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A Voice in the Nation’s Capital

Executive Director Robert Burr and Airport Commissioner Douglas Hutson met with U.S. Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA) and other legislators and staff members to discuss matters of importance to small-to-medium sized airports. Highlights included topics about access to more funding that would enhance safety, security and improvement of facilities without impact on the federal budget. Streamlining and simplifying regulations took on a major role in the positive legislative actions on our other items for the benefit of the national airport system. "We are looking forward additional appropriation bill that will release FAA AIP funding through September this year," Commissioner Hutson reported. "We are looking forward additional infrastructure improvement to continue economic development."

Below: Firefighters utilizing the airport's specialized Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) system, was used to simulate the fuselage of a distressed aircraft. First responders practiced removal of passengers and recovery, communications and security shared information. Other organizations to benefit from cross training therefore airport officials reached out to invite other organizations to benefit from cross training.

Pilots’ Progress

Instructor certificate
Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)
Drew Mancini:
(ASEL)
Single Engine Land Private Pilot Airplane
Andrea Hamilton:
Instrument Airplane
Instrument Citation Aircraft Single Engine Land

Airport Commission (far right) escorted historian Richard Ector (second from right) of Envisioning History, took attendees at the Georgia Association of Historians back in time to St. Simons Island in World War II at the organization’s winter 2018 convention in Macon, Georgia. His research was a visit to McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport (KSSI) with Patrol Unit 6 on St. Simons, in the nation’s early wartime defense. Key in his talk was a look at how a Typhoon survival story was found along with a secret young female pilot named Betty "Bobbi" Black. He also gave a history of the airport, started in 1937 by the owner of the community's only hotel. Their story and the Black family were featured in the movie "The Player," released in 2000.

Walker of Golden Isles Aviation and Terra Winslett of the Glynn County Airport Commission (far left) introduced Richard Ector.

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