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Major Eugene Olson, Commander

Dedication of the Major Deese Memorial Ramp
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Pictures will be in the October Issue.

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Michael E. Lombardo is a new member who has an interest in aviation and desires to do volunteer work. He wants to make a positive contribution and sees Civil Air Patrol as a way that can be achieved. He was born in New Rochelle, New York and grew up in New York City and in Westchester County. He pursued a career in the Medical Sciences and achieved a Ph. D. in biochemistry. He has over 40 publications in leading scientific journals and is now a retired. His other interests include aviation, hunting and golf.

He is married with two adult children. He has traveled and sees himself as a scientist with a love for flying.

Joyce Nader has joined CAP because she wanted to join her husband in his CAP activities. She is an attorney with a Juris Doctorate degree and wants to help the squadron in legal matters. She wants to expand her knowledge in legal matters related to CAP. She achieved the highest score on the Bar exam. Interesting, Her father was a WWII pilot in Europe and he influenced her in her early life. She has other interests of golf, theater, art and music. She wants to be known by Joyce and for her love of her family.

We welcome these new members as we grow!

On Wednesday, July 30th, our squadron had its 5th Wednesday social at King's Buffett. There were 21 people including Lt. C. Rudy, one of three guests of Major Jack Wholley. Lt. C. Rudy was the guest speaker, is retired from the U.S. Army and was 90 years old. Lt. Wynelle Deese had a long term friend from Kentucky visiting. Lt. Col. Jim Powell and Lt. Col. Ruth Hubert attended.

It has come to our attention that Capt. Bert Heffner has recently died in South Carolina. He was a Squadron Commander in South Carolina before moving to St. Petersburg. He has been a mission pilot and aircraft maintenance officer in the Pinellas Senior Squadron. He served 10 years in the U.S. Army and in the Navy.

The Johnson Flight Academy

By Captain Walter Pleasants

This year, Captain Pleasants of the Pinellas Senior Squadron instructed for a week at a June Flight Academy for his fourth year. This year there were 20 cadet students ranging from 14 to 19 in age. Nine of the cadets were first timers while the others were returnees. The program is divided into three programs: One consisting of balloons, a second one of gliders and the third involving power. Students were divided according to their interest.

The curriculum consisted of seven days of intense flight and ground training starting at 0800 and until after 1700 each day. This year most of the students completed 20 glider flights. All of the students passed the ground school. All students must pass the ground school and complete a minimum of 30 glider flights before they are allowed to solo. Previously attending cadets must met all solo requirements. This year all students were eligible to make solo flights. At the graduation banquet, cadets that soloed were awarded the CAP solo wings.

Instructors Walt Pleasants and 1st Lt Dennis Dix of the Brooksville Squadron flew into Chicago where they were picked up by Captain Pat Klick of the Illinois Wing who had been a cadet and became a pilot and instructor. Captain Klick picks up other instructors each year and drive them to and from Matton, where the Academy is located. Many of the instructors return every year because the experience is a pleasure for everyone.

A wonderful project for the squadron may be to provide an annual scholarship to this encampment. At \$675.00 plus travel, is several hundred dollars less than most other flight encampments. If we could provide \$1000.00 it would cover the air fare. Transportation from Chicago to Mattoon can always be arranged with the Illinois wing. Well, it was a good idea.

We have also received word of the passing of Victor Vierin on the 15th of September, 2008. We will have more about him in the October Issue.