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FACT SHEET

The operations area for Group Five of the Florida Wing encompasses 8,850 square miles over ten counties located in Southwest Florida including; Charlotte, Collier, De Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

The Group is served by eleven subordinate units. Three of the units are a composite of Senior and Cadet squadrons; Charlotte County, Marco Island, and SRQ. Three are school programs; Lee County Schools, Venice Leadership Academy, and Sarasota Military Academy. Three are cadet squadrons: Lee County, Naples, and Venice, and two Senior squadrons; Highlands County and Naples. These eleven squadrons together with the Group Five Headquarters are represented by 510 members including; 180 cadets and 330 senior members.

Group Five operates five powered aircraft including: (1) C172, (3) C182, (1) 182T. Southeast region houses a GA8 in Group 5. The GA8 is the platform used for CAP's *ARCHER* program which uses hyper-spectral imaging for search missions. The operation tempo is ranked 2nd out of eight in Florida Wing. In 2008, Group 5 aircraft flew a total of 1,638 hours of which 371 were flown in support of emergency services missions, 860 hours were training flights, and 252 hours were flown for orientation flights.

In addition to powered aircraft, the group also operates a Blanik L23 Glider for the Glider Program based at Immokalee Airport. This flight training program is available to all cadets in the form of orientation flights and flight instruction. The glider flight training program is also available to senior members at personal expense.

To further support the growth of general aviation, Group Five hosts an annual Cadet Aviation Ground School to instruct qualified CAP cadets in a manner to prepare them for passing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Private Pilot Knowledge. Upon completion of this school and after approval from Florida Wing, the cadets will be allowed to initiate flight training in CAP aircraft.

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