



NBCFAE-Headquarters

NOVEMBER 2009

NBCFAE Region of the Year

NBCFAE Washington Headquarters Region has earned the title of **Region of the Year!** Congratulations to the officers and Headquarters members for their hard work.



Some of our 140 Headquarters members – keep up the good work!

We always come away from the National Training Conference with renewed resolve to go out and do great things. This conference was no exception. We received an excellent array of training courses. This added up to 21 hours of training credits. We are proud to have received the “Region of the Year Award” from the NBCFAE National organization.

In addition we are proud to recognize two of our members for going the extra mile to support the Washington Headquarter region. Marcus Brown received the regional Special Achievement Award and Joan Griggs received the Special Recognition Award at our National Training Conference.

Washington Headquarters would like to continue our many programs for our membership like the informal chats and networking with the Senior Executive Service members here at Headquarters. In addition, we would like to continue our scholarship, recruitment, aviation education and outreach programs to the community.

Finally, with the strong support from our membership I know we can accomplish much more in 2010.

In Unity,
Margarete Henson Berrios, President
National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees
Washington Headquarters Region

Upcoming Events:

- Gifts from the Heart – Thanksgiving Food Baskets – Nov. 21*
- Christmas Baskets – December 19*

* Names are being accepted for families to receive Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

2009 Training Conference

Hats off to the National Executive Board, the Central Region and Cindy Work, Conference Coordinator for an exciting conference. In my opinion, The National Training Conference in Kansas City held September 15 – 18, 2009 at the **Westin Crown Center**, was one of the greatest – ever! National President, Shaun Saunders summed it up appropriately, that the training was outstanding, and the panel discussions with FAA management were significant. Attendees were given a Historical Journal of the NBCFAE - if you don't have one – try to get a hold of one to read about the history of the organization.



Above: Sandra Sanchez, Director, ATO Diversity Office, Rick Ducharme, VP Enroute & Oceanic Services, Henry “Hank” Krakowski, FAA COO, and Steve Osterdahl, VP Terminal Services, address the 2009 conference.



National President, Shaun Saunders and Rick Ducharme.



Two of our retired members, Al Douglas and Sherelle Carper along with member Pricilla Meredith, greet Hank.

August Guest Speaker: Maria C. Fernandez-Greczmiel Executive Director of the Accountability Board

The Headquarters NBCFAE program to feature guests at our monthly meetings, continued through the summer. Maria offered an entertaining and informative mentoring session in August.



Ms. Fernandez-Greczmiel career spans over 30 years in the federal and state government and the private sector. Before coming to the FAA, she served in the Chief Counsel's Office, in the Transportation Security Administration, serving as the Senior Legal Advisor for the Federal Security Director at BWI Airport.

Ms. Fernandez-Greczmiel's background experience:

- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and International Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs, served as the Principal Advisor to the Secretary to Veterans of International, intergovernmental, homeless, and consumer affairs programs
- Principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on security and defense policy matters pertaining to 32 countries in the Western Hemisphere
- Senior enforcement attorney and Assistant General Counsel at the Federal Election Commission
- An officer in the US Army Judge Advocate General's corps
- Practice privately in Tennessee
- Public defender in Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Fernandez-Greczmiel's awards and recognition:

- Awarded the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Medal for Meritorious Service
- Twice awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service
- Highly decorated for meritorious military service
- Civic awards - Commander's Award and the Special Merit Award from the American GI Forum
- Executive Excellence Achievement Award from NAHFE and special recognition from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

In Ms. Fernandez-Greczmiel's role as the Executive Director of the Accountability Board, she advocates a workplace free of harassment by innovating managerial practices when addressing inappropriate work place behaviors with civility and respect. Ms. Fernandez-Greczmiel builds the Board's platform on respect, integrity, mentoring, networking, and education.

Membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless notified otherwise. For your convenience, you can dial in at noon 202.493.4180. The pass code for December 1 will be 8070.

Conference Host - Central Region



The Central Region sponsored a "Taste of Kansas City" at the home of Charles & Natasha Chappelle. This is one of two decorative ice sculptures on display there.



Central Region President Cora Byrd, in her Afro centric attire, and her board coordinated an excellent meeting.

Conference Memories



Headquarters member and Conference Training Instructor Linda Clark



The past and the present: first time conference attendee - "Cinnamon" and the first certified African-American female controller, Eleanor Williams.

Conference Memories – (continued)



Members on the way to the Central Region night out.



Headquarters President Margarete Berrios addresses the Business Meeting on Heritage Day. (C.Alfred Anderson Award winner, Ike Brown is to her left.



A working lunch was part of a normal day of business and training.



The NBCFAE National Executive Board addresses the membership.



Theresa Mount, National Membership Chair and Rick Ducharme



Anna Johnson and Joan Griggs taking a break between classes.

Gifts From the Heart

Please read the following letter, then let your heart take control:

To all my friends and family, We all should be thankful for all our blessings. When we complain about our lives, we should always remember there is some one or family out there that is not as fortunate. With that said I am sending out a "call for help", because I know a family that DESPERATELY needs our help. A 60yr old grandmother is raising five grandchildren with very little help. Unfortunately, the children's mom is not in the picture. She has abandoned her kids and the grandmother is left to care for them. Thank God for grandmothers!

The grandmother is struggling to keep the kids together and care for them. She is a working grandmother but her low paying job isn't nearly enough. She is aggressively seeking help, but this is a very slow process because the mother hasn't given up custody. Unfortunately it takes something really bad to occur with the kids before social services will take action. Only recently, their heat had been off, but it was just turned back on, due to assistance from her church

I am reaching out to all my friends and family to help if you can. Over the next two months I will be doing fundraisers to raise money for the family during the holidays and I will reach out to you. To immediately help this family, I am asking each and every one of you to check around (in your basement, closets, your pockets, ask friends), to see if you have anything to donate to this family. Here is a list of sizes for each of the kids.

Here is the list, please help. Anything you give will be appreciated: Blankets, thermals, warm socks, hats, gloves, monetary donations, gift cards, toiletries and food.

14yr boy pants: 16 -18, shirt: 16-18 adult S shoe: 10

12yr boy pants: 16 husky 16-18 shirt S-M shoe: 8.5

10yr boy: pants 10-12 shirt: 10-12 shoe 7; 6 yr girl: size 6 shoe 13 - 1

2 yr boy: size 5

My dear friends and family, I am asking you to come together and help this family. No donation is too large or small. Thanks again for your time and attention and I hope to hear from you....

Contact any of the NBCFAE officers listed on the next page, and we assure you that 100% of the donations will be used for the family.

Headquarters NBCFAE Officers

President: Margarete Berrios; **Vice President:** Jamaal Lipscomb; **Treasurer:** Regenia Ramsey-Outlaw; **Secretary:** Joan Griggs

Committee Chairs

Education, Recruitment & Training: Phyllis Seaward; **Membership:** Deames Bynum; **Activities:** Rita Nelson

Gifts From the Heart: Thais Campbell; **Conference:** Diane Speed & Norma Ely

Public Affairs & Newsletter Editor: Marcus Brown

Headquarters NBCFAE Scholarship Recipient Gets Married

Kelly Brown was married to Vincent Knight on September 5, 2009. Kelly, a Headquarters NBCFAE scholar, also received scholarships from NBCFAE National. She graduated from George Washington University in 2005 with a degree in Chemistry, and then went on to obtain her Master's degree in Forensic Science from Virginia Commonwealth University. Kelly is now employed by the Maryland State Police, as a Forensic Scientist.



Kelly, and her Dad, Marcus Brown, HQ NBCFAE Public Affairs Chair and Newsletter editor.

Marcus Brown to Retire After 43 Years of Federal Service

It's Over!

After 43 years, it's time.



Marcus Brown

Retirement Luncheon - November 18th 2009

FAA – 800 Independence Ave. SW

2nd floor – Bessie Coleman Room

Noon – 2pm

Catering by “Sweet Nita’s”