

A Day to Remember

DOT Salutes 103 At Awards Ceremony

The Department broke an 11-year tradition this year when it moved its annual employee awards ceremony from the Departmental Auditorium to the courtyard at DOT headquarters.

Under an overcast sky that intermittently sprinkled a few drops and threatened all morning to wash out the event entirely, Secretary Adams presented awards to 103 DOT employees on September 20.

Raymond G. Belanger, director of air traffic service in FAA, won the Department's highest recognition, the gold medal for outstanding leadership and service. His was the only gold medal conferred this year.

Belanger, the first to stride across the elevated, red-carpeted runway that spanned the courtyard pool, received his award from Adams at the ceremonial platform in the center. With Adams was Deputy Secretary Alan Butchman, Vice Admiral Ellis L. Perry, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, and the administrators or their deputies from the operating administrations and other dignitaries.

43 Get Silver Medals

The ceremony got underway with a spirited overture by the Coast Guard band under the direction of LT. Lewis J. Buckley.

Edward W. Scott, Jr., assistant secretary for administration, was master of ceremonies. It was Scott who had earlier ordered the change of locale for the awards presentation.

The Department's next highest award, the silver medal for achievement, was presented to 43 persons.

Two new honors were introduced at this year's ceremony. The Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Opportunity, presented to persons whose primary duty is not in the civil right field, went to seven people.

The other new award, the Secretary's Award for Excellence, was bestowed on 39 persons. This honor is reserved for employees in grades GS-1 through GS-9 and wage board equivalents, who have demonstrated outstanding performance in all aspects of their work.

Kenneth R. Hawkins, FAA, was named DOT's outstanding physically handicapped employee, based on his courage and for having exceeded the requirements of his job.

Crockett Wins Schneider

The Department's outstanding young lawyer, Douglas A. Crockett, RSPA, earned the Lawrence R. Schneider Award.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was earned by CDR William B. Watkins, LCDR David I. Scott, AM1 Jack E. Patton, AE2 Gary D. Rauser, AM1 Terrence M. Thompson and ATC Michael D. Whitcomb for their part in rescuing a man from a burning silo in Westwego, La.

In the same rescue, the Air Medal was won by LCDR David W. Kennedy, Jr., and LTJG Phillip A. Fallis.

SN Steven R. Berry earned the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal for his rescue of a drowning man and, later boat. The Coast Guard Medal was presented to MKC William C. Marshall and MK3 James O. Dolloff for quelling an engine room fire that threatened to destroy their vessel.



Waiting to be called, some of the honor winners at annual awards ceremony stand in line (top photo) in the Nassif Building courtyard. At right, honorees make the long trek up the runway to the platform where

Secretary Adams (lower left photo) handed out citations. Scenes at the Department's largest-ever honors day were captured by department photographers B. Beuzard, L. Carroll, D. Hughs, L. Strozier and J. Wenzel.

Air Traffic Chief Wins DOT Gold

Raymond G. Belanger, director of FAA's Air Traffic Service, was the sole recipient of the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Service at the 11th annual DOT awards ceremony, September 20.

This is the department's highest honor denoting exceptionally outstanding leadership or service.

Belanger, whose career with the FAA began in 1956 at the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center, won the gold medal for "establishing standards of safety and excellence recognized throughout the world."

A B-17 flight leader on World War II, Belanger spent more than 31 years specializing in air traffic control. He is identified with many of the "... most noteworthy and significant achievements made in the progress and advancement of technical elements of the air traffic control system," according to FAA administrator Langhorne Bond's letter of nomination.



During his five-and-a-half years as director of air traffic control service, Belanger emphasized the need for standardizing traffic control procedures throughout the entire FAA system.

Gaining acceptance for the idea was difficult because of strong regional "customs and provincialisms," according to the letter of nomination.

The letter of nomination said: "One of the major responsibilities facing Mr. Belanger was 'accountability' ... for the technical operation of the air traffic control system ... and administering solution to the daily problems arising within the system."

Mr. Belanger's total acceptance of this accountability was on many occasions the basis for his outstanding performance as director."

Belanger received the Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement, in 1975. In 1967 he graduated from the Air War College at Montgomery, Alabama.

Prior to becoming director of air traffic service in 1973, he was appointed deputy director in 1971.

CG 'Copter Crews Honored For Rescues at Silo Fire



DOLLOFF MARSHALL

Fought Engine Room Fire to Save Ship

After fire and smoke forced fellow crew members from the engine room, Chief Machinist Technician William C. Marshall and Machinist Technician 3d class James O. Dolloff put on oxygen masks and entered the smoke-filled room.

Relying on memory and sense of touch, the two groped through the smoke until they found the power switch that turned on the fire pump. The fire was extinguished and the ship was saved.

For their actions, Marshall and Dolloff were awarded the Coast Guard Medal at the awards ceremony.

Saved Man, Boat From Stormy Sea



BERRY

Defying gale force winds and towering waves, Seaman Steven R. Berry rescued the owner of a sinking fishing boat and saved another boat from going on the rocks during a 28-hour storm off the Washington coast Oct. 31-Nov. 1977.

For his actions as coxswain of the motorized lifeboat near Destruction and Carroll Islands, Berry was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with operational distinguishing device.

The man darted around the top of the smoke and flame shrouded grain silo, fighting for his life when the Coast Guard helicopter appeared on the scene.

CMDR William B. Watkins and LCDR David W. Kennedy, Jr., plunged their 'copter into the searing heat and dense smoke for the third time when crewmen AM1 Jack E. Patton and AE2 Gary D. Rausser glimpsed the desperate man.

While the pilots held the craft steady, Patton and Rausser maneuvered the steel rescue basket toward the man who dove into it and was whisked aloft to safety.

For this daring rescue at Westwego, La. on Dec. 22, 1977, Watkins, Patton and Rausser received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Kennedy received the Air Medal.

On the same day and at the same fire, LCDR David I. Scott, AM1 Terrence M. Thompson and AT2 Michael D. Whitcomb, earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, and LTJG Phillip A. Fallis earned the Air Medal.

They had engaged initially in the medical evacuation of a severely burned man, and later in the rescue of a second badly burned man who suffered additional injuries when he leaped from a flaming silo.

The medals were presented at the awards ceremony.

Both crews are stationed at the Coast Guard's Belle Chasse Air Station, near New Orleans.

"As we moved over the fire, you have to realize, the air currents changed and there was severe turbulence," Kennedy said. "The helicopter fanned the flames. There was a lot of debris flying through the air and our jet engines can only inject a limited amount (before they choke up and fail)."

A tragic irony of the rescue came when LCDR Charles Peterson, operations officer of the Belle Chasse air sta-



Carrying blast victim in rescue basket at end of cable, Coast Guard helicopter 1484 flies from billowing smoke to safety in dramatic 1977 rescue operation. Two helicopter crews (below) shared eight medals for their heroism during the operation.



WATKINS KENNEDY THOMPSON WHITCOMB



PATTON RAUSER SCOTT FALLIS

tion received word that his son, 19 year old Scott was among those killed in the fire. Scott had taken employment at the silo only a week before.

Crockett Wins Schneider Award

Douglas A. Crockett, an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Chief Counsel, Research and Special Programs Administration, is the 1978 winner of the Lawrence R. Schneider Award. He was honored for exceptional contributions to the development of regulations for the transportation of hazardous materials.

The Schneider Award is conferred annually on an especially competent and productive practicing attorney serving with the department during his first 10 years of practice. It is named after Lawrence R. Schneider, chief counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from Aug. 8, 1971, until his death on July 12, 1974.

Crockett, 32, joined the department in 1975 after three years of service in the Marine Corps. A native of Washington, D.C., he received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Virginia in 1968 and his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Yale law school in 1971.

He and his wife, Diane, and daughter, Kira, 5, make their home in Springfield, Virginia.



CROCKETT



BRUCK VARNADO JOHNSON FITZGERALD DAVIDSON LESUEUR MUZYKA

7 Cited as Equal Opportunity Leaders

Seven DOT employees were presented with the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Opportunity, introduced for the first time at this year's honors ceremony.

The award is granted to those employees, supervisors or managers having no specific EEO duties who excelled in their efforts to promote equal opportunity through unusually effective skill, leadership, imagination and perseverance. Honored were:

Federal Aviation Administration

Alfred Bruck, supervisory general engineer for his efforts in EEO in the airways facilities division, Anchorage, Alaska.

Arthur Varnado, special assistant to the director, flight standards service, for his superior EEO-related contributions within FAA and local communities.

Federal Highway Administration

William E. Johnson, public information officer, for his exceptional achievement which enhanced the image of FHWA and DOT as an equal opportunity employer.

Federal Railroad Administration

William H. Fitzgerald, Director, Office of Planning and Budget Development, for his distinctive contributions and support of the EEO program.

Alaska Railroad, Alaska

Robert W. Davidson, transportation officer, for his efforts to support and promote the principles of EEO.

Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Olive Lesueur, industrial geographer, for her superior leadership and contributions in promoting and implementing the goals of EEO.

Ann Muzyka, general engineer, for her leadership and dedication in promoting the recruitment of women and minorities.

43 Collect Silver Medals For Meritorious Service

The Silver Medal, the Secretary's award for meritorious service, was presented to 43 employees at the 11th annual awards ceremony of the Department of Transportation. The winners were:

Office of the Secretary

Mark G. Aron, assistant general counsel for legislation, for exceptional leadership and invaluable contributions to achievement of the department's legislative program.

William T. Underwood, Jr., chairman, Board for Correction of Military Records, for superior performance.

Elizabeth A. Parker, policy analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, for exceptional contributions to the development of 1978 highway and transit legislation and urban policy initiatives.

Donald R. Trilling, deputy director, Office of Intermodal Transportation, for exceptional leadership in the development of the department's energy program.

Richard F. Walsh, director, Office of Transportation Economic Analysis, for his dedication, intellectual rigor and excellent staff work in support of waterway user charge initiatives.

Julie M. Case, secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, for professional excellence and contributions to the accomplishments of the Office of Programs and Evaluations.

Walter C. Hayhurst, chief, Buildings Engineering and Design Divisions, Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration, for continuous exceptional performance and dedication in meeting the space needs of the department.

U.S. Coast Guard

Richard R. Clark, lieutenant commander, for exceptional performance as an attorney in the Office of Regulation and Enforcement.

Gerd A. Kleinberg, supervisory chemist, and **Alan P. Bentz, J. Richard Jadamec, Delyle Eastwood, William A. Saner, Jr., George Marshall Frame, II, and Scott H. Fortier**, research chemists, U.S. Coast Guard, Groton, for exceptional contribution to the DOT oil analysis program.

Federal Aviation Administration

John C. Adams, air transportation security officer, Ft. Worth, for outstanding leadership in the Southeast Region's security program.

Thomas J. Creswell, director, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, for exceptional leadership in establishing a managerial process and management team.

Frank L. Frisbie, chief, Approach and Landing Division, for exceptional contributions of the scanning beam microwave landing system.

John A. Hargrave, supervisory general engineer, Kansas City, for exceptional leadership in the development of the airway facilities maintenance philosophy for the 1980s.

Joseph B. Nester, deputy director, Pacific-Asia Region, for exceptional performance.

Federal Highway Administration

Robert E. Conner, chief, Traffic Control Systems Divisions, for distinguished leadership in developing national and international traffic control standards.

Albert J. Gallardo, district engineer, Sacramento, for outstanding contributions to the surface transportation program.

Louis N. McDonald, division administrator, Kuwait, for exceptional leadership, diplomacy and competence on a foreign service assignment.

Lyle P. Renz, environmental planner, Portland, Ore., for competence, versatility and innovation in achieving environmental goals in transportation development.

Robert P. Sharples, financial manager, Boise, for exceptional contributions and achievements in internal and external equal employment opportunity programs.

Donald E. Trull, regional administrator, Fomewood, Ill., for superior accomplishments and innovations in major program offices.

Federal Railroad Administration

Raymond K. James, chief counsel, for superior leadership of the rail safety program.

John G. Hart, III, chief, Rail Passenger Programs Divisions; **Robert C. Hunter**, director, Office of Passenger and Special Programs, and **Charles Swinburn**, associate administrator for federal assistance, for their contributions to the achievement of an efficient intercity passenger system through preparation of the department's request to Congress on "A Re-examination of the Amtrak Route Structure."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Lynn L. Bradford, acting director, Office of Defects Investigation, associate administrator for enforcement, for exceptional leadership in the development of a safety defect and recall campaign.

Barry Felrice, acting associate administrator for plans and programs, for outstanding achievement in the development and operation of a program to assess the impact of regulatory actions prior to promulgation.

Thomas W. Herlihy, assistant chief counsel for legislation and consumer information rulemaking, for superior contributions to the cause of automotive safety.

William A. Leasure, Jr., general engineer, for leadership and contributions in truck tire technology and test procedures for tire noise and rolling resistance.

Urban Mass Transit Administration

John J. Collins, acting assistant chief counsel for legislation, for consistent provision of the highest quality legal counsel.



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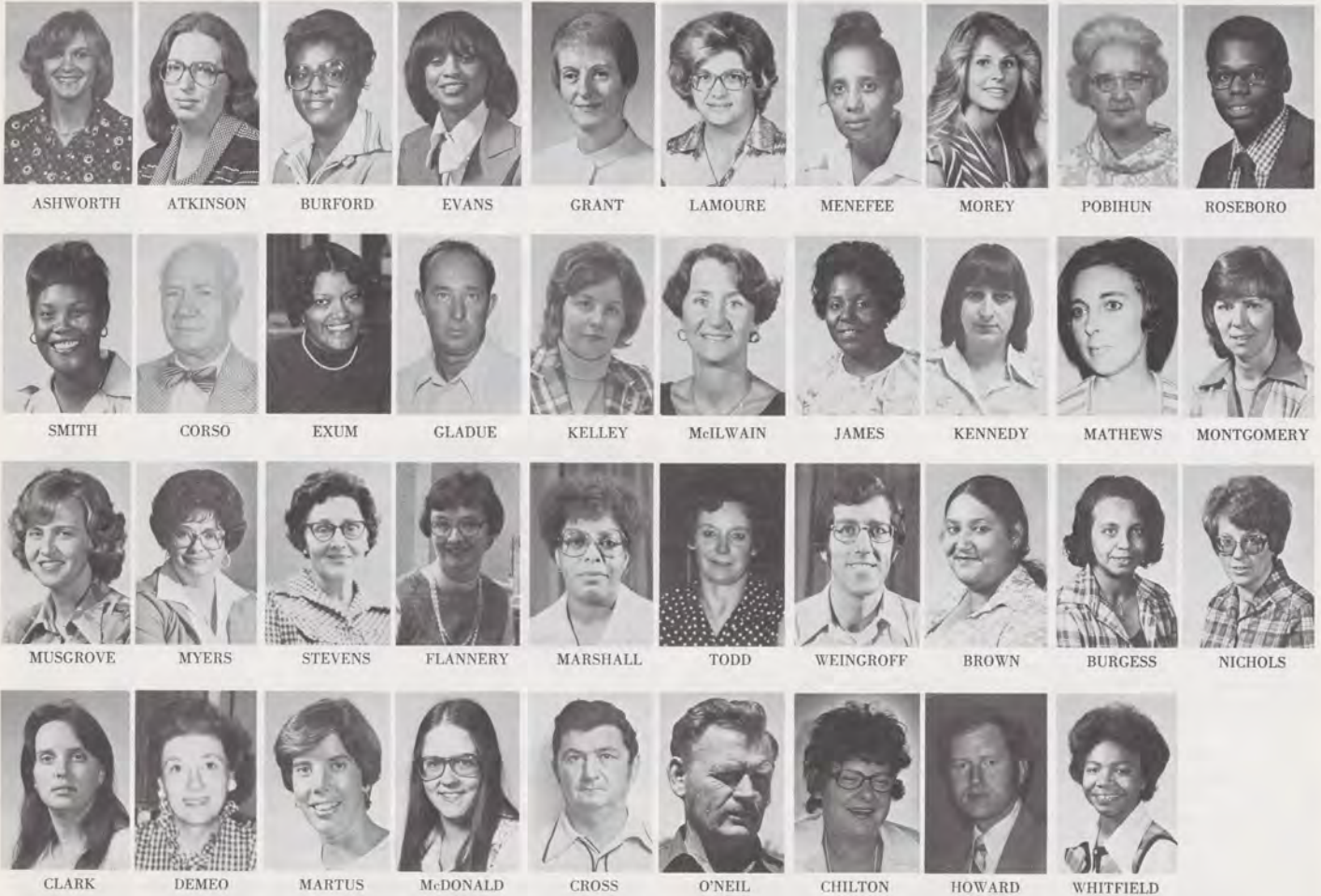
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Secretary Rates 39 Workers 'Excellent'

The Secretary's Award for Excellence is conferred annually upon those employees in grades GS-1 through GS-9 and wage grade equivalents who have achieved outstanding performance in all aspects of their work.

At the 1978 Awards ceremony, 39 employees won the honor. They are:

Office of the Secretary: Diana Ashworth, Betty Atkinson, Peggy L. Burford, Yvonne S. Evans, Mary M. Grant, Sue

C. Lamoure, Charlotte Menefee, Sarah T. Morey, Edna M. Pobihun, Gary E. Roseboro, Mildred F. Smith, all of Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard: John B. Corso, New London; Vaggielene T. Exum, Yorktown; Edward N. Gladue, New London; Nettie D. Kelley, Governor's Island, and Patricia L. McIlwain, New London.

Federal Aviation Administration: Agnes E. James, Washington; Carol A.

Kennedy, Burlington, Mass.; Veronica M. Mathews, Kansas City; Carol J. Montgomery and Denise A. Musgrove, Washington; Helen J. Myers, Fort Worth, and Alice F. Stevens, Seattle.

Federal Highway Administration: Sandra A. Flannery, Montpelier; Judith L. Marshall, Washington; Barbara A. Todd, Homewood, and Richard Weingroff, Washington.

Federal Railroad Administration: Jimmie F. Brown, Jean E. Burgess and Janet A. Nichols, all of Washington.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Harriet A. Clark, Washington; Florine E. Demeo, Kansas City, and Nancy L. Martus, Washington.

Urban Mass Transit Administration: Penny S. McDonald.

St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp.: Gary R. Cross, Raymond C. O'Neil and Jane E. Chilton, all of Massena.

Research and Special Programs Administration: Michael V. Howard, Cambridge, and Helen L. Whitfield, Washington.

'Unemployable' Clerk Honored

"I was determined that no matter how many times I fell down, or rubbed my hands raw, I was going to get a job—and not just a part-time job," says Kenneth R. Hawkins, 38.

This is the attitude that enabled him to put aside a 20-year life as a semi-invalid to earn DOT's award as the outstanding physically handicapped employee.

"I was classified as an 'unemployable handicapped person' and for years I believed it," says Hawkins who began his working career 18 months ago as a senior file clerk in the FAA.

Hawkins became a quadriplegic at 17 when he dove into shallow water while swimming. Despite his injury, he never succumbed to despair. "I kept busy—I went to the theatre, concerts, athletic events and I'm a great reader," he says.



Hawkins drives his own car and works a full shift. He moves easily around his office, from the files to his desk and out into the hall to deal with coworkers and visitors.

"I got married six months ago, to a girl I've known for 15 years," he says. She works in a D.C. department store and together they "fight the traffic" daily commuting from Alexandria.

"I'm looking forward for a full career in the FAA," he says.

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St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp.

William O. Gelson, trade specialist, Massena, for developing an innovative way of analyzing toll impact studies.

Henry N. Montroy, marine services officer, Massena, for exceptional contributions to improve communications and cooperation in vessel traffic movements during the winter closing of the 1977 season.

Research and Special Programs Administration

Carla Heaton, senior economist, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, for exceptional initiative in planning and directing evaluations of service and methods demonstration projects.

David E. Lev, chief, Office of Plans and Programs, Transportation Systems Center, Cambridge, for exceptional leadership in the development of a consolidated planning process and program management system.

William B. Mohin, manager, Loran-C applications project, for exceptional leadership in the development of the project.

Bedford D. May, acting chief, Administration Division; **William R. Meagher**, acting chief, Budget Management Branch, and **Edmund J. Richards**, acting chief, Policy and Plans Division, for exceptional performance developing the organizational structure and management procedures of the new operating element.