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## News Release

### **Charles M. Childress of Piedmont Propulsion Awarded FAA's Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award**

Winston-Salem, NC, USA, August 23, 2016 – Mr. Charles M. Childress was awarded the prestigious Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award by the Federal Aviation Administration in a ceremony on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Charles Taylor *Master Mechanic Award* is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

Mr. Childress's extraordinary career spans 50 years, starting with service in the United States Air Force. Since January 1970, he has been a dedicated team member with Piedmont Propulsion Systems, LLC and predecessor firms in Winston-Salem, NC. Mr. Childress performed maintenance on Dowty, Hamilton Sundstrand, Hartzell and McCauley propellers as a technician, crew chief, quality inspector and manager.

Sammy Oakley, General Manager of PPS said of Mr. Childress: "he has been an integral part of the success of Piedmont Propulsion Systems and his leadership has resulted in the training of generations of mechanics. We are truly proud that Charles is part of our organization." The Ceremony was held at Piedmont Propulsion Systems' headquarters facility that is also named in Mr. Childress's honor.

#### **About Piedmont Propulsion Systems ([www.piedmontpropulsion.com](http://www.piedmontpropulsion.com))**

For more than 60 years, major airlines, cargo operators, militaries, governments, and private operators worldwide have been turning to Piedmont Propulsion for their propeller maintenance and overhaul solutions. Piedmont is the most modern and largest dedicated propeller facility in the world with FAA Propeller Class 1 and Class 2 and EASA Repair Station ratings for all Dowty, Hamilton, Hartzell, and McCauley propellers. PPS is an authorized Hartzell and McCauley service center and the only facility in the world with FAA/EASA certification to overhaul all ATR and Dash 8 / Q400 propeller types. PPS also supports with the same dedication to customer service, out-of-

production propellers including the classic Dash-8, Saab 340, Saab 2000, Fokker 27/50/60, EMB-120, & DHC-6 platforms.

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First Aviation Services Inc. (FAvS), headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, is a leading provider of repair and overhaul, rotables management and related engineering services to the aviation industry worldwide. FAvS's principal operating subsidiaries are Aerospace Turbine Rotables, Inc. (AeTR) and Evolution Aerospace, Inc.® (EVO) in Wichita, KS and Piedmont Propulsion Systems, LLC (PPS) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. More information about FAvS and its subsidiaries may be found on the company's website [www.firstaviation.com](http://www.firstaviation.com).

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