



The Newsletter

POLK COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON

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Newly-promoted Cadet Second Lieutenant Jeremy King smiles as Florida Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Phil Zedonek and Group Three Vice Commander Captain Steve Lampasona pin and pose with him as he receives his Billy Mitchell Award on June 7th. Friends and family gathered to celebrate Polk County's second cadet officer promotion ceremony in as many months. Squadron Commander First Lieutenant James Peto presented him with a special challenge coin also.

In addition to a commission into the Cadet Officer Corps, Lt. King was also named the Squadron's Cadet Vice Commander by Deputy Commander For Cadets Captain Christine Colbert.

Congratulations!





Commander's Call

By: 1st Lt. James K. Peto, Commander

What's on Jim's mind?

Hurricane Season 2011... Let's hope it's another down year for Florida. That's not to say that we shouldn't be prepared, because we should be, and there will be plenty of training opportunities in the coming weeks and months to get ourselves ready. We have the opportunity to have squadron-level ES training missions to get UDF, ground team, scanner, observer, mission base and other qualifications ready for when the call comes. Flight Officer Ford is busy putting some ideas together.

To go along with the ES training, we could be taking in the aircraft before the end of June. That opens up so many opportunities for us both in the air and on the ground. Captain Gregor, the squadron AMO, is chomping at the bit to get his hands on it, if only to wash it.

Group 3 has really come through with a number of cadet orientation flights in the next few weeks. For a list of dates, please see any of the staff and they will be able to get you what you need and where you need to be.

The events we participated in were complete successes. The FPEA convention was a great time for all that were there. Thanks for your assistance in putting our name and face into the homeschool community. Over 18,000 people attended this year's convention and it felt like we spoke to every one of them. The Polk County Ready Day at Joker Marchant Stadium was also a hit. Our color guard performed flawlessly and looked great doing it. Thanks to Jeremy King, David Brown, Jonathan Wilhite, and Dakota Branch for representing our squadron and CAP so well. The Hurricane Expo was another great time. We had the opportunity to talk to several citizens and organizations from the county while showing how we can be of assistance during a hurricane.

I would like to welcome Cadet Hannah Harbridge to the squadron and also to congratulate Captain Christine Colbert on her promotion. Senior members, if you need to attend a professional development course such as SLS or CLC, please see Lt. Col. Hall for more information on where and when. Not only are these courses required to advance your career in CAP, but they are great fun and a good way to meet members outside of our squadron.

Until next month, remember...

"All adventures, especially into new territory, are scary." (Sally Ride)

BIRTHDAYS SQUADRONS

25 June – 2d Lt. Pedro Alicea

26 June – Capt. Debra Seoane



Random Ribbon

VFW Cadet NCO Of The Year



An annual award established by the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognizing the outstanding cadet NCO in each squadron.

June 2011 Cadet Promotions:

Congratulations to the following cadets...



- James E. Brewer – promoted to Cadet Technical Sergeant, awarded the Rickenbacker ribbon
- David C. Brown – promoted to Cadet Technical Sergeant, awarded the Rickenbacker ribbon
- Jonathan M. Wilhite – promoted to Cadet Airman, awarded the John F. Curry ribbon
- Jeremy A. King – promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenant, awarded the Billy Mitchell ribbon

Blinks

Squadron Website: www.polkcountycomposite.webs.com

Group 3 Website: group3.flwg.cap.gov

Florida Wing Website: flwg.us

CAP Website: www.gocivilairpatrol.com

CAP eServices: www.capnhq.gov

Announcements

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

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

7 June – Squadron Meeting (Special Ceremony)

11 June – Cadet Orientation Flights (Clearwater)

14 June – Squadron Meeting (Aerospace Education & Cadet Testing)

18 June – Cadet Orientation Flights (8's only)

21 June – Squadron Meeting (Safety Briefing, CPFT & Drill)

25 June – Cadet Orientation Flights (Brooksville)

28 June – Squadron Meeting (Emergency Services & Character Development)

This Month In History

1808 – Confederate President Jefferson Davis is born in Kentucky (6/3)

1876 – General George Custer leads his troops to *Little Bighorn* and are soundly defeated (6/25)

1910 – Explorer Jacques Cousteau is born in France (6/11)

1924 – 41st U.S. President George H.W. Bush is born in Massachusetts (6/12)

1944 – Allied forces begin the largest amphibious landing in history in Normandy, France (6/6)

1983 – Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space aboard *Challenger* (6/18)

1989 – Chinese troops massacre 3,000 at Tiananmen Square (6/4)

