



STATE OF THE AIRPORT FY 2021/2022

AIR EVAC #172, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was selected for Air Evac Lifeteam's Regional Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) Air Ambulance Base. Each year, KMVN based Air Evac #11, is forced to cancel flights due to the weather being below visual flight rules minimums. The new IFR base will utilize a twin engine Eurocopter EC-135 IFR Helicopter. Specially trained crews, using the aircraft's digital automated flight control system (AFCS), will be able to fly safely when the weather is IFR (less than 1000 feet ceilings/3 miles visibilities). Air Evac #172 will be temporarily located at Innovation Park Hangar #1 at 100 Firebaugh Drive. The permanent location will be constructed at 500 Firebaugh Drive.

ILLINOIS AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN-ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The Illinois Aviation System Plan, completed by Mesa, Arizona based Kimley-Horn, determined the total economic output of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport at \$40.2 Million and total jobs at 278 (when all impacts and multipliers are applied). Both metrics have essentially doubled since a similar study was published in 2012 (\$18.9 Million annual economic impact and 149 jobs). With a \$335,000 annual tax levy, airport officials are proud to mention that for every dollar invested via property taxes, the airport returns \$122 to the local economy.

REBUILD ILLINOIS

In December, the airport was notified its Rehabilitate Koziara Terminal Parking Lot Project was selected for the Rebuild Illinois Campaign. \$94 Million dollars will be split between ninety-six projects across the State. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport will receive \$918,000. Airport officials were thrilled the KMVN project was selected as funding via traditional means would have been difficult or cost prohibitive.

ARDL CONTRACTS

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport based Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL) achieved two large contracts during the year. In late May, 2021, a \$11.6 Million contract was announced by the United States ARMY. A \$49 million contract was announced by the United States ARMY Corps of Engineers in late April, 2022. ARDL offers environmental and industrial laboratory services, on-site engineering and consulting, and research & development. The company is staffed by highly trained scientists, engineers, and technical specialists serving private sector clients, as well as local, State, and Federal Government entities. ARDL is the airport's largest employer.

BONNIE CAFÉ MT. VERNON

Bonnie Café continues to be one of the area's most popular dining establishments. As southern Illinois only on-airport restaurant, its drawing power extends across State lines. The Bonnie Aviator's Club, a promotional program targeting repeat aviation operations, collected 49 member cards in calendar year 2021. Each card represented a regionally based aircraft owner/operator that visited a minimum of five times!

AVIATION REPORT

The Annual Aviation Report for calendar year 2021 was published in February, 2022. Total operations increased 9% over the previous year (26,692 in 2020 as compared to 24,560 in 2020). Total based inventory is 46 (34 Single Engine Land, 5 Multi-Engine Land, 1 Jet and 6 Helo). The count includes one new Jet, two new Turboprop, and two new Cirrus SR-22 Aircraft. 102,943 total gallons of aviation fuel were sold marking the second consecutive year the six-figure goal was achieved. Corporate Aircraft Association member aircraft, those only stopping for quick turn fuel services, accounted for approximately 17% of total annual sales.