

Emory Hunter earns high FAA Award

Mr. Emory C. Hunter, recently retired from the Federal Aviation Administration and now residing with his wife Freida in Hoonah, Alaska, has been recognized for his dedicated service to the Federal Government.

At a ceremony July 30, 1980, Hunter was presented the Distinguished Career Service Award by Mr. Garland P. Castleberry, Deputy Director, Alaska Region, FAA. This award was presented on behalf of the FAA Administrator, Langhorne M. Bond. Mr. Castleberry, reflecting on Mr. Hunter's career, made the following comments.

Mr. Hunter started his Federal career in 1939 with the Department of the Interior as an engineer assigned to the Motor Vessel North Star. During 1942-46 he was an engineer with the Army Transportation Corps. Following the war years, he joined the Civil Aeronautics Authority (predecessor to FAA) and became a power plant operator at Bethel, Alaska.

In 1948 Mr. Hunter transferred to Kodiak and worked as an engineer aboard the CAA work boat FEDAIR III, which provided the supply link to Woody Island where CAA maintained air navigation and communications systems.

From 1962 to 1976 Mr. Hunter worked out of Juneau as a traveling maintenance mechanic, providing assistance and technical expertise to the other FAA stations located in Southeastern Alaska.

His last duty location was on Sisters Island, where he lived, worked, and contributed to improved service to the aviation user.

Mr. Castleberry concluded, "the Distinguished Career Service Award is one of the highest awards presented by the Federal Aviation

Administration for outstanding service and contributions made by an employee. Mr. Hunter is one of the employees in whom we can be most proud and also one who deserves our appreciation."