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Secretary Lewis Presents 158 Departmental Awards



Secretary Lewis presented the special FAA Citation to Administrator Helms

FAA Receives Special Citation

Praising career employees as the Department of Transportation's "most important resource," Secretary Drew Lewis presented awards for outstanding achievement to 157 civil servants in the 15th annual DOT awards ceremony.

The highest award, the Secretary's Gold Medal, was presented to Walter S. Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards for the Federal Aviation Administration.

In addition to the 157 individual awards, a Special Secretarial Citation went to all of FAA in recognition of the efforts of all employees in keeping the Air Traffic Control System functioning in the wake of a strike by members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization.

"Probably no group better exemplifies the spirit of public service than the employees of the FAA who contributed so much to the strike recovery effort," Lewis said.

The Secretary's Silver Medal for exceptional achievement went to 49 employees. The silver medal is presented to employees who have substantially contributed to accomplishment of DOT's mission or major programs.

Nineteen people were awarded the Secretary's Cost Avoidance, Reduction and Efficiency Award for their efforts in reducing costs and improving efficiency.

The Department's highest award for an act of heroism by a civilian, the Secretary's Award for Valor, was given to Kenneth A. Wood of the FAA in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for "exceptional courage in the face of great personal danger in aiding a woman being attacked by an armed man."

Other awards for acts of heroism were presented to 5 members of the Coast Guard, and 12 employees were recognized for outstanding achievement in promoting equal opportunity.

Awards for Excellence went to 68 employees who had achieved outstanding performance in all aspects of their work.

James W. Whitlow, an attorney in the office of the FAA chief counsel, received the Lawrence R. Schneider Award. Theodore W. Bridis of the 7th U.S. Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida, was cited as the Department

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FAA's Luffsey Receives DOT Gold Medal

The Department of Transportation's Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement went to Walter S. Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The gold medal is granted by the Secretary in recognition of exceptionally outstanding leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of marked national or international significance which reflect great credit on the Department and the federal government.



LUFFSEY

Luffsey, who joined FAA in 1957 as an air traffic controller, received the honor "for his exceptional success in managing and developing personnel, and for his outstanding organizational accomplishments in furtherance of aviation safety."

As Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards, Luffsey advises the FAA Administrator on all aspects of aviation safety. His office is also responsible for coordinating the agency's safety activities, including rulemaking, certification of airmen and aircraft, flight operations, civil aviation security, and aviation medicine.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, the 25-year FAA veteran's first position was at Norfolk, Virginia, in the combined center/station/tower. He moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1960 and served in the Atlantic City Approach

Control for three years as an air controller, ATC instructor, and supervisor.

In 1963, Luffsey joined FAA's Systems Research and Development Service where over a 13-year period he held increasingly responsible technical and managerial positions. He managed various research and development programs, including wake turbulence, airport surface traffic control and collision avoidance.

Luffsey served with DOT's Air Traffic Control Advisory System in 1968. The system was responsible for charting the future course of the agency's engineering and development program.

Luffsey was appointed Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards in 1980.

A former Air Force pilot, he attended the University of Richmond and holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate.

Equal Opportunity Awards to Twelve

The Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Opportunity is given to employees who have no specific equal employment responsibilities but who have excelled in their efforts to promote equal opportunity through leadership, skill, imagination, and perseverance.

Twelve employees received the equal opportunity award at the 15th annual awards ceremony.

Robert C. Ashby, an attorney-adviser in the Office of the General Counsel, received the award for his important contributions to the Department's EEO efforts.

Richard E. Bowman, Chief of the Operations Division in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, received the award for his contributions to the Department's equal employment opportunity objectives.

Vincent Careatti, a supervisory contract specialist in the Procurement Operations Division of the Office of the Secretary, received his award for outstanding managerial leadership in support of equal opportunity and minority business enterprise.

Ira Laster, Jr., a senior program coordinator in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, received his award for valuable contributions to the employment of the handicapped and elderly through leadership of the Department's programs to improve accessibility of transportation services and the working environment.

CAPT Stevens H. Smith, Chief of the Military Recruiting Division of the Coast Guard, received the award for his outstanding performance and leadership while applying the principles of EEO to Coast Guard military recruiting.

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ment's outstanding physically handicapped employee.

Lewis reviewed the accomplishments of each of DOT's Administrations and noted that, in a year of challenges, the Department had made much progress toward its goals, citing as examples:

- Making progress toward a new national maritime policy.
- Making Conrail a freight-only railroad and an attractive buy for the private sector.
- Defining the need for increased highway user fees and a source for mass transit capital funding.
- Outlining the roles and missions for the Coast Guard.
- Launching new programs to combat drunk driving and to encourage the greater use of safety belts.
- Achieved a breakthrough in flexible and competitive international air fares through agreements reached with the European Civil Aviation Conference.

The awards ceremony was held September 14 at the Departmental Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Robert L. Fairman, Assistant Secretary for Administration, served as master of ceremonies.



ASHBY



BOWMAN



CAREATTI



LASTER



SMITH



DEMPSEY



JOYCE



HALL



RENTZ



RICHARDSON



WILLIAMS



MARGOSIAN

John M. Dempsey, Manager of FAA's Airports District Office in Memphis, Tennessee, received his award for exceptional leadership and support of the EEO program in public airports.

Earnest Joyce, Jr., an air space specialist in FAA's Southern Region Office, in Atlanta, Georgia, received his award for extraordinary commitment to EEO, outstanding leadership of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, and significant achievements toward fostering EEO in the federal service and the minority community.

David M. Hall, a district engineer in FHWA's Columbus, Ohio, office,

received his award for the untiring manner in which he performed his collateral assignment of EEO while also performing his normal duties in an excellent manner.

Henry H. Rentz, a district engineer in FHWA's Tallahassee, Florida, office, received the award for providing outstanding leadership in the development and implementation of the Florida Department of Transportation's EEO action plan.

Carl B. Richardson, UMTA's supervisory representative in Region IV, Atlanta, Georgia, received the award for his innovative and positive actions resulting in significant minority participation in transit projects and increases in minority employment.

Harold B. Williams, UMTA's Deputy Associate Administrator for management and demonstrations, received the award for his significant contributions to the economic vitality of minority and female owned businesses and minority universities.

Edward Margosian, Saint Lawrence Seaway's Comptroller in the Office of Finance in Massena, New York, received his award for outstanding leadership in fostering EEO and for exceptional support of the Department's minority bank program throughout the U.S.



Secretary Lewis congratulated the award winners and their families at a reception following the awards ceremony

Care Awards Go to Nineteen Employees

Twelve Awards to FAA Employees

The Secretary's Cost Avoidance, Reduction and Efficiency Award is given to employees who have excelled in identifying and implementing cost avoidance, reduction, and efficiency measures.

Twelve FAA employees, one FHWA employee, two FRA employees, two Coast Guard employees, one UMTA employee, and one OST employee received CARE awards at the 15th annual awards ceremony.

Steven H. Bullock, chief, Communications Management Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Office of the Secretary, received the award for outstanding and significant contributions to the Department's telephone cost reduction program.

LT Michael D. Farrell, chief, Administrative Services Division, Coast Guard Institute, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received the award for outstanding achievement of significant cost savings and for improvements to the Coast Guard Institute's course mailing process.

CDR Joseph J. McClelland, Jr., chief, Marine Science Branch, U.S. Coast Guard, at Governor's Island, New York, received the award for superior performance in reducing operating costs of the international ice patrol by approximately \$150,000 annually.

Seven FAA employees from the Washington, D.C. area received the CARE award for dedicated performance resulting in leased telecommunications cost reduction. They were: Carol A. Ashby, electronics engineer, Airway Facilities Service; Glendon E. Brammer, air traffic control specialist, Air Traffic Service; Jerome Cohen, manager, Emergency Operations Staff; Wallace M. Cook, Jr., air traffic control specialist, Air Traffic Service; Loren W. Fuhrman, air traffic control specialist, Air Traffic Service; Marshall D. Munro, air traffic control specialist, Air Traffic Service; and John C. Owens, communications manager, Airway Facilities Service.

Frank Babiak, Jr., section manager/area coordinator, Air Facilities Section, Anchorage, Alaska, received an award for personal participation and commitment towards the conservation of fiscal resources, particularly fuel costs.

Four FAA employees received the CARE award for their outstanding effort in reducing agency costs associated with the publication and distribution of the Summary of Airworthiness Directives. They were: William D. King, Sr., supervisor, Quality Standards Section, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John K. McGrath,



ASHBY



BABIAK



BRAMMER



BULLOCK



CHENEY



COHEN



COOK



DOYLE



FARRELL



FUHRMAN



KING



LEVINE



McCLELLAND



McGRATH



MIRABELLA



MUNRO



OWENS



STYER



WALKER

manager, Certification Program Management Branch; Jere A. Styer, management analyst, Office of Management Systems; and Linda S. Walker, program specialist, Office of Airworthiness.

An FHWA employee, Richard S. Cheney, geotechnical engineer, Construction and Maintenance Division, received the CARE Award for saving \$13.4 million through geotechnical engineering excellence.

Two FRA employees received the award for the development and implementation of innovative procedures resulting in substantial cost savings through the efficient transfer of a locomotive evaluator facility to the private sector. They were: Donald Levine, supervisory general engineer, Rail Vehicle Safety Research Division; and John Mirabella, mechanical engineer, Rail Vehicle Safety Research Division.

And finally, Richard H. Doyle, UMTA regional administrator, Region I, Cambridge, Massachusetts, received the CARE award for fostering practical cost-consciousness in the Region I staff resulting in substantial benefits to grantees as well as to the UMTA program.



Glendon Brammer accepts the CARE Award

Secretary Lewis Presents Excellence Awards to 68 Employees

The Secretary's Award for Excellence was presented to 68 employees at the Department's 15th annual awards ceremony. The award for excellence is presented to employees who have been outstanding in all aspects of their work and who are in grades GS-1 through GS-9 or wage board equivalents.

Office of the Secretary—Gwendolyn M. Baker, William P. Baker, and Melva M. Cunningham, of Washington, D.C., Marjorie J. Davison of Kansas City, Missouri, and Pamela M. Fahr, Elaine M. Matrigali, William M. McGuigan, Matthew L. McKoy, Carol E. Owens, Christine Y. Powell, Yvonne Singleton, Ella E. Smith, Mary M. Wilson, and Eleanor L. Wozniak, of Washington, D.C.

U.S. Coast Guard—Shirley M. Hyatt, of Washington, D.C., Francis X. Ryan, of Boston, Massachusetts, William C. Scherpf, of San Francisco, California, Cheryl L. Sewell, of Washington, D.C., Audrey M. Skowronski, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lucia Stivaletti, of Washington, D.C., Carolyn Faye Tuggle, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Harold Haruo Yamauchi, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Federal Aviation Administration—Kim Marie Bento, of Burlington, Massachusetts, Louise Bostwick, of East Point, Georgia, Linda P. Bryles, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Elizabeth A. Bugay, Joan Carmel, M. Denise Cashmere, and Barbara V. Foor, of Washington, D.C., Patricia A. Hickman, of Kansas City, Missouri, J'Nell A. Johnson, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Maria Marks, of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Federal Highway Administration—Diana L. Biggins and Bertha

M. Hammett, of Washington, D.C., Edna M. Headrick, of Springfield, Illinois, Betty K. Jones, of Atlanta, Georgia, Edith M. Lovitt, of Jackson, Mississippi, Catherine L. McGee and Peggy A. Saben, of Washington, D.C., Maria Waleska Tapia, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Shirley S. Thompson, of Washington, D.C.

Federal Railroad Administration—Deborah King, Clementine J. Lewis, Arlene C. Long, Mary Patricia McCarthy, and Patricia E. McLaughlin, all of Washington, D.C.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—Frances V. Johnson, of Washington, D.C., Diane C. Krause, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Joann L. Murianka and Viola R. Walsh, of Washington, D.C.

Urban Mass Transportation Administration—Jeanette P. Askew and Patricia T. Campbell, of Washington, D.C., Patricia B. Earnest, of Atlanta, Georgia, Donna J. Laidley, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Cheryl J. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gale Milam, of Washington, D.C., Margaret D. Staples, of Chicago, Illinois, and Brenda Williams, of Washington, D.C.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation—Robert K. Bolia, Rozalena K. Fragoso, and Robert F. Swift, all of Massena, New York.

Research and Special Programs Administration—Donna M. D'Alessandro and Marjorie A. Saccoccio, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Maritime Administration—Bess Bloomfield, of Kings Point, New York, and Margaret F. Draper, Frances R. Kennedy, Helene E. Rizzo, and Linda M. Williams, all of Washington, D.C.



ASKEW



BAKER, G.



BAKER, W.



BENTO



BRYLES



BUGAY



CAMPBELL



CARMEL



DRAPER



EARNEST



FAHR



FOOR



KENNEDY



KING



KRAUSE



LAIDLEY



McLAUGHLIN



MARKS



MATRIGALI



MILAM



SEWELL



SINGLETON



SKOWRONSKI



SMITH



THOMPSON



TUGGLE



WALSH



WILLIAMS, B.





BIGGINS



BLOOMFIELD



BOLIA



BOSTWICK



CASHMERE



CUNNINGHAM



D'ALESSANDRO



DAVISON



FRAGOSO



HAMMETT



HEADRICK



HICKMAN



HYATT



JOHNSON, F.



JOHNSON, J.



JONES



LEWIS, CH.



LEWIS, CL.



LONG



LOVITT



McCARTHY



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McKOY



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SCHERPF



STAPLES



STIVALETTI



SWIFT



TAPIA



WILLIAMS, L.



WILSON



WOZNAK



YAMAUCHI

Silver Medals Go to 49 Employees

The Silver Medal, the Department's Award for Meritorious Service, is given for exceptionally meritorious service or exceptional achievement.

Forty-nine of the Department's employees received silver medals at the 15th annual awards ceremony.

Office of the Secretary

Richard P. Arnold, safety manager, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, for his exceptional accomplishments in the improvement of internal occupational safety and health.

Alfred M. Clavelli, regional audit manager, Region IX, San Francisco, for his outstanding leadership in developing a cohesive regional audit organization which resulted in the highly successful accomplishment of assigned missions.

Robert J. Coates, senior civil rights analyst, Office of Civil Rights, for outstanding performance and exceptional professional leadership in promoting and managing the Department's civil rights programs.

Sara V. Eghtedari, staff assistant, Executive Secretariat, for superlative contributions to the goals and objectives of the Department.

Ronald D. Keefer, director of administrative operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, for his dynamic leadership and dedication to improving the efficiency of the Office of the Secretary.

Richard M. Lorr, attorney-adviser, Office of the General Counsel, for his outstanding performance of legal duties associated with Departmental operations in the fields of personnel, civil rights, and labor law.

Samuel Podberesky, deputy assistant general counsel, for outstanding performance in overseeing the Department's regulatory reform efforts, especially its regulatory priority review program.

Margaret J. Pyles, administrative officer, Executive Secretariat, for exemplary service and contributions to the effective management of the Office of the Secretary.

Linda H. Rhoads, supervisory personnel management specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, for her exemplary initiative and accomplishments in the development and implementation of major personnel programs.

Wynola Robison, public affairs specialist, Office of Public Affairs, for exceptional service to the Secretary during a period of critical national decision-making and high public visibility for the Department.

Jill Scheu, attorney-adviser, Office of the General Counsel, for her skills as legislative counsel overseeing the development of maritime and Coast Guard legislation.

William F. Trost, senior program analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, for his outstanding contributions to the development of the Coast Guard roles and missions study.

U.S. Coast Guard

Richard E. Keithahn, supervisory general engineer, Juneau, Alaska, for his outstanding leadership as technical assistant in the Civil Engineering Branch, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

Martin Mandelberg, electronics engineer, Research and Development Center, Groton, Connecticut, for designing, developing, and implementing an exceptional computerized information management system supporting maritime aids to navigation.

William R. Riedel, administrative officer, Office of Marine Environment and Systems, Washington, D.C., for exemplary performance in the formulation and development of draft user fee legislation covering selected Coast Guard services.

Daniel W. Ziegfeld, assistant division chief, Waterways Management Division, Washington,



ARNOLD



CLAVELLI



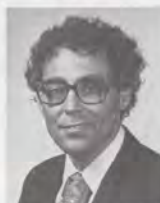
COATES



EGHTEDARI



KEEFER



LORR



PODBERESKY



PYLES



RHOADS



ROBISON



SCHEU



TROST



KEITHAHN



MANDELBERG



RIEDEL



ZIEGFELD



ALLEN, W.



BAILEY



BEARD



BUSCH



LONG



MONACO



MYERS



SCHNEIDER



VAN VUREN

D.C., for meritorious achievement as program manager for the Puget Sound tank vessel operations rulemaking.

Federal Aviation Administration

William G. Allen, technical assistant to the associate administrator for engineering and development, Washington, D.C., for exceptional performance of managerial, technical, and analytical assignments contributing to the enhancement of FAA's research and development programs.

Bill G. Bailey, manager, Materiel Management Division, Washington, D.C., for exceptional leadership, meritorious performance, and managerial excellence in planning and directing FAA's logistics materiel management program.

Melvin Craig Beard, director of airworthiness, Washington, D.C., for his exemplary performance in the development and implementation of the aircraft certification directorate program.

Allen C. Busch, manager, Analysis Branch, Atlantic City, N.J., for outstanding contributions to the safe and efficient design of international air traffic control systems.

Lyndel Wayne Long, airway facilities sector manager, Fort Worth, Texas, for outstanding leadership in the management of the Austin airway facilities sector.

Frank J. Monaco, program evaluation and international staff representative, Miami, Florida, for his exemplary representation of U.S. aviation interests in the international arena.

Donald H. Myers, electronics technician, Airway Facilities Division, Palmdale, California, for his meritorious performance, outstanding contributions, and exceptional technical competence in the development of significant improvements to the FAA air traffic control automation systems.

Donald J. Schneider, manager, Airway Facilities Division, Kansas City, Missouri, for outstanding leadership and accomplishment in airway facilities programs in FAA's Central Region.

Raymond J. Van Vuren, director, Air Traffic Service, Washington, D.C., for outstanding leadership in rebuilding the air traffic control system while maintaining maximum safety.

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JUDYCKI



KANE



PROBST



RHODES



SEVIN



TAYLOR



HARSH



HOLL



McQUEEN



PEASE



ALLEN, D.



FELRICE



JONES



MALLIARIS



NICHOLS



CARROLL



KARP



LARKINS



REGAN



KRAFT



ABRAMSON



HARVEY



WEINSTOCK



THOMAS

SILVER MEDALS—continued from page 6**Federal Highway Administration**

Dennis C. Judycki, chief, Urban Planning and Transportation Management Division, Washington, D.C., for his leadership in the revision of the urban transportation planning policies of the Department.

Anthony R. Kane, chief, Transportation and Socio-Economic Studies Division, Washington, D.C., for his achievements in the management of the highway cost allocation study and support in the development of highway user charge legislative proposals.

Robert J. Probst, program manager, Electrical/Mechanical Component Program, Washington, D.C., for outstanding leadership in managing the design restructuring of the northeast corridor improvement project.

Haddon J. Rhodes, highway engineer, Office of the Associate Administrator for Planning and Policy Development, Washington, D.C., for outstanding performance as key legislative liaison for the FHWA.

Ali F. Sevin, chief environmental programs division, Washington, D.C., for accomplishments in resolving controversial highway issues leading to the orderly advancement of projects.

Victor E. Taylor, division administrator, Albany, New York, for outstanding leadership in administering the federal-aid highway program in New York.

Federal Railroad Administration

William C. Harsh, Jr., special assistant, Office of Federal Assistance, Washington, D.C., for his outstanding work in the supplemental transfer process of Conrail lines.

Wallace F. Holl, regional director of railroad safety, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for his contributions to the resolution of a wide range of sensitive issues that have a major impact on the entire railroad industry.

James T. McQueen, director, Office of Intercity Planning, Washington, D.C., for exceptional leadership and dedication to improving the productivity of intercity rail passenger programs.

F. Colin Pease, acting director, Office of Special Assistance Programs, Washington, D.C., for his outstanding work in the supplemental transfer process of Conrail lines.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

David W. Allen, assistant chief counsel for litigation, Washington, D.C., for superlative representation of NHTSA through personal oral and written advocacy and through providing tireless leadership, instruction, advice, and support to the Litigation Division of NHTSA's chief counsel's office.

Barry Felrice, associate administrator for plans and programs, Washington, D.C., for his effective evaluation of existing standards, expert cost analyses, and key role in the implementation of NHTSA's regulatory relief program.

Erika Ziebarth Jones, special assistant to the deputy administrator, Washington, D.C., for her exceptional contributions to improved NHTSA rulemaking programs.

Athanasios C. Malliaris, director, Office of Vehicle Safety Standards, Washington, D.C., for conceiving and executing an analysis of harm from motor vehicle crashes that is a foundation for NHTSA's motor vehicle safety program.

James Nichols, co-manager, Safety Belt Task Force, Traffic Safety Programs, Washington, D.C., for his outstanding leadership in co-managing the Safety Belt Task Force and his work in organizing and managing cooperative programs with a variety of service organizations.

Urban Mass Transportation Administration

Gene E. Carroll, director, Office of Management and Technical Assistance, Atlanta, Georgia, for outstanding leadership and technical assistance to UMTA and the transit industry.

Jocelyn Karp, attorney-advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, Washington, D.C., for outstanding performance in working on legal and administrative issues in connection with UMTA's annual appropriations process.

Joyce L. Larkins, computer system analyst, Office of Financial Management, Washington, D.C., for exceptional responsiveness to UMTA's regional offices in solving problems encountered in using the computerized operating budget system.

Catherine Ann Regan, transportation program specialist, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Washington, D.C., for leadership in information management which has greatly enhanced UMTA's effectiveness.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Robert D. Kraft, director of plans and policy development, Washington, D.C., for exceptional leadership in international negotiations resulting in innovative modifications to the joint Seaway tariff of tolls.

Research and Special Programs Administration

Paul D. Abramson, chief, Navigation and Control Systems Division, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for his exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to the Department's transportation safety research and analysis programs.

Thomas N. Harvey, chief, National Transportation Research Division, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for his exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to the Department's transportation safety research and analysis programs.

Herbert Weinstock, mechanical engineer, Office of Ground Systems, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for his outstanding technical contributions to the understanding of rail vehicle dynamics.

Maritime Administration

Richard O. Thomas, director, Office of Policy and Plans, Washington, D.C., for outstanding contributions to the formulation of national maritime policy.

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Wood Receives Bravery Award

One civilian DOT employee received an award for personal bravery at the Department's 15th annual awards ceremony.

Secretary Lewis presented the Secretary's Award for Valor to Kenneth A. Wood, a quality assurance specialist, logistics service, industrial division, in FAA's Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, office. He is assigned to the Bendix Corporation.



WOOD

The Award for Valor is a Departmental award for acts of heroism or courage involving great risk by civilian employees under unusual circumstances.

Wood received the award for exceptional courage while aiding a woman being attacked by an armed man.

Approximately 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 1982, Wood observed a woman being attacked by a man with a gun in the Bendix Corporation building. Without regard for his personal safety, Wood rushed to the woman's rescue. After managing to separate the two, he was able to talk the armed man into giving up the fight and leaving the building. He then assisted the woman in departing the building safely and in relating her story to the police.

Wood was commended by a Bendix Corporation official who said, "He acted in a highly professional manner, taking the prompt and necessary action to protect all people involved."

Wood has been employed by the FAA for 22 years. Other awards received by him during his tenure with FAA include a special service award, a service in Vietnam award, and a sustained superior performance award.



Coast Guard Heroism Awards

Five Coast Guardsmen were presented heroism awards by Secretary Lewis at the Department's 15th annual awards ceremony.

Lewis gave the Coast Guard Medal to Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard J. Brereton, Jr., and Seaman Robert L. Leisner, Jr.; the Air Medal to Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate Thomas C. Burhenne and Lieutenant Paul A. Langlois; and the Meritorious Service Medal to Machinery Technician Third Class Richard L. Mumenthaler.

Brereton was cited for assisting in the rescue of two men from capsized boats during an Atlantic storm in November 1981.

Leisner was cited for his assistance in saving a man whose truck had crashed and which was hanging precariously over the side of a bridge near Cambridge, Massachusetts, in September 1981.

Burhenne was cited for his actions in preventing the crash of a Coast Guard aircraft in May 1981.

Langlois was cited for his piloting of a Coast Guard helicopter that was

involved in the medical evacuation of an injured man, in fog, from the foot of Goat Rock near Jenner, California in July 1981.

Mumenthaler was cited for the rescue of a man who had fallen from a lighthouse landing into the frigid waters at Coast Guard Light Station, New London Ledge, Connecticut, in October 1981.

Other Coast Guard personnel who received the Air Medal during the past year were LT Gary G. Poll, LT John H. Siemens, and Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Don C. Berger.

Others receiving the Coast Guard Medal were Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class George T. Davis, Machinery Technician Second Class Gregory C. Holt, Seaman John C. D'Ornellas and Seaman Cameron E. McDougale.

Receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross were Lt. Cmdr. James A. Goodman, Capt. Frank W. Olson (posthumous), Lt. Ernest P. Rivas (posthumous), Lt. Joseph G. Spojka (posthumous), Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class Scott R. Finfrock (posthumous), Aviation Electronic Technician 3rd Class John H. Snyder (posthumous), and Lt. Thomas G. Gordon.

Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal were Machinery Technician 3rd Class Eugene A. Mosher, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class David L. Kinner, Machinery Technician 2nd Class Matthew D. Anderson, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Robert K. Tucker, and Fireman Danny L. Davis.

administration from 1971 until his death in 1974. The annual award is presented to a practicing attorney who has shown special competence and productivity. Only attorneys who have practiced less than 10 years are eligible.

Whitlow, 31, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University in 1973 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1976. He is a member of the New York Bar. Upon completion of his education, he went to work for the FAA Chief Counsel's Office in September 1976.

Other awards received by Whitlow during his FAA career have included an outstanding performance rating in 1980 and an outstanding performance award in July 1981.

Whitlow is single and resides in Washington, D.C.

FAA Attorney Whitlow Receives Schneider Award

James W. Whitlow, attorney advisor in the personnel and labor law branch of the FAA Chief Counsel's Office, Washington, D.C., received the 1982 Schneider Award from Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis at DOT's 15th annual awards ceremony. He was given the award for his extraordinary efforts in assisting in the design and implementation of an effective and comprehensive legal strategy to successfully deal with PATCO strike issues.

The award is named for Lawrence R. Schneider, chief counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-



WHITLOW

Handicapped Award Goes to CG Engineer

The Department's Outstanding Physically Handicapped Award for 1982 reads: "This award is based on job performance clearly exceeding requirements in spite of severely limiting physical factors; and courage and initiative in overcoming handicaps that serve as an inspiration."

The job performance of Theodore W. Bridis, the 1982 winner, not only exceeds the requirements of his job, but his leadership qualities have inspired his fellow Coast Guard civil engineers to increase their own efforts to match his accomplishments.

Bridis, a triple amputee and bound to a wheelchair, routinely goes about his work, whether it be to a nearby construction site or off-shore to inspect reef light structures. Most of the time he drives his specially equipped car; but if his work takes him out-of-town, he does not hesitate to grab a plane or a ship to reach his destination.



BRIDIS

Bridis is presently employed in the engineering division of the 7th Coast Guard District in Miami, Florida. Among the projects he has been responsible for have been design and construction administration of a new helicopter pad and fueling system at Clearwater Air Station and a new floating pier at Port Canaveral Station.

Prior to his Coast Guard employment, Bridis served with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Authority, the Brevard Engineer Company, Connell and Associates, and with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Viet Nam, during 1968-70, as a 1st Lt. Engineer Officer.

Bridis is deeply involved in community service in and around Dade County and was selected as Dade County's outstanding handicapped worker in 1980. He was nominated for the President's award for the outstanding handicapped American in 1981 and was one of 10 co-winners of the Presidential Award for the outstanding handicapped federal employee of the year for 1982.

Besides pursuing an active campaign to encourage and inspire other handicapped people to pursue active and productive lives, Bridis likes to relax. He has a number of hobbies, including fishing, hunting, canoeing, camping, and scuba diving.

Bridis resides in Miami with his wife Sallie and two children, Ted, age 14, and Tracy, age 10.



BRERETON



LEISNER



BURHENNE



LANGLOIS



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