



# PTEROGRAM

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Sitrep 1-01 **summary** The AOP is a non profit association of active and retired US Coast Guard aviation personnel and associates

This TWO PAGE SUMMARY of the March 2001 edition of Pterogram has been prepared for the AOP website to provide new members and researchers with a brief condensation of the Sitrep's contents.

## ROOST 2001 (MIAMI)

An initial flight plan has been outlined for the AOP gathering scheduled for the Miami area thanks to the invitation and coordination of CGAS Miami.

The roost is scheduled for October 7, 8 and 9, 2001 which is a Sunday through Tuesday. Monday, the 8th, will be a government holiday in celebration of Columbus Day.

Several interesting tours and exciting events will take place including a banquet and a boat trip down to Dinner Key, site of the original Miami Air Station.

Headquarters will be the Ft. Lauderdale Marina Marriott with a nightly rate of \$65 if you reserve space early enough. For a room, phone (800) 433-2254 or (954) 463-4000 and use the code "USCG PTERODACTYL."

Further details and roost reservation info will be in Sitrep 2-01 (June Pterogram).

## PAST & FUTURE ROOSTS

The genesis of the Ancient Order occurred in 1977 thanks to the collective vision, energy and spirit of founding Pteros Horton, Shrode, Thometz and Wall.

Here's a list of roosts "in the well," approved for 2001, and some ideas being kicked around for those to follow in years to come:

1977 Long Beach, CA  
1978 San Francisco, CA  
1979 San Francisco, CA  
1980 Mobile, AL  
1981 Elizabeth City, NC  
1982 Traverse City, MI  
1983 San Diego, CA  
1984 Mobile, AL  
1985 Washington, D.C.  
1986 Corpus Christi, TX  
1987 Port Angeles, WA  
1988 New Orleans, LA  
1989 Elizabeth City, NC  
1990 Oshkosh, WI  
1991 Pensacola, FL  
1992 Astoria, OR  
1993 Clearwater, FL  
1994 Traverse City, MI  
1995 San Diego, CA  
1996 Cape Cod, MA  
1997 Pensacola, FL  
1998 Colorado Springs, CO  
1999 Atlantic City, NJ

2000 Seattle, WA  
2001 Miami, FL (October 7 - 9)  
2002 Mobile, AL ?\*  
2003 Elizabeth City, NC ?\*  
(a century since the first  
Wright brothers flight)  
2004 West Coast ?\*

*\*These are just ideas...please share YOUR thoughts, pro, con, or otherwise with the AOP board, by email or however.*

## FROM THE ANTARCTIC...

The Antarctic Sun, a newspaper funded by the National Science Foundation reported a first for CG Aviation. LCDR Sidonie Bosin, LT Kelly Larson and Aviation Technician Dani Keating were featured and pictured as the first all-female helicopter flight crew in Antarctica and the only women in the 14 person CG aviation team in Antarctica this year.





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## **MIAMI AIR STATION**

LT Chad Bland described his unit's diverse and busy days and nights. 353 people maintain and operate 18 aircraft.



## **DETROIT AIR STATION**

LT Karl Dornburg provided a glimpse at what the 101 people do with their 5 HH-65A's near and to the US/Canadian border.



## **BORINQUEN AIR STATION**

Gracias to LT Roberto Torres for furnishing a look at some facets of operational life at the extensive CG air physical plant in Puerto Rico where 4 HU-25A Falcons and 5 HH-65A Dolphins fly and where frequent transient operational aircraft are supported.



## **ONONDAGA**

Ptero Bud Muench, CG Av 192, recounted some of the exploits of two medium endurance cutters named ONONDAGA, one of which, in 1915, played an important role in the beginnings of CG Aviation. 2/Lt Norman Hall and 3/Lt Elmer Stone were young officers on board, conceived of a CG air wing and with support of their skipper, CAPT Ben Chiswell, obtained flights at a Curtiss flight school. Stone subsequently became CG Av #1 and piloted the NC-4 on its historic flight across the Atlantic in 1919. Chiswell, Hall and Stone are all enshrined in the CG Aviation Hall of Fame at ATC Mobile.

## **CG ACADEMY CADET AVIATION CLUB**

Ptero Dan Kenny reported that the club is active, enthused and appreciative of Pterodactyl support.

## **ASTRONAUT NEWS**

Some of Ptero and CG Astronaut #2 Dan Burbank's experiences during his 12 days in space last September in the space shuttle Atlantis were briefly related.

## **NEW AVIATORS**

Eight newly designated CG Aviators were listed, welcomed into the Ancient Order and presented with a dues free one year membership in the order.

## **MISC**

Coming events, Mail and Museum News were also covered.

