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FLORIDA HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION

THE 22nd annual Florida Homeschool Convention convened at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort 21-24 May 2009 in Orlando. A Civil Air Patrol recruiting booth was presented in the exhibit hall along with USAF recruiters. There were 19 cadets and 9 senior members attending. The cadets provided assistance in unloading for the vendors and the color guard for the opening ceremonies. They demonstrated the fatal vision goggles, and various aerospace projects including the popular Alkaselzer-Fuji rockets.

There were 117 seminars presented offering guidance to the parents on new ways to teach science, math, literature, reading, learning styles, foreign languages, economical living and college preparation.

The CAP project officer was Lt.C. Linda Trimpey, 800 Group Cmdr. She was assisted by Maj. Margaret Campbell, Cmdr of Naples Cadet Squadron, Lt. John Lynn, Wing Director of Aerospace Education; Lt. James Peto, LtC Steven Schultz; Maj. Gene Olson, Cmdr of Pinellas Senior Squadron; Lt C Vivian Olson and SM Cynthia Moody.

SQUADRON DINNER

The quarterly dinner for the Pinellas Senior Squadron was served at the Red Lobster Restaurant on 29th April, 2009. Major Robert Scott was honored for his many years of service to the Civil Air Patrol. He has requested to be put on retirement status. He was presented with a large engraved plaque.

There were 26 attendees to the dinner. In addition to Maj Robert Scott and his wife, Margaret, others included Lt. Dan Antrim, Lt. Adrian Cuarta, Lt. Joyce Nader, Lt. Wynelle Deese and guest, Odett Patterson, Lt. Michael Lombardo and wife, Barbara, LtC Ken McMahan, SM Cynthia Moody, Maj. Gene Olson, Lt C. Vivian Olson, Maj. Walt Pleasants and guest, Lt. Freddie Prez and Guest, Juanita Berrios, LtC Art Trinque, Maj. Jack Wholley and 7 dancing partner guests.

PROMOTIONS

Three members of the Pinellas Squadron were promoted on March 25th, 2009. Walter Pleasants was promoted to Major, and two newer members, Wilfredo Perez and David Johnson were promoted to 2nd Lt. The Squadron provided refreshments for this occasion.

Howard Sakolsky has attended our local Squadron this spring as a member of the New Hampshire CAP Composite Squadron. He was in St. Petersburg for the 75th Anniversary of the Admiral Farragut Academy. He organized a luncheon honoring past and present crew members including the activities in 1947 of Howard Sakalsky and other members of their naval science Department. Attending were the past and present crew members of the Admiral Farragut Academy. Many pictures were made and a plaque was presented to commemorate the event in the mail lobby of Farragut Hall. A duplicate plaque was given to CDR Sobeck to display on the USS Farragut DDG 99 and to be passed on to the next USS Farragut that will replace the present ship. Howard Sakolsky is 2 Lt in the New Hampshire Composite Squadron.

FINAL FLIGHT

Capt. Eileen Tonkinson, editor of the Florida Wing "Gator Capers" Passed away 13 March 2009 from complications related to a malignant brain tumor. She joined CAP in June 2003 and was a member of the Ormand Beach Senior Squadron. Capt. Tonkinson also was the Group 2 finance officer and squadron public affairs officer. She was Emergency Services qualified, Mission Scanner, Mission Observer, Urban Direction Finder team member, Mission Staff assistant and SET Skill evaluator. These will be difficult shoes to fill.

INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS COURSE

A three day combined group crisis intervention and individual crisis intervention and Peer Support course will be offered by the Civil Air Patrol September 18, 19, 20th 2009 at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fl. A packet will be sent to all registrants. CEU's are pending.

The course is open to the public. CAP members and non-CAP CISM teams are encouraged to attend. The ICISM instructor will be Lt. Col. Sam Bernard, PhD, National CAP team leader for CISM services. Course is \$25.00, Books for each course \$13.00 each (2) and certificate is \$6.00 for a total of \$57.00. If interested contact, Lt. Wynelle Deese