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## Commander's Corner

As we begin the year 2008, I wish to set some goals upon which to set our sights and to establish plans for the implementation of those goals.

Following are listed items for which we will be developing plans:

- Improve the quality of ES capabilities in the air and on the ground through monthly training missions and expanded use of proficiency flights
- Recruit additional pilots

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- Increase training through simulation
- Enlarge program through delegation of authority
- Fundraising presentations to external groups and individuals
- Develop MOUs with local agencies and public corporations
- Continue the building maintenance and handicapped ramp plans
- Continue with building expansion plans
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One of the highest priorities will be to improve the quality of the squadron ES capability and build on the strengths that have been developed over the last couple of years. It will take all of the pilots, scanners, observers, and mission base staff of the surrounding squadrons to accomplish this task. It will include a strong working relationship with Group 8 staff and possibly the creation of a special liaison position to interact with outlying squadrons.

Already our team members in cooperation with the Group 8 ES Team are developing plans for monthly training missions both AF funded and self-funded. multi-plane, multi-group funded missions have been or are being requested for February and March. These training missions are designed to build the quality and abilities of Squadron and Group membership to higher standards.

We cannot accomplish this alone. It will take the overall cooperation of our squadron, Group 8 staff and other Group 8 squadron members working in concert. Developing the cooperative training activities will be tasked to various members of our squadron. Another critical priority is to make the highest and best use of the airplane and any other assets assigned to and available to our Squadron. Weekly training and proficiency plans are being instituted that will elevate the skills of our pilots, scanners and observers to a level of excellence and capability.

Additional information will be shared in upcoming announcements and newsletters. I eagerly look forward to working together with you to develop a stronger Emergency Services training squadron for South Group 8 and for Tampa Bay.

Eugene Olson, Major CAP

On December 15th, our squadron conducted a SARX. The mission involved a missing aircraft with LtC Dave Carlson being the pilot. Two other members, Jake Jacobsma and Douglas Jessmer were observer trainees. A second crew including pilot LtC Dave Carlson including Major Chris Reeves and Jack Wholley. C/Sgt. Robert Barber trained for UDF.

Other members who participated were Nick Simoncini as Incident Commander, Air Operations LtC Diana Carson, PSC Captain Larry Gray, Mission Safety Officer, Walt Pleasants, Administration and Diana Carlson, Information Officers included Vivian Olson and Douglas Jessmer, The Safety Officer was Bob Smith, DAC and Communications Officers were LtC Herman Slappo and Walt Pleasants.

On January 19th, our squadron conducted another SARX with R. Lowery, R. Miles, R. Smith, J. Wholley, E. Olson, R. Crawford, W. Deese, and L. Tellier participating. Members of the ground and UDF team included L. Floruy, Timberlake, K. Matissek, T. Ropman, L. Gray, J. Chism and R. Crawford.

More training is planned for February 23, March 22 and April 26th, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to participate to learn and practice skills that can help in future missions for America.

### **Congratulations**

**Congratulations to Lt. A. Wynelle Deese. She has published her 7th book, St. Petersburg: Past and Present. It is a collection of postcards in color of various landmarks and former buildings in St. Petersburg from the early 1900s-1950s compared to their current development.**

**Lt. Deese will have a book signing event at Haslam's Bookstore, 23 February 2008, 2-4 p.m. CAP members and friends are encouraged to attend this afternoon appointment to support her accomplishment.**

**LtC Vivian Olson**