to create an experiment to be launched on a high-altitude balloon which reaches between eighty to one hundred thousand feet, just the cusp of the edge of space. Following the flight, experiments descend and are retrieved by Civil Air Patrol ground team sorties conducted by Indiana Wing Air and Ground Crews.

What makes this challenge unique is all the elements involved alongside the experiment launch. Before the main event, teams are required to produce a creative pre-launch video to explain their experiments, as well as develop a hypothesis. This video is to be accompanied by their unit's mission patch that incorporates something unique to the team. Following retrieval, teams must analyze the results and present them in a post launch video documentary, challenging their developed hypothesis. This challenge requires teams to be well-rounded in many STEM areas, including creativity and resilience in their experiments.



Cadet Lt. Col. Maximus Kousiry interviewing Col. Joe Kittinger during the HAB Watch Party.

Later, Col. Kittinger shares more on the specifics of his military career. "Aviation has been my life. I have a total of sixteen-thousand and eight-hundred hours of flying in 93 different types of airplanes. I've had one-thousand-hours of combat at four-hundred and eighty-three combat missions. I had a wonderful career and flying... I enjoyed it. Twenty-nine years in the United States Air Force." To reiterate this message in other terms: Colonel Joe Kittinger is an expert in his field who has happily rendered his experiences and expertise to better assist the future by investing in it today.



The National High-Altitude Balloon Challenge Awards Event will be held on October 22nd in Orlando, FL, where the top performing teams will be recognized for their accomplishments. The overall winning team will earn the Col. Kittinger Cup, along with a five-thousand-dollar award grant to further opportunities for future growth and education.

Hillsborough One Senior Squadron Conducts Training

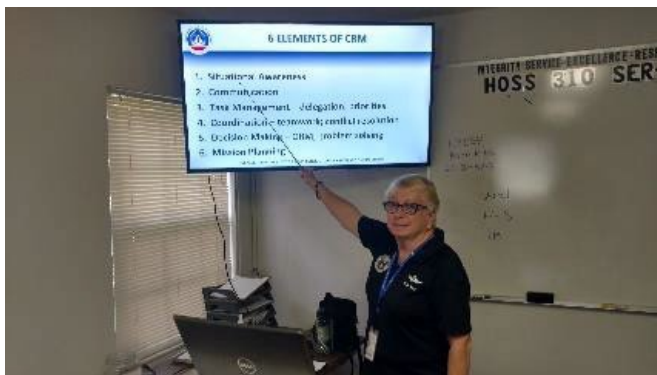
From the HOSS Newsletter

by Lt. Col. Beth Ries

Tampa, Fla. - On August 6th, Hillsborough One Senior Squadron (HOSS) conducted new and refresher Mission Observer training for six members from Pinellas Senior Squadron, HOSS, and Florida Wing Headquarters. Instructors were Capt. Ron Klemm, Lt. Col. Beth Ries, and Lt. Col. Jim Minsterl who were assisted by Lt. Col. Bob Maxey and Lt. Col. VanVleck.



Mission Observer Students



Lt. Col. Ries conducting CRM presentation.

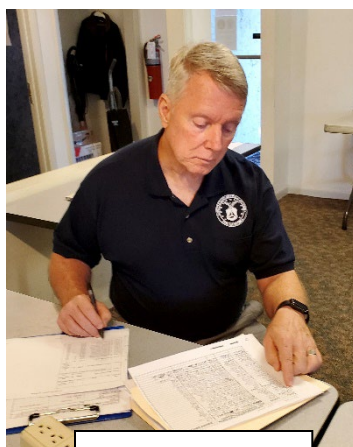


Capt. Klemm's G1000 training

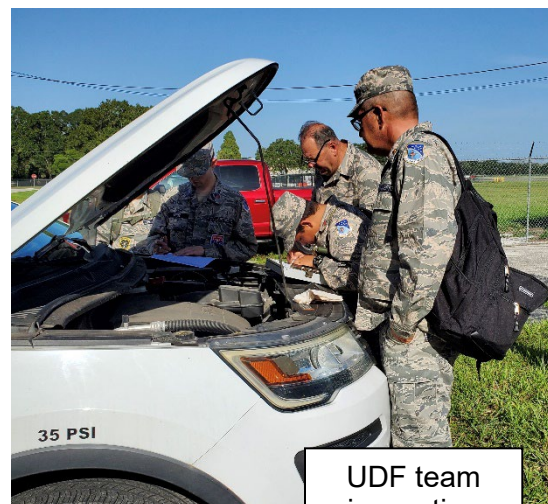
The next weekend, HOSS held another SAREX with members from other Group 3 squadrons in attendance. Fifteen members trained in Urban Direction Finding, four members worked on their Mission Radio Operator rating, and two trained for Mission Staff Assistant. Operation Qualification renewals were completed for one Operations Section Chief, one Liaison Officer, and one Logistics Section Chief. HOSS members achieved new ratings, renewed existing ratings and one performed MRO duties for their Communication Officer Technical qualification. Capt. Richard Qualls and Cadet Lt. Col. Hewitt-Qualls from the 089th MacDill Cadet Squadron were the instructors for the UDF training.



UDF team training with direction finding equipment



SM Williams in MSA training verifying participants



UDF team inspecting a vehicle

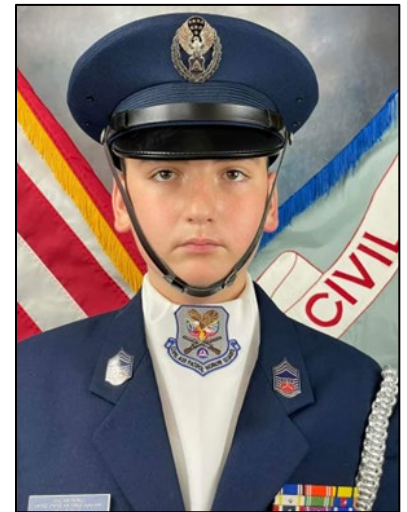
Stuart Composite Squadron Cadet Graduates from Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy

by Capt. Rachael J. Mercer, CAP

Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy, Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, V.A. (12 Aug 2022) – Civil Air Patrol’s Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy, held annually at the Virginia State Military Reservation, was assisted this week by four active-duty Honor Guardsmen from Joint-Base Langley Eustis (JBLE). Fifty-eight cadets reported to Virginia State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach, V.A., on Sunday, July 31, to begin their training as ceremonial guardsmen, while four advanced cadets returned for a second week of training in the Advanced Flight. Under the watchful eye of Civil Air Patrol NCOs, these cadets are receiving high-quality training with active-duty Honor Guardsmen from nearby JBLE.

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Wyatt Garcia was trained in this Noncommissioned Officer-led Academy by members of the United States Air Force Honor Guard from Joint Base Langley-Eustis. He learned the proper way to carry the American flag in parades and during ceremonies, also known as “presenting the colors.” Cadet CMSgt. Garcia was also trained in the proper techniques for folding the American flag in a 2-person team. Knowing and understanding these techniques is key as Civil Air Patrol cadets are called upon by local and National cemeteries to assist in some components of a funeral with military honors. Additionally, cadets are often re-requested for flag presentations at sporting events, parades, or indoor ceremonies. Cadets who at-tended the Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy can perform those duties with confidence because of what they learned at this academy in August.



Although it was Cadet CMSgt. Garcia’s first time attending the Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy, the Academy itself is nearly 20 years old. It was the third year that Noncom-missioned Officers—members of Civil Air Patrol’s NCO Corps—were responsible for reinforcing the training and procedures which the members of the JBLE Honor Guard demonstrated during the training hours.

In addition to the extensive ceremonial guardsman training that Cadet CMSgt. Garcia received during the week, he also had the opportunity to connect with cadets from 24 Wings across the country. This nation-wide representation alone speaks volumes about the type of experiences this Academy is known to produce, but it also demonstrates the willingness of cadets to give two weeks of their summer to develop their skills in leadership—the first week, an online aca-demic training and the second week, an opportunity to put that training to use.

Cadet CMSgt. Garcia said about his experience, “It was the best experience of my cadet career so far. I look forward to utilizing my knowledge and recommend this training to all cadets”. Cadet CMSgt. Garcia looks forward to using the skills he learned at the Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Guard Academy to train other cadets in the Stuart Composite Squadron and in the Florida Wing.

U.S. Navy Officer/Former Cadet Returns to Hernando County Squadron

By 2nd Lt. Richard Johnson, CAP

Hernando County Composite Squadron, Public Affairs

Brooksville, Fla.- With exciting tales of U.S. Navy aviation, a former Civil Air Patrol cadet returned to the Hernando County Composite Squadron to inspire the next generation of potential pilots. Ensign Sean Skinner, U.S.N., brought stories from his experiences in ROTC, Officer Candidate School and U.S. Navy flight school. His message? Hold yourself accountable and don't give up.

"You can do anything you want to do," said Skinner. "Convince yourself that you can do it. Teach yourself and never give up. With enough work, you can definitely do what you want to do."

More than 40 cadets and senior members attended the weekly meeting where Skinner spoke. Skinner, a former Civil Air Patrol cadet, was a member of the Hernando County Composite Squadron from 2008 - 2015.



As a cadet, he progressed through the program, rising to the rank of Cadet Captain before leaving to earn a Political Science degree at the University of South Florida. From there, he joined the Navy and completed Officer Candidate School. He is now assigned to Training Air Wing Four in Corpus Christi, Texas. Skinner credits a large part of his success to his time in the Civil Air Patrol.

"I remember when I first joined the Civil Air Patrol, and I couldn't talk in front of 10 people," Skinner said. "Now, I have talked in front of hundreds of people. It's something that's very small perhaps on the surface, but it's something that's incredibly important."

Skinner related how the leadership skills he learned in the Civil Air Patrol helped him to organize a group of more experienced sailors during intense damage control training. In the exercise, the team mission changed, thrusting them into a high-pressure scenario they were unprepared for. Yet, he was able to take charge and guide the team to success.

"Getting your peers to be able to listen to you is something that's very hard," he said. "Learning to lead others - that is the ultimate challenge of being a cadet. It's hard to do, but you learn to carry yourself professionally. You learn how to use your voice, how to speak, how you treat people and how you deal with people in a leadership role."

After Skinner's presentation, cadets asked questions about the U.S. Navy and aviation. Skinner spent the rest of the evening talking to cadets individually and speaking to senior members who provided mentorship during his time as a cadet. Before leaving, Skinner offered one additional piece of advice.

"I'm going to hold myself accountable for my actions and goals," said Skinner "I don't think it's natural that people will put themselves in an uncomfortable situation even when it's the right thing to do. There have been times in my life where I've had to do things I did not want to do. Integrity is something that needs to be practiced. And you practice that 100% in the Civil Air Patrol."

From CAP News

CAP Partners with SiriusXM to Use Weather Technology in Planes



SiriusXM and Civil Air Patrol announced Aug. 25 that CAP's fleet of onboard weather-capable aircraft is now flying with SiriusXM's satellite-delivered aviation weather and information.

CAP operates the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft for search and rescue; to support other local, state and federal agencies as requested for disaster response and homeland security training; and for its own aerospace education and youth aviation initiatives.

"SiriusXM's satellite-provided weather service is an ideal tool for Civil Air Patrol missions," said Michael Nunemaker, CAP's chief of safety. "It is especially valuable as a part of our strategic weather information toolset where ground-based tools may not be able to provide the weather information our pilots need to make sound safety decisions."

"We are very pleased to be supporting Civil Air Patrol with our weather services," said Dave Wasby, vice president and general manager of SiriusXM's Aviation, Marine and Music for Business division. "SiriusXM is in full support of CAP's mission, so we are delighted to provide our weather and information for their pilots' decision-making from coast to coast and from taxi to touchdown."

Read the full article here: [CAP SiriusXM Partnership](#)

To read AOPA News article, click here: [AOPA News CAP SiriusXM Article](#)

Girls in Aviation Day

Event by SUN 'n FUN - Aerospace Center for Excellence
September 24, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET
FREE Public Event
Registration Required

Event Registration Link: [Girls in Aviation Day at Sun n Fun](#)

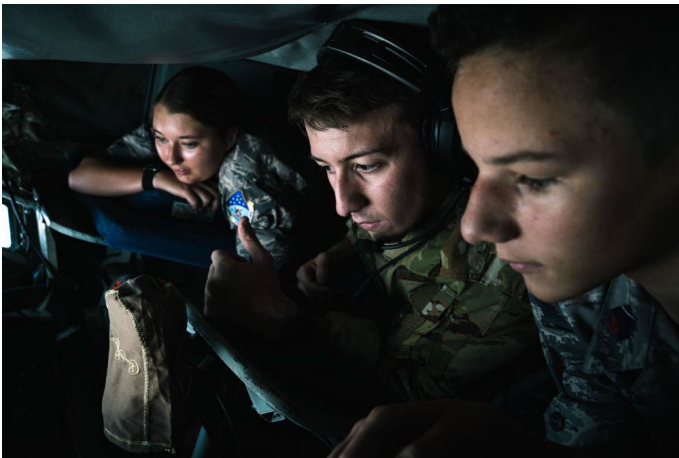


The Aerospace Center for Excellence is proud to partner with our local Women In Aviation - Lakeland Chapter to host this local event for the 2022 Girls in Aviation Day!

All are welcome to come: families, industry members, girls, boys, and anyone with an interest in aviation and aerospace. This is a FREE event, and participants will be able to explore the Florida Air Museum, participate in hands-on STEM activities in our Skylab Innovation Center, and network with our local aviation business community.

Please direct any questions about the event to educate@flsynf.org

KC-135 Flight Experience for FLWG Cadets



Tampa, Fla. - On August 2nd, the Brandon Cadet Squadron flew out of MacDill AFB on a KC135 for a refueling flight experience and the story was featured both by MacDill AFB and DVIDS. To see more photos, click the links! Photos by Airman 1st Class Joshua Hastings of the 6th Air Mobility Public Affairs team.

<https://www.macdill.af.mil/News/Article/3115079/cap-cadets-experience-flight-on-kc-135/>

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/7350567/cap-cadets-experience-flight-kc-135>

American Legion Post 346 Presented Aircraft at Doral's Squadron

From the Doral Family Journal



DORAL, FL – In their ongoing efforts to support the [Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron of Doral](#), the 319th Squadron since inception, American Legion Post 346 under the command of Commander, Mr. Benny Benitez (U.S. Navy Cold War Era Veteran) presented his fourth historical aircraft presentation to the Cadets of CAP 319th on Thursday August 4th.

The presentation concerned the famous, Consolidated B-24 Liberator, four engine, all American made heavy bomber of World War Two, the most produced bomber in the history of warfare as 18,482 were produced between 1940 and 1945.

Read the full story at: <https://doralfamilyjournal.com/american-legion-post-346-presented-aircraft-at-dorals-squadron/>



Wreaths Across America Radio

Each month, Florida Wing has a featured interview on Wreaths Across America Radio.

If your squadron participates in WAA and you are interested in having your squadron featured, we have interview openings August through December – and some months, we are able to get additional interview slots! Please e-mail Maj. Castleman at Sybrian.castleman@flwg.cap.gov to request an interview slot.



This week's Meet the Civil Air Patrol on the Wreaths Across America Radio Morning Show features Captain Leo Bowersox! Captain Bowersox assumed command of the Pensacola Cadet Squadron in November of 2021. Captain Bowersox is an FAA-licensed pilot, has earned various CAP ratings over his career, and encourages his Squadron to get involved with Wreaths Across America!

<https://soundcloud.com/wreathscrossamericaradio/meet-the-civil-air-patrol-bowersox>



Wreaths Across America Radio conducted interviews during the Civil Air Patrol National Convention in Louisville, KY. They talked with Vice Commander for Civil Air Patrol General Aye about her CAP Career and support of Wreaths Across America.

Hear her interview and explore the many other WAA Radio interviews from the National Convention.

<https://soundcloud.com/wreathscrossamericaradio/general-aye-vice-commander-cap>



Wreaths Across America – Wreath Sponsorship Fundraiser

National WAA Day for 2022 is Saturday, December 17th at National Cemeteries Across the Country.

Sign your squadron up as a sponsorship group (fundraising) for 2022 if your unit hasn't done so already! This is a fundraiser approved by NHQ, so no additional approvals are required.

<https://learn.wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraising>



Condolences to the family, friends, and fellow CAP members on the passing of 1st Lt. Sean Fox, Deputy Commander, North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron.

Lt. Fox joined the North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron as a cadet in 2008, achieving the grade of Cadet Major. He transitioned to senior member in 2016 and served his squadron in many capacities including a full term as squadron commander from 2017 to 2021. Lt. Fox attended 14 Florida Wing encampments, both as a cadet and senior member. He served in many duty positions and volunteered at many Florida Wing and Group 3 activities and events. Over the last several months, he worked with cadets from North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron, Sunlake High School Cadet Squadron, and Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron coaching them in color guard practice for community events. Lt. Fox's dedication and service to the North Tampa-Lutz Cadet Squadron was always above and beyond basic duties, often serving as an escort for the squadron's color guard at community events, transporting cadets to orientation flights and activities, and helping wherever he could lend a hand. His quick smile and friendship will be missed by many.

Please keep Lt. Fox's family, friends, and fellow Civil Air Patrol members in your thoughts.

Please see the North Tampa-Lutz Squadron Facebook page for funeral service information for Sept. 8th and 9th.

Former Florida Wing Commander Passes



On May 3rd, Col. Dan Levitch, CAP passed away with his family by his side. Col. Levitch served as a member of the Florida Wing as both a cadet and senior member. He served in leadership roles from Group Commander to Florida Wing Commander and later as the Southeast Region Commander in 2007. During his active membership, Col. Levitch was involved in all aspects of the program and mentored many members.

Condolences to his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Cadet Milestone Awards – August

Wright Brothers Award

Ariana Rubino, Naples Composite Sq.
Anthony Geiser, Stuart Composite Sq.
Malachi Milu, Stuart Composite Sq.
Neil MacMillian, Seminole Composite Sq.
Victoria Ledbetter, Fruit Cove Cadet Sq.
Cody Ochoa, Fruit Cove Cadet Sq.
Skyler Phoenix-Dean, Fruit Cove Cadet Sq.
Lucas Iglesias, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Noah Oatmeyer, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Ruby Shank, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Sq.
Sabrina Gonzalez, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
William Kersbergen, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
Sean Mecate, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
Duncan Halderman, Jacksonville Composite Sq.
Addyson Hill, Marianna Composite Sq.
Andrew Poulas, Clearwater Composite Sq.
Benjamin Young, Clearwater Composite Sq.
Nehemiah Vilar, Zephyr Airport Cadet Sq.

Mitchell Award

Gannon English, Seminole Composite Sq.
Charlie Parrish, North Palm Beach Composite Sq.
Sean Johnson, Hernando County Composite Sq.
Katherine Johnson, Hernando County Comp. Sq.
Henry Tucker, Hernando County Composite Sq.
Calvin Shank, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Sq.
Isaiah Shank, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Sq.
Sadie Shank, Ft. Lauderdale Composite Sq.
Jeremiah Baddorf, Eglin Composite Sq.

Amelia Earhart Award

Duke Neubecker, St. Augustine Composite Sq.
Tara Gildersleeve, Venice Cadet Sq.
Steven Zhang, Boca Raton Composite Sq.

178th Cadet to get PPC under Cadet Wings!



Cadet Christopher Starnes of Florida Wing became the 178th cadet to earn his Private Pilot Certificate through Cadet Wings on August 1, 2022, thanks to funding from the United States Air Force. This year, he is one of three cadets attending CAP's Commercial In-Residence Flight Program at Craven Community College in North Carolina, where he will also earn college credits.

Photo is of Cadet Starnes with his instructor, Mr. Nicolo Bluske. Congratulations Cadet Starnes!



Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society

Congratulations to the following cadets for their induction into the Florida Wing Cadet Honor Society:

C/SSgt. Vance Skiles, Inductee #644 - 463rd Composite Squadron.

C/Lt. Col. Maximus Kousiry, Inductee #645 -463rd Composite Squadron.

C/1st Lt. Derek Rios, Inductee #643 – Brandon Cadet Squadron. C/GRADE Rios was simulataneously inducted as a Member of Distinction.

C/SSgt. Ian C. Purrone, Inductee #646 - Lakeland Composite Squadron

Cadet Advisory Council



C/Maj. Autumn Rhodes has been selected to serve as the 2022-23 CAC Chairman.

C/Lt. Col. Maximus Kousiry has been selected by Col. Negron to serve as the 2021-22 interim FLWG CAC Vice Chairman. C/Lt. Col. Kousiry has also been selected to continue to serve in this position for the 2022-23 CAC.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR CAC RECORDER FOR THE 2022-23 TERM

APPLICATION DEADLINE - September 11, 2022 NLT 2200 EDT.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

We are looking for a highly motivated and committed cadet to work with our outstanding Wing CAC team. No prior CAC experience is needed, but always a plus.

Please send your packet to Lt Col Danielle DeAngelo, FLWG CAC Advisor, at danielle.deangelo@flwg.cap.gov. Please put CAC RECORDER APPLICATION on the subject line.

*CAP resume with a headshot in your uniform

*Your goals or vision for the CAC

*Why you feel you would be an excellent candidate for the position

The ultimate approving authority of this position is Col Luis Negron, Florida Wing Commander.



ELP Cadets Join Florida Wing Public Affairs Team

Florida Wing Public Affairs is pleased to announce that three cadets have recently joined the FLWG Public Affairs Team through the Cadet Executive Leadership Program (ELP). Congratulations to Cadet Lt. Col. Maximus Kousiry, 463rd Composite Squadron; Cadet Captain Steven Zhang, Boca Raton Composite Squadron; and Cadet Captain Evan Jameson, Ormond Beach Composite Squadron.



The FLWG Executive Leadership Program (ELP) is a program originally proposed by the FLWG CAC designed to give Cadet Officers who have extensive CAP experience the opportunity to serve in higher-level staff positions to develop their leadership skills. Cadets are 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 ELP include Safety, Logistics, Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Operations/Emergency Services, and Public Affairs.

The minimum required CAP grade to apply is Cadet Captain (Earhart Award). Cadets must also be current members and in good standing in order to apply. Cadet Command experience is highly recommended as well. Visit the Florida Wing website at [ELP Information](#) and [ELP Application](#).



Florida Leadership Academy – Activity Director Applications Open

Florida Wing Cadet Programs is looking for a director for the fall FLA to be held November 18-20 at the Elks Youth Camp. The ideal applicant should have some familiarity with the FLA activity and have a senior rating in Cadet Programs. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a CAP resume to FLWG DCP at annmarie.kozloski@flwg.cap.gov. The deadline to apply is September 18th.



Florida Wing Ultimate Cadet Competition

October 21-23, 2022

Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, Lake Wales, FL

Activity Director: Capt. Barbara Rich

Cadet Commander: C/LtCol Maximus Kousiry

UCC staff applications are being accepted and team registration is open.

The Ultimate Cadet Challenge (UCC) is an annual event that tests the abilities of cadets in all areas of the Civil Air Patrol mission. Teams of four cadets compete for the title of 'Ultimate Cadet' against others in the wing. Events include Emergency Services activities, obstacle courses, written examination, uniform inspection, drill evaluation, and leadership reaction courses. Awards are presented during the Combat Dining-In. For more information, staff applications, and team registration, please visit the Florida Wing website [Ultimate Cadet Challenge](#)

Florida Hosts First Southeast Region Powered Flight Academy in December 2022

Florida Wing is honored to host the new SER Power Flight Academy, which will be held during the Winter in Group 5, Southwest Florida. This is a new National Flight Academy and the first power flight academy in Southeast Region.

The number of cadets this year will be limited to 10 cadets. This activity has been approved as a National Cadet Special Activity. Applications will be accepted via the eServices National Special Activities module. Florida Wing will not be handling the application or selection process. FLWG is simply providing the announcement of the activity to our members.

The Online System for applications will not be open for applications until 15 Sep 2022 for the 2022 NFA-SER Power Flight Academy. Applications will be accepted via the eServices National Special Activities module in cadets CAP eservices account. Cadets can access the NCSA webpage here [NCSA Applications](#) Click on "Apply Online" on the right-hand side of the page and that will open up the cadets CAP eservices page.

Some have asked about the selection process, per the Memorandum for Florida Wing Members dated 27 Jul 2022 the following information was provided.

1. Each cadet selected to participate (a maximum of 10), will receive up to 12 hours of primary flight instruction and related ground school instruction at the academy. Completion of the NFA requires attendance for all scheduled air and ground instruction periods.
2. The 2022 SER-NFA will be held in the EAA facility located at Punta Gorda Airport in Florida (PGD). Additional information will be provided to those selected for the program.
3. The NFA will start at 1800 hours on Tuesday evening December 27th, 2022 and run until approximately 1200 hours on Thursday January 5th, 2023.
4. Selection process: Cadets will be selected based on their National Cadet Special Activity Ranking.
5. Minimum Requirements (Cadets):
 - a. 16 years of age (by start of the academy 27 December 2022)
 - b. Able to qualify for a Student Pilot Certificate and a Class III FAA Medical Certificate (Cadet is NOT required to obtain these certificates until notified of selection to the program but is required to be completed by 27 December 2022)
 - c. Although not a requirement, completion of multiple powered orientation flights is highly encouraged prior to the start of the flight academy.

There will be a one-time fee of \$850.00 for each cadet accepted into the program. The fee will be paid through the National Headquarters Cadet Special Activity payment system. FLWG and SER will not be accepting any payments from Cadets.

Schedule: 15 Sep 2022 -

NCSA Online System open for applications to the 2022 NFA-SER Power Flight Academy

The dates for this activity are from 27 DEC 2022 to 05 JAN 2023.

Activity Director: Maj Gen Joseph R. Vazquez, CAP

Activity Assistant Director: Lt Col Leslie Vazquez, CAP

Senior Member Education and Training Awards August

Level 1

Donald Keister, Lake Composite Sq.
Vicky Franklin, Stuart Composite Sq.
Sandra Lukey, Stuart Composite Sq.
George Laios, SRQ Composite Sq.
William Walker, SRQ Composite Sq.
William Nelson, Merritt Island Senior Sq.
Emanuel Rosario, Merritt Island Senior Sq.
Jennifer Ledbetter, Fruit Cove Cadet Sq.
Christopher Rill, Brandon Cadet Sq.
Michelle Copeland, Central Florida Composite Sq.
Laura Gordon, Central Florida Composite Sq.
James Williams, Central Florida Composite Sq.
Francis Mesa, Homestead ARB Cadet Sq.
Shawn McPeek, Pines-Miramar Composite Sq.
Luis Gill, Hillsborough One Senior Sq.
Jonathan Burnett, Fernandina Senior Sq.
Wilbert Thompson, Marion County Composite Sq.
Lance Blank, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
James DePelisi, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
Michelle Mellinger, Boca Raton Composite Sq.
Matthew Heiser, Marco Island Senior Sq.
James Turner, Marco Island Senior Sq.
Matthew Lindsey, Emerald Coast Senior Sq.
James Conley, Pensacola Cadet Sq.
James Swearingin, Tallahassee Composite Sq.
Jerry Byers, Lakeland Composite Sq.

Level 2

Kyler McCown, Naples Composite Sq.
Amber Garcia, Stuart Composite Sq.
Gerardo Quinones, Treasure Coast Composite Sq.
Nicki Hovanec, Merritt Island Senior Sq.
Michelle Schultz, Central Florida Composite Sq.
Mark Stone, Hernando County Composite Sq.
Robert Ott, Marianna Composite Sq.
John Wright, Wesley Chapel Cadet Sq.

Level 3

Ronald Rowe, SRQ Composite Sq.
Steven Friedman, Jacksonville Composite Sq.

Level 4

Richard Qualls, 089th MacDill Aviation Cadet Sq.



Sunshine State Drone Expo

The 2022 Sunshine State Drone Expo is hosted by the Civil Air Patrol Azalea Middle School Cadet Squadron (SER-FL-829) in partnership with the Azalea Middle School Drone Academy.

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022
starting at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Azalea Middle School Football Field - 7855 22nd Ave. N. St. Petersburg Florida.

Admission: Free

[INFO Sunshine State Drone Expo](#)

Senior Member Education and Training Opportunities – Level V



LEVEL V: Florida Executive Leadership Academy

Florida Wing is hosting an opportunity for a select contingent of Senior Members to complete the Level V modules at an in-person event. These sessions will not be broadcast virtually, so students must plan to attend on-site.

The 22 modules will be instructed over two weekends, October 8/9 and November 19/20, at the Orlando Health Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies at 83 W Miller St., Orlando, FL 32806.

Registration deadline is September 30th. Class is limited to 25 students, so register early.

The initial registration is open only to Florida Wing members. If the 25 limit is not reached prior to the deadline, the opportunity will be opened to FL Wing Captains with Level IV and SER Members with Level IV and Major mid-September.

Requirements:

- Level IV completed as shown in eServices

- Grade of Major or higher

- Download and read the Student Guides found in Volunteer University

Fee - \$10.00 per weekend for snacks, coffee, and water

Possible employee discount for meals, or nearby restaurants

Students are responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

Covered parking is available

A Student Guide will be sent prior to the start of the first weekend.

Student registration link:

Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BEBSR5BaTEajaTw6Ub2tBkQIssJiq15PvPe3BbHAVphUMUZGNTVfQkk2Q1E5TkMyTjZiOTRDVVZINC4u>

Florida Executive Leadership Academy Director:

Lt Col Judith Hewett, FL Wing Director of Education & Training

Senior Member Education and Training Opportunities – Level III

Hosted by Group 7, Miami Gardens

VOLU Level III - Full Modules

Course Director: Lt. Col. Trevor Stewart

Dates: Saturday, Sept. 10th; Sunday Sept. 11th; and Saturday, Sept. 17th, 2022

Location: Florida Memorial University, Lehman Aviation Building, 15800 NW 42nd Ave., Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Course Fee: None

This VOLU Level III Course is for CAP senior members who have completed Level II, are active in the program, and hold duty assignments at the unit or group level. The Course Director reserves the right to consider requested exceptions.

The uniform of the day will be the CAP polo shirt and grey slacks combination.

Be prepared to bring a laptop and lunch for the three days.

Pre-registration required. No walk-ins and no substitutions will be accepted.

The Course Director may seek your unit commander's approval for your attendance.

[VOLU Level III, Miami Gardens Student Registration](#)

Course instructors are still needed to assist for all three days.

We will welcome other VOLU-approved Level III instructors who may wish to participate.

Instructors only need to notify us to be included in the class schedule.

Please send an email to Lt. Col. Stewart at trevor.stewart@flwgcap.us to participate as an instructor.

Hosted by Group 2, Ocala

VOLU Level III – Moderated Modules

Course Director: Capt. Carolyn Spangler

Dates: Saturday, Sept. 17th and Saturday, Sept. 24th, 2022

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Neighborhood Church, 6474 NE 7th St. Ocala FL 34470

Registration Deadline: Sept. 13, 2022. Class is limited to 25 students.

Attendees must have completed Learning Phase Level II and hold a grade of 1st Lt. or higher.

Attendees also need to have the online modules completed in order to complete Level III requirements.

Donuts and Coffee will be available. (Donations towards coffee/donuts appreciated. \$5 recommended donation.)

Lunch will be on your own. There are several fast-food restaurants within a 5-mile radius

Pre-registration required. No walk-ins will be accepted.

[VOLU Level III, Ocala Student Registration](#)

Course instructors are still needed to assist for all three days.

We will welcome other VOLU-approved Level III instructors who may wish to participate.

Instructors only need to notify us to be included in the class schedule.

Please send an email to Capt. Spangler at Carolyn.spangler@flwgcap.us to participate as an instructor.



Public Affairs Officer - Training Opportunities

Hawai'i Wing VIRTUAL Public Affairs Academy

Saturday, September 10, 2022 during their wing conference. Registration for the academy is through their wing website's conference registration found at the link below.

Fee is \$25.00 for the PAO Academy.

Topics and speakers for this academy are:

GO TEAM PAO! – Lt Col Scott Maguire, PCR PAO

Best Practices for Creating Videos – Capt Maryan Tooker, NVWG PAO

The Sound of Music - Legally Using Music in Your Videos – Capt Maryan Tooker, NVWG PAO

Branding Today's Civil Air Patrol – Randy Bollinger, Chief of Marketing & Strategic Communications

Deeper Dive Into Building Relationships With The Media – Lt Col Steve Solomon, National PAO

Working With Your Squadron Commander - Capt Timothy Vaughan, ORWG PAO

For more details, please visit the registration website at:

[Hawai'i Wing Virtual Conference Registration](#)

Florida Wing Virtual Public Affairs Workshop

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 a.m. to noon ET

Microsoft Teams meeting

Florida Wing Virtual PA Workshop is open to any CAP member interested in public affairs including cadets and non-PAOs. This workshop meets the PA Specialty Track requirements for a workshop credit. Certificates will be emailed to the provided email address NLT Oct 15.

Topic: Working with External Media

Uniform of the Day: Corporate Polo or ABU/Corporate BDU

Workshop Fee: none

Pre-registration Required: [FLWG PA Workshop Registration](#)

PA Workshop Link will be sent to registered participants via email the week of Sept. 19th.

Questions? Please e-mail Maj. Sybrian Castleman, FLWG Public Affairs at

Sybrian.castleman@flwg.cap.gov

SAVE THE DATES

September 6: FLWG Monthly Safety Brief

Virtual on Teams. Open to all FLWG members. Squadrons are welcome to login to use for their unit's Safety Brief requirement (must log member safety brief credit as usual.)

[FLWG Monthly Safety Brief](#)

September 10-11, 17: Education and Training, Level III-All Modules- hosted by Group 7, Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens.

Registration Open. Pre-registration Required. Instructors still needed.

[Level III Registration, Miami](#)

September 10 and 17: Education and Training Level III-Moderated Modules Only – hosted by Group 2, Neighborhood Church, Ocala.

Registration Open. Pre-registration Required.

[Registration Level III, Ocala](#)

September 24: Virtual PA Workshop (TEAMS)

9:00 a.m. to noon. Open to all members interested in Public Affairs including cadets and non-PAOs.

Registration required. [PA Workshop Registration](#)

October 21-23: Ultimate Cadet Challenge, Camp Flaming Arrow, Lake Wales.
Registration opens soon.

November 18-20: Florida Leadership Academy (FLA), Florida Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla, FL. Director applications being accepted through Sept. 18.

December 3: Sunshine State Drone Expo, Azalea Middle School, St. Petersburg, Florida. Free admission.

[Sunshine State Drone Expo Info](#)

December 17: Wreaths Across America Day, various locations. Check the WAA article in this issue for links to sign up for wreath sponsorship fundraising for your unit.

December 26 – Jan 2: Winter FLESA, Avon Park.

December 27 – Jan 3: TENATIVE DATES, Winter Encampment

September is the beginning of the most active part of hurricane season. Be sure to review your disaster preparedness plans for your home and unit.



FLORIDA WING HURCON PLAN

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.

Important Links:

[FLWG HURCON PLAN](#)

[FLWG HURCON STATUS](#)

[Unit SITREP](#)