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The Major Deese Memorial Handicapped Ramp was dedicated on September 17, 2008. A service was conducted by Lt. Col. Larry McConnell at the Squadron Building. Judge Deese was honored for his unswerving service as Legal Officer and devoted member of the Pinellas Senior Squadron and to Group 8 Staff. The following members participated in the dedication service. Standing in the left back were: SM Dan Autrim, Lt. Col. Larry Tellier, Major Jack Wholley, 2lt Wynelle Deese, Lt. Col. Ruth Hubert, Lt. C. Larry McConnell, Lt. C. Ken McMahon, and Major Olson. Next row were: SM Michael E. Lombardo, Lt. C. Art Trinkque, and Lt. C. Vivian Olson.



The Ramp to the back door of the squadron provides a secure way into the building for those of us who are having walking or standing problems. It was started by Major Deese establishing a fund to pay for building the ramp. It was through the efforts of several tireless members who donated their time and expertise at building it and it is finally completed. The Squadron celebrated that event in honor of Major Deese. Thanks to everyone, Lt. Wynelle Deese

It is with immense sorrow that Victor's wife, Sheila announced that Victor Frederick Vierin passed away at NBGH-CCU on September 15, 2008, after a short but valiant battle with a severe infection. Victor was a USAJ Korean War Veteran and a member of the Civil Air Patrol. A service will be held at a later time in Florida. If you so desire, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. 'Lest We Forget'

NEW MEMBER

Wilfredo Perez has joined the Civil Air Patrol for a new adventure so that he can gain more knowledge and training. He was born in Illinois and grew up in Waukegan, Illinois. Some of his best experiences as a child were his being in ROTC. The person who most influenced him as a child was his brother who was in the Service. As a child, he liked boxing.

He claims not to be married and to have had four years of college. He is currently retired and enjoys traveling. Upon request, he will present the honors and awards of which he is proud. He wants to be known as Freddie.

We all welcome Freddie to our squadron as we get to know him.

NATIONAL CIVIAL AIR PATROL BOARD CONFERENCE

The Civil Air Patrol Board and Conference convened in Orlando at the Gaylord Palms Resort 7-9 August, 2008. Maj. Gen. Amy Courter was elected as the new National CAP Commander, the first female to hold this office. Brig Gen Reggie Chitwood became the new National CAP Vice Commander. Former National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling was inducted into the CAP Hall of Fame. Many two days training sessions or workshops were offered both prior to the National Board meeting and during that week.

Three members, Lt. Adrian Cuarta, Lt. Smith and Sm Dan Autrim achieved the Radio Operators Authorization card, are pictured below.

