

April 2007

# CONNECTIONS

BARKLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

## Blue Star To Mark Front Of Terminal

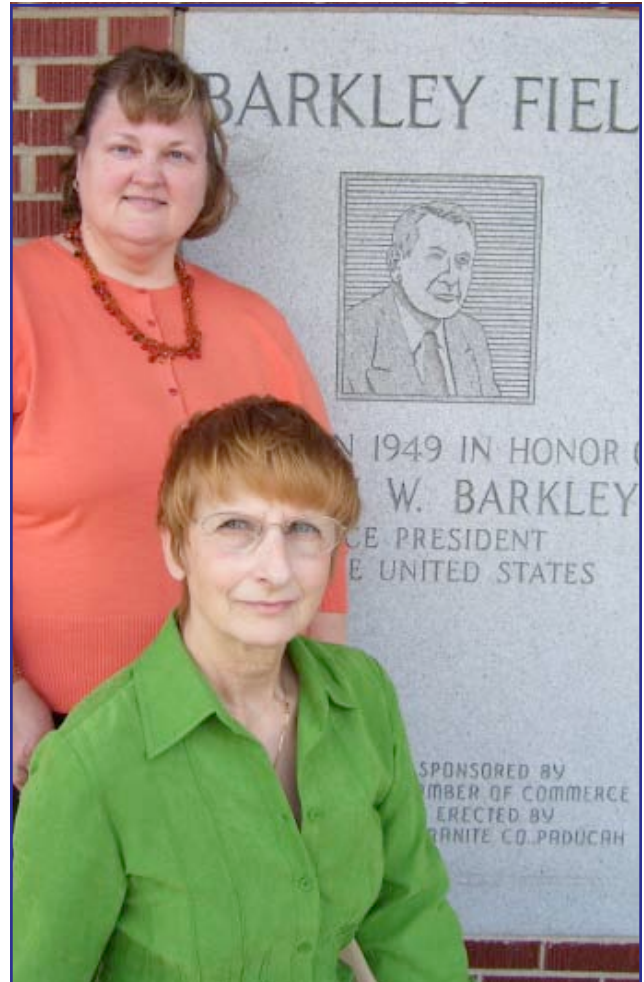
The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program was adopted in 1945 by National Garden Clubs, Inc. to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces of WWII. This program was the first nation-wide beautification program initiated by National Garden Clubs. Highways were dedicated as Blue Star Memorial Highways, with a marker surrounded by gardens along thousands of miles throughout the country.

The Blue Star program was later expanded to pay tribute to all who have served, are serving and will serve. Memorial signs may be placed at veterans facilities, national cemeteries, parks, and many other civic locations.

Open Gate Garden Club of Paducah will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Byways Marker at Barkley Regional Airport on April 9 at 10:00 a.m. According to project coordinator and Open Gate member Carolyn Roof, "The airport setting was appropriate as the Kentucky National Guard will be locating on airport property soon. Local Guard units have sent troops to Iraq so this marker is our way of showing support for men and women who are serving in the armed forces." The public is invited to participate in the ceremony.

Funding for the marker came from a National Garden Club grant, Beautification Boards funds, and a local donation. The grant contained three phases: first was for replanting the median at the airport entrance; second was for perimeter plantings throughout the parking lot, and the third included monies for the marker.

The 12 X 20 inch plaque will be mounted next



**Open Gate Garden Club President Carol Ullerich and Project Coordinator Carolyn Roof stand by the Alben Barkley memorial plaque that is adjacent to the site selected for the Blue Star Marker.**

to the front door of the terminal by the marker for Vice President Alben Barkley. Although first consideration was to locate the marker in the driveway median, the Garden Club decided it would be more visible on the terminal wall.



### Safety Award Presentation

Barkley Regional Airport is the 2006 winner of the Southern Region FAA Safety Award. The airport maintained a perfect safety record during extensive construction projects over the past three years. On hand to present the award was Patrick Rogers (second from right) of the FAA Southern Region office in Atlanta. Accepting the award were Paducah Mayor Bill Paxton, County Judge Executive Van Newberry, Airport Board Chairman Neil Archer, and Kentucky Commissioner of Aviation Paul Steely.

Best Fares out of Barkley Regional Airport for travel on April 4 and return on April 11 on Northwest Airlines.

- Chicago.....\$147
- Orlando.....\$291
- Tampa.....\$263
- Kansas City.....\$185
- Durham/Raleigh.....\$205
- Las Vegas.....\$267

Starting May 2 travelers can leave Barkley Regional Airport twice per day and make only one stop in Memphis to reach Las Vegas.

<b><u>Depart</u></b>	<b><u>Arrive</u></b>
PAH 6:33 a.m.	Las Vegas 9:52 a.m.
	<b><u>OR</u></b>
PAH 4:53 p.m.	Las Vegas 9:27 p.m.

Passengers can reach Seattle twice per day with only one connection in Memphis starting on June 7.

<b><u>Depart</u></b>	<b><u>Arrive</u></b>
PAH 6:33 a.m.	Seattle 11:27 a.m.
	<b><u>OR</u></b>
PAH 4:50 p.m.	Seattle 9:02 p.m.

*Go to [nwa.com](http://nwa.com) for complete details*

# Meeting The Quilters Starts At The Airport

“Welcome to Paducah. We are here to help you.” Those words greet quilters each year who arrive at Barkley Regional Airport during the annual Quilt Show week.

Volunteers from several groups donate their time and provide treats for the passengers, many of whom are international travelers or first timers to Paducah.

During Quilt Show this year, The Paducah Ambassadors led by Gerry Montgomery and the Paducah Hospitality Association will welcome visitors on all arriving flights on Monday, April 23. Paducah Decorative Artists will serve as greeters on Tuesday. The Lone Oak Woman’s Club will meet passengers on Wednesday.

This will mark the third year the Decorative Artists have been greeters. In addition to helping quilters with locating their luggage and giving directions, the artists distribute a small piece of art they make for each of the travelers.

“Some of the quilters make their travel arrangements on line and have no idea where to find their hotel. The greeters give them directions and, also, tips on where to find restaurants and the mall,” said Jackie Jones, airport Marketing Director.

“Of course, the number one question they ask is where do I go to find fabric? The greeters do a good job of heading them in the right direction.”

Airport staff meets the Thursday and Friday arrivals and the departing flights following the Quilt Show week.



## ***Information You Need Before You Fly***

### **Northwest’s Luggage Policies**

Northwest’s free luggage allowance per ticketed customer is a total of two pieces of checked luggage, provided each checked piece does not exceed a maximum weight of 50 pounds and a maximum total linear dimension (length plus width plus height) of 62 inches, plus one piece of carry-on luggage (maximum linear dimension of 45 inches.)

### **Checking Arriving and Departing Times**

Northwest provides internet and phone access to check flight arrival and departure times. You can check flights on Northwest’s website, [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com), or call 1-800-441-1818 and follow the flight information prompts.

Northwest also offers My NWA Info, a free service that allows customers to register once on [nwa.com](http://nwa.com) to receive automated flight notifications. My NWA Info notifications can be sent to your email, phone, pager or wireless handheld device.

## NWS Paducah:

# *Keeping An Eye On The Sky*

**By Dave Blanchard  
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NWS Paducah**

The National Weather Service office at Barkley Regional Airport (NWS Paducah) is one of 122 field offices across the nation that provides weather and hydrologic (water) service to a local area. The office has a 58 county area of responsibility that covers parts of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana, and the area includes the confluence of the two largest navigable rivers in the country.

NWS Paducah issues the following types of forecasts: public, fire weather, aviation, hydrologic, and short-term. It maintains a database of digital forecast grids that are part of the National Digital Forecast Database and is accessible to everyone. The office also disseminates a variety of hazardous weather warnings and statements for all counties within its warning area. NWS Paducah is one of only three field offices that have full responsibility of three Doppler radars, which are part of the nationwide radar network.

Severe weather, including tornadoes, can occur at any time during the year. However, there are two periods during the year in which severe weather is more likely; April/May, and October/



November. The local office has a network of volunteers around the four-state region called “Skywarn spotters,” who assist us by looking for signs of severe weather development that we can’t see with our weather radars. To enhance the accuracy of reports, the NWS offers free training to these volunteers twice a year. Many training sessions around the region have been occurring lately, and will continue into early April.

In the area of responsibility of NWS Paducah, 2006, was a very busy year for severe weather. There were 760 severe weather events, defined as tornadoes, penny-sized or larger hail, or wind 58 mph or greater. This was significantly more than the average of 299 per year over the previous ten years. Also, 31 tornadoes occurred in 2006, and this was well above the average of 21 tornadoes per year over the previous ten years.

The general four-state region served by the Paducah National Weather Service has had more occurrences of strong to violent tornadoes than anywhere else in the nation this decade. In fact, the tornado that struck the Evansville area in November 2005 was the deadliest tornado of the decade nationwide, and the tornado in Madisonville in the same month was the nation’s strongest tornado of 2005.

Please visit our website for more information, [www.weather.gov/pah](http://www.weather.gov/pah). Additional NWS news will appear in the June issue of *Connections*.



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