

Hogue nominated for National Transportation Board

Phillip Hogue, former commanding officer at the Kodiak Coast Guard Air Station, has been nominated by the President to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board at the request of Sen. Ted Stevens.

Stevens chaired Commerce Committee hearings on the nomination Monday and said that Hogue will be a welcome addition for Alaska on the board.

"Phil distinguished himself during his service in Alaska, both in performing his duties with the Coast Guard and in assisting the community as a whole," the senator said.

"He is the only military man to win an official commendation from the Alaska Federation of

Natives for his special regard for the health and welfare of Alaskan Natives."

Hogue has been awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for Exceptionally Meritorious Service, and while he served in Kodiak his commands were awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for Exceptionally Meritorious Service, and while he served in Kodiak his commands were awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation. When he left Kodiak in 1972, the city passed a resolution commending him for his public spirit and efforts on behalf of the city.

His daughter, Linda Ann, was Miss Kodiak and Miss Alaska in

1972.

Hogue is a former senior member of the Commandant's Aviation Safety Board and alternative member of the Commandant's Marine Safety Council.

"I'm most please that the National Transportation Safety Board, which has responsibility over insuring that safety standards are maintained and upgraded in all forms of transportation, will have the benefit of a member familiar with Alaska's particular problems in this area," Stevens said.

"Our unusual weather conditions and our unique reliance on air travel, plus potentially hazardous highway and maritime conditions, make

it particularly important that we have someone on the Board who understands Alaska's needs in providing for transportation safety," he said.

Hogue must be approved by the Commerce Committee and by the full Senate before his appointment through Dec. 31, 1978 becomes final.

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