



# The Newsletter

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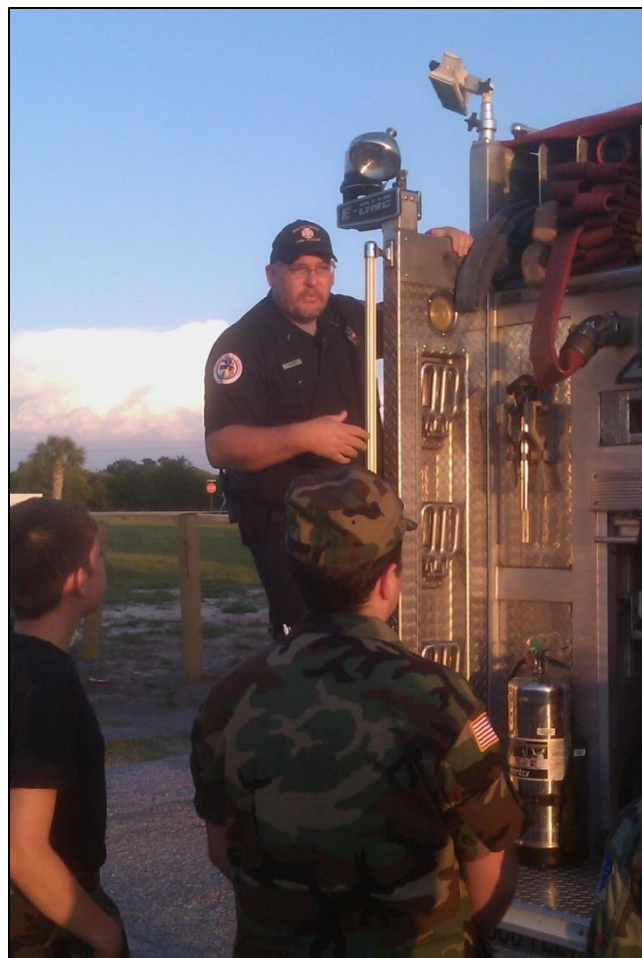
## Everyday Heroes

By: Captain Jennifer Richards, Historian

On Tuesday, 26 April, the cadets were treated to an emergency services lesson on firefighting. Members of the Winter Haven Fire Department arrived at the squadron in their truck and talked to the cadets about what they do.

They were taught about the equipment that is carried on the truck and how each is used. The equipment included the various types of wrenches, hoses, cribbing, and axes. The firefighters also talked to the cadets about how they extricate injured people from crashed vehicles.

The crew was invited to talk to our cadets by SM Mark Lukac, who is also a firefighter. Thank you very much!





# Commander's Call

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James K. Peto, Commander

## What's on Jim's mind?

Hurricane season starts on June 1st. That makes the month of May 'hurricane preparedness month'. Time to start looking at your own kits to make sure they are fully stocked. Do you have the necessities?

Speaking of June 1st, that is our day to shine at Joker Marchant stadium. We will be presenting the colors before the baseball game and will have a display booth in the breezeway showing off our Emergency Services capabilities. Look for more details on this event as it approaches.

Saturday June 4th is the Polk County Hurricane Expo at the Orange Dome in Winter Haven. We will have our ES display at this event also. There will be several other agencies there and we can show the residents of Polk County what CAP can do for them.

Memorial Day weekend showcases the FPEA Homeschool Convention in Kissimmee. Several of our members are signed up to assist at this state-wide event with an expected attendance of about 18,000 people. It is a great recruiting event because we will have a couple of aerospace activities and the Fatal Vision Goggles from DDR. It's our chance to showcase our cadets and our program to the homeschool families of Florida.

Now that the government is operational until September 30th, funding has come down for ES training and orientation flights. The schedule is currently being worked out, so look for that to come out in the very near future.

Welcome to our newest members, SM Linda Zedonek and Cadet Brenden Roehrig.

Until next month, remember...

*"You may not have any extra talent, but maybe you are just paying more attention to what you are doing."* (Alan Shepard)

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2 May – C/AB Jonathan Wilhite

2 May – SM Linda Zedonek

9 May – 1st Lt. Randy Lyle

28 May – Capt. Todd Copeland





# Dress Right, DRESS

By: Lt. Col. Roy L. Hall, Deputy Commander For Seniors

Another Wing Conference has come and gone and has again given me lots of fodder to discuss concerning the proper wear of the various CAP uniforms. I am pleased to say that I didn't see many violations on the wearing of the Air Force style uniform (other than some people who did not meet the height/weight requirement.) As usual, the cadet members all looked sharp and know how to wear the uniform. It's the senior members who are the ones who seem to be the offenders.

The one item I noticed the most was the type and style of grey trousers worn as part of the corporate uniform. The CAPM 39-1 is very liberal on this item but does say the trousers are to be a "dress" type. I don't think this can include grey "cargo" type pants like I saw at the conference. Also, the blue golf shirt

is to be worn tucked inside the pants and the belt is to be a civilian type, not the Air Force blue belt with the silver buckle.

Another item I saw that violated CAPM 39-1 was a member wearing his military ribbons on the corporate uniform white aviator shirt. CAPM 39-1 clearly states that U.S. military ribbons are NOT to be worn on the corporate uniform. Only CAP ribbons are allowed. The Air Force style uniform is the only uniform where a member can wear both military and CAP ribbons.

OK, I've vented enough for one column. Remember, if you have any questions concerning the proper wear of any uniforms authorized for wear by CAP, read CAPM 39-1 or ask me at a meeting.

Till next time.

## Random Ribbon

### Senior Recruiter



Awarded to senior members who recruit seven new qualified members.



ES.P.

## *Emergency Services Perspective*

By: SFO John E. Ford, Emergency Services Officer

Greetings all! Welcome back to the Emergency Services Perspective. I want to start off by congratulating all those on their recent promotions!

I also want to thank SM Anthony Pitman for taking on the role of the Squadron's Activities Officer, and that I look forward to what he has planned for upcoming ES events. SM Pitman and I will be working closely together to get training available for those of you interested in Emergency Services, such as Ground Team, Urban Direction Finding, and Flight Line Marshalling training.

So if you are interested in the above or other specialties, then please see me or email me at anytime. Stay tuned next month for more Emergency Services activities!

### **May 2011 Cadet Promotions:**

#### Congratulations to the following cadets...



- Dakota B. Branch – promoted to Cadet Airman First Class, awarded the Hap Arnold ribbon
- Adam D. Evans – promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant, awarded the Wright Brothers ribbon
- Jonathan A. Evans - promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant, awarded the Wright Brothers ribbon
- Pryce E. Newberg – promoted to Cadet Airman, awarded the John F. Curry ribbon
- Andrew P. Pitman – promoted to Cadet Airman First Class, awarded the Hap Arnold ribbon

# Blinks

Squadron Website: [www.polkcountycomposite.webs.com](http://www.polkcountycomposite.webs.com)

Group 3 Website: [group3.flwg.cap.gov](http://group3.flwg.cap.gov)

Florida Wing Website: [flwg.us](http://flwg.us)

CAP Website: [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com)

CAP eServices: [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov)

## At t t C o m m i n g o n s

3 May – Squadron Meeting (Aerospace Education & Achievement Testing)

8 May – Mother's Day

10 May – Squadron Meeting (Cadet Class & Leadership Class)

17 May – Squadron Meeting (Safety Briefing, CPFT & Drill)

24 May – Squadron Meeting (Emergency Services & Character Development)

26 to 29 May – FPEA Homeschool Convention in Kissimmee

31 May – 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

1 June – Ready Day at Lakeland Flying Tigers game, Joker Marchant stadium

4 June – Polk County Hurricane Expo at the Orange Dome, Winter Haven

## **This Month In History**

1607 – The first permanent English settlement was established at Jamestown, Virginia (5/14)

1881 – The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton (5/21)

1884 – President Harry S. Truman is born in Lamar, Missouri (5/8)

1927 – Charles Lindbergh begins his historic Trans-Atlantic flight (5/20)

1932 – Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic (5/20)

1937 – The German airship Hindenburg bursts into flames at Lakehurst, New Jersey (5/6)

1961 – Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space (5/5)

1980 – Mount St. Helens in Southwestern Washington erupts (5/18)

