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COMMANDER'S CORNER: You will see in the next weeks the addition of an instrument trainer for use by the pilots and others who wish to learn more about what it takes to fly and train using this instrument. This simulator is a gift from Lt.Col. David and Diana Carlson, who have moved to Florida from New Hampshire. The Carlson's are experts in Emergency Services. Both are qualified trainers from Incident Commander on down and mission pilots. They have been instrumental and patient in training scanners, observers and mission pilots and we are deeply indebted to them.

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The use of simulation allows more of us to participate in training without having the expense of flying the plane or for training when the plane is not available. With this newest addition we should see a lot more meaningful training. Once all the elements of the instrument trainer are in place and operational, the instrument trainer will qualify to log proficiency training with a CFII.

Major Eugene Olson

An Article, FRIENDS' GIFT SENDS WWII VET SOARING, in The St. Petersburg Times, April 29, 2008, talks about one of our members, Ruth Hubert. It told of her WWII service as a Airforce Service Pilot. She settled in St. Petersburg with her husband, Peter Hubert, a pilot with the newly established National Airlines. The National Airlines is part of the early history of The Albert Whitted Airport and Ruth continued to be involved with the Civil Air Patrol after her husband died. She continued to be an asset to the Civil Air Patrol over the years. Her service to her country has been an outstanding example of citizen involvement with aviation. She continues to receive awards for her accomplishments and was included in the Visual History of St. Petersburg by this author (2006). WE ARE PROUD OF HER.

The Major J.W.Deese ramp is in the process of being completed. The project manager, Lt.Col Ken McMahan, states that the blocks have arrived and they will be installed shortly. Lt. Col. Arthur Trinque, came to the facility in his motorized wheelchair and tested the ramp. He stated that the ramp was well done and assisted the builder to complete the entrance. We expect the dedication to be soon and those members who have had difficulty getting into the building, will be able to come.

LT COL LARRY MCCONNELL of St Pete Senior Squadron was recently selected by the Acting Director of Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplains for nomination to receive the "Distinguished Service Award for VA Chaplains." This award is made annually by the Military Chaplains Association to one chaplain in each of the following services, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Chaplain McConnell is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs and serves as the Chief of Chaplains at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. He and his staff provide clinical pastoral care for veterans who have served defending our countries against enemies spanning wars over the centuries. He has provided counsel for veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Operation Desert

Storm, the Balkan Conflict, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Prior to employment in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Chaplain McConnell had served a total thirty-four years in the U.S. Naval Service retiring in the rank of CAPTAIN, U.S. NAVY. This military service included thirty months in combat zones in the Vietnam Conflict and in support of forces engaged in the Middle East. Prior to becoming a chaplain, he was a Gunnery Officer and served in the Vietnam Combat Zone aboard small combat riverboats in the river delta of Vietnam. He served for thirteen years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a chaplain.

He is a Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue Mission pilot in our squadron and has recently completed the requirements to become certified as a Federal Aviation Administration Certified Flight Instructor. WE CAN BE PROUD OF OUR OWN.

Lt. Wynelle Deese, PAO.

Taken from the Aerospace Education Association Newsletter, Spring, 2008
NEW AIR TRAFFIC TOWER SIMULATORS TO IMPROVE CONTROLLER TRAINING, The FAA will deploy new air traffic tower simulators to 19 locations around the country to help train thousands of new air traffic controllers in an operational environment that is interactive and provides realistic scenarios. The new simulators will be deployed over the next 18 months at John F. Kennedy, Los Angeles, Oakland, CA, Washington Reagan National, Dallas Fort-Worth, Atlanta, Denver, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, San Antonio, Memphis, Honolulu, Orlando, Charlotte, Minneapolis, Boston and Newport News. The FAA will install additional six simulator at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. The simulator system does not interact with actual air traffic control operational systems and poses no threat to service interruption. The system creates an entirely new environment that operates away from and independently of ongoing air traffic operations. It realistically replicates operations that enable training in a safe environment.

Subject: Safety info.

The May issue of "The Sentinel" is available at:

www.cap.gov/safety

Among other topics, it addresses the subjects of "Flight Line Safety" and "Morality and Safety".

Also of interest, is an article regarding surviving forced landings, which is available at:

<http://www.planeandpilotmag.com/proficiency/pilot-skills/getting-out-alive.html>

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