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XNA Preparing to Break Ground on Skybridge Project

HIGHFILL, Ark. — The Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) looks forward to a major facelift.

XNA is preparing to break ground on its new skybridge by the end of this year or early 2023. A second-story connection will be from the parking garage into the main lobby and baggage claim area.

XNA says the project will completely renovate and renew the face of the airport.

"Really, the goal of the skybridge is to make sure that there's efficiency in getting our passengers from their parking garage, from their parking spot to their gate as quickly as possible, so they don't miss their flight, so that's kind of the goal right now," Alex English, XNA public affairs manager, said. "And it also offers completely covered walkways to the airport if there is inclement weather."

Read the full story here



[XNA preparing to break ground on
skybridge project - KFSM](#)

KFSM

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North Central West
Virginia **Airport**
officials talk
economic impact,
future of industry on
WV ...
WVNews

Airport Director Rick
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Impact of Masters
Week on Augusta
Regional **Airport**
The Augusta Press

Ken Hinkle, **director** of
Aviation Services, gave
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GENERAL AVIATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR – AIRFIELD

- Reconstruction of a 8,000-foot runway at a not-to-distant airport that plays an important role in operations of FedEx
- Corrected line-of-sight, longitudinal grade and cross slopes
- Parallel taxiway was converted into a temporary runway
- Completed in less than 8 months
- Engineer: Barge Design Solutions
- Contractor: Standard Construction



Congratulations to....

**Millington-Memphis
Airport**

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A I R P O R T

Runway 4-22 Rehabilitation

Norfolk Airport Authority Names Mark Perryman as Executive Director and CEO of Norfolk International Airport

Airport Planning Leader Selected as Robert Bowen Retires



Norfolk, VA (March 10, 2022) – The Board of Directors of the Norfolk Airport Authority voted unanimously to appoint Mark Perryman as Executive Director and CEO effective May 1, 2022. Perryman succeeds Robert Bowen, who has served as Executive Director since 2016. Bowen’s retirement culminates a 34-year career with the Norfolk Airport Authority and a 45-year career in aviation.

Perryman will retire at the end of March as Chief Executive Officer of Landrum & Brown (L&B), an international airport consulting and design firm with offices on six continents. A 31-year veteran of L&B, Perryman brings a global understanding of airport issues and solutions with a focus on airport planning, design, operations, and business development. His skills have benefitted some 200 airports around the world, including Master Planning at Norfolk International Airport.

“For me, this is an opportunity of a lifetime. I am excited to become part of the Norfolk community and work with a great team of airport professionals to continue to grow and develop Norfolk International Airport to meet the traveling needs of the public we serve,” says Perryman.

“Mark Perryman is a proven transformational leader and consensus builder,” says Airport Authority Chairman Malcolm Branch. “Thanks to the steady leadership of Robert Bowen and his team, especially during a period of unprecedented challenges in the aviation industry, Mark inherits a well-run, fiscally stable organization which has just completed its first ever Strategic Plan for the future. I am excited about the future of passenger service in the Hampton Roads and northeast North Carolina communities.”

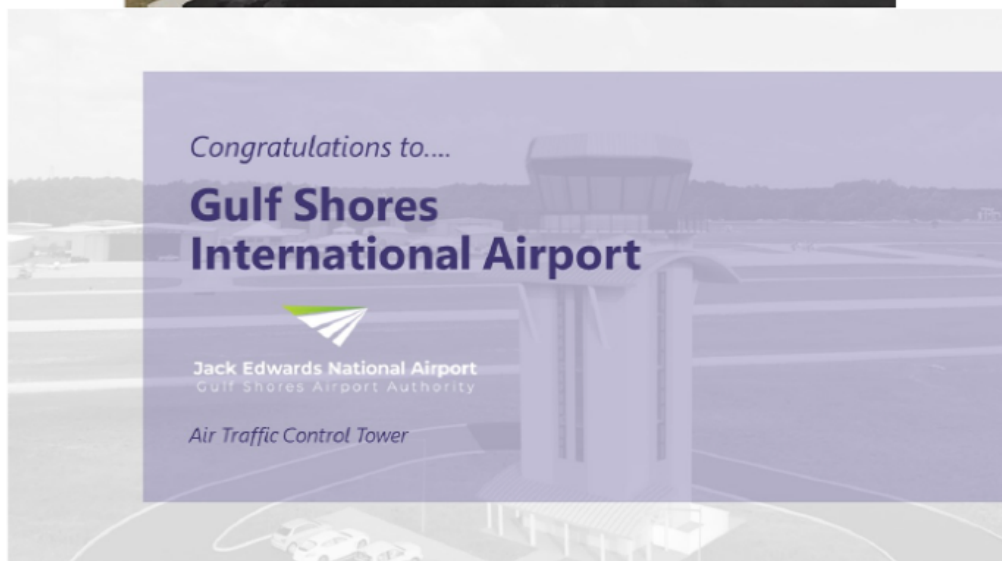


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GENERAL AVIATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR – ARCHITECTURAL

- First ATCT in the nation to use the new FAA alternate VISTA siting procedure using virtual reality modeling – and the first tower in 30 years in Alabama. The entire airport was modeled with the proposed tower location and eye elevation. Controllers then used virtual reality goggles to ensure that all movement areas on the airport were visible from the proposed tower location
- \$5.25M in construction costs and less than 1% in change orders
- Design Team: Barge Design Solutions, AJT Engineering, InterTek-PSI Engineering, and Audet Electrical
- Contractor: White Spinner Construction



[What to expect at Hartsfield-Jackson's new \\$34M Centurion Lounge - The Business Journals](#)

The Business Journals

Frequent flyers passing through the Atlanta **airport** will find ... In a letter to Hartsfield-Jackson General **Manager** Balram Bheodari last year, ...

[Hilton Head Island: United Airlines stopping seasonal flights - WJCL](#)

WJCL

Above file video: Sculpture dedication at Hilton **Head airport**. Beaufort County leaders announced Friday that United Airlines is ending direct ...

[Golden Triangle Regional Airport offers TSA Precheck Enrollment - WCBI](#)

WCBI

"We are pleased to offer this service to travelers in our area," says Golden Triangle Regional **Airport** Executive **Director** Mike Hainsey.

[South Carolina Air National Guard temporarily relocating to Columbia Metropolitan Airport | WPDE](#)

WPDE

Mike Gula, executive **director** of CAE, stated the move would not disturb travelers and the **airport** will be running as business as usual.

[Atlanta Airport Eyes 100% Renewable Energy Within 13 Years - Simple Flying](#)

Simple Flying

These include energy efficiency, reduced wastage, mobility choices, contactless systems and electric vehicle charging stations. ATL general **manager** ...

[Jacksonville's original airport hosted Nixon, Kennedy, MLK, Beatles - Florida Times-Union](#)

Florida Times-Union

Jacksonville Municipal **Airport** opened in 1928 and was later renamed after ... [Jacksonville aviation pioneer Laurie] Yonge was its first **manager**.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Millington-Memphis Airport
SEC-AAAE General Aviation Airport
Project of the Year
Airfield Category
for
NQA Runway Rehabilitation



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COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PROJECT OF THE YEAR – ARCHITECTURAL

- 7-Gate extension to Concourse A
- 60,000 SF of new terminal floor space
- Balanced new architectural experience while continuing the existing experience
- Brought in large amount of natural light with open views of the airfield
- 27 month construction duration with a total cost of \$30M
- Architect: Gresham Smith
- Contractor: W.M. Schlosser



Congratulations to...

Richmond International Airport



RICHMOND
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Concourse A Extension

Toney Coleman Awarded NC Airports Association's Highest Honor

(Fayetteville, N.C.) – The Director of the Fayetteville Regional Airport, Dr. Toney Coleman, has been awarded the 2022 Willard G. Plentl Aviation Professional of the Year Award from the North Carolina Airports Association (NCAA).



Of his award, Coleman shares, "Isaiah 40:31 says, 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.' And Philippians 4:13 says, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,' and you've summed up my philosophy for life. William G. Plentl Jr and I shared that philosophy, and I am truly humbled and honored to receive an award that bears his name and links to his professional legacy." The award honors an aviation professional who emulates the dedication and leadership of Willard Plentl, who worked in the industry for more than 50 years. With his years of dedicated service to the aviation profession and demonstrated success, Coleman is a clear and deserving winner of the 2022 award.

The award is given through a special nomination and selection committee to an individual who embodies leadership, commitment to aviation and community involvement—characteristics that define Coleman's professionalism and approach.

"Our Airport has become one of the finest in the southeast thanks to Toney's steady leadership and influence," said Doug Hewett, City Manager. "This well-deserved recognition signifies his passion for aviation, his dedication to impact and his commitment to exceptional leadership. I am proud he has chosen to make a difference here in the Fayetteville community and look forward to what he will accomplish in the future."

Toney Coleman served in the United States Army for 25 years as an Active Duty and Army Reserves Officer. During his military service, he deployed to the Middle East twice and earned many commendations for exemplary service including two bronze stars.

From an early age, Coleman knew flying was his future and worked hard to save for flight lessons. He holds a commercial pilots license with instrument ratings in helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. His passion for the air matched his desire for education leading him to a bachelor's degree from Winston Salem State University, a master's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a doctoral degree from Northcentral University.

In 2006 he earned his Accredited Airport Executive Certification while in the role as Deputy Airport Director at FAY, a position he held since 1993. In August 2020, Coleman took the reigns as the Airport Director following the retirement of Bradley Whited.

Over the last two years, Coleman has shepherded major success at FAY with more than \$55 million in renovations and infrastructure upgrades and responsiveness to a global pandemic ravaging the travel industry. FAY was one of the only regional airports to see growth during the pandemic by adding a direct flight to Dallas-Fort Worth and being one of the fastest to rebound in terms of enplanements. During 2021, passenger traffic increased 62% over the prior year topping 345,000 passengers.



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COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PROJECT OF THE YEAR – AIRFIELD

- Runway reconstruction part of an overall airfield modernization program
- Program was divided into 8 funding phases with a total cost of \$148M
- Runway was lengthened by 1,000 feet and included new ILS systems
- Design Team: CHA Consulting, Michael Baker International, Holt Consulting, Cannon & Cannon, S&ME, and McGuiness International
- Contractor: Eutaw Construction, The Harper Company, and Precision Approach



Congratulations to....

McGhee Tyson Airport



**MCGHEE
TYSON
AIRPORT**

Runway 5L-23R Reconstruction



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Gresham Smith

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CORPORATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

When Asheville Regional Airport embarked on a replacement of their 60+ year old 115,000 SF, 7-gate terminal with a new 275,000 SF 12-gate terminal, they turned to a trusted architect. Gresham Smith found a way to build the new terminal in the same footprint with complicated construction phasing that allowed the terminal to remain operational.



Congratulations to....

Gresham Smith



[Tampa **Airport** Runway Renovations Could Mean More Noise In Nearby Neighborhoods - Patch](#)

Patch

TAMPA, FL — Tampa International **Airport's** main runway is about to get a major makeover. Beginning April 20, the runway on the west side of the **airport** ...

[Officials hold ribbon cutting for new US Customs facility at West Virginia International Yeager **Airport**](#)

WVNews

The state-of-the-art U.S. Customs facility provides world-class service to the corporate and general aviation community,” **airport Director** and CEO ...

[Group wants to honor Doolittle Raiders with SC museum | **Columbus Ledger-Enquirer**](#)

Ledger-Enquirer

The American Heritage Foundation wants to build a museum to honor the raiders near the Columbia Metropolitan **Airport**, said Larry Russell, ...

[American Airlines celebrates 40 years at Charlotte **airport** - WCNC.com](#)

WCNC.com

Hailey Gentry, aviation **director** at CLT, said Charlotte Douglas had 25 gates, 161 daily departures, and served about 3 million passengers a year ...

[Airlines hiring buses to transport passengers between **airports** during pilot shortage - New York Post](#)

New York Post

Several US airlines struggling to find pilots amid a nationwide shortage are hiring bus companies to transport passengers to **airports** in cities ...

[The Naples **Airport** Authority Continues its Commitment to Reduce Nighttime Noise | Aviation Pros](#)

Aviation Pros

... Naples **Airport** Authority Executive **Director**. “Although the **airport** must remain open 24 hours per day, we hope that more aircraft operators ...

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Gulf Shores International Airport

SEC-AAAE General Aviation Airport

Project of the Year

Architectural Category

for

New Air Traffic Control Tower



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AIRPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

- Oversaw the construction of a new state-of-art terminal complex and first air traffic control tower
- Helped grow the airport to over 350,000 passengers per year
- Grown the economic impact of the airport from \$191M to \$565M supporting 3,500 jobs
- Secured a Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant
- Also secured \$29M in state funds to extend the runway and taxiway
- Routinely instructs at NCSU and makes countless presentations across the region to support aviation
- A tireless supporter of aviation and a dedicated airport professional

Congratulations to....

Chris White, A.A.E.
Airport Director



Albert J. Ellis Airport



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Christopher White, AAE Airport Director Albert J. Ellis Airport

SEC-AAAE Airport Executive of the Year

[Airport eyes new control tower - Yahoo News](#)

Yahoo News

Jim Galloway, the regional **airport's manager** and executive director, said the current air tower is more than 70 years old and the airport needs an ...

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[Renovations at Columbus Airport Deliver Like-New Terminal](#)

Airport Improvement Magazine

Columbus **Airport (CSG)** in western Georgia has lived both sides of that coin. After three decades of continual use and no budget for regular ...

[Myrtle Beach International Airport named Airport of the Year, Category II - IV - WMBF News](#)

WMBF News

The next time you fly in or out of Myrtle Beach International **Airport** you'll be at the ... TSA Federal Security **Director** for South Carolina said.

[Greenbrier Valley Airport Manager outlines plan to continue air service - WVVA](#)

WVVA

Just a day after SkyWest announced it would be pulling out of Greenbrier Valley **Airport** within 90 days, the U.S. Dept. of Transportation put a ...

[Why is there a life-size giraffe sculpture at the Baton Rouge airport? It has a bigger purpose ...](#)

The Advocate

Destrehan artist Steven Dorand, second from left, talks with BREC communications **director** Cheryl Michelet and BREC Baton Rouge Zoo communications ...

[Three Tampa Bay airports receive millions in state funds - The Business Journals](#)

The Business Journals

Valerie Pianta, economic development **director** for Hernando County, said that the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional **Airport** is looking to use the ...

[Memphis International Airport will re-install Tommy Kha's Elvis depiction 1 day after it was removed](#)

localmemphis.com

In a statement, **Memphis Airport** Authority CEO Scott Brockman said he "appreciates the community's support" for **Memphis** artist Tommy Kha.

[American Airlines Adds New Financing Options For Student Pilots - Simple Flying](#)

Simple Flying

American Airlines Tail Miami **Airport** Photo: Miami International **Airport** ... Christina Flores, Managing **Director** of Aviation Recruiting and ...

[Largest private aviation terminal operator acquires facility at Little Rock airport](#)

The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Bryan Malinowski, the executive **director** at Clinton National, briefed members of the Little Rock Municipal **Airport** Commission on the pending ...

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Airfield Category

for

TYS Runway Rehabilitation

[City Council sets criteria for **airport** businesses | Local/State Headlines | hannapub.com](#)

hannapub.com

Monroe Regional **Airport director** Charles Butcher III told The Ouachita Citizen the standards had not been updated since 2014.

[Aviation students train in aerobatics at **Columbus Regional Airport** - WTVM](#)

WTVM

COLUMBUS, Ga. (WTVM) -. It's the familiar sound some may hear around 6 pm near the Columbus Regional **Airport**. The sound of airplanes zipping and ...

[Terminal improvements at Huntsville International **Airport** - WAFF](#)

WAFF

"We have some projects ready to go, and the total cost for all improvements is \$51.5 million," said public relations **manager** Mary Swanstrom.

Send your airport photos to

Becky Huckaby, AAE
Madam Chairman
Marketing & Communications Committee

Becky will post your photos on SEC-AAAE
social media sites.

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[Lawsuits: Unmaintained trees caused deadly Mt. Pleasant plane crash - Live 5 News](#)

Live 5 News

Among those listed in the suits are the Charleston County Airport district, the **Charleston County Aviation Authority** and the South Carolina ...

[Video How nation's busiest **airport** is preparing for travelers - ABC News](#)

ABC News

The general **manager** of Hartsfield- Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**, Balram Bheodari, shared tips for travelers and the **airport's** efforts for ...

[Norfolk **airport** leaders look into new moving walkway, prep for runway resurfacing - Daily Press](#)

Daily Press

"This will likely cause further delays in the implementation of critical infrastructure investments." _____. **Airport** welcomes new executive **director**.

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