The following is an excerpt from a presentation that I have given at business luncheons in Honolulu.







After my years in the US Coast Guard, I returned to Cape Cod, MA. I worked at Barnstable Municipal Airport as a Airport Operations Supervisor. A small airport with a small terminal. When VIP passengers came to wait on their aircraft they preferred to wait in the operations office rather than the public terminal. Of course this was primarily during the summer months.





On a few occasions I had special guests like this young man... and his mother. JFK jr and his mother Jaqueline Kennedy Onassis. On one occasion they arrived early for the flight so I gave John Jr. a ride in the crash rescue / fire truck. I got clearance from the tower and ran the full length of the runway with lights flashing and siren blasting. He enjoyed it. Mom appreciated me taking the time.





Senator Ted Kennedy was a regular to the airport. He would fly from Washington to Boston on Eastern Airlines and fly to the Cape on his own Cessna 182. I would hear on the tower frequency that he was inbound and would assist with parking and collect his bags and help get him on his way. He was usually in a hurry and many times the Tower would call me to tell the Senator that he uses the taxiways like runways. They are not sure if he is taxing to parking or taking off again. Tell him to slow down. Each time I would start to pass on that info he would say "I know, I know they want me to slow down. I'll work on it.