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Wing Leader's Report

Colonel Chuck Downey

Our TBM-3E is a purpose-built warplane used to destroy enemy ships. Details of its operation were described in our July Scream. Special attention was given to U.S. Navy Torpedo Squadron TEN and LTJG Grant Young's daring attack on IJN Yamato, the world's largest battleship. Following is our nation's recognition of LTJG Young by the Secretary of the Navy:

THE: SECRETARY OF THE: NAVY WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY CROSS to

LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE, GRANT CLIFFTON
YOUNG
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism as Pilot of a Torpedo Bomber in Torpedo Bombing Squadron TEN, attached to the U.S. S. INTREPID 1 in action against major units of the Japanese Fleet in the East China Sea on April 7, 1945. Participating in a coordinated strike on an enemy task force, Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Young pressed home his attack to within 1000 yards of an enemy battleship and, in the face of intense and accurate antiaircraft fire, succeeded in scoring a direct torpedo hit on the warship which was observed to sink immediately following the attack. His skilled airmanship, courage and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

James Forrestal

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I visited with now retired Captain Young in July, sharing our restoration progress. He is very pleased we are grooming this war bird as his VT-10 TBM, in April 1945 markings as flown from the USS INTREPID. He offers his full support of the Wing's efforts.

December General Membership Meeting

And
Christmas Party

Tuesday Evening December 7
1800hrs. Social 1900hrs. Dinner

Halifax River Yacht Club
Downtown Daytona Beach



Menu



Prime Rib
Or
Chicken Pataca
Or

Salmon with Maple Pecan sauce

Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, rolls and drink
\$20 all inclusive

Bring a wrapped gift under \$15 for a Chinese auction

Because of the room size attendance will be limited to
the first 30 reservations.

email your reservations with menu selection to
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Call (386) 257-3853

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WWW.CAFFL.org**

**We meet at the Hangar on Wednesdays
and Saturdays from 0900 to 1300 hrs.**

Lunch is served at noon on Saturdays

Editors note: Colonel (former Cadet) now Ensign Jerrid Stottlemeyer received his commission at Embry Riddle and is now in the U.S. Navy pilot training program. I have asked Jerrid to keep us informed as to his progress. His first report appeared in the previous issue of the Eagle's Scream. Below is his second report.

From: Jerrid Stottlemeyer <tr57gwy@yahoo.com>
Date: November 15, 2010 7:29:27 PM EST
To: Bannerman Jimmy <jimmybannerman@cfl.rr.com>
Subject: Re: November Eagle Scream

API was a lot of fun. After you finish the first four weeks of academics, you get issued your flight suit and move on to the more physical aspects of Indoc flight training. We get training in both land and water survival including learning how to land a parachute in each. We also got to go in the legendary Helo Dunker that simulates a helicopter landing in the water. We also got hypoxic in the altitude chamber and dizzy in the "Spin n Puke" which simulates disorientation. I graduated API on the 3rd of November and am now stationed at NAS Corpus Christi for Primary flight training in the T-36C Turbo Mentor. I should start class on January 3 and should be flying about two weeks after that. Primary is supposed to take about 6 months, but that depends on weather and availability of aircraft. It is also very common to get doubled up on flights whenever possible so I might finish more quickly as well as get delayed. As it is set up now, I will be assigned to VT-28 for Primary, but that is subject to change like anything else. My new mailing address is:
14721 Whitecap Blvd.
Apt# 127
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Respectfully,

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Executive Officer's Report

By Col. Stanley Mitchell

TO ALL OF "SNOWBIRDS" OF THE FLORIDA WING, WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS OF THE SUNSHINE STATE. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE IN GOOD HEALTH AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AROUND THE HANGAR.

Steel Storage Container

Since the last report, not much progress has been made due to preparations for upcoming activities at the Wing. After the Thanksgiving holiday, the Staff Officers will pursue the acquisition and placement of the container next to the hangar.

Golf Tournament

Pat Clifford and his tournament committee had been working tirelessly to assure that the Florida Wing's inaugural golf tournament was successful. Many donations in the way of gift certificates, sponsorships, and prizes had been received. The entrants and tournament staff had a lot of fun. The Staff Officers and all of the members of the Wing give a big thanks to Pat and his committee. Let's look forward to the planning and participation in the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in 2011.

2011 Nominating Committee

The Florida Wing has four Staff Officers positions that are up for election and a vote at the December Members meeting. Those positions are Wing Leader, Maintenance Officer, Adjutant and Safety Officer. The Nominating Committee has posted a list of candidates for these positions. A member's meeting has been established on December 8, 2010 at 1100 hrs. at the hangar of the CAF-Florida Wing. Everyone is encouraged to attend and vote for your staff Officers for 2011-2013.

Airshows

The season for air shows has arrived. The first one was the Stuart Air show sponsored by the Visiting Nurses Association, Main street Stuart and the March to Victory Museum in Stuart, FL on Nov. 13-14. The Wing had an opportunity to sell aviation-related goods held in the PX trailer. Ann Conway, Lou Figliuolo, Steve Moddle, Chip Kibbe

and I attended the event. The weather was beautiful and the crowds were larger than last year. In fact, we did so well that our inventory has been severely depleted. For more information about the happenings, read the report posted further in this issue. I would like to thank all of the efforts and their sacrifices made by Ann, Chip, Steve and Lou put out to make trip so successful.

2011 Budget Preparation

It's that time of year to begin the preparation of the 2011 budget for review and submission to CAF Headquarters. I'm asking for all of the Colonels to submit ideas for moneymaking projects for 2011 as well as anticipated expenses. The budget needs to be complete and ready for submission to the Florida Wing's Staff Officers by the December meeting. After passage, it will be sent to CAF Headquarters.

15th Anniversary of the Florida Wing

This coming year, 2011, will be an important milestone for the Florida Wing of the CAF. On June 15, 2011, the Florida Wing will be 15 years old. That's Right! The wing has been around for 15 years and has much to celebrate. Keep your calendars open and look forward to participating in the events throughout the year.

MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Steve Moddle



Last month we completed the annual on N2995C as I stated in that report. I have been away since so the plane was not flown till this weekend. Col. Conway and I flew down to Stuart for the Airshow and met with our PX there for the weekend. We had a good time there with Cols. Lou. Stan, Chip, Ann and myself working the PX and selling pictures in 95c. I will let Col. Mitchell tell how things went financially, but we did very well on Saturday. Unfortunately I had to leave about 8:30 Sunday morning as the line people would not let me move after the gates opened for the day. CAF regs. do not allow us to fly a night with a single engine aircraft and the airport was closed once the airshow started until 5:00 PM and that would not give me time to return to Deland before dark. The trip down

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and back was just GREAT, good weather the whole weekend. I am really happy with the way the plane flies now that we have been able to get the Prop RPM adjusted to get into the lower RPM range, it is just a bit quieter and I'm sure we might just use a bit less fuel also. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Col. Steve Moddle

At the completion of the rounds, the men and women dined at the club house on a delicious buffet presentation. At the end of the dinner, the



door prizes were awarded to all.

The raffle tickets were drawn by Pat Clifford's wife and the prizes presented to the winners. Some of these prizes included half-day and whole-day fishing trips from Ponce Inlet, gift certificates from Publix Foods for \$50 of food, gift certificates for dinner and drinks from the Halifax River Yacht Club, a Tim Tebow autographed T-shirt, and many others. Winners of the silent auction took home a two-night stay at the Hampton Inn Oceanfront Hotel in Daytona Beach, A tandem parachute jump at Sky dive DeLand, a "basket of cheer" from Beach Side Tavern of New Smyrna Beach and a ride in a Beechcraft T-34 sponsored by Col. Dick Russell.

Our thanks goes to Col. Pat Clifford for his tireless efforts to set up the golf course, find vendors and hole sponsors and recruit golfers for this event. We are also very thankful for the assistance at the tournament of members from Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia/Flagler County—Veterans Recognition Program.

We are looking forward to 2nd Annual Golf Tournament next year with greater zeal and golfer participation.

Inaugural Golf Tournament



The Florida Wing sponsored its first golf tournament at the Cypress Head Golf Course in Port Orange. At the participant registration desk, the golfers received a ditty bag filled with dining coupons from local restaurants and other sponsors, a CAF visor and the Mulligans to "improve" the scores. After the lunch and an opportunity to become acquainted with their golf partners, the tournament kicked-off with a fly-over by Col. Dick Russell and the men of the Retro Group to commemorate the military veterans. The sixty-six men and women departed in the golf carts with a Formula One start from the club house area.

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As play progressed, the golfers rolled over hill and dale chasing that white ball from hole to hole. Along the way, the golfers received driving



and putting advice from two of the course's residents—Mr. Allie.

AIR SHOWS AND ACTIVITIES—2010/2011

The upcoming year presents many opportunities for members and cadets of the Florida Wing to participate in several activities. Presented below is a partial list.

Date	Event
December 3-4, 2010	CAF-FL Wing Yard Sale, DeLand, Florida
February 12, 2011	Vero Beach Airshow, Vero Beach, Florida
February 19, 2011	Valkaria Air Fest, Valkaria, Florida
March 11-13, 2011	TICO Airshow, Titusville, Florida
March 26-27, 2011	Florida International Airshow, Punta Gorda, Florida
March 29-April 3, 2011	EAA Venture Sun N' Fun Fly-In, Lakeland, Florida
April 8-10, 2011	New Smyrna Beach Balloon and Air Fest, New Smyrna Beach, Florida
April 30-May 1, 2011	MCAS Beaufort Airshow 2011, Beaufort, South Carolina
October 14-16, 2011	Wings of Angels Balloonfest, DeLand, Florida
November, 05-08, 2011	NAS Jacksonville Airshow, Jacksonville, FL

Please note that the month of April, 2011 is “open”. Since Easter is set for April, 2011, the Wing could schedule a Hangar Open House and offer flights in the L-17.

Finally, the CAF-Florida Wing will be 15 years old on June 15, 2011. Please submit ideas to commemorate this event.

Florida Wing Receives the Philippine Flag



Recently, the Florida Wing welcomed several visitors from The All British Car Club of Volusia County to the hangar. They viewed the restoration progress on our Grumman TBM “Avenger” torpedo bomber.

During the tour, Ms. Ruby Craig, a tour member who was born in the Philippines, noted that there was no Philippine flag among the display of the Flags of Our Allies who fought in WWII. Ms. Craig offered to obtain the flag of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and have it hung among the other flags.

On October 13, 2010 a ceremony was held outside the Bob Robbins Memorial Library and Museum. Col. Stanley Mitchell, the Executive Officer of the Florida Wing, introduced the guest of honor, Ms. Colby, and others. He followed that with a brief historical description of the contribution made by the people of the Philippines.

The Commonwealth of the Philippines was invaded by the Empire of Japan in December 1941--shortly after Japan’s declaration of war upon the United States. This was done in part because the United States possessed important military bases there.

The combined American-Filipino army was defeated in April 1942 by the Imperial Japanese Army. But guerrilla resistance against the Japanese continued throughout the war. Uncaptured Filipino army units, a communist insurgency and supporting American agents all played a role in the resistance.

The Philippines had suffered under the Japanese occupation. However, a highly effective guerilla campaign controlled sixty percent of the islands, mostly jungle and mountain areas. Gen. Douglas McArthur had supplied them by submarine, and sent reinforcements and officers. The Filipinos remained loyal to the United States, partly because of the American guarantee of independence, and also because the Japanese had pressed large numbers of Filipinos into work details and even put young Filipino women into brothels.

In 1945, the Philippines were liberated from Japanese control by the Allied forces after a naval invasion in 1944. The Republic of the Philippines celebrated its independence on July 4, 1946.



Ms. Colby presented the flag and pointed out the symbolism of the colors of the fields and meaning of the designs. Pictured with Ms. Colby are (l. to r.) Gary Thomas, Craig Colby and Col. Stanley Mitchell.

The Florida Wing of the CAF wishes to thank the Philippines for being a true friend during the turbulent times and is honored to hang her flag in our hangar amidst the flags of the other allies of World War I I.

Birthdays

November:

Colonel Don Barnhart	November 2
Colonel Frank Purcell	November 10
Colonel Tony Crawford	November 20

December:

Colonel Grace Barnhart	December 3
Ensign Jerrid Stottlemeyer	December 16
Colonel Pam Fonseca	December 12
Colonel Earl Leone	December 18
Colonel Stan Mitchell	December 20

we will celebrate all the birthdays above at the hangar with lunch, cake and ice cream on Wednesday, December 1st. Y'all come!!

Our TBM Restoration Project



Jim Goolsby covering an aileron



The Ball Turret before restoration



The same turret after restoration

A letter from Colonel Peter Jacobs, our previous Wing Commander who now lives in Panama with his wife Colonel Linda Jacobs



Hi from sunny Panama! Perhaps the following comments will illustrate why we are really enjoying our life here:

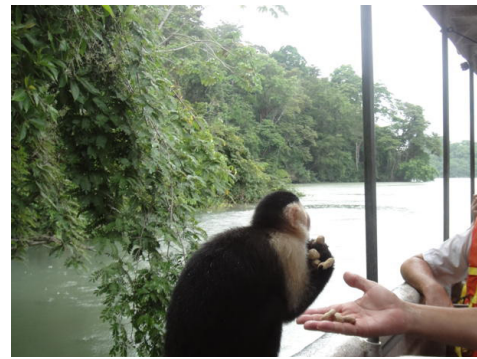
We have met some extremely nice people. Most have lived here anywhere from 25 to 40 years, and almost all our friends are expats, though some have married Panamanians and folks from other countries. Some are still working (one is an author, another runs a battery factory) and some have 2nd homes in the U.S., but all spend most of the year here. We also have several Panamanian friends, several of whom live in our building.

I've attended several expat and businessmen's luncheons, all of which were great fun and quite interesting. Two, sponsored by the British embassy, provided in-depth programs on the huge and expanding Panama port operations, and the conciliatory resolution of a difficult political problem. Obviously, Panama is no longer a third-world country! It's a vibrant, growing and increasingly prosperous nation. Of course, there is a substantial divide between the relatively well-to-do and the general population (as there is the States), but the progressive, business-oriented and democratic government continues to make great strides to improve the lives of Panama's citizens: new highways, a new developing national bus system, plans for a new subway system to alleviate the ever-present traffic problem, and increases in the pensions for older folks. In short, Panama has prospered since the hand over of the Canal Zone in 1999.

The Panama Canal continues to be the main income producer for the country, and its expansion program, on track to be completed in 2014, will add to the revenue it produces. The Balboa (Pacific) and Colon (Atlantic) ports handle the

substantial transshipment of containers by rail from the Atlantic to the Pacific and vice-versa, accounting for significant income. New industries such as Dell's Call Center and Boeing and Singapore Airline's new maintenance centers at the old Howard Air Base, also are contributing to Panama's commercial growth. Panama is the hub for Panamanian-owned Copa Airlines, whose almost 200 Boeing 737's provide frequent and efficient service to North, South and Central America and the Caribbean. KLM and Iberia provide direct service to Europe, and direct service to Asia will start next year.

Linda has joined a "Union" church – started here almost 100 years ago when the Canal was being built. She's been active in helping them revise their by-laws and will also be helping with their finance committee. I've been helping to rehab a children's playground at a facility 25 miles from

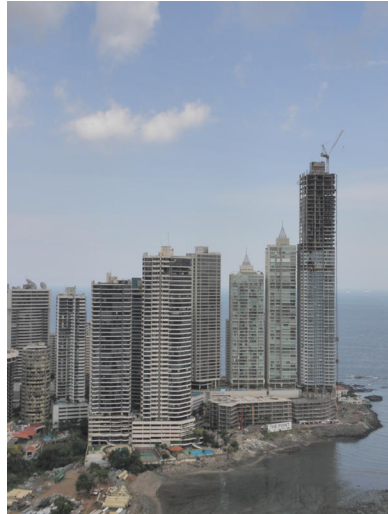


the city, at which the church provides food three times a week for poor and under-nourished school kids.

We've taken a small boat tour of the Canal and Lake Gatun, where we've seen wildlife unique to Panama (4 of the 5 indigenous monkeys, for in-



stance), the Canal expansion blasting and excavation operations, and an up-close and personal look at the huge ships transiting the Canal. We've also enjoyed several English-language theater productions, a Panamanian ballet, and examined the GA activities at nearby Albrook airport, where we met the pilot of Converse Shoes' Gulfstream IV.



Prices and living costs are low, except for imported foods, and gas is about the same cost as in the U.S. It's easy and inexpensive to have fresh, gorgeous flowers in our 17th floor apartment, where we have a marvelous view of the sea and the ships anchored and transiting the

entrance to the Canal. The skyline of Panama City looks a lot like Chicago, with the high rises lining Balboa Avenue and stretching for several miles to Costa del Este. There are several large, impressive, and modern shopping malls, many movie theatres, supermarkets, etc. We lack for nothing excepting the company of our Stateside friends and U.S.-like general aviation activity. We've just returned from a month-long trip to the U.S. national parks, and are glad to be back "home."

Adios, amigos!



Seen at the Stuart Air Show



Colonels Chip Kibbe, Ann Conway, Lou Figliuolo and Steve Moddle working at the CAF PX tent

