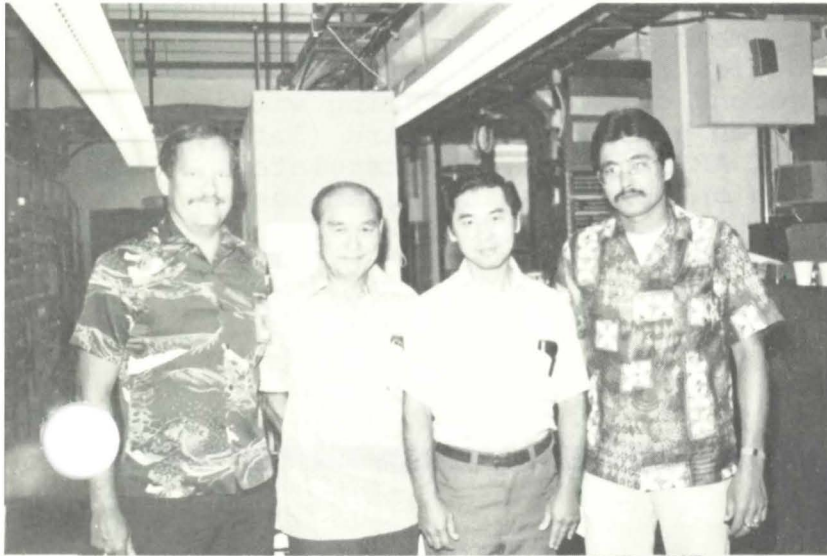




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Awards Galore

COVER STORY...

Congratulations to all Western-Pacific Region employees who were recent recipients of performance awards and recognition of outstanding accomplishments. A few of these outstanding FAAers are highlighted in this issue.

Cover Photo:

Top left: Service pins were recently awarded by John Gordon, Sector Manager, Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) Airway Facilities Sector (AFS) to employees totalling 105 years of service. From left-- John Gordon; Shigeo Tanada, Supply Technician, 40 years of service; Ray Wong, Electronics Technician, 25 years; and Charles Nagamine, Technician-in-Depth, Automation, 15 years. Not pictured is Kam Wing Yap, Electronics Technician, 25 years.

Bottom left: Kevin Kendall, a CETA employee in the Logistics Unit at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS) for 22 weeks, recently received a Letter of Recommendation. Kevin was an exceptional employee who will be missed by LAX AFS. He is continuing his studies in computer engineering and his fellow FAAers wish Kevin the best of luck.

From left--"Ernie" Landers, LAX AFS Logistics Supervisor; Kevin Kendall; and Vivian Green, Logistics Specialist. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.

Top right: Jon Tamplin, Principal Operations Inspector at the Sacramento General Aviation Dis-

trict Office, recently completed 15 years of Federal service. William C. Reynolds, Manager of the Sacramento GADO (left) congratulates Jon at a recent staff meeting where his 15-year pin was formally presented.

Bottom right: Janeth Ellis (right) Administrative Services Clerk at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS), recently received an Outstanding Performance rating with a Quality Within-Grade Increase award for her exceptional work in smoothly and singlehandedly maintaining administrative duties at LAX. This is Jan's second outstanding rating within seven years. Wally Ward (left), LAX AFS Manager, congratulates Jan on her outstanding achievement. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



Above photo: Robert Pearce, Sr., (right), Electronics Technician at Battle Mountain, Nevada ARSR site, was recently presented with an Outstanding Performance rating with a Quality Within-Grade Increase award. Presentation was made by Dean DeShazo (left), Manager of the Reno AF Sector.

Outstanding!



A few of our recent award recipients captured on film are:

A--Peter Harada (left), Technical Support Officer for Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) Airway Facilities Sector (AFS), was awarded a certificate by the Management Training School, Lawton, Okla., for completing the Supervisory Initial Course as a distinguished graduate. To gain this honor, Peter achieved an academic score of 97 percent which is equal to the designated score of 97 percent. Marking the presentation is Sector Manager John Gordon.



B--Ben Ortega (right), Environmental Systems Technician at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS), receives a Letter of Commendation for his exceptional work in maintaining the diversified environmental support systems at Los Angeles International Airport. What makes Ben's recognition unique is that he joined the FAA less than a year ago and has already received an award. Wally Ward, LAX AFS Manager, is shown congratulating Ben. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



C--Kenneth Jones (right), Electronics Technician at Battle Mountain, Nev., ARSR site, receives a Special Achievement Award for outstanding performance of duties. Presentation was made by Dean DeShazo, Manager of the Reno AFS.



D--John Sodek (left), Airport Certification Safety Inspector in the Northern Airports Field Office, Burlingame, Calif., receives a Special Achievement Award for sustained superior performance from Mike Mavrakis, Manager of the facility. John was honored for his efforts to ensure that public airports in Northern California and Nevada are operated as safely as possible for use by the aviation public.

HONOLULU TOWER HOSTS CANADIANS

Honolulu Tower received two Canadian visitors on July 16: Mr. W. McCuaig, Project Manager, Resources Alignment Project; and Mr. Stu Dewar, Department Production Manager, Canadian Aviation Government Section. Tower personnel provided briefings on staffing, manpower resources, people management, operational and administrative procedures, and automation. Additionally, they provided copies of handbooks 7210.3F, 7110.65C, facility watch schedules, and traffic count including a description of collective data. The visitors' primary goal was to review the administrative and operational management of a facility similar in size and operation to those existing in Canada. They were greatly interested in manpower resources and our approaches and procedures in dealing with these resources as they related to productivity.

BAY HAPPENINGS

Bay TRACON celebrated the summer on July 17 with their annual picnic held this year at Tilden Park high in the Oakland hills. The large crowd included friends and their families from Oakland FSS and Tower, Airway Facilities, and San Francisco Tower. The hot dogs, chicken and Italian sausage were prepared to perfection personally by Vince Mellone and two illustrious supervisors, Mike Jengo and Dave Marino. Potluck salads, desserts and 120 pounds of watermelon completed the meal with lots of liquid refreshment. There were a few bruises and sore muscles from the volleyball games. Hats off to the FSS/AFS team for their victory over the TRACON in the heated playoff--final score was 15 to 14.

AUTOGAS APPROVED FOR NORMAL CATEGORY PLANE

For the first time in its history, the agency has approved the use of automobile gasoline in a production airplane. The okay was given after a single-engine Cessna 150 using unleaded auto fuel was tested extensively by the Experimental Aircraft Association. Covered by the approval are Cessna Models 150, A through H and J through M, powered by Teledyne Continental 0200-A engines. Although the approval applies to all kinds of operations, FAA plans to exclude air taxi flights carrying passengers for hire. The Experimental Aircraft Association has been experimenting with the use of autogas in airplanes for years. The Cessna 150 test program was launched after a number of oil companies decided to curtail or eliminate production of 80 octane avgas, which limited its availability and drove up its cost. In announcing the award of the supplemental type certificates which allowed the use of autogas, the Administrator congratulated the Experimental Aircraft Association for "its genuine contributions to the advancement of aeronautics."

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AWARDS

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION:

Arlene Rosenthal, Aviation Clerk, San Diego GADO, from a grateful applicant for the outstanding manner in which she serves the public.

Gene Boren, EST, and Thom Smith, ET, Pioche, Nev., from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Las Vegas FSDO for assistance provided in an accident investigation.

Jesse Ryan, Radar/Comm Unit Chief, and William Beyer and Calvin Gilliam from AAF-360 for assistance in resolution of a design problem in a modification to the ARTS IIIA processor.

San Diego AFS employees--Douglas Northington, George Darakjian, Tom Huber, Lee Metcalfe, Howard Dierking, Willie McGee, Lynnette Ortuno, Beryl Roscom, Henry Roberson, Ron Rudolph (all from San Diego AFS); Harry Kanarr, Masashi Miyaoka & Carlo Middleton, Long Beach AFSFO, from AWP-400 for their assistance in the Long Beach ASR-8 relocation test; Gwendolyn Loyd-Johnson for her work with AWP-17 on updating the video tape library and catalog; and to Robert Avakian (Long Beach) from the National Weather Service.

Hank Bertuleit, Stockton Sector Field Office, from Sacramento Sector Manager for preparing uniform Electronics Technician performance standards.

Tom Plouffe, Sacramento Executive SFO, and McClellan Radar/Comm SFO technicians from McClellan Radar/Comm SFO Manager for their efforts in phasing out old vacuum tube type equipment and installing state-of-the-art equipment at the McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office.

Jim Dorman, McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office, from the McClellan RAPCON Asst. Manager and the Sacramento Sector Manager for his efforts in resolving the cross-talk problem between operating positions.

Gerald Marta, Sacramento AFS, from the Beale Technician-in-Charge for the on-the-job training he provided.

Glenn Earl, Sacramento AFS, from the Concord Sector Field Office for his training in RML waveguide tuneups.

To Los Angeles AFS (ARTCC) employees: George Manthey & the Systems Engineers Armin Dreier, Bob Lewis, Blaine Hudson, Jim Spray, Fred Dalton, Joe Lynch, Clarence Yaroslaski and Bob Hunter, from the Boron Radar Site Field Facility for their expertise and cooperative efforts.

Dan Mack, Anita Johnson, Rick Cambra and Lin Smith, Management Systems Division, from AFS Palmdale.

Barbara Schwitters, Administrative Services Clerk, Phoenix AFS, from Manager, Deer Valley Tower.

Jimmy Huang, Supvry. Elec. Engineer, AWP-453, from Reno AFS Manager in recognition of Jimmy's work on the Lake Tahoe Tower solid state communications equipment.

The following Los Angeles AFS employees: Kent Petersen, Ernestine Landers, Vivian Green, Don Messer, Jesse Pea, Harvey Plourde, Louis Moore and Jack Perkins.

SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Robert Knapp and Dwayne Richards, controllers at Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), for their recent adopted suggestions and cash awards, both in the amount of \$100.00.

Bob's suggestion was to hire Flight Data Aids, and Dwayne's suggestion was regarding proposed revisions to the Standardized High Altitude routes for Flow Management.

RETIREE DEATH

We were saddened to learn of the death of Edgar G. Schmidt on August 4. Gene, as he was known by numerous FAA employees, entered on duty with the FAA on December 19, 1941, after a short postal career. He retired on July 11, 1981. During his 40-year career Gene held numerous positions, some of which were: Chief, Las Vegas Tower; Deputy Chief, Seattle/Tacoma Tower; Seattle Area Office, Regional headquarters; and Chief, Oxnard Tower, until his retirement. Some of Gene's accomplishments outside his FAA duties included performing as a concert violinist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and a registered Tour Boat Captain on Lake Meade. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Maxine Schmidt, 142 Ripley Street, Camarillo, California 93010.

BELL HELICOPTER ACHIEVES FIRST

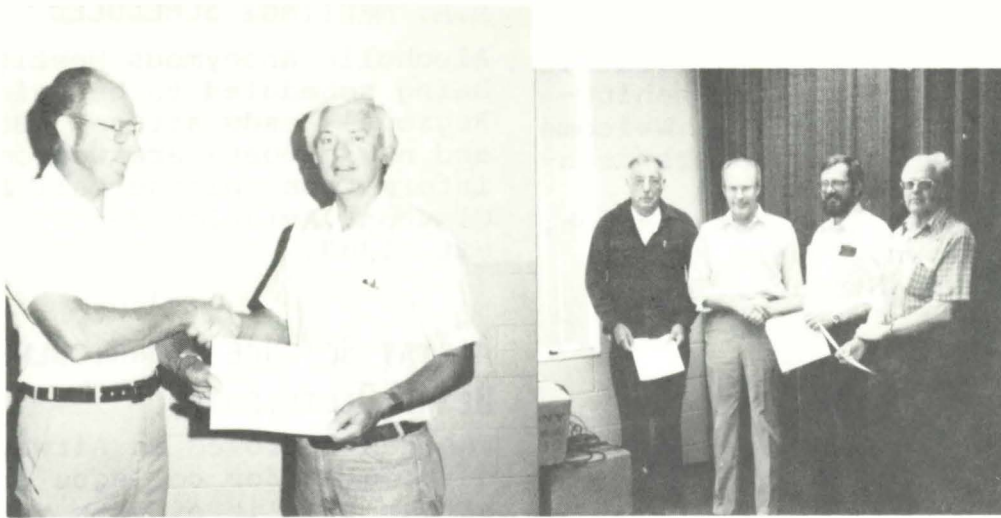
A major breakthrough in helicopter certification was made recently with the announcement by Southwest Region Director C. R. Melugin that the Bell Model 222B had been approved for IFR flight by a single pilot without stabilization equipment. The announcement made the helicopter industry sit up and take notice because, up to that time, no transport helicopter ever had been certificated for even two-person IFR operations without stabilization equipment. It also was the first time any helicopter without stabilization equipment had ever been okayed for IFR operations by a single-pilot crew. Stabilizers are electro-mechanical "black boxes" linked to the control system to prevent roll, pitch or yaw when the pilot's hands are momentarily diverted from the control stick. Melugin made the announcement on the occasion of his presenting FAA's type certification approval for the recently developed Model 222B helicopter.

PHOCUS ON PHOENIX

A Letter of Appreciation and Plaque was received by Phoenix ARSR from Albuquerque ARTCC AFS expressing their thanks for support in assisting them in receiving the "National Center Sector of the Year" Award. Congratulations: to Billie Chrestman, Administrative Officer, who has been elected Secretary of the Phoenix Federal Women's Program Interagency Council; to Judy Murphy and Edith Hutchison, Electronics Technicians trainees, who have completed one more phase of their training and thereby have been promoted to GS-5's; to John Puchalski, Electronics Technician, Prescott AFSFO, who is to report in August to Oklahoma City as an Instructor; and to Milton Wood, Electronics Technician, Tucson AFSFO, who is retiring with 30 years with the FAA.

WE STILL GET LETTERS

The first anniversary of the PATCO strike has sparked a renewed flow of letters from pilots and aircraft operators thanking FAA employees for the outstanding job they've done in keeping the air traffic control system running at such high levels of safety and efficiency. An example is a Mailgram from the flight crews at Tenneco Aviation that said: "The United States Airway System is being operated by the leading team of controllers ever assembled in its history. ATC control is at its best ever and getting better every day. Congratulations to the fine staff of controllers who have worked so very hard these past 12 months." And the Director of Aviation for the 3M Corporation noted that FAA employees at all levels "are putting 'Aviation' back in the middle name of FAA." He added that "One of our company's flight crew members summed it up by saying, 'It feels like we're all on the same team again.' Thank you."



Left: William Gross (right), Electronics Technician, Fallon, Nev. ARSR site, received a Letter of Appreciation from the AF Division Chief for adoption of his suggestion to correct a design deficiency on the ATCBI-5 remote control box. Bill was also presented with a cash award and certificate. Presentation was made by Dean DeShazo (left), Manager of the Reno AFS.

Right: Dean DeShazo (second from left) also presented several performance awards to Reno AF Sector employees. From left--Harry Stokely, Supv. Electronics Technician at Elko AFSFO, received a Special Achievement Award for special service. Harry provided the leadership and technical expertise for his field office to overcome several unusual and difficult technical problems during the rating period; Dean DeShazo; Ron Hall, Electronics Technician, Wells AFSFO, received a Quality Within-Grade Increase Award; Tom Sims, Maintenance Mechanic, Elko, Nev., received a Letter of Appreciation.

Not available for photos were: Norman Hendrix, Maintenance Mechanic, Wells AFSFO, who also received a Letter of Appreciation, and Harvey Nodine, Electronics Technician at Wells AFSFO, who received a Letter of Commendation.

FURLOUGH PROSPECT DIMS AS FULL SENATE ACTS

The agency has come one step closer to avoiding fall furloughs. The full Senate has now passed the fiscal year '82 supplemental budget request, which included the \$20 million FAA was banking on to avoid furloughs. In addition, the Senate anticipated passage of authorizing legislation to pay increased benefits to controllers and other selected employees and included \$57.5 million which would carry over to 1983. Pay legislation can only move forward if passed by the House Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Ford of Michigan. He has thus far refused to allow the FAA pay

proposal to go to the House floor for vote. For operations, the Senate recommended \$133 million, while the House committee had previously allowed only \$55 million. The Lawmakers also approved the requested supplemental of \$16 million in the Research, Engineering and Development appropriation. Differences between the House and Senate versions of the supplemental bill must now be resolved in conference. This is expected to take place before August 20, when the House adjourns until after Labor Day.

PHOENIX TOWER/TRACON NEWS

We have a new Assistant Air Traffic Manager, Rod Bourne, from Washington Headquarters, AAT-110. Welcome aboard Rod. Recent transfers/reinstatements include: Dennis McConnell, TRACON; Leo Yungfleisch, TRACON; Ray Brown, Tower; Phil Huff, Tower; Joe Stepard, Tower. Welcome to all.

VAN NUYS

GADO

NOTES

Helen Vandermeer bid her friends goodbye on Aug. 6, resigning from her Aviation Clerk position in Van Nuys GADO after nine years. Helen started her FAA career as a summer aid in 1969 with the Burbank Tower, later becoming a full-time employee and transferring to the Sector Field Office until 1973. On Aug. 14, Helen became Mrs. Michael Screeton. The newleyweds will reside in Minnesota where Michael is employed. Our good wishes and blessings to the happy couple. It is with a sad note that we say "so long and good luck" to Airworthiness Inspector Marvin Curl who has been with the Van Nuys GADO for the past two years. Marvin is being reassigned to the FSDO office in Long Beach where he already maintains his home. Although Manager of the Van Nuys GADO for only six months, Walter Ernst will be missed when he leaves this month to become Manager of the FSDO in San Antonio, Texas. Walt is happy about the move since he owns a home in New Braunfels, just a few minutes from the FSDO office in San Antonio. Thanks to Walt for doing a good job in such a short time, and best wishes in his new position and new surroundings.

A.A. MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings are being scheduled to be held at Regional Headquarters. Both old and new members are welcome. For information, please call Anne Clayton, Aviation Medical Division, ext. 6300.

AIRWAY SCIENCES CURRICULUM BEING DISTRIBUTED

FAA has approved an Airway Sciences curriculum for colleges and universities that it expects will produce a future talent pool for the agency and other elements of the aviation community. Originally proposed by the Administrator in January, the curriculum is being distributed to 60 colleges and universities throughout the country. Institutions which previously expressed interest in the curriculum are being asked if they are still willing to set up programs which would lead to Airway Sciences degrees. The five areas in which courses would be offered are: Airway Science Management, Airway Computer Science, Aircraft Systems Management, Airway Electronics Systems and Aviation Maintenance Management. A college or university may participate in the program by offering courses in any or all of these areas. Ultimately, FAA expects to hire up to 500 graduates from this program each year for a variety of career fields. Procedures now are being worked out which would allow the agency to hire graduates at the GS-7 level.

RETIREES PICNIC FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

FAA Retirees Picnic for Southern California will be held on Wed., Sept. 29, at Live Oak Park on Road S-13 between I-15 and Fallbrook. Bring lunch and drinks and meet old and new friends. From 10 a.m. til ??

MORE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING RATING:

Bruce Stuart, Van Nuys General Aviation District Office.

OUTSTANDING WITH QUALITY WITHIN-GRADE INCREASE:

Ruth Amamoto, San Francisco Air Carrier District Office.

Jean McPhee, San Francisco Air Carrier District Office

Gordon Green, Engineering Technician, Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector.

QUALITY WITHIN-GRADE INCREASE AWARDS:

Virginia Agilar, San Diego General Aviation District Office.

Fred F. L. Mau, Honolulu Flight Standards District Office.

James Dorman, Electronics Technician, McClellan Radar/Comm Sector F.O.

Hobart Martin, Jr., Electronics Technician-In-Depth, Lancaster AFS.

OUTSTANDING WITH SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Jesse Ryan, Rad/Comm Unit Manager, Las Vegas Airway Facilities Sector.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Gene Lawing, Acting Chief, Air Traffic Division, AWP-500.

John Westerly, Los Angeles AFS (ARTCC).

Charles Dickow, Special Projects Officer, AWP-450.

Robert Evanston, Electronic Technician, Phoenix AFS.

Manny Abergas, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Guam IFSS.

Warren Harris, Honolulu Flight Standards District Office.

Don Romine, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Monterey Tower.

Gerald Marta, Radar Training Relief, Sacramento AFS.

Lynn Damewood, Administrative Services Clerk, Sacramento AFS.

Toni Smatts, General Communications Operator, AWP-6.

James Huteson, Electronics Technician, Santa Maria SFO.

Richard Larson, Electronics Technician, Santa Barbara SFO.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION:

John Breen and Wally Mastros, Los Angeles ARTCC, for their outstanding support of the "Gallant Eagle 82" exercise.

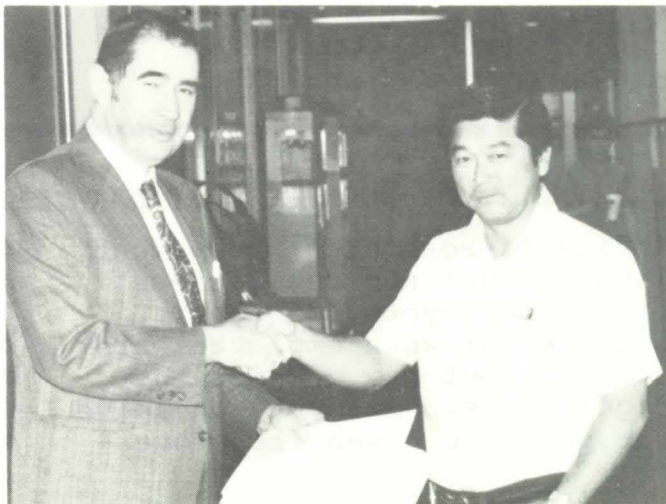
Los Angeles Center Area C team supervisors: Richard Cooper, Hank DeCasas, Jake Garland, Steve Gentry, Jimmie Smith, Dick Spoerer and Bob Webb, for their personal leadership, professionalism, devotion to duty and overall supervision of their area during the past year.

Los Angeles AFS employees: Louis Romero, Benjamin Ortega, James Hayes, Don Messer, Louis Moore, Robert Nemits, Harvey Plourde, Raymond Simkin, Ben Takeuski and Johannes Willemse.

Mathew Pespisa, Data Processing Branch, from AWP-56.

Norma Milinski, Phoenix GADO.

RIGHT: John Yoshida, Electronic Technician in the Nav aids Unit at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS) was awarded a Quality Within-Grade Increase award for his superior work in maintaining the diversified navigational systems at the Los Angeles International Airport. John (right) is congratulated by Wally Ward, LAX AFS Manager. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



CAREER SERVICE EMBLEMS:

40 years:

Ted Campbell, Chief, Property Management Section, AWP-52B.

35 years:

James Hudman, Jr., Phoenix TRACON.

Paul Gisi, Oakland AFS.

30 years:

Claudine Nickerson, Examination & Classification Branch, AWP-26.

Thurdell "Wick" Wickliff, Oakland AFS.

Theodore "Ted" Miller, Oakland AFS.

Stoddard Baird and Betty Hampton, Los Angeles ACDO.

James Shields, Las Vegas FSDO.

William Pearson and Paul Porter, Phoenix TRACON.

Robert Woodruff, SATCS Team Supervisor, Guam CERAP.

Billie McWhirter, Manager, Mather Sector Field Office.

William Hendricks, Electronics Technician, Stockton Sector Field Office.

Robert Fordham, Electronics Technician, Edwards Radar/Comm Sector F.O.

25 years:

David Miles and Ted Ruth, Oakland AFS.

Fred Sansone, Las Vegas AFS.

Thomas Ratcliffe, II, Phoenix Flight Service Station.

Clarence Hanner and Delbert Rupp, El Toro AF Sector Field Office.

Jack Fidler, San Diego AFS.

Albert Haidle, Los Angeles ACDO.

William Reynolds, Sacramento GADO.

Homer Wormdahl, Las Vegas FSDO.

Delores Turner, General Supply Specialist, Lancaster AFS.

Jack Womack, SET, Ridgecrest East Sector Field Office.

Tom Payne, Miguel Higuera, Tom Coats, Armin Dreier and Richard Meyers,

Los Angeles AFS (ARTCC).

15 years:

Francis "Ossie" Osgood, Oakland AFS.

George Wong, Oakland AFS.

Alan Waters, Electronics Technician, McClellan ARTS Sector Field Office.

Don Wolfe, Motor Vehicle Operator, Sacramento AFS.

Jerry Covey, Phoenix TRACON.

Albert Dean, Long Beach N/C AF Sector Field Office.

Isaac Cornett, Yuma AF Sector Field Office.

William King, Examination & Classification Branch, AWP-26.

Dennis McDonald and Jack Washington, San Francisco ACDO.

Jacob Tamborello, Fresno GADO.

Marion Tilton, Honolulu FSDO.

David Tilton, Las Vegas FSDO.

Vivian Fresquez, Scottsdale GADO.

3 years:

Bonnie Bowen, Oakland FSDO.

Gary Burkett, Oakland FSDO.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY WORKERS MUST PAY PREMIUMS

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has issued new regulations governing the payment of health benefit premium when employees are on leave without pay. Under the old regulations, employees on leave without pay were given free cover-

age for up to one year. Under the new regulations, which become effective in the first pay period beginning after August 16, most employees will have to pay the full premium for health insurance which continues during nonpay status.