

PRESS RELEASE

WEST MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FLYING HIGH

The West Memphis Municipal Airport was selected from hundreds of airports in FAA's SW Region to receive a \$10M grant for Runway Rehabilitation last September. In a record-breaking 7 months, a full-depth rehabilitation of Runway 17-35, five connector Taxiways, and a portion of parallel Taxiway "A"; along with installation of new LED airfield lighting, signage, and windcones was completed.

On January 16, 2014 more than 100 local business leaders and elected officials, state and federal aviation representatives and U.S. legislative staff joined Airport Commissioners, staff and local pilots to celebrate completion of this project. John Knight, Director of the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics, presented Mayor Johnson and David Pike (Airport Commission Chairman) a plaque commemorating the occasion.

Stacey Morris and Michael Tetelton, along with other members of ETI Corporation (the airport's engineering and consulting firm); Philip Rodgers, Larry McDonald and Stephen Knych with APAC-TN (project general contractor); and airport management Lynda Avery and Edwin Dawsey were commended for bringing the project in under budget and on schedule. These improvements will enhance our region's economic development efforts by attracting more businesses and industries that rely on corporate aircraft as key business tools, in addition to providing a state-of-the-art airport for the local pilots who base 132 airplanes, jets and helicopters at our airport.

The execution of this project, along with the airport staff's outstanding service to the flying public was a major factor in the state's selection of West Memphis Municipal, from 91 airports in the state, as the "2013 Airport of the Year".



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Mayor Bill Johnson, John Knight (Director of the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics), and David Pike (Airport Commission Chairman)



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Construction photos:



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Aerial view of paving operations on the north end of Runway 17



Aerial view of completion of Taxiway A's new pavement

Our airport is often the first impression business executives have of our city:



We are a preferred stop for quick-turn services for military and air ambulance flights, and occasionally even a blimp:



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Training the next generation of pilots is a high priority:

