

### Employee of the Year



Yuma International Airport 2020 Employee of the Year Miguel Perez Airport Maintenance Team

Mr. Perez joined the YCAA Team in July 13, 2018. Previously he worked at the MCAS Yuma Commissary, being referred over by a colleague, the team knew after the interview Mr. Perez that he would be a great additional to the team with a lot to offer our community.

The Employee of the Year is voted for by the team who they feel is worthy of the recognition. Each employee shared qualities they admire about the person being nominated and why they thinks the person is deserving to receive the Employee of the Year.

Airport team members describe Mr. Perez as hardworking, with an incredible work ethic and attention to detail. He goes above and beyond to help keep the airport clean and beautiful. He is consistent, dedicated, works non-stop, customer service oriented, thoughtful, kind, friendly, professional, has a positive attitude, and always there when you need him or when one of customers may need someone.

#### First Quarter 2021



Special Message from Airport Director Gladys Brown

On behalf of the entire Yuma International Airport family, we are excited and dedicated to ensure you have an enjoyable experience with us in 2021. Our team takes great pride in keeping the airport exceptionally clean providing a healthy environment for you and your loved ones.

Yuma International Airport staff are working on several small and large projects this year including completion the Airport Masterplan rehabilitation of asphalt around our general aviation hangars.

We wish you continued good health and appreciate your choice to do business with our airport family.



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## **NEW FACES AT YUMA AIRPORT**

#### Million Air Yuma new GM

Yuma International Airport is pleased to welcome Ryan Hart who joined the Million Air Yuma, Freeman Holdings Group, team in December 2020 as General Manager. Ryan and his team provide world-class service and support to general, corporate, military, and commercial aviation.

Ryan retired from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps in August 2020 after more than 22 years of service. As an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Ryan served in operational billets at a Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron, several Marine Aviation Logistics Squadrons, and a Marine Expeditionary Unit. He served in staff billets at the Marine Aircraft Group, Marine Aircraft Wing, Combatant Command levels. Ryan's culminated as the Commanding Officer of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 in Yuma, AZ, followed by his selection as a Secretary of Defense Executive Fellow assigned to Arizona Public Service. Ryan has deployed to Okinawa, Japan in 2001 as a part of the Unit Deployment Program; Ali Al Saleem, Kuwait in 2003 in support of Operation Freedom; and Kandahar, Iraqi Afghanistan in 2008 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ryan earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, is a graduate of the Marine Corps' Top Level School, and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Institute of Technology.



#### New YCAA Board of Director



**Jenny Torres** 

Yuma International Airport proudly welcomes Mrs. Jenny Torres to the airport's Board of Directors. Mrs. Torres joined the Board in January 2021. She currently serves as the Community Development Director for the City of San Luis.

For the past twenty-two years, Mrs. Torres has worked for nonprofit organizations, government entities and for profit companies in both Arizona and California. Mrs. Torres holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration and a Master degree in Public Management from Northern Arizona University.

Her work emphasizes establishing on coordinating community economic and development projects. Mrs. Torres' vocational experience and career emphasis attest to her expertise in areas such as financing, development, management of affordable and construction housing, public projects and business development. In an effort to support community and economic development, her work focuses on infrastructure development in order to recruit new businesses to the area. She constantly seeks opportunities to establish and maintain liaison relationships while representing the community at local, state, federal and international levels. Her education and vocational experience make her an invaluable asset to Yuma County and its surrounding vicinities.

# **YUMA AIRPORT UPDATES**

#### New Baggage Carousel Complete

Yuma International Airport is extremely pleased with the successful completion of the baggage carousel replacement project. The new equipment is significantly quieter, features an added measure of safety and the new configuration will have additional capacity that will help passengers collect their baggage after arriving. We appreciate working with the G & S Mechanical and MAC Electric team who worked so efficiently to complete the project ahead of schedule!



#### Free Pop-Up Library

Yuma International Airport is proud to partner with the Yuma County Library District to host the Pop Up Library program in the airport terminal. Guests can download up to 5 books for 2 weeks free of charge!

Simply access the WiFi connections on your phone or tablet, select Pop Up Library, open your browser, enter <a href="PopUpLib.com">PopUpLib.com</a> and tap Go to start reading!



#### **UMA Selfie-Station**

Yuma International Airport is thrilled to have partnered with Lia Littlewood once again for the new 'You put the Y in YUMA' selfie-station located at the terminal's third entrance. This mural marks Lia's 141st mural in Yuma and the 3rd at Yuma International Airport!

Airport guests are invited to use their body to make the "Y" to complete the Yuma and tag us on Facebook or Instagram. Several UMA selfiestations will be located throughout the Yuma community thanks to community partners such as Visit Yuma, Arizona Western College and Weld Like A Girl.



#### **Food Drive Success**

The Yuma International Airport family along with Streetwise Car Club hosted a successful 10 day food drive challenge to benefit the Yuma Community Food Bank. Our deepest appreciation goes out to the community for their generosity to help those most in need.



# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

#### Important Event Dates:

02/09/21 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting 02/15/21 –Admin Offices Closed for President's Day

03/09/21 - YCAA Board of Director's Meeting

04/13/21 - YCAA Board of Director's Meeting

05/11/21 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting

06/08/21 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting

#### **Proud Community Supporter**

Yuma International Airport is proud to support several organizations who work hard for our youth and community.











Brewers Restaurant and Sports Bar's Skybox is located on the second floor and open Thursday through Mondays so you can catch your favorite sports games! Come on in and remember, Brewers validates your parking with purchase!



#### Long Term Pre-Paid Parking Discount

Going away on a long vacation or business trip, or do you travel frequently? In appreciation of our frequent flyers and guests, Yuma International Airport offers long term pre-paid parking discounts by the month or year so you can come and go and save money! Prior to your trip, stop by the Airport's Admin Office on the second floor to pre-pay for your discounted parking pass today!

1 month parking = \$125.00

3 month parking = \$300.00

6 month parking = \$650.00

12 month parking = \$900.00



#### Advertising Opportunities Available

Yuma International Airport is a great location to advertise your business and proudly offers a variety of static and wall-wrap advertising space throughout the airport terminal. Please give us a call at (928) 726-5882 for a tour of available locations to promote your business!

