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Black Heroes Are Part of Aviation History

In recognition of Black History Month, **Vince Casey**, the president of the Alaskan Region Chapter of National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE), provided *INTERCOM* the stories of two men who have figured prominently in aviation.

C Alfred "Chief" Anderson, a living legend in America, has contributed to all aspects of aviation. During World War II, he trained the first black military pilots at Tuskegee Institute's Moton Field.

Chief Anderson is active in programs for young black aviation enthusiasts. His work continues to inspire, challenge, and motivate people of all ages who share his interest and love of flying.

It is fitting that the Department of Airway Science, Tuskegee Institute, be named in his honor. Also, on February 15, the FAA Southern Region will dedicate their Regional Administrator's conference room as the **Charles A. "Chief" Anderson Conference Room**.



"Chief" Tells His Own Story

Ever since childhood, I possessed a strong yearning to fly airplanes. When I was about twenty years old in 1927/28, I saved enough money to take a few lessons, but immediately ran into racial problems because no one would accept a black student. In the latter part of 1928 or 1929, I had saved about \$500, borrowed \$2,500 more from friends and bought a small plane. Then I had to depend upon any pilot who was kind enough to advise me and fly with me. I finally soloed and was able to get a Private License, No. 7638, in August 1929. Due to the lack of experience and advice, I lost that airplane and another one.

After being chased away from various airports, I finally found a friend in the person of



photo by Vascar G. Harris

C. Alfred "Chief" Anderson in his library surrounded by mementos of his outstanding career in aviation. The small photo on the wall is of Chief and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mr. Ernest Buehl, a German air force pilot in World War I, who migrated to this country and started an airport in Philadelphia known as Flying Dutchman. Under his guidance and instruction I finally received a transport license in 1932 after his personal request to the flight officials that I be permitted to take a written examination and flight test to qualify for a commercial license.

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"Chief" Tells His Story

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I then met a wonderful life-long friend in the person of Dr. Albert Forsythe. He, too, was keenly interested in flying. He bought an airplane from Mr. Buehl, and I taught him how to fly, and together we made flying trips which were first for blacks, a round trip continental flight in 1934 and various trips throughout the United States and Canada. I vaguely recall a write-up in *TIME* about two "blackbirds" who were attempting to fly across the U.S.

Dr. Forsythe and I were the first blacks to fly to the Bahamas and the West Indies and on to South America. We landed the first airplane ever in Nassau which at the time had no airport. Pan Am was using sea-planes.

In the late thirties I started the Civilian Pilot Training for Howard University, Washington, D.C. One of my students, Yancey Williams, won a suit against the government to get blacks into the Army Air Force. Some of these original students became high-ranking aviation oriented officers.

In 1940, Dr. F.D. Patterson, President-Emeritus of Tuskegee Institute, visited me at Howard to discuss flying at Tuskegee Institute. After going to the Chicago School of Aviation to take a flight course in acrobatics, I picked up an airplane which the Institute had purchased and flew it to Tuskegee, thus becoming the first black pilot employed by the school. Black aviation was born here.

During a visit to Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, asked me to take her for a flight over the area against the tremendous opposition of her entourage. Mrs. Roosevelt was willing to risk her life with one of us because she saw no reason why blacks could not fly. Shortly thereafter, Tuskegee Institute was selected to participate in a program with the U.S. Army Air Corps to find out if blacks could measure up as military pilots. Their records speak for themselves.

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Pioneer Alaskan Aviator

Morgan Davies

will be celebrating his
95th Birthday this week.

Well wishers please send
cards to:

Morgan & Audrey Davies
708 3rd Ave. East
Polson, MT, 59860



Mr. Davies is a retiree from the FAA Alaskan Region. He was one of our pilots in the olden days. This ad appeared in the Anchorage Daily News in January 1994.

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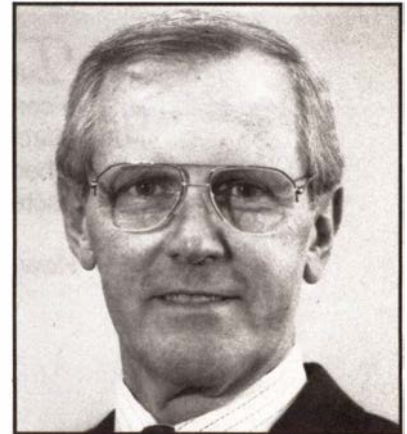
Alaskan Region Names New Division Managers

Andy Billick has been selected as the manager of the Alaskan Region's Airway Facilities Division. The Division has the responsibility for the installation and maintenance of all air navigational facilities in Alaska.

Andy began his FAA career in electronics in McGrath, Alaska, in 1956 and has held progressively responsible positions in Alaska and the Southwest Region. He has worked as a manager in the Air Traffic, Logistics, and Management Systems Divisions.

He has a private pilot certificate.

Andy holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and was recently certificated for Senior Executive Service (SES).



Christine Novosad has been named to head the Resource Management Staff. Chris has held a series of budget and fiscal positions with the agency during the past 13 years, including that of regional budget officer.

A graduate of the University of Alaska, her present position includes responsibility for budget oversight, accounting, and information management. She has been active in the FedAlaska Credit Union board of directors.

Richard O. Gordon, a professional pilot and former manager of the Anchorage Flight Standards District Office, has been named to lead the Flight Standards Division. Dick joined the FAA in 1975 as an operations inspector after serving in both the U.S. Air Force and U. S. Army as a pilot. He has worked in FAA offices in Arizona and Texas as well as serving two tours in Alaska. Most recently he served as deputy manager for the division.



Timothy Titus, former Central Region Assistant Chief Counsel is the new Assistant Chief Counsel for the FAA's Alaskan Region. A graduate of Northwestern Law School at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, he has served as counsel for the FAA in several offices including Hawaii and Washington, D. C .

He is licensed to practice in Hawaii, Oregon, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa. His office is responsible for reviewing all FAA enforcement and compliance actions in the region.

Tuberculosis: What Are The Facts?

Presented by Audrey Adams, R.N., AAL-300

Tuberculosis, also known as TB, is a contagious disease which most often affects the lungs. It can also affect other organs. TB is caused by a bacteria germ.

How Does It Spread? When a person who has active tuberculosis disease coughs, the bacteria is expelled by the lungs into the air. If you breathe that air, the germ could enter your lungs. But it may never cause disease if your immune system is healthy. TB is difficult to catch. It is not transmitted as easy as the flu, common cold, or measles. A single cough is extremely unlikely to infect anyone. Lengthy or repeated close contact for hours, weeks or months is needed to produce an infection. TB is usually not spread through normal conversation. It cannot be picked up by touching personal items of a person with active TB nor by talking on a telephone that was recently used by that person. A person who has a positive TB skin test is not contagious unless he or she develops active disease.

How Is TB Detected? By having a tuberculin skin test especially if you are aware that you have been exposed to someone with active disease or suspect exposure due to being in high risk locations. If the TB skin test is positive, it means that you have come in contact with the TB germ. To determine if

that germ has caused disease, a chest x-ray will be performed. A positive skin test does not mean that you have the disease.

Tuberculosis Treatment: Medications are usually quite effective in killing the bacteria. There are some drug-resistant bacteria that require therapy with multiple drugs. Once TB patients have taken their medications regularly for a few weeks, they lose their capacity to infect others and they may return to work and lead a relatively normal life.

Follow-Up Investigation: Aviation Medical Division is assisting the municipal health department's TB clinic in its investigation surrounding an active case of TB within the agency. Our role has been to do the skin testing for those possibly exposed to the disease. We also encourage those employees who travel into "bush" areas or to countries with high TB incidence to be tested once a year. These tests can be done at the TB clinic held in the Municipal Health Department at 825 L Street for a \$10.00 fee. If you are identified as a contact of a person with active disease that the TB clinic is investigating, the skin test will be done free. The TB clinic phone number is 343-4799.

Aviation Medical has information handouts available.



Meet Craig Withee

Americans with Disabilities Employment Program Manager

by Wanda Solomon

Craig Withee, Associate Program Manager in Airway Facilities Division has been appointed manager for the Alaska Region's Americans with Disabilities Employment Program. Craig is a qualified candidate for the position as he has been wheelchair bound for 25 years and has been exposed to some of the challenges confronting disabled people.

"Being in a wheelchair has not substantially altered my way of living or prevented me from pursuing my interests. It has only presented an inconvenience that had to be overcome," Withee says.

Craig was raised on a farm in South Dakota prior to moving to Colorado Springs as a teenager. After his high school graduation in Colorado Springs, he attended the University of Colorado in Boulder. There, he received his Master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

After receiving his degree, Craig went to work for the army where he worked as an engineering manager and supervisor responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, and construction of facilities on an army installation. Then after 15 years with the army, he transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in October 1990.

Craig knows how important it is to have employment opportunities and accessible facilities to accommodate disabled people. He says, "All Federal agencies have been promoting hiring of disabled people for a number of years. The FAA is now attempting to formalize their program and advance it further through educational awareness both inside and outside the agency."

The goal of the program is to actively promote employment of the disabled through educational aware-

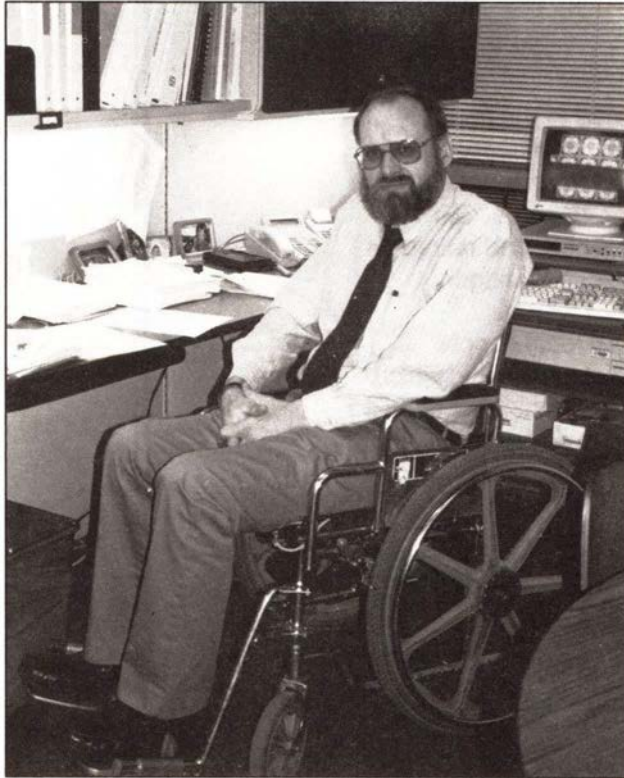


photo by Ivy P. Moore

ness initiatives and to ensure accessibility accommodations are provided to allow the disabled individual to function within the work environment. Some examples of accommodations would be door openers to provide access to physically limited individuals; enlarged bathroom stalls to accommodate wheelchairs; work stations arranged to allow wheelchair access; TTY phones to assist deaf people; covered parking; and wider doors and hallways.

Withee says, "Success in the program will mean disabled employees will be able to pursue livelihoods and have the opportunity to live full lives. The program should create an environment that allows a disabled person to work freely alongside an able-bodied person as an equally valued member of the work force."



King Salmon COMSERFAC Dedicated To Carl E. Fundeen

by Larry T. Fields

On October 19, 1993, the King Salmon FAA COMSERFAC was formally dedicated to the memory of Carl E. Fundeen, who passed away this fall. Carl had been employed with the FAA for 46 years, 25 of them in King Salmon, and retired as King Salmon's SFO Manager in 1988.

About 50 local people attended the brief ceremony, which included guests of honor Pat (Carl's wife) and his sons John and Carl (Bill).




Priscilla Montanelli, wife of Pete Montanelli, King Salmon maintenance mechanic, painted a sign constructed by Pete depicting Carl in his fishing boat with his dog, headed to "FAA Rock" on the Naknek River, one of Carl's favorite fishing spots. This sign has since been mounted on the front of the building.

This may be the only time an FAA facility has been dedicated to an FAA employee.



IN MEMORIAM



Charles E. Miller, retired, and his wife were both killed January 12, 1994, in a car/train accident in Talkeetna. Charles retired in 1985 after a long FAA career. Among the places he worked are Anchorage Center AF, Skwentna, and Middleton Island.

Bill Horstman, retired, died on October 9, 1993, at his home in St. Charles, Missouri. He worked in the Alaskan Region in the 60's and 70's as an electrical engineer in Airway Facilities.

Loren E. Horn, retired, passed away December 22, 1993, at his home in Warren, Oregon. Mr. Horn was born on Christmas Day in 1914. He started his CAA/FAA career in 1952 and retired in 1972. He worked in Plant Division and was stationed at Yakutat, Kenai, Fort Yukon, Skwentna, and Talkeetna.



Left to right: Dave Morse, John Fundeen, Mary Fundeen, Sandy Fundeen, Pat Fundeen, Bill Fundeen, Hank Elias, Robie Strickland.



Beads Into Earrings, Skins Into Clothes

by Marian Courtney

Monica Gillett's skillful hands turn beads and porcupine quills into earrings, deerskins into dresses, and moose skins into belts.

Monica, human relations assistant in AAL-17, displayed her handiwork at a recent Native American celebration held at the Anchorage Federal Building. An Indian dress she sewed by hand from five deerskins took her 2 full days to make and another half day to cut the fringe (see photo). Over time, the dress has stretched several inches longer than its original length because of its weight. It won first place at the World Eskimo Indian Olympics in Fairbanks in 1987, and Monica has also modeled it at the Alaska Federation of Natives' Alaska Native dress review.

Monica learned to fashion handicrafts by watching the work her mother and grandmother did. She started creating articles at age 5 when her mother handed her some felt and beads of her own. The cycle continues with Monica's 6-year-old daughter, **Angelletha**, who has already picked up the basics from watching her mother.

"I was always told you don't teach, you show," Monica said.

She finds creating Alaska Native artwork relaxing. It also helps perpetuate her Athabascan Indian heritage. She said she would like to see Alaska's youth keep in touch with their heritage.

To that end, her next project will be to help with Native emphasis week in March, a forum where high school students can discuss Native concerns.

Monica also continues to concentrate on her career with FAA and is working on an IDP. The best part of her job, she said, is the people.



photo by Marian Courtney

Civilair's Christmas Holiday Parties

by Ernie Fleece

Dinner Dance



"Yes, Santa! It's been a great year!"
Jacque Smith, Mark Kelliher, Terry Alexander

With a friendly "may I pin you?" each guest received a jingle bell ribbon at the annual Civilair Club Christmas dinner dance held at Elmendorf's NCO Club. Self-appointed hostess, **Barbara Marshall**, personally greeted each guest and directed them to their reserved table.

At exactly 6 bells, party guests were served a complete turkey dinner at every table dinner. (Note: At some tables, there may have been more than one "turkey!") What a scrumptious dinner!

Santa arrived with a "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and boisterous "Merry Christmas." Next came the dancing part of the evening with music provided by one-man band, **Mark Labrelle**. As the band played on, guests had their photo taken with Santa! What a hit!

Cheryl Jones (Assistant Chief Counsel's Office) and her partner, **Scott Myers**, did an entertaining dance demonstration — a few of us got tired just watching the fast paced routine! Guests were treated to free dance lessons. Several partners quickly grasped the "quick, quick, slow, slow" routine of a country western two step! Guests were also introduced to a traditional waltz with the more agile guests mastering the "triple rhythm swing" routine.

To top off the evening, the \$1000 travel certificate drawing was held. **Marcia Bolton**, Airway Facilities Division, was the lucky winner. Congratulations, Marcia! Other winners of the evening's door prizes were:



Cheryl Jones and Scott Myers

Item/Donated by:

Winner

Santa Wall Hanging
Molly Jolly, AAL-700

Donna Holbrook, ANC TWR

Bagel Cutter
Dave Belanger, AAL-451

Debbie Roth, AAL-41

Rabbit Doll
Jean Pershall, AAL-16

Dave Belanger, AAL-451

Framed Duck Prints
Bruce Crouse, AAL-52

Linda Durand, AAL-50

Ceramic Kids at Play
Pat Lambert, AAL-461

Mary Jo Cowles
 (Ron's partner, ZAN AFS)

Reader's Digest Book
Jacque Smith, AAL-1

Terry Alexander, AAL-504

Southwest Pillow
Mary Lou Lexvold-West, ASU-20

Brenda Moeller
 (Jim's partner, AAL-506)

Oil Painting
Ken Moore, AAL-602

Bob Nerney
 (Grace's partner, AAL-10)



All in all, the 90-plus guests at the annual affair thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. A special thanks to those donating our wonderful door prizes, to our "Santa" a.k.a. **Mark Kelliher**, and to our party organizers — **Molly Jolly**, **Mary Lou Lexvold-West**, and **Barbara Marshall**. They did a really terrific job of organizing the activities.



"Let me at him!" Art Gumtau, Anchorage TRACON

Children's Christmas Party

The annual children's party was held on December 18 at the Anchorage FOB executive dining room.

Face painting and craft activities consisting of candy cane mice and Christmas reindeer, and, of course, the "piñata" were big hits with the kids. Our versatile magician/clown/puppeteer (Z—Z—The Clown from Fun Stuff) and Santa (a.k.a. **Ron LaCoss**) were the main attractions. Cookies, fruit, and punch capped off the fun things. The end of the party came a little too soon for some of our little cookie munchkins.

A special thanks to the Air Traffic folks who donated quite a batch of goodies for the party and to **Patty Brown** and her merry band of helpers who made it all happen. The 30-plus little guests thank you all.

See you next year!



"Santa — I've been really good!"



"Take that!"

Alaskan Region People Are Moving on Up

A gala evening reception was held for all the Alaskan Region Prospective Managers Program - "Moving On Up" participants.

"Moving On Up" was created as a developmental program designed for employees interested in supervisory/managerial positions. The program consists of self-developmental activities along with formal instruction on communication and interpersonal and supervisory skills.

Forty-four applicants applied to participate in this program, with nineteen being selected by a three-member executive panel. Those selected were **Ellen Cook, Pete Dula, Angela Elgee, Linda Gentry, Maurice Hendrickson, Linda Lang, Jim Lebledz, Steven Lefler, Larry Lescanec, Timothy Maynard, Gary Meaders, David Presley, Allan Scott, Vickie Sherburne, Jackie Sites, Nancy Tinney, Linda Walker, David Whisnant, and Joel Wilcox.**

One of the highlights of the course was an executive panel con-

sisting of managers **Jacque Smith, Robie Strickland, Dick Gordon, Grace Davis-Nerney, and Steve Creamer.** The panel told the class about their career path experiences, suggested skills necessary for managers, and answered the many and varied questions.

The course received rave reviews and encouragement to continue the program.

On hand at the reception to mingle and network were the instructors, **Dolores Coates and Jim Roberts;** and members of the Regional Management Team (RMT), **Jacque Smith, Dave Morse, Robie Strickland, Dick Gordon, Gene Cowgill, Grace Davis-Nerney, Bob Lewis, Joette Storm, and Claudia Hoversten.** Also stopping by were **Bob Wedemeler,** manager, Organizational Effectiveness Branch; **Dennis Warth,** special assistant in Airway Facilities Division; and **Concetta Cron,** Federal Women's Program manager.



Left to right: Joel Wilcox, Linda Gentry, Dave Morse



Steven Lefler, Robie Strickland, Jacque Smith, Dave Presley



Jim Lebledz, Ellen Cook, David Whisnant, Jackie Sites, Angela Elgee



We Hear From Our Retirees

Last November, we asked our retirees to let us know whether or not they still want to receive *Intercom*. They have responded with their customary graciousness. Many chose to drop the *Intercom* and get only *Our Times*. Many others still want to keep up with the current on-goings of the Alaskan Region. Here are excerpts from a couple of the letters we received.

"Since I started '*Our Times*' back in 1970, as well as the practice of sending *Intercom* to our retirees, of course I would like to continue receiving them. I'm confident that this practice has been beneficial to FAA and to the retired part of our FAA family."

R.T. Williams

"I'm still interested in receiving the *Intercom*. Maybe in another 5 years run this by me again. My best to Ray Reeves, as I see he is still there. Also Bernadette & Concetta. Hi to Ernie Fleece. Enjoyed my 4 years in Personnel '82-'85.

My husband is Mayor (3rd term) of our little town of Breezy Point. He is also Director for our Coop Electric. Our 2 daughters are through college. One is teaching English in Japan. Her 2nd year. The other is in Duluth working for Paine Webber. So this leaves Dee fully retired and enjoying good health and a lot of bridge."

Dee Groat

Retiree **Al Crook** writes that Flight Standards Retirees, Inc., has just completed another successful year with their reunion in Phoenix, Arizona. The 1994 reunion will be at Branson, Missouri, September 18-22, and the 1995 reunion will be October 1-5, 1995, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

1994 officers of the organization are:

Gene Haldas, president
Al Crook, vice president
**Bob Schwartz, secretary/
treasurer**
Joe Gaul, editor.

Flight Standards Retirees, Inc., has approximately 1037 members. A member must be a present or former FAA Flight Standards employee and at least 55 years of age. There is a small membership fee.

For more information, contact

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Hobe Sound, FL 33455

"Chief's" Story

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I suppose that two of these with whom I worked, General B.O. Davis, Jr. (ret.) and General Daniel (Chappie) James, Commander of Norad, are the two most well-known individuals.

After the close of WWII and the initiation of ROTC flight programs by the U.S. Government, I started teaching those cadets enrolled in the programs to fly. I cannot now say how many individuals I have taught to fly nor can I say how many hours I have spent in the air with this objective.

Throughout the ROTC programs and flight program sponsored by Negro Airmen International, Inc., I still devote my efforts to introduce as many black youth as possible in flight orientation the opportunities in aviation for blacks being outstanding in light of the various affirmative action programs which we are now required of industry and institutions.



AWARDS

Time Off



Renee Wilson (right) and Bradley McCue
Fairbanks AFSS



Ken Lively
ZAN AF



Karen Randolph
Fairbanks AFSS

Letter of Com- mendation



George Mills
Juneau AFSS

Superior Achievement

(photos by Bertie Laing)



Dottie Taylor
AAL-14



Jim Hughes
AAL-13



Valerie Honeman
AAL-13

On the Spot



**Donny Gochenauer (left) and
Buddy Munro, Kenai SFO**



Kevin O'Connor
Kenai SFO



Richard Ansley
ZAN AF



Deborah Stephens
ZAN AF



Linda Reed (right), AAL-14, accepts the Soaring Eagle Award from **Grace Davis-Nerney**. This is a quarterly peer recognition award presented to an employee of the Human Resource Management Division.



photo by Bertie Laing



Service Recognition

3 year



Steve McAnally
FAI AFSS

15 year



Maurice Batt, FAI
AFSS

5 year



Kenneth Sifford,
FAI AFSS



Anne Lewis, FAI
AFSS

10 year



Lisa Welsh-Workman,
MRI Twr



Tony Reando and
Brian Snyder, ANC
ATCT

Retirements



Davie Elliston (center) received a plaque from **Jim Derry (right)** at his retirement party. Regional Administrator **Jacque Smith** was among the well-wishers present.



Henry Elias (center), Air Traffic Division manager, and **Robie Strickland (right)**, Airway Facilities Division manager, chatted happily on their last day in the office as **Andy Billick** wished them well. Henry and Robie both retired on January 3, 1994.



"All right, Jacque, this one's for you!" For the Civil Rights Office second annual recognition ceremony, **Jacqueline L. Smith**, regional administrator, received the highest recognition for her support of Equal Employment Opportunity. Left to right: **Bobbye Gordon**, civil rights officer; **Jacque Smith**; **Jessie Barksdale**, equal opportunity specialist.

Sand Point Airport Dedicated

On December 3, 1993, **Dave Morse**, deputy regional administrator, and **John T. Lovett** and **Ron Simpson** of Airports Division attended the official Sand Point Airport Dedication. **Robert Juettner**, Aleutian East Borough Administrator, was master of ceremonies and introduced the guests who included Alaska Senator **George Jacko**, Alaska Representative **Carl Moses**, Sand Point Mayor **Alvin Osterback**, and Russian Orthodox Minister **Archmandrite Innocent**. After opening ceremonies by the Sand Point High School band and Brownie Troop #580, Father Innocent blessed the airport.

This new paved 4,000 ft. runway was built with over 10 million dollars of FAA Airport Improvement moneys and evolved over 10 years of planning and engineering efforts by the FAA, State of Alaska DOT/PF, City of Sand Point, and the Aleutian East Borough.



*Cutting the ribbon are (left to right) **Robert Juettner**, Aleutian East Borough administrator; **Boyd Bromfield**, director of operations and maintenance, Alaska DOT/PF Central Region; and **Dave Morse**, FAA deputy regional administrator as Senator **George Jacko** (far left) looks on.*

Master Mechanics

In a recent ceremony hosted by the DuPage Flight Standards District Office, Chicago, IL, and the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, 18 aviation maintenance technicians were honored with the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" award.

Each recipient received a plaque from the association and a certificate signed by FAA Administrator David Hinson.

The award is named in honor of Charles Taylor, the original aviation mechanic who designed and built the first aircraft engine and maintained subsequent engines for the Wright brothers.

The award recognizes aviation maintenance technicians who have been employed in the profession for 50 years and held an FAA mechanic certificate for at least 40 of those years.



Heritage in essence is how a people have used their talent to create a history that gives them memories that they can respect and use to command the respect of other people.

The ultimate purpose of history and history teaching is to use a people's talent to develop an awareness and a pride in themselves so that they can create better instruments for living together with other people.

This sense of identity is the stimulation for all people's honest and creative efforts.

A people's relationship to their heritage is the same as the relationship of a child to its mother.

— Saunders Redding

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General Is Both "Silver Hawk" and "Gray Eagle"

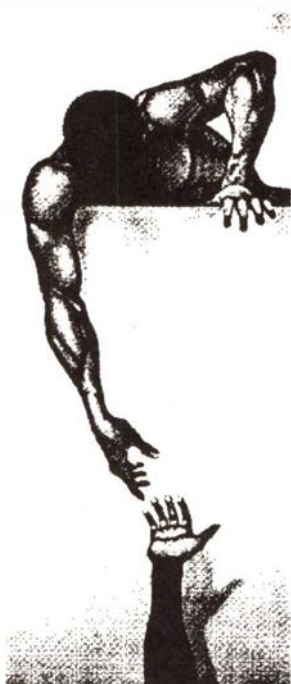


photo by SSgt T.L. Burton, USMC

He Ain't Heavy

In order
to
let each become
all
they are capable
of being

*"We Must Help
Each Other"*



Artist: Gilbert Young

Frank E. Petersen was the first Afro-American to attain the rank of General in the history of the U. S. Marine Corps.

In 1988, Lt. Gen. Petersen retired as Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia, where he was responsible for the Marines' principal advanced training command. At his retirement, he was the senior active duty aviator in the U.S. Armed Forces with more than 4,000 hours in various fighter/attack aircraft.

He held the senior ranking aviators designations of "Silver Hawk" in the U.S. Marines and "Gray Eagle" in the US. Navy, the first and only time in the history of the U.S. Naval Service an Afro-American has been so honored.

Born March 2, 1932, in Topeka, Kansas, Lt. Gen. Petersen joined the U. S. Navy in June 1950 as a seaman apprentice. He entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program a year later and at age 20 was the first Afro-American to be named a Naval Aviator in the U. S. Marine Corps. He also was the first of his race to command a Marine fighter squadron, fighter air group, air wing, and major base.

He graduated from George Washington University with a B. S. degree in 1967 and in 1973 received an M. S. in International Affairs from the same institution. He is a 1973 graduate of National War College and holds an honorary J. D. from Virginia Union University in Richmond.

During his 38 years of active duty with the U. S. Marines, Lt. Gen. Petersen served as:
Deputy Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, responsible for U. S. Marine operations in Europe and South America;
Commanding General of the First Marine operations in Air Wing, responsible for U. S. Marine Air operations Asia-Pacific;
Deputy Director of operations at the National Military Command Center, Pentagon, Washington, DC., responsible for monitoring world-wide U. S. military activities.

He currently resides in Wilmington, Delaware, and is vice president of Du Pont Facilities Services, Corporate Aviation, Corporate Security and Hospitality.

At the suggestion of NBCFAE Alaska Chapter President **Vince Casey**, General Petersen was scheduled to speak at the Spring Safety Symposium in Anchorage. However, he had to cancel because of a trip to Malaysia.

