

Message From the Executive Director

In a Broadcast message to staff this week, Executive Director **Chris Ward** said he was "humbled and honored to continue leading the finest government institution in the country."

The Executive Director issued the message after New York Governor Andrew Cuomo made clear his support for Mr. Ward's continued service.

"As I have said from day one, I am the luckiest guy in the world to be able to lead such a dedicated and professional team," the Executive Director said.

Mr. Ward is the first Executive Director to serve under different New York governors since **Peter Goldmark** (1977-1985).

Fund Established



A scholarship fund has been set up for the children of PATH Way & Structures Division Superintendent **F. Brian Steets**, who passed away on December 17, leaving behind his wife and three sons, aged 16, 14, and 11. Donations can be sent to the Steets Children Education Fund, P.O. Box 90, Roseland, NJ 07068.

RPA Releases 'Better Airports' Report Today at Conference

Executive Director Chris Ward this morning addresses the full-day conference hosted by the Regional Plan Association and the Better Airports Alliance at JP Morgan Chase in Lower Manhattan. The conference included the release of a report by the RPA, "Upgrading to World Class: The Future of the New York Region's Airports," that contains recommendations for increasing the region's overall airport capacity and efficiency over the next generation, the result of a two-year collaborative planning and research effort. Mr. Ward told attendees, "This region has been a worldwide leader in aviation and we can continue to be a leader if we define a realistic roadmap and drive relentlessly toward that goal. In light of what's at stake, I know that's a challenge worth solving." The full report is available at rpa.org and additional information is available at betterairportsnow.org.



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The Green Berets Remember the WTC

On behalf of the Port Authority, Director of Public Safety/Superintendent of Police **Michael Fedorko** and Kennedy International Airport General Manager **Jerry Spampinato** last week accepted a print from the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) showing all the locations in Afghanistan where the Group's personnel buried pieces of World Trade Center steel.

The print was delivered by the Group's Deputy Commander, Colonel Scott Brower, and Sergeant Major Michael Cunningham, who flew into JFK from Fort Campbell, KY, for the presentation – which they said was to recognize and memorialize PA staff's sacrifices on and after 9/11 – and



At the ceremony on January 19 are (from right) Colonel Brower, Mr. Fedorko, Sergeant Major Cunningham, and Mr. Spampinato. Behind them is the print presented to the Port Authority.

John Denise

then returned to Fort Campbell.

Colonel Brower left this week for his fifth tour in Iraq.

Calendar

New Date

The Port Authority Hispanic Society's annual Three Kings Cultural Celebration will take place Friday, February 18, 5 to 11 p.m., at the Manhattan Penthouse, 80 Fifth Avenue at 14th Street. The cost is \$65. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Deferred Compensation

A representative of the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan will be at One PATH Plaza on Monday, February 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to assist employees who wish to enroll in the plan or change their contribution amounts.

Retirement News

After a combined 122 years of service the COMSEG 5 – **John Rea, Dominick Interdonato, Ju-Shan Chow, Alan Guttenplan, and Gene Schroth** – will celebrate their retirement at Puccini's Restaurant in Jersey City on Friday, February 18, 5 to 9 p.m. See Employee Bulletins for details.

The PA & You

Flu Shots Available

The Port Authority is providing employees with seasonal flu vaccinations at its four clinics. There is no need for an appointment; just walk in during the hours below.

- PATC – 241 Erie Street, Room 224, Monday to Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.
- JSTC – 1 PATH Plaza, Concourse level, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.
- PAS – 233 Park Ave. South, 8th floor, Monday to Friday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.
- JFK – Bldg. 22A, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

Trading Post

In the market for a used Camry? How about a pair of ladies' Rocawear stiletto boots, new in box? Looking for a boat, a Netbook or a model train set? Want to sell your Rangers tickets or your refrigerator? Visit Trading Post on EmployeeNet.

New LGA Control Tower Dedicated

Executive Director Chris Ward addresses guests at the January 21 dedication of LaGuardia Airport's new air traffic control tower. Attendees included U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney and Randy Babbitt, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, which paid for and constructed the new tower. It will be equipped with the latest aviation technology, including the Airport Surface Detection System Model X, which allows controllers to track surface movement of aircraft and vehicles, and an Integrated Control and Monitoring System, which consolidates information including navigational aid displays into one screen. The tower is 233 feet high, 82 feet higher than the old tower.



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Remembering Dr. King

About 150 people attended the Port Authority Network of Black Employees' 24th Annual Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Breakfast last week at Club 101 in Manhattan.

NBE presented its annual Leadership Award to Tunnels, Bridges and Terminals Director **Cedrick Fulton** and its Community Service Award to Airport Access Programs Assistant Manager **Jerome Roberson**.

The keynote speaker, former New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson Jr., discussed the importance of youngsters learning the history of the civil rights move-



Alan Hicks

At the NBE breakfast on January 21 are President Earlyne Alexander (center) and (from left) Membership and Communications Officer Derek Hawkins, Treasurer Rochelle Joyner, Vice President Frantz Dambreville, and Secretary and Programs Officer Glenessa Gordon.

ment and understanding the sacrifices that were made on their behalf.

A Contribution to Aviation Education

Aviation Director Susan Baer accepts a \$1,000 contribution to the William R. DeCota Scholarship Fund from Jason Altman (center), Vice President-Airports New York Group for Enterprise Holdings, and Bill Fainberg, Enterprise Holdings' Airport Properties & Development Manager. The fund was created last year to honor the life and legacy of the former Aviation Director, who died in 2009. It awards an annual scholarship to a student at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology. Ms. Baer thanked Mr. DeCota's many friends in the Port Authority and the aviation industry for their generous donations to the fund.



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