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Post-Inauguration TFR Refresher

Temporary Flight Restrictions Don't Happen Just Every Four Years

Although the Presidential Inauguration is now past, the need to be alert to Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) is a continuing concern for pilots, especially in the greater Washington area. TFRs are airspace restrictions instituted due to special circumstances or events such as government VIP movement, sporting events, natural disasters, etc. An FAA primer about TFRs can be found at http://www.faa.gov/pilots/safety/notams_tfr/media/tfrweb.pdf, and a list of current TFRs and related information is maintained at <http://tfr.faa.gov>.

The purpose of TFRs is to secure airspace, but the economic ripple effect of a TFR is also a matter of concern to the business aviation community. Airports that fall within a TFR can suffer significant revenue losses due to the lack of operations. In the case of last weekend, all GA operations at DCA were prohibited for eight hours during the events on the 21st – although GA operations at DCA are heavily restricted pursuant to the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP), they do exist with the support of the Signature Flight Support FBO.

GWBA and the general aviation community as a whole understands the importance of TFRs and security measures. Representatives of general aviation such as NBAA, NATA, and GAMA continue to request that FAA and other agencies work with us to develop procedures that meet security standards while not restricting commerce. It is important for government and industry to work together to ensure security without unjustifiably restricting an industry that stimulates the U.S. economy.

Regional News Round-Up

Leesburg Executive Airport has announced that repaving of the north hangar access road is expected to begin in the spring. Construction also is continuing on two new helipads adjacent to the south apron; one will be dedicated to air ambulance operations, while the other will be available to all users.

In December, a runway expansion project was officially completed at **Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport**; the runway was extended by 800 feet, to a total of 6,801 feet.



On December 17, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution honoring Rear Admiral DeWitt Freeman – the namesake of the county's airport, **Freeman Field** – who passed away in November. Airport Manager Dawn Howard told the *Central Virginian* that: "He loved that airport. It was his passion in life."

If you're aware of any news of interest to business aviation occurring around the greater Washington area, please let us know at info@gwbaa.com. For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

FAA General Aviation News



The current issue of FAA's bi-monthly publication for general aviation – “FAA Safety Briefing” – is now available from the FAA website, at http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2013/media/JanFeb2013.pdf.

The theme of the issue is “aeromedical advances”; it features articles on topics such as preventing DUIs in the sky, the background of aviation medical examiners, and procedures for determining what type of medical certificate an airman needs, and how to obtain it.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **January 31:** International Aviation club happy hour at the City Club of Washington. For more information, visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=596392>.
- **February 13:** Royal Aeronautical Society dinner at the British Embassy presenting the “Leading Edge” award to David J. Barger, President & CEO of JetBlue Airways. For more information, please visit <http://raeswashingtondcbranch.cloverpad.org/Default.aspx?pageId=603363&eventId=612712>.
- **February 13:** FAA Safety team seminar on “The Turning Point! Runway Safety and Approach Hold Update” at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=47803.
- **February 19:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon at the Crystal Gateway Marriott featuring Carl Johnson, Vice President, Northrop Grumman Corporation. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **February 27:** American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law annual conference at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit http://www.americanbar.org/groups/air_space.html.
- **March 12:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, including the announcement of the winner of the Collier Trophy. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=263>.
- **April 4:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon at the Crystal Gateway Marriott featuring Lt. Gen. Jon M. Davis, U.S.M.C., Deputy Commander U.S. Cyber Command. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.



- **May 3:** NBAA tax seminar – the intermediate-advanced tax program will visit the Greater Washington area for the first time; let your tax advisors, lawyers, and accountants know. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/date/>.
- **June 6-8:** 18th annual Maryland regional aviation conference in Ocean City. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org>.

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