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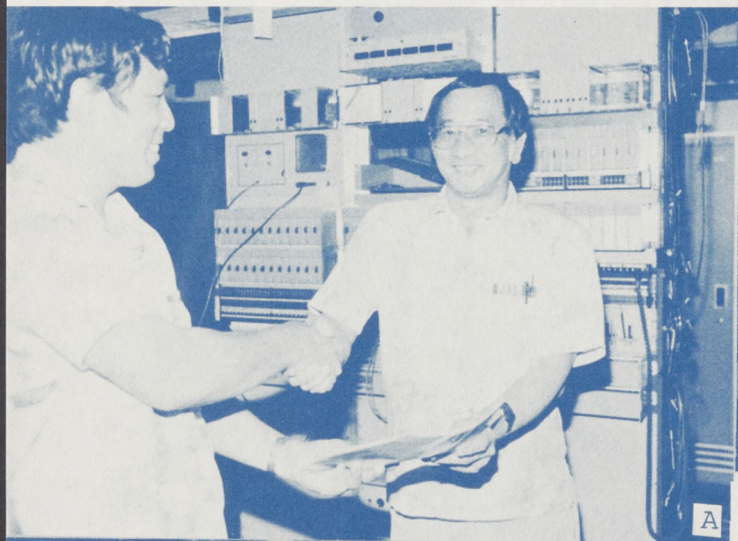
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## Honolulu Center AFS Awards and Recognition

# Honolulu Center AF Sector Awards



A—Art Kawai (right), Electronics Technician, receives a Special Achievement Award from Pete Harada, Assistant Manager for Technical Support.

B—Lewis Kilpatrick (right), Environmental Technician, receives an award for special achievement special acts from Sector Manager John Gordon.

C—J. J. Glipa (left), Developmental Electronic Technician, receives a Special Achievement Award from Pete Harada, Assistant Manager for Technical Support.

D—Carl Watanabe (right), EARTS Technician, receives his 25-year Career Service Pin from Sector Manager John Gordon.

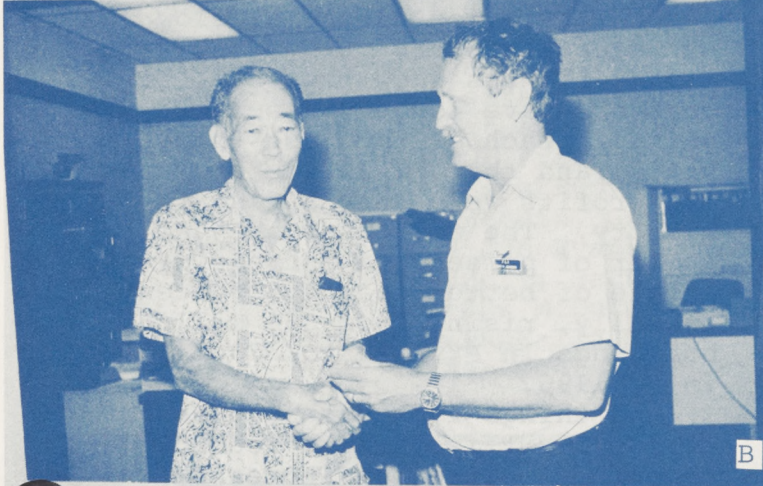
Cover photo: Sector Manager John Gordon gives Henry Ching (left) of the Environmental Support Unit his 30-year Career Service pin — and at the same time gives J. J. Glipa, Developmental Electronic Technician, her three-year pin.



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## More Honolulu Awards

- A—Watch Supervisor Sho Mizuba presents Jason Lai Hipp, Communications Technician, with an outstanding performance award based on a number of projects beneficial to the Sector.
- B—Itsuo Nakamura (left), Environmental Support Unit, receives his 35-year Career Service Emblem from Sector Manager John Gordon.
- C—Environmental Technicians Henry Park (center) and Herb Sakai (right) receive awards for special achievement special acts from Environmental Support Unit Supervisor Harry Toyomura.
- D—Lorraine Heya, Administrative Assistant, receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase based on an outstanding rating. Presentation is made by Sector Manager John Gordon.
- E—Last—but certainly not least—John Gordon presents a very special FAA Recognition Plaque to security guard Joe Oikawa. Joe, an employee of guard contractor Pacific Consolidated Services, recently retired after nearly 20 years service as a day guard. Joe saw many employees and visitors during these years and Joe's retirement was a very emotional event at the Center.

## AFS Technician Named Suggester Of The Year

The Great Lakes Region's Philip Gutkoski's \$129,920 idea has earned him the FAA Suggester of the Year Award for FY 1984.

Gutkoski, an electronics technician in the Oberlin, Ohio, Airway Facilities Sector, has received a \$4,350 check for the whopping savings that will come through his suggestion to extend the capability of circuit testers to include testing and isolating faults in printed circuit boards. This will increase the IBM 9020 computer equipment's reliability and longevity.

In addition to the cash award, Gutkoski received an engraved plaque and a congratulatory letter from Administrator Engen, the final sentence of which reads, "Please accept my personal congratulations and appreciation for your significant contributions to the Government."

Paul Bohr, Director, AGL, also will receive a larger plaque with Gutkoski's name added to the roll of past winners for display in the AGL headquarters.

## Women's History Week



March 3-9, 1985 has been designated by Congressional Resolution as Women's History Week. The observation of Women's History Week will once again bring to mind the richness of women in history. The occasion provides inspiration for growth and helps influence change in our long and continuous journey for equal rights for women and all people. The Western-Pacific Region joins in celebration of this the 8th annual recognition of the roles women play in making history.

## FAA Forecasts Growth

FAA prognosticators are projecting a bright future in U.S. air transportation in the annual "Aviation Forecasts" for Fiscal Years 1985-1996. According to the forecasts, major air carriers will experience healthy growth, while commuter airlines will expand at even faster rates. The projection for general aviation is one of slow but steady growth.

The figures show that U.S. air carriers have logged passenger gains in each of the last three years, and that FY 1984's operating profits were the largest in history. The forecasts see the number of passengers increasing at a rate of better than 4.5 percent annually, rising from 336 million boardings in FY 1984 to 573 million in FY 1996.

And things look even better for commuter outfits, which recorded a 14 percent boardings increase in FY 1984 for a 23.2 million total. That figure is expected to double by FY 1996, reaching a 54.2 million total.

The outlook for the GA fleet calls for a two percent annual increase, from 213,000 aircraft in 1984 to 270,500 in 1996. But the number of turbine-engine aircraft will undergo a 5.8 annual increase, reflecting the increasing role of GA aircraft in business operations. The turbine rotorcraft fleet is also expected to increase at 9.6 percent per year.

All this growth will, of course, mean more operations for FAA air traffic control facilities in the FY 1985-96 period. Takeoffs and landings at airports with FAA towers are projected to increase from 57 million to 92 million, while the number of aircraft handled by en route centers will rise from 31.6 million to 45.7 million. The number of service requests answered by FSSs is expected to grow from 54.8 million to 80.5 million.

## FS Division Awards

The following Flight Standards Division personnel recently received awards: Quality Increase Award with outstanding rating - Janet Hitt, San Jose Flight Standards District Office (FSDO); Special Achievement Award with outstanding rating - Sharon Urpschot, Scottsdale FSDO; Special Achievement Group Award - Bette Bieber, Scottsdale FSDO; Joseph Brasher, Long Beach FSDO and Sarah Rambo, AWP-205; Letter of Commendation - Gary Blom, San Jose FSDO; Letters of Appreciation - Paul Muskat and James Shields, Las Vegas FSDO; Frank Walley, Honolulu FSDO; Joseph Budro, Los Angeles FSDO; Amy Harbin, Gary Blom, Beverly Harbin, Jon Evans, Janet Hitt, Rodger Grunert, Jack Hocker, Jay Howard, Frank McCutcheon, Robyn McDonough, Paul Pankalla, Gerald Pennington and James Scardino, San Jose FSDO.



## Jim Bugbee Retirement Luncheon, March 27

Jim Bugbee, Flight Test Section Supervisor, Western Aircraft Certification Office, is retiring on March 31 after 31 years of Federal service. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Wednesday, March 27 at The Proud Bird Restaurant, Red Baron Room, 11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$12 per person which includes buffet, tax, tip and gift. Contact Henrietta Gueble at 213/536-6391 or FTS 966-6391 for reservations by March 18. Come on over and let's give Jim a great send-off to his new home on the range in Arizona. See you there!



## Yolanda Banks Earns SAA

Yolanda E. Banks (left), Student Aid employee at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, receives a Special Achievement Award from Jan Ellis, LAX AFS Administrative Officer, for doing such an outstanding job for six months in the latter part of 1984. Congratulations to Yolanda on this well-deserved award.

Photo by Y. Mochizuki.

## Concord Tower News

Concord Tower welcomes new controller Bob Higgins, transferred from Salinas Tower. Bob was here for weeks before he saw our five-mile visibility marker, thanks to the Sacramento Valley blowing its fog our way during January..... Supervisor Lee Wingard arrived from Napa Tower several months ago and will be joined shortly by Jim Robinson, formerly of Los Angeles Tower. Welcome to Jim and his family..... Ruth Ryan will wrap up her stint as temporary supervisor and then move to Stockton Tower. We'll all miss Ruth's dedicated attitude and friendly smiles..... Julie Lagan is also leaving us: promoted to Van Nuys Tower. Her temporary assignment during the Olympics convinced her the Southland was her next home.

## Al Strickfaden Recovering

Al Strickfaden, Western Aircraft Certification Office, Modification Section, ANM-179W, is in the hospital in satisfactory condition and recovering from injuries sustained when he crashed in his Piper Comanche Airplane. The crash occurred as Al was attempting an emergency landing on a nearby dirt strip, following power loss just after takeoff from the Corona, Calif. Airport on Feb. 9. Please send your get well wishes and cards to: Al Strickfaden, 29623 Stonecrest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

## Self Development Program

The Training Branch is accepting FAA Form 3000-3 "Request for Out-of-Agency" training for the Self Development Program. See the Western-Pacific Region Notice WP N 3110.10. Summer classes will be starting soon-DON'T MISS OUT. Contact your nearby university, college or adult learning center to inquire about the availability of job related and career development training courses. For further information about the program contact Liz Lewis or Margie Kimble on FTS 966-6220.

## Directive Cancelled

This is to advise the cancellation of Order WP AS 5190.2, Installation of Portable Hangars on Federally Funded Aprons, dated Jan. 17, 1983, is cancelled.

## Civilair Easter Candy Sale



Easter is April 7! Civilair is again sponsoring the annual See's Easter Candy Sale for \$5.30 /lb.; the regular price is \$6.40/lb. Order forms are available from your Civilair Director or at the Civilair desk. Orders must be in by March 25.

## Retirement Party For Joe Wilgis



Joe Wilgis of Ontario TRACON has completed the "FAA Triathlon" and is hanging up his headset, but not his running shoes. Joe is retiring after 30 years of Federal service. Joe's long race began in 1954 when he left the starting line in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will end February 28 when he crosses the finish line at Ontario TRACON. Joe's Triathlon events consisted of Chief, Supervisor and Journeyman. He has worked at 15 different facilities in his race and will be missed and remembered by all. In tribute to Joe, a retirement dinner/party will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1801 East G St., Ontario, Calif., March 15 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$13.50 per person. Please contact David Fowler, Ontario TRACON, 714/986-2058 by March 12 for dinner reservations.

## Las Vegas TWR Golf Classic

The second annual Las Vegas Tower Golf Classic will be held March 26, at the Showboat Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada. Last years inaugural classic was a huge success. Over \$2500 in cash prizes was paid to the winning teams. We expect the 72 available team spots to go quickly so get your applications in early for this unique 18 hole/team best-ball event in the best city of them all, Fabulous Las Vegas. For additional information contact: Bill Patterson or Harry Boyle (Chairman) at Las Vegas Tower.

## San Diego Golf Tournament

An FAA Golf Tournament will be held in San Diego on April 4 at the Singing Hills Golf Club. Entry fee is \$50, limited to 60 players. Registration is necessary by March 8. Contact Walter Stetter at Montgomery Tower, 4298 Ponderosa Ave., San Diego, CA 92123.

## Phoenix FSDO Happenings



The Scottsdale/Phoenix Flight Standards District Office staff, spouses and families gathered together at the Scottsdale facility for their second annual pot-luck Christmas party. It was fun for all to sample each others favorite recipes and share stories about their families. After dinner, the Human Relations Committee presented Certificates of Appreciation to the past HRC members.

Top left photo: Manager Eldon Gubler (right) watches with amusement as Operations Inspector Bob Kruse good-naturedly accepts his helicopter Christmas gift. Bob is a former U.S. Air Force jet pilot whose favorite birds are not helicopters.

Top right: From left, standing--Ted Curtis (HRC member), Allen Haeggquist (HRC member), Oscar Culp (HRC Facilitator) and FSDO Manager Eldon Gubler. Front row--HRC members John Lynch (left) and John Noel.

Bottom right: Eldon Gubler (left) and Len Levandowski, Operations Supervisor, enjoy a miniature hot-air balloon which one of the "elves" selected as Len's Christmas gift.

A good time was had by all and plans for the third annual get-together are, no doubt, already underway.

--Articles and photos by Chris Kandziora.

WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROMOTION IN ANOTHER AREA OF CONSIDERATION?

(Another Region, DOT Agency, FAA Academy, Washington Headquarters, etc.)

FILE A VOLUNTARY APPLICATION.

Merit Promotion Program procedures provide that employees outside the minimum area of consideration may submit voluntary applications for promotion to positions within the FAA and other agencies within DOT.

What's Required?

- Complete DOT Form F 3300.4, Voluntary Application for Promotion Consideration, SF-171, Personal Qualifications Statement, and also include a current DOT Form 3430.1, Performance Evaluation Record.
- Send these documents to the Personnel Office that has jurisdiction over the position for which you are applying.

Need More Information?

- Your supervisor can help you to obtain the required forms and address of the appropriate personnel office.
- Agency Order 3330.1A, Merit Promotion Program, at paragraph 39e explains this procedure in detail.
- Call The Employment Branch, AWP-14, at FTS 966-6304.

A Couple More Things . . .

- Apply only for positions for which you qualify and which will lead to a promotion.
- Be specific about the position you are applying for, including geographic location.

**It's  
Your  
Move!**

