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## Who is a Hero?

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a hero as:

1. In mythology and legend, a man, often of divine ancestry, who is endowed with great courage and strength, celebrated for his bold exploits, and favored by the gods.
2. A person noted for feats of courage or nobility of purpose, especially one who has risked or sacrificed his or her life.
3. A person noted for special achievement in a particular field.



## Hometown Heroes

By Stan Ciurczak

Who is a hero? The firefighter who charges into a burning building because he thinks that there may be someone in there is a hero. The sports star who uses his fame and fortune to develop an after school program for kids is a hero. The teacher, whose dedication to her students helps them to learn not only math and science, but also what it means to be a good person and to care for others, is a hero. So are the parents who work all day to support their children, and still make the time to show their kids they love them by making them do their homework and taking them to soccer practice.

We have many heroes right here at the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center. In this issue of the Intercom we would like to acquaint you with a few of them, and in the future, we would like to tell you about more of them. You can help by telling us about your heroes. This is a story that we believe is well worth telling again and again.

**Master Sergeant Joseph C. Kunkle** is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician assigned to the 514<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, 514<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base. He began his military career in 1985, separated from active duty and joined the Air Force Reserves.

Master Sergeant Kunkle was activated for one year of active duty to serve as EOD Superintendent for the 447<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group, which was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Under his direction, his team safely and successfully responded to hundreds of calls to render safe U.S. and foreign military ordnance items, and terrorist-improvised explosive devices throughout the city of Baghdad and surrounding areas.

As a civilian, MSgt Kunkle works as a Lead Explosives Specialist for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security, which is located at the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center.

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## Hometown Heroes

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By Stan Ciurczak

**Master Sergeant Patrick J. O' Connor** enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986, where he became a combat engineer and infantryman for the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mountain), Ft Drum, New York. He left active duty in the Army after Desert Storm and went into the Reserves. He began a career with United Parcel Service (UPS). He left the Army Reserve to join the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1996 to become a bomb disposal technician, where he still serves as a reservist.

Master Sergeant O'Connor returned to UPS after two years of active duty with the Air Force and a deployment to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch and Desert Fox. In May 2001, he left UPS and became a manager for the Federal Express Ground Corp. (FedEx).

In September 2002, MSgt O'Connor became part of the Transportation Security Laboratory (TSL) where he helped develop technologies and test Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) before they were deployed. As an explosives specialist for the TSL, he manages and handles the vast library of explosive samples that are a key component to the EDS Certification Process. He also provides support to other federal, state and local agencies that require assistance on explosive and improvised explosive device (IED) matters.

In March 2003, MSgt O'Connor was activated to support Operation Enduring Freedom. During an eleven-month activation he provided Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) support to the U.S. Secret Service during four missions protecting the President and Vice President of the United States. He then was deployed to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan in support of Coalition combat operations in Afghanistan.

Now back at work at the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Laboratory, which is located at the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center, MSgt O'Connor is utilizing his experiences in the TSL to help protect our homeland. Happily reunited with his wife, Kathleen, and son, Shaun, he remains with the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Master Sergeant and EOD Team Chief.



*SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS: Recently the employees of the Transportation Security Laboratory (TSL) at the Technical Center welcomed home two of their own from the War in Iraq. They are (left to right) Joseph C. Kunkle and Patrick J. O'Connor. Both were presented American flags as a sign of appreciation from their co-workers, and both have returned to their civilian jobs while remaining on call for potential future military duty.*

## Fran Bourne Honored for Teaching Skills, Sharing Knowledge with Interns

By Stan Ciurczak

Every employer needs to create a secure foundation for its future, and many realize that establishing a link between the workforces of today and tomorrow is one of the most effective methods for assuring their future success. For more than 30 years, a national organization, called INROADS, has helped employers gain greater access to diverse talent through early identification, and continuous leadership development, of students of color who have the tools necessary to help employers achieve success. INROADS of Central New Jersey recently presented their annual "*Business Coordinator of the Year*" award to William J. Hughes Technical Center **Division Manager Frannette Bourne** for recruiting, and retaining, highly talented employees of color. The others that were in contention for the award this year were teams from

Merrill Lynch and MetLife.

Fran Bourne is directly involved in the development of interns, from offering encouragement and advice to do well in school, to providing quality internships, to introducing herself to the families of interns so everyone is aware of their progress. The interns themselves recognize her commitment and dedication. To quote one of them, "Fran Bourne has demonstrated exactly what it means to be a leader. The ultimate test of a leader is not just whether he or she makes smart decisions, and takes decisive and effective action, but whether they teach those skills and share that knowledge with others."

Today, approximately 5,500 INROADS interns are gaining valuable work experiences in a wide variety of professions. More



*FRAN BOURNE RECEIVES AWARD: Left to right: Crystal Perry, Dimensions International; Holly Cyrus, FAA Technical Center (AAR-411); Fran Bourne, FAA Technical Center (Manager, AOS-500); and Don Clark, Dimensions International.*

than 15,000 INROADS graduates are making important business contributions throughout North America and beyond.

Congratulations, Fran!

## Technical Center Manager Wins the 2004 Harry T. Jensen Award

By Dr. Terry Kraus

William J. Hughes Technical Center **Program Manager Dy D. Le** recently received the American Helicopter Society International's "*2004 Harry T. Jensen Award*." Mr. Le is the program manager for rotorcraft structural integrity and safety issues in the FAA's research and development office. Representing the FAA, Le was recognized as part of the National Rotorcraft Technology Center/ Rotorcraft Industry Technology Association Damage Tolerance Program Team. In addition to the FAA, other members include Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., the National Rotorcraft Technology Center, the Rotorcraft Industry Technology Association, Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., The Boeing Company

and United Technologies Research Center.

Bestowed at the American Helicopter Society International - Vertical Flight Grand Awards Banquet Program, which was held in Baltimore, Maryland on June 9, this award recognizes the team's "outstanding contribution to the improvement of helicopter reliability, maintainability, safety or logistics support through improved design or technical achievement."

Since 1986, the American Helicopter Society has given the Harry T. Jensen Award in recognition of

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*DISABILITY AWARD: This photo shows Terry DiPompo, Program Director, Human Capital Strategies, presenting an award to Ken Stroud, the outgoing program manager for people with disabilities at the Technical Center. Not shown: An award also was presented in a separate ceremony to Sam Wilson, the current program manager for the disabled at the Technical Center.*

# RFI Resolution Helps Mitigate Air Traffic Safety Problems, Airport Delays

By Paul Dever



*RFI Ground Resolution Class, held in the Hangar Mezzanine Conference room.*

Nearly 450 people have benefited from the Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Ground and Air Resolution Courses that were offered by the William J. Hughes Technical Center during the past 8 years. Because of the RFI resolution training offered by the Technical Center, RFI in the National Airspace System (NAS) has been lessened, and, as a result, air traffic safety problems and airport gate delays are mitigated.

The students who take these courses are employees of the FAA,

various airlines, and international organizations. The courses consist of lectures, labs, desk analyses and hidden transmitter hunts, which involve finding intentional RFI using Direction Finding (DF) equipment (ground and air interference) and Spectrum Analyzers (air interference only). The RFI Resolution Ground transmitter hunt is done in the Atlantic County area, and the RFI Air Resolution transmitter hunt is done (one student at a time) using equipment aboard an Aviation Systems Standards aircraft over Atlantic and Cape May Counties. **George Sakai**, Manager, Office of Spectrum Policy and Management, sponsors these courses.

Four FAA employees in the Technical Center's Spectrum Engineering Group teach the courses. **Marty Badinelli** and **Richard Dunklee** are the primary Instructors for the course, and Marty Badinelli is the lead instructor. **Kiem Hoang** and **Y Truong** have instructional roles that will be expanded in the near future. **Paul Dever** is Manager, Spectrum and Specialty Engineering Group, and **Basilyn Bunting** is Manager, System Engineering Division RFI Ground Resolution (#45018) is a six-day class and RFI Air Resolution (#02021) is a five-day class. Both courses are certified by the Oklahoma

City Aeronautical Center. Typically there are 12 students at the RFI Ground course; all FAA regions are represented when the course is for FAA regions. At the RFI Air course, there are typically six students from the FAA's Aviation Systems Standards organization.

A total of six RFI Ground and one RFI Air courses are being taught during 2004. Eight international students from NAV CANADA have enrolled for the course that will be taught here in October, and the Office of Spectrum Policy and Management actually has a waiting list of students for the RFI Resolution Course. The Office of Spectrum Policy and Management Headquarters funds all FAA regional classes. Classes for the Oklahoma City Aviation Systems Standards Organization, the airlines and international organizations are paid for by those respective organizations.



*RFI Ground Resolution Lab, held in Building 176.*



## Groundbreaking for K-9 Explosives Storage Area

*Center Director Anne Harlan, Senior Corporate Officer Ron Esposito and other managers recently participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new K-9 Explosives Storage Area at the William J. Hughes Technical Center.*

## 2004 Space and Rocket Day - Pennsauken

By Barbara Harris-Para

**Barbara Harris-Para** and the FAA "Air Bear," **Rosanne Weiss**, recently spent the day at Pennsauken's G.H. Carson Elementary School with a large group of handicapped, gifted and talented students from pre-Kindergarten through grade 4. The purpose of the visit was to share information with the students about aviation education. They were given the Air Bear Coloring Book, which conveys information about an airport, and lets them know that safety, security and other behind the scenes activities makes their trips on airplanes more enjoyable.

Booklets such as, "Trips to An Airport," in both English and Spanish, helped the bilingual children understand all the important aspects of an airport. Air Bear gave the students a bridge between the reality of travel and their own personal trips to places like Disney World. Each class received special booklets on their own grade level such as coloring books, Dot-to-Dot sheets,



NASA Fun Facts and lots of unique handouts for the children to enjoy

after our visit. Air Bear also gave out

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## NJ School Avenue Career Day 2004

By Mary Lou Dordan

More than 600 students who attend the New Jersey Avenue School, in Atlantic City, enjoyed the exciting "Career Awareness Day" recently held for them by their school administrators. The FAA was a very noticeable part of the program, with our team of aviation experts spending time with the children in the various classrooms throughout the school day. **Al Jefferson, Durley Felder, Rosanne Weiss** and **Mary Lou Dordan** helped make this year's Career Awareness Day a memorable one.



# Happy Labor Day!





## The “Ninety-Nines”: 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary: 1929-2004

By Barbara Harris-Para

More than 170 women, and 65 spouses, from across the U.S. and around the globe recently attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Conference of the Ninety-Nines. This year’s conference was held at the Sheraton in Atlantic City. The Ninety-Nines have held annual meetings, since 1930, to take care of managing four trusts, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and the general workings of the organization.

Amelia Earhart and 98 other women started this group in November 1929, at Curtiss Field in Valley Stream, Long Island. They invited 117 licensed women pilots to form a club, and 99 became charter members with Earhart, as the first president. Today there are more than 6,000 members in 37 countries. Their mission is to promote world fellowship through flight, provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education, and preserve the unique history of women in aviation. The 99’s headquarters is located in Oklahoma at Will Rogers World Airport.

The conference in Atlantic City included a welcome get together with **Bri Brown** of Egg Harbor Township portraying Harriet Quimby, and her mother as Amelia Earhart, along with **Judy Stiles**, of Rochester, New York as Blanche Stuart Scott, the first women to solo a plane. Other events included trips to the US Coast Guard for a “survival course”, to the William J. Hughes Technical Center for tours, and to Millville Airport for a breakfast featuring “Women At the Top,” which featured some high profile ladies, such as **Susan Baer**, General manager of Newark International Airport, **Veronica Pacilio**, manager of the Atlantic City Tower, **Maj. Gen. Jessica Wright**, head of the Pennsylvania National Guard,

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*The Ninety-Nines are shown viewing an ATR42-300, a 32-passenger aircraft.*

## 2004 Harry T. Jensen Award

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an outstanding contribution to the improvement of helicopter reliability, maintainability, or safety through improved design that was brought to fruition during the preceding year. The team earned the award for their contribution to the advancement of rotorcraft safety, reliability, and economics through research on rotorcraft structural integrity. In collaboration with academia, the team successfully advanced the state-of-the-art in specific rotorcraft technology areas. Some of the technologies developed under this program have been successfully applied to the design and certification of the Sikorsky S-92, and to address field service issues that cannot be handled by safe life analysis.

Congratulations!



*Dy Le*

## 2004 National Transportation Week Essay Contest: Exploration to Mars

By Adam Greco

It was another successful year for the Technical Center's National Transportation Week Essay Contest. Co-sponsored by Domain Director **Adam Greco**, from the Office of Innovations and Solutions, and aviation educator **Barbara Harris-Para**, from the Office of Human Capital Strategies, this was the eighth year that the contest was conducted.

In keeping with the tradition of capturing the most important issue in transportation for the year, the essay subject came from aerospace. The magnificent photographs that were beamed back to earth from the surface of Mars earlier this year by the "Spirit" and "Opportunity" Mars exploration rovers inspired the theme for 2004: "Do you think we should conduct a human expedition to the planet Mars in the next two decades or do you think we should continue using unmanned flights?"

The contest was open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the greater South Jersey area, including public schools, parochial schools, charter schools and home school students. Judges for the contest were: **Holly Baker, Ginger Cairnes, Carleen Genna-Stoltzfus, Maudie Powell, Mary Rozier-Wilkes, Robert Engiles, Janet Kinsell, Jay Fox, George DeLuca, Carole Bralski** and **Bill Hamilton**. The winners and their schools are as follows:

### Eighth Grade First Place Winner:

**Candice Podgorski**, Richard Titleman School, Cape May

### Eighth Grade Second Place Winner:

**Sarika Gupta**, Egg Harbor Township Middle School

### Seventh Grade First Place Winner:

**Joel Alicea**, D'Ippolito School, Vineland

### Seventh Grade Second Place Winner:

**Jessica Warwick**, Kenneth Olsen Middle School, Tabernacle

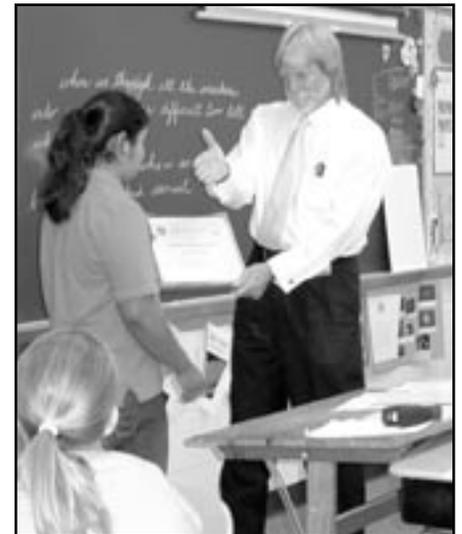
### Sixth Grade First Place Winner:

**Aparajeeta Duttchoudhury**, Smithville School

### Sixth Grade Second Place Winner:

**Jennifer Pillalis**, Mullica Township Middle School

Greco and Harris-Para presented plaques to each of the winning students either during their respective school awards assembly, or in their classrooms, where the winners read their essays to their classmates.



Adam Greco presents a plaque to Sarika Gupta, Egg Harbor Township Middle School



George DeLuca, Judge (left), Candice Podgorski, Richard Titleman School, Cape May (center) and Adam Greco, Domain Director

## Walk A Day In My Shoes

By Barbara Harris-Para

The Girl Scouts of the South Jersey Pines has a program each summer for their members to spend a day in a position that they would like to seek in their future careers. The girls fill out a request form for at least a few occupations that they are seriously considering in the future. The William J. Hughes Technical Center was contacted since we have a multitude of occupations for the girls to pattern for the day.

**Jennifer Duffy**, ACB-710 and **Dot Buckanin**, ACB-600 offered to take a couple of girls for the day, which was on July 22 this year to walk the day in both their shoes. **Laura Lycca** and **Megan Cronce** spent the day with Dot gaining valuable information in various areas including the labs (behind the redbrick wall) and, **Liz Corson**, spent the day with Jennifer.

We all met for lunch in the cafeteria, and all three girls were excited about what they were doing for the day. The two mentors also enjoyed their time with the young ladies.



**Barbara McLaughlin** the Program Specialist for the Girl Scouts would like to see more girls come to the Tech Center as we have so many different occupations to choose from;

we know the girls will go back and talk up the experience. Hopefully, next year we will have at least double the amount of girls participating for the day.

## Redlegs Breakfast Club

By Ginger Cairnes



*Redlegs Breakfast Club: U.S. Army artillery units, called "Redlegs," after the red stripes on their trousers, are a much-neglected element of American military history. The 157FA Battalion Association Redlegs Breakfast Club visited the Technical Center, on August 2, and toured test aircraft, Free Flight and the Airway Facilities Tower Integration Lab (AFTIL). The group that came here consisted of officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, sprinkled with a few silver stars, including the Battle of the Bulge. The majority of the group held secret clearances, such as nuclear weapons qualified. Most are retired members of ACY Battalion of the NJ Air National Guard, a few dating back to the late 1930s.*

## Employee Profile: Erin Wickersham

By Janet Kinsell

Recently I spoke with **Erin Wickersham**, the owner and operator of the William J. Hughes Technical Center's newsstand, about her work, her life and her family. As you

program at the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. She was able to complete the six-month program in a little over 4 months, and the program gave her specialized skills

that she uses to this day. Erin has done a great job operating it for the past 8 years. In fact, she memorized the material for her business license so well that, when the professor challenged her on a point she made, "He was wrong and I was right," she stated proudly.

Erin told me that she has a hereditary disability, called optic atrophy, which is damage to the optic nerve that results in a degeneration or destruction of the optic nerve. There is no known treatment, since degeneration of optic nerve fibers is irreversible. When asked to describe any challenges this may present, Erin said, "Oh, there are so many in this situation. Life in general, really," she said. "I use my ears for everything and I memorize a lot. People who are sighted do not realize how independent they are. We, who are visually impaired, need to rely on so many others for so many things." Fortunately, Erin says that



Erin Wickersham has operated the Technical Center's newsstand for nine years.

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may know, the newsstand, which previously was located immediately outside the cafeteria, recently opened in a brand new location. The newsstand now is located in the atrium, right next to the Little Flyers Academy store. The newsstand is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Erin was born in Montebello, CA and moved to Brigantine, NJ when she was three years old. Many years later she went to work in a state office, in Bridgeton, NJ. It was while she worked in Bridgeton that she became aware of a cafeteria position at the Technical Center.

After coming to work for the Technical Center, Erin completed a 6-month



Recently the newsstand was relocated next to the Little Flyers Daycare Store in the atrium.

## Emilio Carranza: The “Lindberg of Mexico”

By Pete Castellano



*The Emilio Carranza Memorial*

Deep in the Pine Barrens of the Wharton State Forrest, stands a memorial to one of the great pioneers of early flight, and a national hero to the people of Mexico, **Captain Emilio Carranza**. The “Lindberg of Mexico” as he is known, crashed near the spot of the memorial 76 years ago. Inspired by a goodwill flight his

friend Charles Lindberg had made to Mexico, Carranza made a goodwill flight from Mexico City to Washington D.C, departing on June 11, 1928. Bad weather forced Carranza to stop over in North Carolina before proceeding to Washington the next day. Upon his arrival, Carranza received a hero’s welcome, and was greeted by President Calvin Coolidge. That flight was one of the longest to date, second only to that of Lindberg’s historic flight across the Atlantic.

On June 17, 1928, Carranza departed for New York City. He had planned to then fly non-stop to Mexico City, departing on July 3, 1928. Bad weather delayed his departure several times. Finally, on July 12, Carranza received orders from his commanding officer to return immediately despite continuing bad weather. Carranza crashed in the Pinelands that night. It is believed that he attempted to use a flashlight to navigate through the storm.

Two years later a monument was erected, using funds collected by the children of Mexico, made of soft stone from Carranza’s hometown. Members of the Mount Holly American Legion Post #11 have taken care of the monument ever since. And each year, they hold a memorial service at the site of the monument that draws as many as 300 people.

This year, however, the memorial almost didn’t take place. Recently discovered graffiti on the monument threatened the annual event. Members of Post #11 were unable to remove the spray paint using conventional methods. Officials from the Mexican Government contacted **New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey**. The Governor sent a team of experts from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) who were able to restore the monument in time for the memorial service.

## Space and Rocket Day

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gliders to each child.

Other participants in this program were from NASA, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Robinson School (Jerry Iacona). “**Rocket Man**” **Stan Tryano**, the **mayor of Pennsauken**, and many other community members and parents also participated. **Mrs. Bowmaster**, a math teacher for the gifted and talented, did a wonderful job helping the children of Carson Elementary School to learn from Space and Rocket Day 2004.



## The “Ninety-Nines” Anniversary

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**Susan Timmons**, owner of the Hagerstown Repair Facility, **Chris Greco**, human resources director, Federal Air Marshals, and **Dr. Anne Harlan**, director, FAA William. J. Hughes Technical Center.

The group left Atlantic City knowing that next year’s program will be a great deal different, as it will be overseas to New Zealand. Usually the gals fly their own planes to the conference, but individual fly-ins to New Zealand from the States will not be possible.

## Employee Profile

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everyone here has been wonderfully supportive. "I'm treated really well," she added.

Besides being a businessperson, Erin is a mother who feels that being a mom is her number one accomplishment. "My son, David, also inherited the same disease, but I'm proud that I have been able to find him the assistive technology that is available to make schooling somewhat easier for him than it was for me," she explained. She went on to say that her son, David, graduated from Mainland Regional High School and attended Cabrini College. Despite his handicap, David is an excellent artist. "Is anyone in need of an artist?" she asked.

We talked about the new location for the newsstand. Erin explained that, "I think change is hard for most people, but I am settling in. Many thanks go out to **Bill Ruth** and **John Fidler**, who did a very nice job designing the stand. I would also like to thank my Commission for the Blind field representative, **Norman Bruce**."

Erin wants her customers to know that she does not have anyone to cover for her when she has to leave early, on occasion. "People who are sighted don't realize how independent they are. We, the visually impaired, need to rely on so many others, for so many things."

Thanks Erin for all that you do. We are very lucky to have you here at the Center!

## Call for Nominations

### 2005 Federal Laboratory Consortium For Excellence in Technology Transfer

By Deborah Germak

The Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. This award recognizes laboratory employees who have accomplished outstanding work in the process of transferring a technology developed by a federal laboratory. Simply being nominated is in itself a high honor.

Only FLC Laboratory Representatives may nominate recipients for these awards. FLC Laboratory or Agency Representatives are not eligible to be nominated - nor may they nominate their immediate supervisor. All other lab staff are eligible to be nominated.

Representatives from industry, state and local government, academia and federal laboratories judge the nominations. A nomination package consists of one complete set of the nomination submission forms, which includes:

- Submission Guidelines
- Award Criteria
- Submission Cover Sheet (Form 05-CS)
- Submission Statement (Form 05-SS)
- Submission Verification Checklist (Form 05-V)

The forms are available on the web at:

<http://ack.tc.faa.gov/ckwhatsnew.html>

Also included on the website is

"Keys to Writing Award Winning Nominations," a compilation of presentations from the FLC's popular "How to Write Winning Award Nominations" workshop. This document can be used as a handy reference guide when writing your nomination.

The forms can be duplicated, but each form must remain single-sided. Three complete sets of each nomination (one original and two copies) must be received by the due date. In addition, an electronic copy of each nomination must be submitted via e-mail by the due date. The electronic version of a nomination will be used by the FLC for data collection purposes only, and will not be accepted as the original submission. No faxed copies will be accepted, and late submissions will be returned unopened. A notice verifying receipt of your submission will be sent by the FLC Management Support Office.

It is very important that your nomination adheres to the criteria stipulated on the submission forms. This will help the evaluators to give your nomination the attention and point total it deserves. If you have any questions about the awards program or the nominations package, please contact **Deborah M. Germak**, Technology Transfer Program Manager, at (609) 485-9862, or e-mail [deborah.germak@faa.gov](mailto:deborah.germak@faa.gov).

All submissions for the 2005 FLC Awards for Excellence in Technology Transfer must be received at the FLC Management Support Office by Friday, October 8, so, please submit all nominations to Deborah Germak no later than Friday, October 1, 2004.



# Tech Transfer

*SMART Job Fair: The Technical Center's Technology Transfer Program participated at the Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART), TechTrends 2004, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., from August 3 through 6, 2004. Pictured from left to right are Marie Denan, Doreen McClintock, and Basilyn Bunting, Office of Knowledge Management.*

## Remembering

By Stan Ciurczak

We honor the passing of our former colleagues and friends. Rest in peace.

**Joseph R. Bailey**, who retired from the FAA, died on May 31 at the age of 81. As a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II, he participated in the battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Marianas. He later worked as a detective with the New York City Police Department, while continuing to fly in the Naval Reserves. Commander Bailey retired from the Navy, following the Cuban Missile Crisis, and spent the remainder of his career as a FAA test pilot here at the National Aviation Facilities Technical Center (NAFEC). He retired in 1978 with more than 30 years of service to his country. Frances Bailey, his wife of 52 years, preceded him in death in 1999. A son, two daughters and four grandchildren survive him.

**Randall S. Bowen** died on June 22 at the age of 52. He was an FAA employee for 22 years, most recently as a Program Manager at the William J. Hughes Technical Center. Previously, he was an Air Traffic Controller at the Harrisburg, Honolulu and Wilkes-Barre – Scranton airports,

and an Air Traffic Control specialist at FAA Headquarters. His wife, Susan Dalto Bowen, his mother, Mildred Bowen Griffith, and two sons survive him.

**Elsie Hempe Hays** died on June 2 at the age of 91. Elsie was an administrator at the FAA in Pomona, and was the beloved wife of the late George R. Hays, Jr. A son, a grandson and a great-granddaughter survive her.

**Theresa C. Kuck** died on June 17 at the age of 77. She was employed for many years at the FAA Technical Center, and was predeceased by her husband, Charles Kuck. A daughter, a grandson and a granddaughter survive her.

**Charles T. (Chuck) O'Brien, Sr.**, a veteran of the Korean War who retired from the FAA, died on August 3. Survived by Nancy, his wife of 46 years, two daughters, two sons and six grandchildren, he was known as "Uncle Chuck" by his many loving nieces and nephews.

**Elaine P. Shaw**, who retired from the FAA after working for NAFEC and the Technical Center, died on July 12.

Elaine worked as a technical editor here for many years. Prior to that, she worked in the National Airspace System (NAS) Documentation Facility. Her loving husband, Dick Shaw, who also is retired from the FAA, survives her.

**Margaret Reed Snyder (nee Cullen) Lindner** died on June 19 at the age of 98. Born in Philadelphia, she moved to Margate at a young age, and was proud that her family was among the early residents of that community. Margaret worked as a telephone operator at the FAA Technical Center. She was predeceased by her mother, father, husbands and siblings; and is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

**Francis (Frank) R. Yakita** passed away on July 8 at the age of 67. He worked for NAFEC and the FAA for more than 30 years, and formerly worked for National Airlines in New York City. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. His wife, Margaret Haag Yakita, three children and three grandchildren survive him.