



AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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AMFA Local 32 Officer at Large Report

Honoring a Lifetime of Excellence While Elevating Our Profession

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, I had the privilege of representing **AMFA Local 32** and our membership at the presentation of the **FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award** to my father, **John Buker**, recognizing more than fifty years of dedicated service to aviation maintenance.

While this ceremony was deeply personal as his son, it was equally meaningful as an **AMFA Officer at Large** because it reflected the values we uphold every day—skill, professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to aviation safety.

The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is one of the FAA's highest honors for aviation maintenance technicians. It recognizes not only longevity, but a lifetime dedicated to protecting the flying public through technical excellence and personal accountability. It reminds us that although our work often goes unseen, its impact is immeasurable.

At AMFA, we proudly stand behind the principle that **Safety in the Sky Starts with Us on the Ground**. Every aircraft that departs safely does so because licensed aviation maintenance technicians have performed their work to the highest professional standards. Every signature in a maintenance record represents a commitment to safety.

For decades, AMFA has fought to keep aircraft maintenance in the hands of highly trained, licensed professionals. We continue to advocate for the staffing, training, and resources our members need to perform their jobs safely and correctly. Our mission has always extended beyond wages and benefits to protecting our profession and preserving the highest standards of aircraft maintenance.

Every member of Local 32 contributes to that mission. Whether working line maintenance, training, or inspection, each technician plays a vital role in protecting passengers, flight crews, and the integrity of our industry.

This award ceremony also served as a reminder of the importance of mentorship. The future of aviation maintenance depends on experienced technicians passing their knowledge and professionalism to the next generation. As someone who followed in my father's footsteps, I understand firsthand how those values shape both careers and character.

AMFA remains committed to elevating our profession by promoting the critical role of licensed Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, supporting professional development, and ensuring our members' voices are heard whenever aviation safety is discussed.

While the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award honors one individual, it also recognizes every aviation maintenance technician who quietly keeps the flying public safe each day.

On behalf of AMFA Local 32, I congratulate John Buker on this well-deserved recognition and thank all of our members for their continued dedication to excellence. Your professionalism and commitment to safety are the foundation of public confidence in aviation.

Thank you for your continued service and for demonstrating every day why **Safety in the Sky Starts with Us on the Ground.**

In Solidarity,

Jory Buker
Officer at Large
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