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## the president's notebook

On August 1st, 2008, Flamm 'Dee' Harper passed away after a long fight. In one fell swoop, we lost a great American, fighter pilot, warrior, and leader. His combat experience and evasions during both World War Two and Korea are the stuff of legends. Dee was my mentor when I became President of this organization. He always provided excellent advice on the best way to deal with difficult problems. He will be missed by one and all.

Also, another of my heroes, Robin Olds, passed away this year. Although he wasn't a member of the F-86 Sabre Pilots Assn., he was my Wing Commander in the 81st TFW and for a short time in the 8th TFW at Ubon. We will miss them both.

I am hoping for another attendance at the 17th Reunion numbering over four hundred

members and guests. I know we are all getting older and it's harder to get around, but if you can make it we will enjoy your company and it will be worth it. If we can get enough guys with electric scooters, maybe we can schedule some races!

The Super Sabre Society's reunion is also at the Gold Coast right after the F-86 Reunion and actually overlaps ours at one point. If you flew the F-100 as well as the F-86, and want to join and attend their reunion, you can download application and reunion registration forms from their web site "supersabresociety.com".

The summer is finally over in Las Vegas and we are finally enjoying daytime temperatures below 100. With our 17th Reunion starting earlier than normal on 29 March, it might even be a little cool so bring a jacket. As stated in the last SabreJet Classics, we are closing the doors on the Flight Line Sales. You will be able to pick up various items at reduced

prices. In particular, unless you are really small or very large, we probably are out of your jacket size.

**VERY IMPORTANT** - Now is the time to take a last look at the membership roster to insure that **YOUR** particulars (name and spouse, address, phone, email, and squadron/wing info) are correct. If **anything** needs changed, send the required changes to the **NEW** Las Vegas address (PO Box 34423, Las Vegas, NV 89133-3423) so our roster can be updated.

Also, as always, please notify us of any unit gathering or squadron reunions that may be planned to coincide with our 2009 Reunion. We will do everything possible to insure dedicated space is provided both at the reunion and in our magazine.

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*Jerry R. Johnson*  
President

## FOLDED WINGS

Donald J.M. Blakeslee, September 3rd, 2008

Wyatt Fuller, 2006

Flamm 'Dee' Harper, August 1st, 2008

Arthur L. Keyes, July 22nd, 2008

Alfred E. Miller, September 1st, 2008

Herbert E. Ross, July 20th, 2008

Robert L. Stewart, May 3rd, 2008

Lawrence M. Vied, June 4th, 2008

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