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## AVIATION AWARDS PRESENTED



Hamilton, Governor Edwards, Ward, Merritt, Cureton.

In a special ceremony in the Governor's office, two South Carolinans received State and Federal awards on May 18th in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Aviation Safety.

Governor James B. Edwards presented plaques to Douglas W. Merritt of Shaw AFB, South Carolina Flight Instructor of the Year and to George Gary Ward of Greer, the state's Mechanic of the Year. John W. Hamilton, Director of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission assisted in the presentation.

John B. Cureton was on hand to present the awards for the Federal Aviation Agency.

Doug Merritt is an instructor for the Shaw AFB Aero Club and earned an excellent reputation for his work there. He has a total of 3,471 hours of flight instruction time and has recommended 92 candidates for license. He is serving his second term as safety officer for the Aero Club.

Gary Ward has been in the aviation maintenance field since 1961 and has consistently demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and excellence in the performance of his duties at Stevens Beechcraft, Inc., at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport.