

Northwest Mountain

**Intercom**



**1992  
Awards &  
Recognition**



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
Federal Aviation  
Administration

# Northwest Mountain **Intercom**

## Awards & Recognition 1992

The Northwest Mountain Region employs a philosophy of Aviation Safety Through People. We recognize the importance of a competent, motivated and productive work force in carrying out our mission. The annual Awards and Recognition Intercom supports this concept by acknowledging regional employees who have received honorary awards throughout the year.

These honorary award recipients, as well as the many other employees who receive recognition such as performance and superior accomplishment awards, reflect the importance of a continued emphasis on people in the successful operation of our region.

**Aviation Safety Through People** is outstanding performance of a vital mission by employees demonstrating technical excellence.

**Accountability** for actions allows for performance at maximum potential. Initiative, creativity and innovation are valued and encouraged. They provide enriching job and personal development.

**Recognition** is fair and timely. Formal acknowledgement of employee contributions validates efforts. It provides examples of the highest caliber of work being accomplished.

**Honor** is accorded to those who have merited respect through the recognition of their exceptional accomplishments.



*Once again, this special Awards and Recognition Intercom brings us the opportunity to highlight the many remarkable achievements accomplished by Northwest Mountain Region employees throughout the year.*

*Each page provides outstanding examples of the team work and individual efforts of our talented and dedicated colleagues. Their contributions toward our common mission and commitment to quality public service clearly distinguish our region as one of the most exceptional in the nation.*

*Please join me in congratulating each and every one of them for a job well done!*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred".

*Frederick M. Isaac  
Regional Administrator*

# National Awards





## Department of Transportation "Secretary of 1992" Essay Award

*Secretarial and clerical employees in modal agencies nationwide are eligible to submit entries of 150 words or less annually to this special DOT contest. Entries are judged on originality and content. This year's theme was "A Past With A Future."*



**Connie J. Coleman-Lacadie**  
Division Secretary  
Civil Aviation Security Division

Connie's essay involving secretaries as the "keepers of secrets," received DOT's first-place award. Connie was accompanied by Northwest Mountain Deputy Regional Administrator, Larry Andriesen, when she received her award at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. She was also recognized by top management within the Civil Aviation Security organization.



# Department of Transportation

*This is one of the highest level awards within the Department of Transportation and recognizes outstanding performance by clerical, administrative, technical and general*



**Lavona Brown**  
**Automation Specialist**  
**Denver Flight Standards District Office**

Lavona was honored with the Secretary's Award for Excellence in addition to receiving the Regional Administrator's Award for Administrative/Clerical Excellence. "Von" was acknowledged for her outstanding expertise in automation issues. She successfully reduced automation problems and guided the Denver FSDO through a smooth transition to a new and very dissimilar system.

# Secretary's Award for Excellence

*support employees. Two Northwest Mountain Region employees were presented with this highly regarded award at the annual DOT ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 14.*



**Ilene M. Peck**  
**Administrative Officer**  
**Casper Automated Flight Service Station**

Ilene received the Secretary's Award for Excellence for her professionalism, outstanding performance of duties and dedication to voluntary programs. In addition to her regular duties, Ilene is Vice President/Treasurer of the Casper Federal Women's Program, Secretary/Treasurer of Casper AFSS Social Committee, Coordinator of the Combined Federal Campaign and Casper Rocky Mountain Fellowship Agreement.



# FAA Employee Award for Superior

*This award is granted by the FAA Administrator in recognition of superior accomplishments in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity by an employee whose primary job*

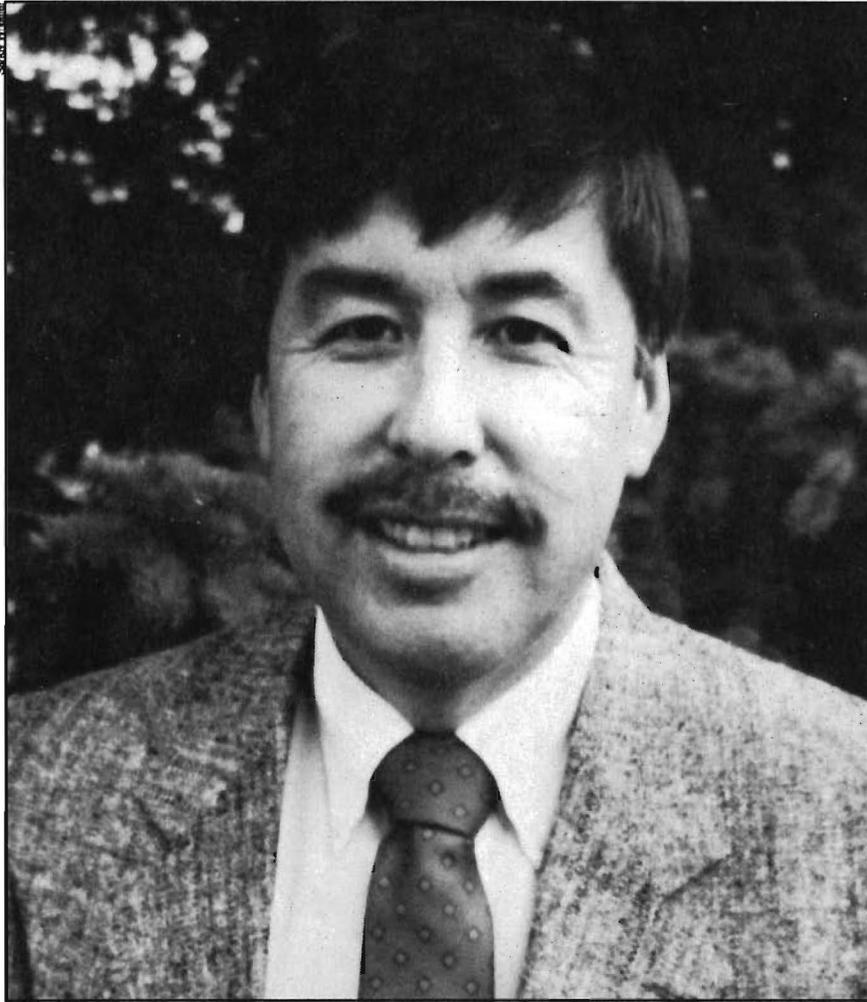


**Cindy Jo Korn**  
Resource Management Specialist  
Air Traffic Division

Cindy received recognition for outstanding volunteer services to the Federal Women's Program, Handicapped Program and National Hispanic Coalition.

# Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity

*responsibility is not in the EEO area. This year the Northwest Mountain Region had two recipients for this honor.*



**Leonard Wheeler**  
Aviation Safety Inspector  
Helena Flight Standards District Office

For two consecutive years, Len has received this award in the non-supervisor category at the national level. This year he was also recognized at the regional level for his active promotion of aviation careers and educational opportunities to students, teachers, and senior educators in Native American tribes and other organizations throughout Montana.



# FAA Managerial Award for Superior

*This award is granted by the FAA Administrator in recognition of superior accomplishments in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity by a supervisor. This year, Northwest*



**Linda Rose**  
Manager

**Financial & Information Resources Division**

Linda was recognized for her personal commitment and accomplishments in recruiting, developing and mentoring minorities and women.

# Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity

*Mountain Region had two recipients for this award.*



**Mel Yoshikami**  
Manager  
Airway Facilities Division

Mel was recognized for outstanding leadership and personal dedication in increasing employment of women and minorities and increasing utilization of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.



# AXO Spirit Award for Operational Systems Enhancement

*This new award is granted by the Executive Director for Systems Operations. It recognizes the "spirit" of cross-organizational teamwork in providing significant improvements or advancements in day-to-day operational systems.*



**Peripheral Adapter Module  
Replacement Item (PAMRI) Team**  
Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center

From Left:  
Les Leininger  
Wally Foulkes  
Bruce Winston  
Andy Temple

Gail Garwood  
Dennis Light  
Larry Roberts  
Cliff Nelson  
Randy Brown

Greg McMahon  
J.T. Moore  
Tom Hazen  
Carla Smith

Not pictured: Steve Collins, Rick Coughlin, Tom Cox, Bob Eichel, José Fabela, Dave Muir, Tom Rieger, Stan Ryan and Paul Weber.

The Seattle ARTCC PAMRI Team was recognized as an outstanding example of multiple FAA and contractor organizations working together to successfully achieve objectives. The PAMRI project was a highly significant event and the team's performance resulted in lower costs, enhancement of NAS capabilities and completion of the project ahead of schedule! The Northwest Mountain Region was specifically chosen to be the first in the nation to implement this equipment because of their flexibility and expertise. The team consisted of members from Airway Facilities, Air Traffic and contractor organizations.



# AXO Spirit Award for Administrative Systems Enhancement

*This award is also granted by the Executive Director for Systems Operations and recognizes cross-organizational team accomplishments in administrative systems.*



## **FAA Information Notebook Directory— Inside Track (FIND-IT) Team**

**Standing:** Barbara Porter, Airway Facilities Division;  
Larry Andriesen, Deputy Regional Administrator.

**Seated:** Maria Gaffney, Executive Staff;  
Karen Moore, Financial & Information Resources Division.

The FIND-IT Team was recognized for exceptional cross-organizational team efforts which resulted in a standardized regional system for information access. The FIND-IT Directory significantly enhances the efficiency of the Northwest Mountain Region's day-to-day operations and serves as a model for headquarters and other regions.



# Airway Facilities National Honorary

*The Associate Administrator for Airway Facilities, AAF-1, established the National Honorary Awards for Excellence Program to expressly honor AF employees who show excellence in individual and group endeavors.*

## **Airway Facilities Community and Volunteer Service Award**

*This award honors an AF employee who has made significant contributions to the community through efforts such as volunteer work, acts of heroism, or "Good Samaritan" Acts.*



**Helen M. Lenehan**  
**Logistics Management Specialist**  
**Denver (ARTCC) Airway Facilities Sector**

Helen has dedicated her life to serving those who served America. She has actively participated in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for over 24 years and was elected a national officer in 1990. She has also volunteered many hours at Veterans Administration hospitals and is dedicated to the youth of our country.

# Awards for Excellence

*The Associate Administrator for Airway Facilities, AAF-1, established the National Honorary Awards for Excellence Program to expressly honor AF employees who show excellence in individual and group endeavors.*

## **Outstanding Contribution to the AF Mission**

*This is an external award to honor a non-AF individual who has significantly promoted, enhanced, or supported the AF organization.*



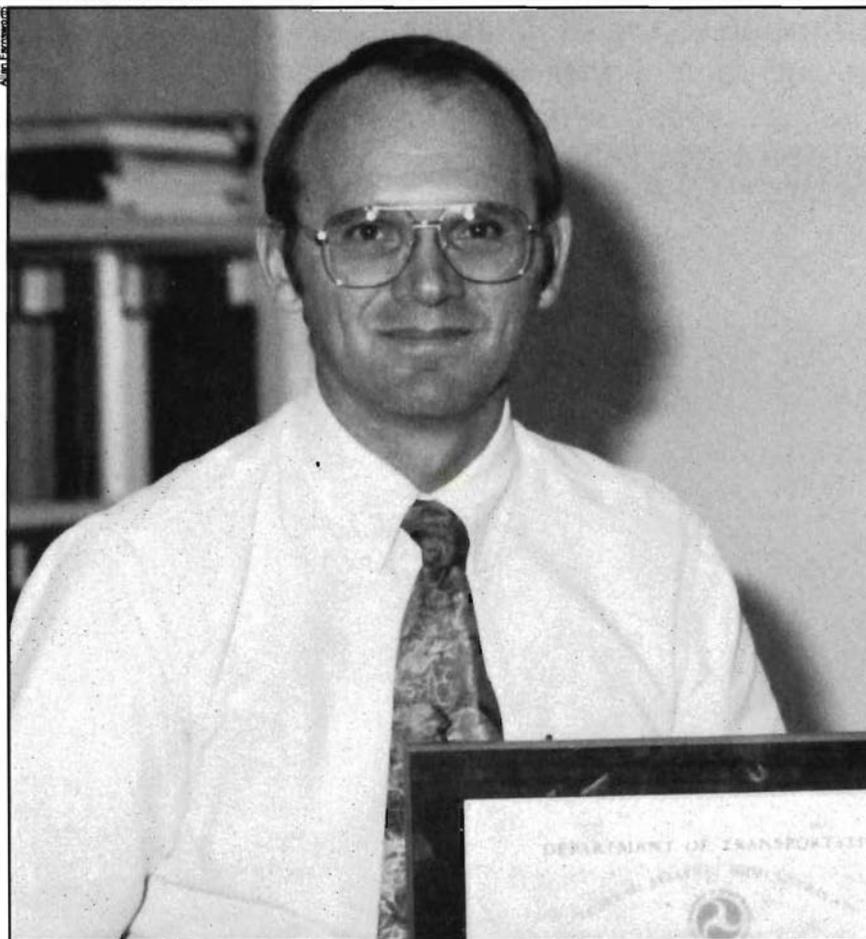
**Carl L. Sanders, Jr.**  
Senior Electronics Specialist for RJO  
Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC)  
Airway Facilities Sector

Carl is a self-starter with a "stick-to-it" attitude, who is continually working to enhance the Denver ARTCC airspace communications coverage. Carl's exemplary performance has been a major contributing influence in the ongoing improvement of the communications systems at the Denver ARTCC.



## Outstanding Flight Assist Award

*This award is granted by the Associate Administrator for Air Traffic in recognition of significant contributions to the operational efficiency of the Air Traffic Control system.*



**Florin Owens**  
Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Cedar City Automated Flight Service Station

Florin was presented with the Outstanding Flight Assist award for actions directly responsible for saving human lives. Florin provided emergency flight assistance to the pilot of a Cessna aircraft with two people on board. The pilot was experiencing problems with hypoxia, disorientation, icing, and low fuel. Florin utilized several means available to orient and direct the pilot through hazardous weather conditions near Hanksville, Utah to a safe landing at Page, Arizona.



# Controller Awareness & Resource Training Award

*This award was granted by the Training Requirements Program Branch, ATZ-100, for the development of the Controller Awareness and Resource Training (CART).*



## Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC)

Back Row, Left to Right:  
John Brooks, Seattle ARTCC  
Terry Harper, Seattle AFSS  
John Elwood, Seattle AFSS

Brian Krizek, Seattle ARTCC  
Gene Marx, Seattle AFSS  
Front Row: Helen M. Parke,  
Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division

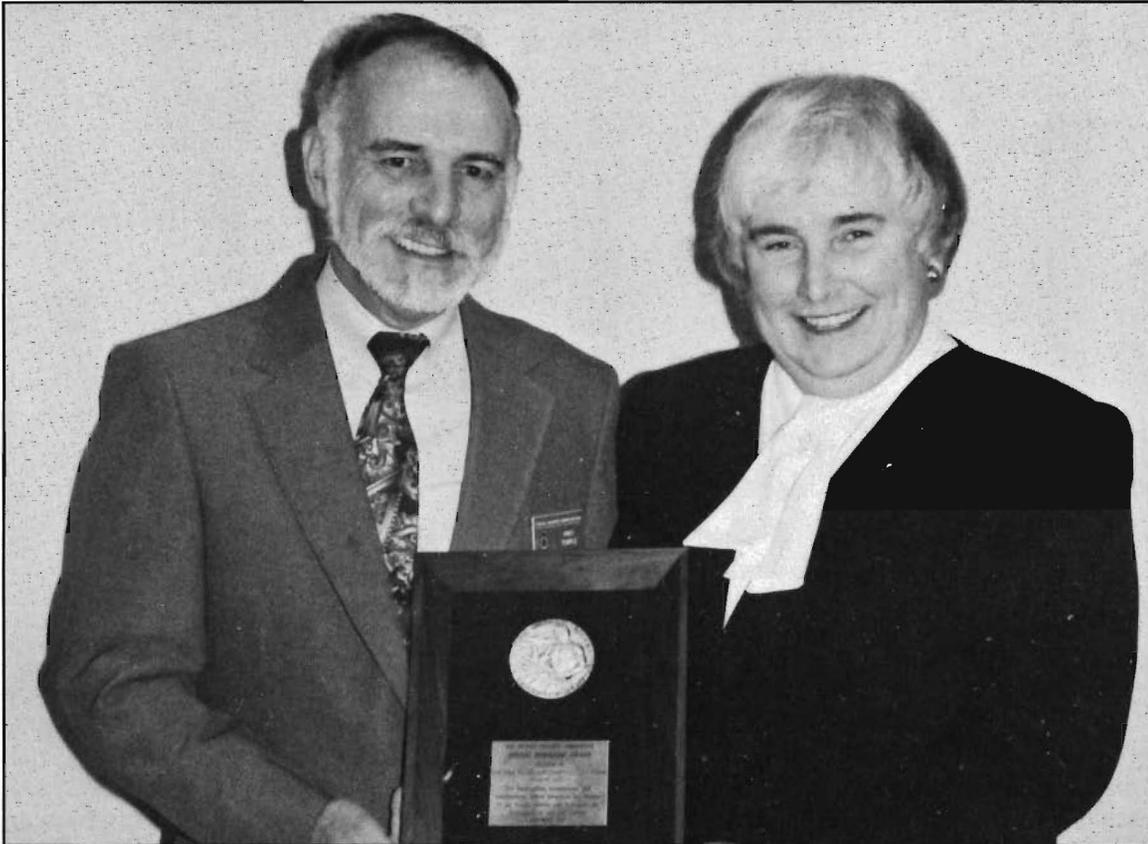
Craig Schumaker, Seattle AFSS  
Esther Gebhardt-Field, Seattle ARTCC  
Cindy Morris, Seattle ARTCC  
Bob May, Seattle ARTCC.

Seattle area air traffic controllers received this national recognition for their pioneering efforts in human factors training. Helen Parke, Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, presented a plaque to the CART facilitators on behalf of Susan Cornell, ATZ-100. CART was initiated by controllers at Seattle ARTCC who recognized the correlation between flight safety and human error. Now in its fifth year, the CART course is a prototype for the national human factors training program currently in development.



## Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) Earl F. Ward Memorial Award

*This Special Medallion Award is given to recognize outstanding contributions to the FAA based on personal and professional standards of excellence.*



### Peripheral Adapter Module Replacement Item (PAMRI) Team Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center

Accepting on the team's behalf are Andy Temple, System Engineer;  
and Gail Garwood, Assistant Manager for Automation.

The PAMRI Team was recognized for achieving the first operational PAMRI system in the nation at the Seattle ARTCC. The team exhibited initiative, professionalism, technical skill, and dedication to service. As a result, the project was successful in meeting or surpassing all operational deadlines. The PAMRI team's contributions have resulted in providing safe and efficient transportation services to the public. The members of the PAMRI team receiving this award include Gail Garwood, Les Leininger and Andy Temple; contract employees: Tamara LeFebvre, Dennis Light, Olaf Halversen and Marian Strickland; Washington Headquarters staff: Billy Bennett, Don Johnson, Nancy Olufs, Chuck Rager, Bob Riebau, Bill Wilson and Carroll Workman.



## Air Traffic Facility of the Year

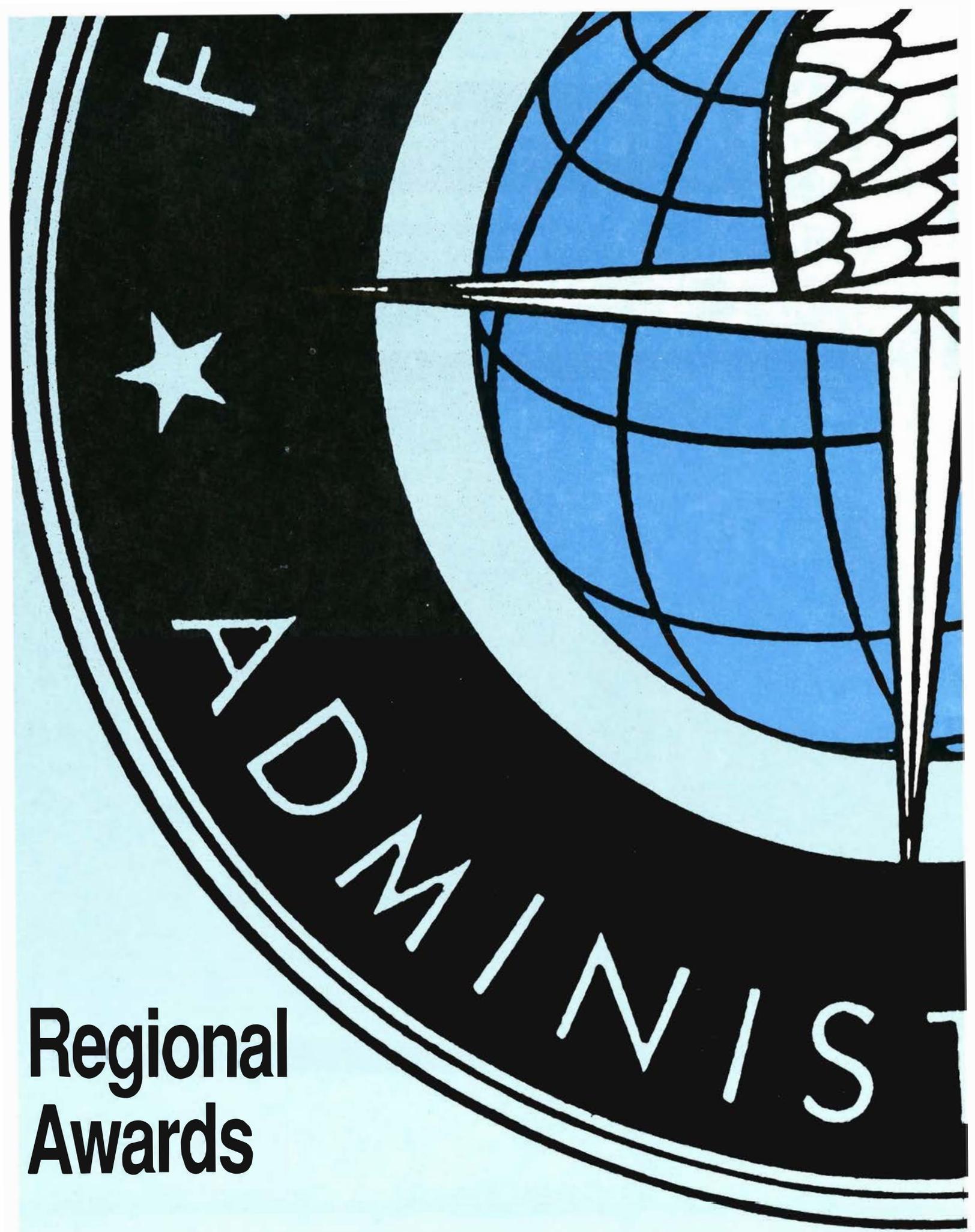
*This award is granted by the Associate Administrator for Air Traffic in recognition of overall facility efficiency, including operations, communication, employee development, external relations, resource management, human relations, professionalism, employee morale, and other significant factors.*



### Flight Service Station Grand Junction, Colorado

From left, Air Traffic Control Specialists Bill Landry, Ray Drake, Denise Stahl and Mark Spina.

National Facility of the Year honors were presented on July 21, by Norbert Owens, Associate Administrator for Air Traffic, with Regional Administrator Fred Isaac, Air Traffic Division Manager Temple Johnson, and approximately 70 community leaders and pilots in attendance. In May, Air Traffic Division Assistant Manager Helen Parke presented the regional award commending Grand Junction Flight Service Station for exceptional performance to the public and community in the face of expected consolidation later this year.

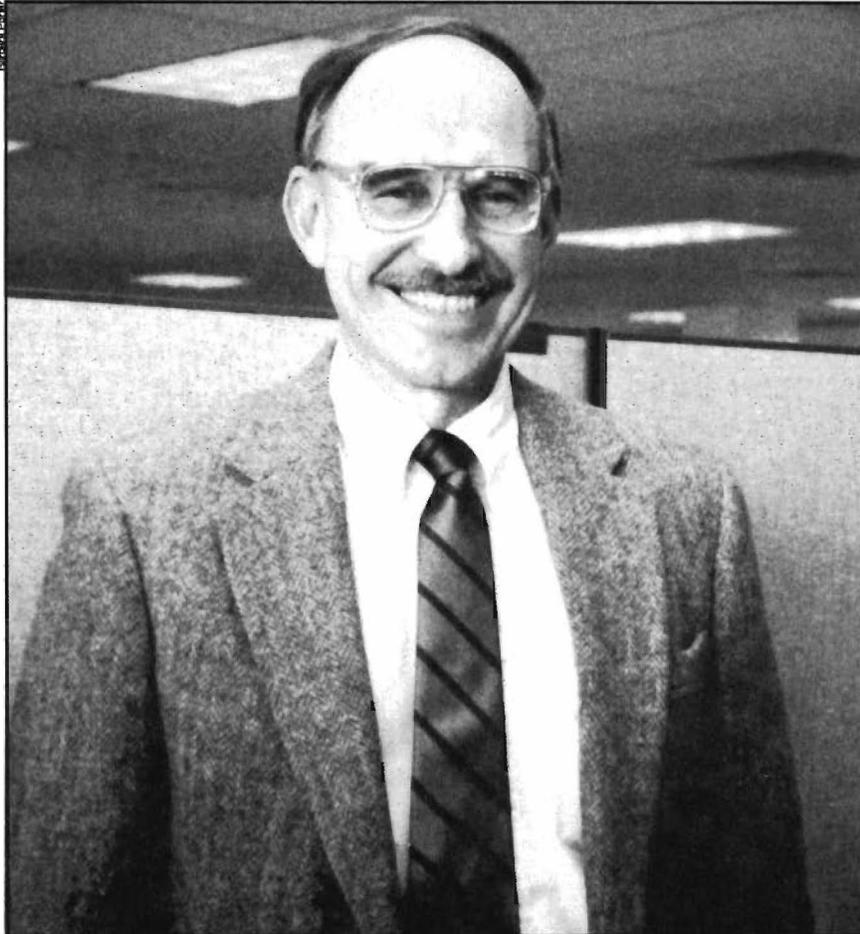


**Regional  
Awards**



## Regional Administrator's Award for Excellence in Management

*This award is granted and presented by the Regional Administrator in recognition of performance excellence, outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the attainment of FAA goals and objectives.*



**William Klauss**  
Supervisor, F&E Program Section  
Airway Facilities Division

Will was honored for his excellence in management. Of special note is the fact that Will was nominated by his entire staff because they found him to personify all of the desirable qualities in a good manager. He continually looks for ways to improve business operations. Will is particularly effective in managing a changing work environment. The motivation that Will nurtures in his section results in a "can do" attitude. He has inspired his section to become involved and committed to superior performance.



## Regional Administrator's Award for

*This award is granted and presented by the Regional Administrator for performance of exceptional acts or accomplishments, including acts of valor off the job or in the line of duty,*

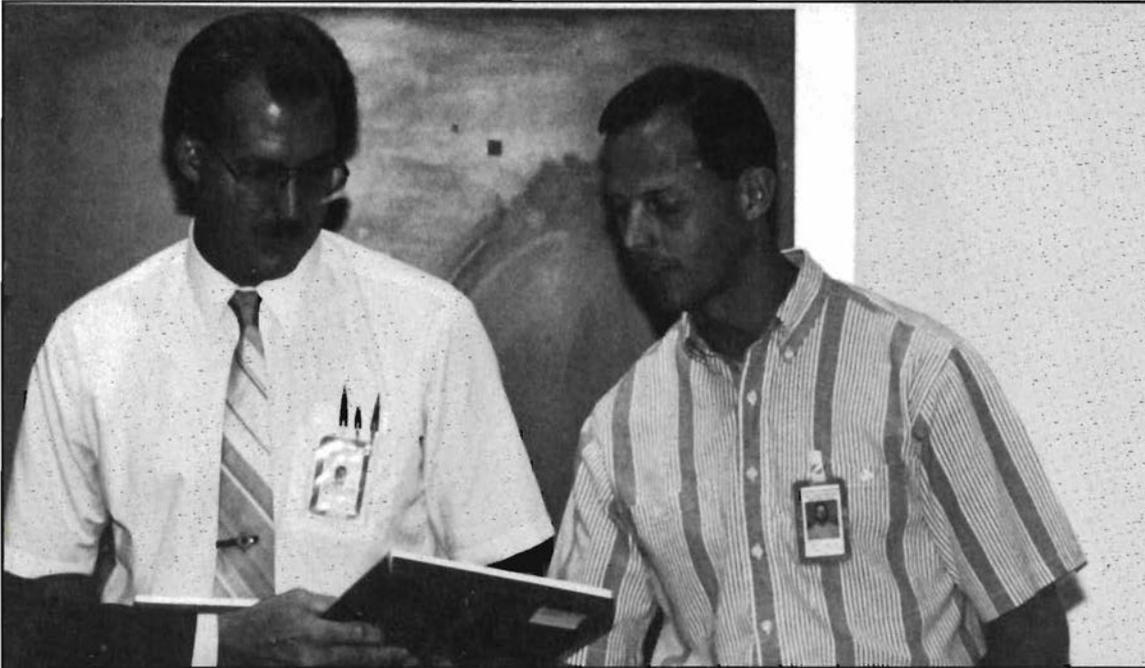


**Dennis Dayton**  
Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center

Dennis was recognized for rendering assistance to a woman in distress when she became unconscious and her heart stopped. Dennis, using training he had learned at a Denver Center CPR class 12 years ago, directed and coordinated resuscitation for 8 minutes. The patient was revived by paramedics, transported to a local hospital and is alive and well today thanks to Dennis's efforts.

# Meritorious Achievement

*particularly significant contributions to aviation safety, or unusually outstanding contributions by employees to FAA objectives or programs.*



**James Best  
Steven Otto**  
Air Traffic Control Specialists  
Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center

Steven and James received this award for taking quick action when they discovered an unattended fire in a mobile home. They fought the fire with a garden hose and a bucket bringing it under control by the time the fire department arrived. The mobile home was occupied by a 65-year old man who was unaware of the fire danger and required treatment for smoke inhalation. The pair were also recognized by the Fire Protection District for their community service.



# Regional Administrator's Award for Professional/Technical Excellence

*This award is granted and presented by the Regional Administrator for exemplary and outstanding performance by employees in non-supervisory professional or technical positions.*



**R. Jill DeMarco**  
Technical Support Specialist  
Transport Airplane Directorate

Jill is recognized for outstanding service to the Transport Airplane Directorate as the focal point for Airworthiness Directives (AD) and for her service as the Editor of the Designee Newsletter. Her contributions to the Aircraft Certification Service AD Process Action Improvement Team resulted in a significant improvement in the quality of AD's as well as a reduction in processing time.



## Regional Administrator's Award for Scientific Excellence

*This award is granted and presented by the Regional Administrator for achievements in the scientific or engineering professions which have significantly contributed to the attainment of FAA goals and objectives.*



**Susan J. Letcher**  
Aerospace Engineer  
Transport Airplane Directorate

Susan is recognized for distinguished service in the research and preparation of an extensive, complex Airworthiness Directive (AD). This AD increases the safety of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas Combination Passenger/Cargo airplanes by improving their cargo fire detection and protection systems. Her ability to successfully put forth the FAA position and achieve consensus among many diverse groups was exemplary. Her efforts reflect great credit upon herself and the FAA.



## Regional Administrator's Award for

*These awards are presented and granted by the Regional Administrator to recognize individuals for significant accomplishments in support of the goals and objectives of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program*



**Mel Yoshikami**  
Manager  
Airway Facilities Division

Mel was recognized for his endeavors to provide enriching opportunities for women and minorities. Due to Mel's involvement and support, the division's hiring goals for minority engineers was exceeded by 300 percent; minority representation in the electronics technician field increased by 200 percent; and representation of women engineers has doubled. Mel's sincerity and personal dedication serve as an excellent example for employees, other managers, and aspiring managers.

# Excellence in Special Emphasis Programs

*Equal Employment Opportunity and Special Emphasis Programs.*

## Hispanic Employment Programs



**Nelson Rendon**  
Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Salt Lake City Airport Traffic Control Tower

Nelson received this award in recognition of his many exceptional contributions to the Hispanic Employment Program. His dedication and outstanding efforts have benefited our organization greatly.



## Regional Administrator's Award for

*These awards are presented and granted by the Regional Administrator to recognize individuals for significant accomplishments in support of the goals and objectives of the Federal Women's Program*



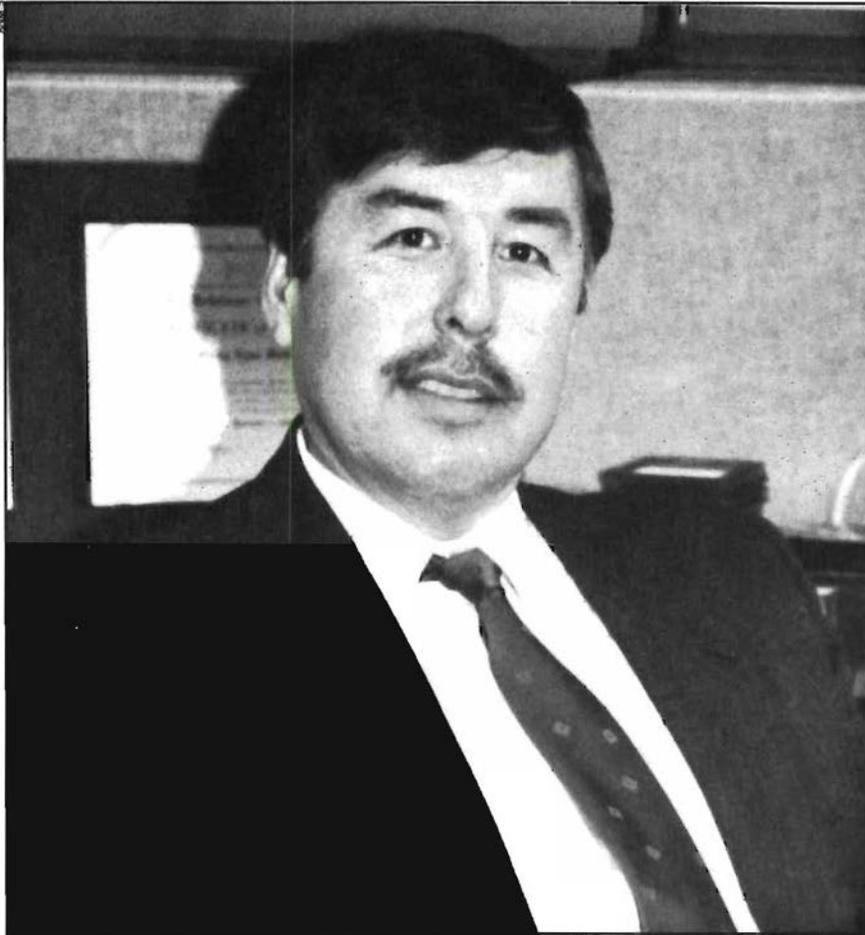
**Cindy Jo Korn**  
Resource Management Specialist  
Air Traffic Division

Cindy Jo was recognized at Public Service Recognition Week ceremonies for her excellence and dedicated service to the Federal Women's Program.

# Excellence in Special Emphasis Programs

*Equal Employment Opportunity and Special Emphasis Programs.*

## Native American Awareness Programs



**Leonard Wheeler**  
Aviation Safety Inspector  
Helena Flight Standards District Office

Len has continually and actively promoted aviation careers and educational opportunities to Native American tribes and other organizations in the state of Montana throughout his career. His consistent successful efforts have resulted in receipt of this year's regional award as well as national recognition in the same category for two consecutive years!



## Regional Administrator's Award for Secretarial Excellence

*This award recognizes exemplary achievements and high standards of secretarial performance which significantly contributed to mission accomplishment.*



**Terry Hersom**  
**Secretary, Maintenance Engineering Branch**  
**Airway Facilities Division**

Terry was honored for her exceptionally high standards of secretarial performance. She has shown remarkable initiative, leadership, and innovation which have significantly contributed to her division's mission. In addition to her normal secretarial duties, Terry implemented several new software programs, set up an automated budget tracking system, established an internal control system, developed an engineering project tracking system, and managed the inventory/procurement request system. Terry is able to recognize the need for change and then takes action. Her dedication to excellence is greatly appreciated.



## Regional Administrator's Award for Administrative/Clerical Excellence

*This award is presented to an administrative or clerical support employee whose high achievements and exemplary performance have significantly contributed to the accomplishment of the overall regional mission.*



**Lavona Brown**  
Automation Specialist  
Denver Flight Standards District Office

"Von" was recognized by the Regional Administrator for being Denver FSDO's "corporate memory" in automation related issues. She managed the transition to the OATS system in an exceptional manner. With the assistance of the Transportation Safety Center, Von effectively reduced automation problems to their lowest level ever and smoothly guided the Denver FSDO through the rollover.



# Airway Facilities Regional Honorary Awards for Excellence

*The Honorary Awards for Excellence Program was established to expressly honor AF employees who show excellence in individual and group endeavors. Regional award recipients are forwarded to AAF-1 as national nominees.*



Front Row, Left to Right:

Presenter: Arnold Aquilano,

Associate Administrator for Airway Facilities

Operations Technical Employee of the Year:

Edward L. Smith, Engineering Technician, Portland AFS

Outstanding Contribution to the Mission: Carl Sanders, Jr.,

Senior Electronics Specialist, Denver ARTCC AFS

Facilities & Equipment Technical Employee of the Year:

Marilyn Maxvold, Electronics Engineer, ANM-450.

Outstanding Employee of the Year:

Clifford G. Sharp, Electronics Technician, Seattle Hub AFS

Presenter: Fred Isaac, Regional Administrator

Middle Row, Left to Right:

Community and Volunteer Service: Helen M. Lenehan,  
Logistics Management Specialist, Denver ARTCC AFS

Secretarial Excellence: M. Ann Haywood, Secretary,  
Salt Lake City ARTCC AFS

Mentoring Award: L. Nelson Spohnheimer,  
Special Projects Engineer, ANM-460

Team Achievement: Sandra S. Semperger,  
Electronics Technician, Portland AFS

Presenter: Mel Yoshikami, Division Manager

Team Achievement, Portland AFS—Back Row, Left to Right:

Joseph J. Loew, Clerk-Typist (SIS)

Jack D. Huff, Electronics Technician

Michael D. Manley, Supervisory Electronics Technician

Not pictured: Joseph A. Waters, Electronics Technician;

Gary E. Leupold, Electronics Technician; and Steven E.

Shepherd, Supervisory Electronics Technician.



# Airway Facilities Key For Excellence Award

*This award is part of the AF Regional Honorary Awards Program and is given to employees who are recognized as consistently superior by their peers and branch and sector managers.*



**Front Row, Left to Right:**

Edward L. Smith, Engineering Technician,  
Portland Airway Facilities Sector (AFS)  
Charles D. Robbins, Engineering Technician, Billings AFS  
Earl D. Trantham, Electronics Technician, Denver Hub AFS  
Michael M. Dilbeck, Supervisory Computer Operator, Denver  
Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) AFS  
Barbara B. Svee, Administrative Officer,  
Salt Lake City ARTCC AFS

**Back Row:**

Arnold Aquilano (Presenter),  
Associate Administrator for Airway Facilities  
James G. Firestine, Engineering Technician,  
Seattle Hub AFS  
Lloyd N. Allred, Supervisory Electronics Technician,  
Salt Lake City Hub AFS  
Virginia F. Lavin, Fiscal Analyst, ANM-420  
Robert J. Paro, General Engineer, ANM-450  
Mel Yoshikami (Presenter), Division Manager

Not pictured: Russell D. Gates, Supervisory Electronics  
Technician, Seattle ARTCC AFS; Nancy D. Overall,  
Computer Programmer, ANM-403; and Michael S.  
Evenson, Management and Program Analyst, ANM-460.



## Airway Facilities Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) Sector of the Year

*This award recognizes superior performance at an Airway Facilities ARTCC Sector. It is given to facilities in recognition of their employees' dedication, personal initiative and high degree of accomplishment.*



### Seattle ARTCC Airway Facilities Sector

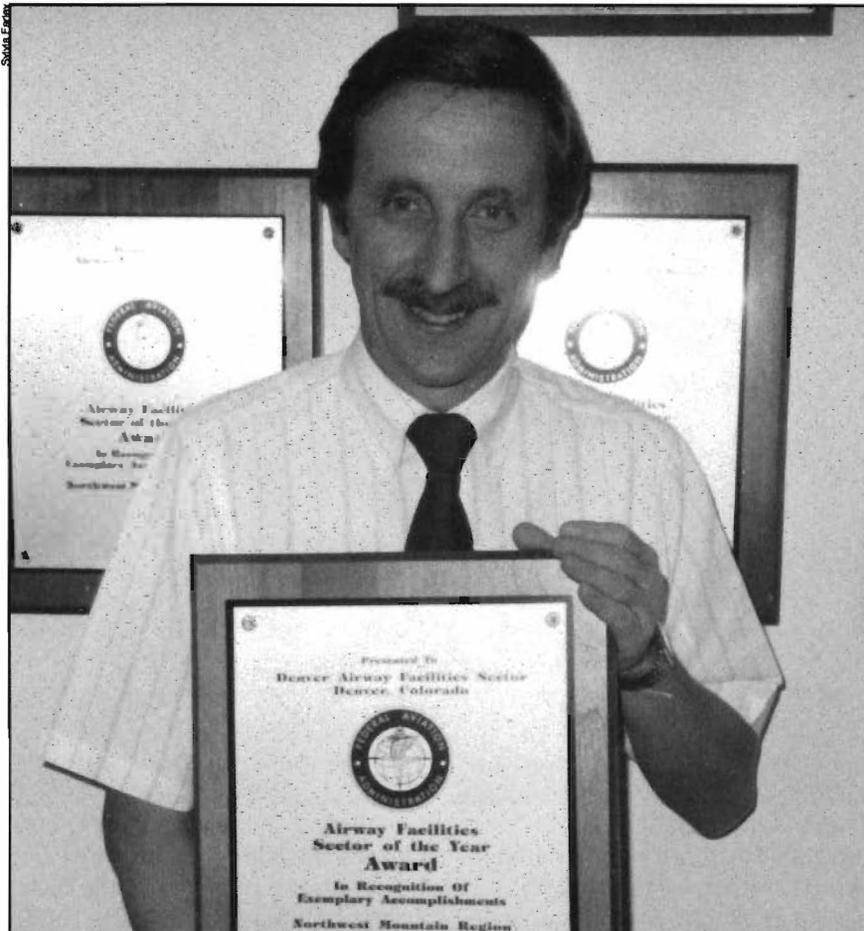
Accepting on behalf of the facility are (from left) Kim Stafford, Electronics Technician; Kathy Moury, Administrative Officer; and Ralph Hynson, Electronics Technician

The employees at the Seattle ARTCC AFS were honored for their superior achievements in facility reliability and availability. In addition to facility performance, the employees were vitally involved with many "first site" activities that have major significance on a national scope.



# Airway Facilities GNAS Sector of the Year

*This award is given in recognition of superior General National Airspace System (GNAS) facility performance. It is given to facilities in recognition of their employees' dedication, personal initiative and high degree of accomplishment.*



**Denver (Hub) Airway Facilities Sector**  
Earl Trantham, Proficiency Development Specialist,  
accepts the award on behalf of the facility.

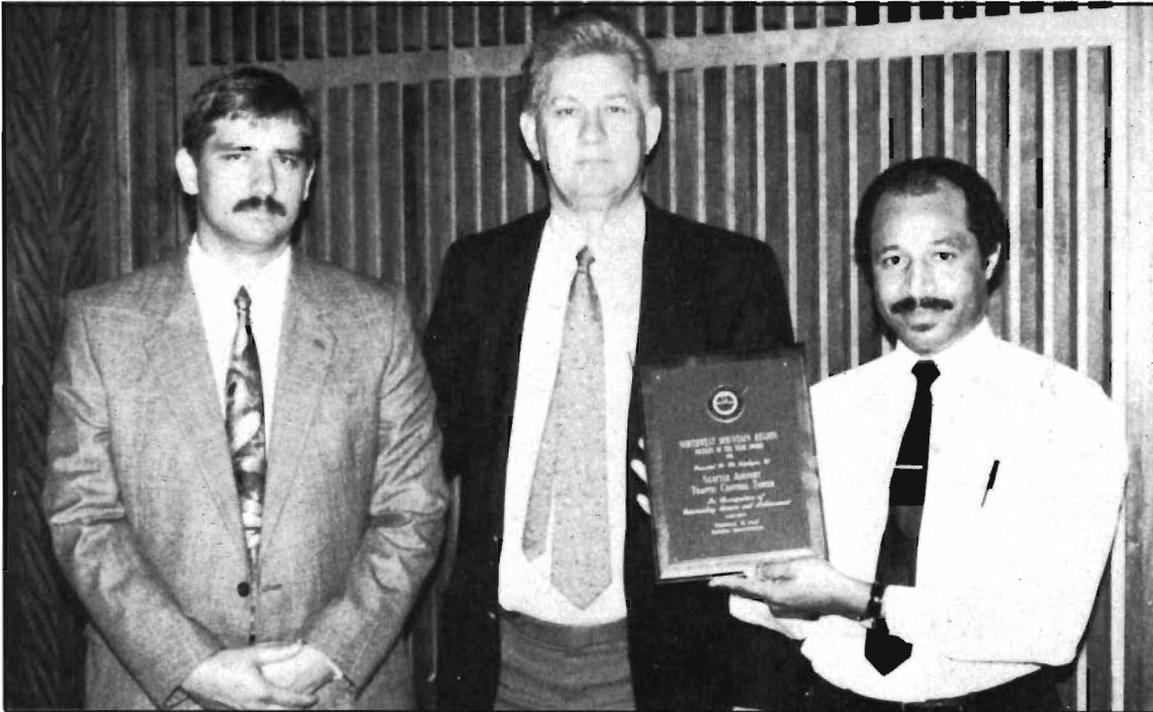
The Denver (Hub) Airway Facilities Sector was recognized for outstanding achievements in areas of facility performance and human resource management. The Sector work force exhibited the highest level of program commitment and teamwork. They excelled in demonstrating their initiative and determination to provide safe and reliable facility operations to the flying public. This award is truly a tribute to all Sector employees.



# Air Traffic

*This award recognizes the highest degree of efficiency and dedication to duty by air traffic control specialists. It honors facility employees who excel in their day-to-day responsibilities of preserving life and property, and the expeditious movement of air traffic. This*

## Radar Terminal



### Seattle-Tacoma Airport Traffic Control Tower

From left: Mike Mollohan, Area Supervisor; Temple Johnson, Air Traffic Division Manager; and James Daye, Air Traffic Control Specialist

Seattle Airport Traffic Control Tower was selected as the outstanding Terminal Facility of the Year. The Sea-Tac team was honored for professionalism and community involvement. On April 30, an award ceremony was held with Temple Johnson, Manager, Air Traffic Division, presenting the award to Mike Mollohan, Area Supervisor, and James Daye, Air Traffic Control Specialist, with many Sea-Tac Tower co-workers, Regional Office and Port of Seattle personnel present.

# Facility of the Year

*award acknowledges five categories of facilities: en route, automated flight services station, flight service station, radar terminal and VFR (non-radar) terminal.*

## VFR (non-radar) Terminal



### Jeffco Airport Traffic Control Tower

From left, Air Traffic Control Specialists Scott Stapp, Ross Bellows, Michell Van Meeteren, Mike Lozinski and Brian Gamble

On June 25, Northwest Mountain Regional Administrator, Fred Isaac, presented the award in a special ceremony. Joe Hof, Facility Manager and Bob Super, the facility representative for the National Air Traffic Controllers' Association accepted the award on behalf of the facility.

Jeffco Tower was selected to receive this year's regional recognition for its outstanding record in nine performance categories which include: operational efficiency, communications, and human relations.



# Air Traffic

*This award recognizes the highest degree of efficiency and dedication to duty by air traffic control specialists. It honors facility employees who excel in their day-to-day responsibilities of preserving life and property, and the expeditious movement of air traffic. This*

## En Route Facility



### Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center

Received by (from left) Supervisory Personnel Management Specialist, Sharon L. Clevenger on behalf of the Administrative Staff, Cindy J. Morris for the Facility Advisory Board, and Oliver W. Dallas for the Supervisor Committee.

The Northwest Mountain Regional Administrator, Fred Isaac, presented this award on September 14.

# Facility of the Year

*award acknowledges five categories of facilities: en route, automated flight services station, flight service station, radar terminal and VFR (non-radar) terminal.*

## Automated Flight Service Station



### Cedar City Automated Flight Service Station

From left, Stew Tracy, Bill Brimer, Billie Hansen, Mona Lewis, Tammy Nay, Jerry Martineau, Gene Homer, Merlin MacKay and Steve Nelson

On May 6, officials from the Air Traffic Division of the Northwest Mountain Region presented the 1991 Automated Flight Service Facility of the Year Award. Helen Parke, Assistant Manager of the Air Traffic Division, presented the award to Mona C. Lewis (SUPCOM Representative), Allan L. Farnsworth (FATTAC Chairperson), and William B. Brimer (NAATS Representative). Cedar City AFSS was commended for their numerous flight services provided, professionalism and dedication, and community involvement. Cedar City AFSS is managed by Gene L. Homer and staffed by 39 employees and specialists.



# Air Traffic Facility of the Year

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## Flight Service Station



### Grand Junction Flight Service Station

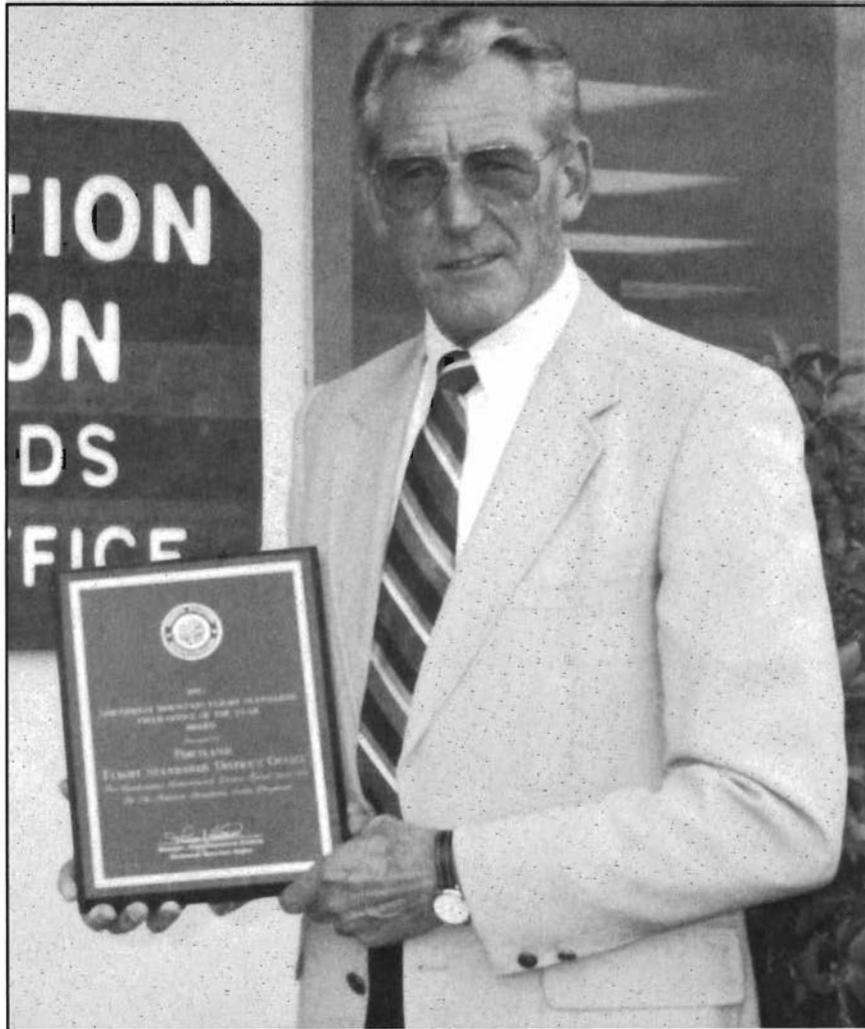
From left, Air Traffic Control Specialists Mark Spina, Darryl Dellarossa, Fred Amends and Air Traffic Manager Rodney Shaffer.

Grand Junction FSS received both regional and national Facility of the Year honors for their exceptional performance throughout the year. The facility worked extensively with local aviation schools, helped coordinate several airshows and presentations for the Civil Air Patrol, the Ninety-Nines and area colleges and flying clubs. Grand Junction personnel received special commendation from the Denver office of the National Weather Service for their excellent pilot weather briefings.



# Flight Standards Field Office of the Year

*This award is granted by the Flight Standards Division Manager to a Flight Standards Field Office for demonstrated excellence in overall performance with particular emphasis on contributions to improved aviation safety.*



**Portland Flight Standards District Office  
Hillsboro, Oregon**

**This award was accepted by Manager John Paulson.**

The Portland FSDO was recognized for their outstanding achievements in the conduct of Aviation Standards Programs.

# Other Awards





## Seattle Federal Executive Board Hispanic Employment Program Committee Award

*This award is given by the Seattle Federal Executive Board's (SFEB) Hispanic Employment Program Committee to a Federal agency for major contributions to the Hispanic Employment Program.*



### Federal Aviation Administration/Northwest Mountain Region

From left: Teresa Alexander, SFEB Hispanic Employment Program Committee Member,  
Larry Andriesen, Deputy Regional Administrator,  
and Marie Portis, Regional Hispanic Employment Program Manager.

The Seattle Federal Executive Board recognized the region for demonstrating commitment to the continual improvement of the representation of women and minorities within the work force. The region was further acknowledged for consistent efforts to raise cultural awareness while nurturing and cultivating a mutual respect among diverse populations.



## Casper Federal Executive Board Civil Servant of the Year

*This award is presented each year by the Casper Federal Executive Board in recognition of outstanding Federal employees who have received superior ratings, awards and have contributed to community service.*



**Ilene Peck**

**Administrative Officer**

**Casper Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS)**

*(with Jim Bennett, Casper Sector Field Office-II Manager and Federal Executive Board President)*

Ilene was honored at a Federal Women's Program luncheon on March 26, for 31 years of Federal Service. Throughout her career, she has received numerous superior ratings and awards including the 1989 Regional Administrator's Award for Secretarial Excellence. She was also honored for community involvement in the Parent-Teacher Association, Toast Mistress Organization, Casper Snowmobile Association, Key Person for the Combined Federal Campaign, Local Coordinator of the Rocky Mountain Fellowship Agreement, Vice President/Treasurer of the Federal Women's Program, and Secretary of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Does organization.



## 1991 Outstanding Professional Services in Support of Operation Desert Storm

*This unique award was presented by the FAA Administrator specifically to recognize exceptional efforts and services provided by FAA employees during Operation Desert Storm. The timing of the Persian Gulf War and subsequent award presentation prevented the publication of this tribute in the 1991 Awards and Recognition Intercom.*



### Regional Operations Center

Standing, from left: Regional Duty Officers Gini Bright, Michael O'Connor, Lee Fryer, Gary Mayer and Joe Catalano. Seated: Manager Janie Haggland.

In January 1991, the Regional Operations Center was recognized for their swift actions during the Persian Gulf War. The Center quickly and efficiently activated emergency readiness procedures involving extensive communications, coordination and assistance to divisions throughout the duration of the conflict. This included completing arrangements for activation of the crisis control center and all was accomplished while continuing normal business in a calm, professional manner.



## Government Computer News Award

*This award recognizes outstanding contributions to Information Resource Management systems within the Federal government.*



**Paul Johnson**  
Manager, Information Systems Branch  
Financial & Information Resources Division

Paul was recognized by the Government Computer News for his active role in strategic planning for improved information resource management. Due to his efforts, significant advances were made in agency telecommunications and the tactical implementation of national and regional information systems.



## Idea Champions

*Employees earning suggestion awards totaling \$500 or more during a fiscal year are recognized as "Idea Champions." Seven Northwest Mountain employees qualified as Idea Champions during FY 1992.*

**John L. Aurzada**  
Electronics Technician  
Billings Airway Facilities Sector

John developed an idea to conduct testing of back-up emergency communications equipment by simulating a selective logic tester. His suggestion allows one technician to perform tests and evaluations of the equipment, thereby saving a substantial amount of time.

**John E. (Darby) Curran**  
Planning Specialist  
Resources and Planning Branch  
Airway Facilities Division

Darby designed and implemented a checkerboard software program which automated the previously all-manual task of entering project data on a form. His suggestion was adopted in the Northwest Mountain and Western Pacific Regions.

**Martin L. (Les) Leininger**  
Supervisory Electronics  
Technician  
Seattle Air Route Traffic Control  
Center/Airway Facilities Sector

Les designed two computer based systems that replaced the random access plan-position indicator display and the computer display channel status indicators, which are the primary tools the Systems Engineer uses to isolate problems and maintain National Airspace System certification. His suggestion has resulted in a system that is easier to use, takes up less space, and provides more information than any presently proposed system.

**Robert J. Marten**  
Maintenance Mechanic  
Billings Airway Facilities Sector

Bob suggested improvements to the constant current regulator for the Sylvania visual approach slope indicators. His suggestion resulted in increased facility reliability and reduced maintenance costs. Bob's suggestion was adopted nationally.

**Larry L. Sankey**  
Electronics Technician  
Seattle Air Route Traffic Control  
Center/Airway Facilities Sector

Larry suggested modifying the radio communication link (RCL) carrier resupply detector prior to his retirement. His suggestion prevents a total loss of RCL path due to noise when one site is totally out of service. Larry's suggestion had national application and is needed to avoid catastrophic interruption to services.

**Bennett B. Stone**  
Electronics Technician  
Salt Lake City  
Air Route Traffic Control Center  
Airway Facilities Sector

Bennett suggested the use of a radio communications link circuit continuity loop detector to reduce reportable outages, thereby improving reliability and service to the user.

**Thomas C. Williams**  
Electronics Technician  
Billings Airway Facilities Sector

Tom suggested using heat sinks for integrated communication switching system, Type I voltage regulators to prevent overheating. The overheating frequently caused a loud tone that feeds throughout the system or into the air traffic controller's headset. Tom's suggestion corrected this problem and was adopted for national use.



# Service Awards

*This page is dedicated to Northwest Mountain Region employees who have served their country for 35 years or more and devoted their careers to the principles of aviation safety.*

## 35 Years

### Aircraft Certification

Donald Armstrong  
Francis S. Cardone  
David Hmiel

### Flight Standards

William Baldwin  
Lawrence Cates  
David Hegy  
Glen Lewis

### Airway Facilities

Kenneth B. Ainsworth  
Walter G. Allard  
John H. Anderson  
Charles P. Basson  
James L. Bennett, Sr.

Harvey G. Berube  
Frank Bruno  
William L. Bullough  
William R. Casey  
James E. Causey  
Virgil Davidson  
Robert L. Coleman  
Garland R. Davis  
Gordan R. Flygare  
W. Frank Griffin  
Wayne M. James  
Ernest T. Jasmund  
Donald E. Johnson  
Dewey D. Jones  
Edwin J. Justice  
Ervin P. Krause, Jr.  
Merlin E. Lodwig

Anthony L. Martinez  
Morris McCool  
Gordon K. Millerberg  
Vernon G. Morgan  
Lyle W. Mortensen  
Douglas B. Munson  
James A. Neuchel  
Carl E. Peterson  
William D. Powers  
Kendall R. Reichstein  
Richard V. Roberts  
Melvin R. Smith  
Paul G. Spencer  
John M. Stevens  
John N. Ternest  
Robert H. Thomas  
Grant W. Walker

Robert E. Whitney  
Gloria M. Wilke  
Mel Yoshikami

### Air Traffic

Louis S. Atencio  
Lyle J. Carr  
Paul M. Cazzanigi  
Ned J. Christensen  
Jon D. Ellsworth  
Joseph J. Fleming, II  
Harold W. Garrett  
Andres J. Gonzales  
Dale G. Greenberg  
Wesley C. Hamilton  
Noel F. Keane  
Jimmy Mancuso

John D. May, III  
John L. Mentzer  
Carl K. Miller  
Terrance Monroe  
Bobby E. Mullikin  
John J. Murphy, Jr.  
Louis A. Ramsay  
Thomas J. Richard  
Ray T. Riches  
Richard W. Richmond  
Carl M. Stevens

### Civil Aviation Security

Jean J. Schmitt

## 40 Years



**Roger S. Morton**  
Airway Facilities



**Lynn R. Smith**  
Airway Facilities



**Robert L. Brown**  
Air Traffic



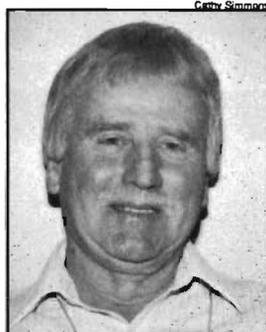
**John M. Coppinger**  
Air Traffic



**Theodore N. Melland**  
Air Traffic

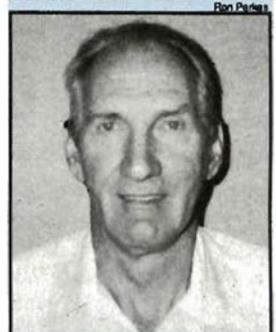


**Dannie Mae Smith**  
Air Traffic



**Deward D. Urry**  
Air Traffic

## 45 Years



**Owen C. Sabin**  
Airway Facilities



**Vasilike G. Stamos**  
Airports



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