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From left: Winston Salem Officer-in-Charge Toni Gorman with Million Mile Club members Eddy Morphies Jr., Deanna Hundley, Jim Bryant, Chester Clark, Dan Hicks, Jeff Feducia and Jim Byrd.



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From left: Toni Gorman with MMC carriers Gary Vanhoy, Douglas Davis, Thomas McCarthy, Stephen Lawson and Danny Bricker. Not pictured: Kermit Blair, Bobby Atkins and William Beasley.

Postal workers join elite Million-Mile Club

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Over the last 33 years, U.S. Postal Service worker Clarence Eddy Morphies Jr. has seen it all, from blizzard-like conditions to a king snake in a mailbox, a prank he still chuckles about when he looks back on.

"I was driving a little Jeep at the time and I like to turn it into a convertible," he quipped. "That was a one-time thing, but it liked to scare the heck out of me."

Still, day after day, Morphies, 64, has faithfully delivered mail to the people of Winston-Salem, and—barring some rotten eggs in the mailbox and a few other unsavory pranks—has done so without incident.

On Tuesday, Morphies, the father of one daughter, was honored alongside 15 of his colleagues with membership into the National Safety Council's Million Mile Club, the highest honor given to professional drivers. The honorees, who were feted during two separate ceremonies at the North Point Boulevard and Healy Drive Post Offices, made Greensboro District history as the largest group ever to be inducted into the Club at one time.

"To have that many at one station at one time is just outstanding," Morphies declared. "It shows that we care about safety, we care about our jobs."

Likened to the feat of reaching the top of Mount Everest, making it into the Million Miles Club, whose membership is reserved only for those who have never had an on-the-job accident, is no small achievement, noted District Manager Russell Gardner.

"In my entire career I've never been to a large unit and had the opportunity to recognize so many folks for this effort," said Gardner, who added that the Greensboro District is among the top in the nation in several key areas, including revenue. "You guys are doing a phenomenal job."

Rick Wilkerson was also among the honorees recognized at the Healy Drive location Tuesday morning. Wilkerson, 57, the son of a postal worker, said he was honored to have reached the milestone.

"It's an accomplishment," Wilkerson, a father of two who has spent more than 30 years with the Post Office, said of receiving the Million Miles Club distinction and accompanying plaque. "It's something that



Rick Wilkerson



Eddy Morphies Jr.

I'll hang up on my wall and be proud to have."

Senior Distribution Clerk Glenn Goodwine may never have driven a mile for the USPS, but he has made his mark on the local district with his longevity. Goodwine, a native of Winston-Salem, was honored Tuesday for 45 years of service to his country, first as a member of the Air Force for four years, and then to the USPS, where he has worked since 1970. Goodwine says a comrade of his was the son of a postal worker and suggested it as a viable career. Goodwine took the entrance exam at a Post Office in Trenton, N.J. as an enlisted man. When he returned home, he visited the local Post Office to see if they had any vacancies.

"They hired me right there on the spot," the grandfather of 14 related with a wide smile. "And the rest is postal history."

The world was a different place in the 1970s and so was the Post Office, Goodwine said. He remembers a time when the mail

arrived in sacks and required much more physical labor to sort. Goodwine, who was one of only a handful of African American employees at the time, says the scars of segregation were still evident at the Post Office, yet his colleagues and superiors have always treated him well.

"Working with my co-workers is probably the best thing. I enjoy that, I guess that's why I'm still here. We spend so much time together it's like an extended family," he said. "When I do retire, it's going to be emotional for me because I've had a lot of good times and enjoyed working here."

Goodwine, the number one distribution clerk in the District for five years running, said reaching the 45-year milestone was his biggest accomplishment to date.

"It felt good. It always feels good to get an award, it lets you know that you've accomplished something," he remarked. "I've gotten several awards ... but this was the best one yet."



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News Clips

Atwal receives Triad Business Leader award

Rachna Atwal, director of Hospitality Services at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, has received the 2011 Triad Business Leader of the Year award in the hotel category for the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, a subsidiary of Wake Forest Baptist.

Atwal, who has 15 years of progressive leadership experience in the hospitality industry, joined Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in 2006 as director of The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center. In 2009, her role was expanded to also direct patient transportation, patron attendants, valet and international patient care.

"It is an honor to receive this award," said Atwal. "The award reflects my commitment and the commitment of my exceptional team at The Hawthorne Inn, all of whom show a dedication to service excellence with our patients and our patrons."

City looking for residents to participate in 9-11 anniversary commemoration

The city will hold a city-wide community service to observe the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, to be held Sunday, Sept. 11, in the Joel Coliseum Theatre.

As part of its commemoration, the city is soliciting citizens and first responders (active and retired) who were personally affected by 9-11 to send in their stories. If you were in New York or

near the Pentagon that day, if you traveled to New York to help with the rescue efforts, or had family at Ground Zero or on one of the airplanes used in the attacks, the city would like to hear from you. All stories will be published online as part of the city's anniversary commemoration. Selected contributors may be asked to tell their story on camera for use during the community service. To submit your story, go to www.CityofWS.org.

More details about the community service will be announced at a later date.

Goulding completes basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Zachery R. Goulding graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jon and Lynne Goulding of Winston Salem. Goulding graduated in 2010 from Ronald Reagan High School.

Photos of local black life sought

Photographs depicting the lives of African Americans in Winston-Salem from the "1700s - 1970s" are being sought for a new book.

The folks behind the

project say that vintage photographs become increasingly fragile and by scanning and reproducing them in a book, they become available for all to see.

Anyone having photographs to be considered are asked to bring them to the Coliseum Annex during the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 25 from noon - 3 p.m. Photos will be scanned, catalogued and returned on the spot. Photo credits will be given to owners in the book if used. No photos will be kept.

Throughout the month of June, Lowes Foods will be collecting donations for local food banks across North and South Carolina and Virginia.

"Bag Childhood Hunger" will take place through June 30 in all Lowes Foods locations. Donation bins will be placed in all stores, and monetary donations will also be accepted at the register.

Lowes Foods collecting food to fight childhood hunger

During the summer months, donations to the food bank usually decline. Since school is not in session for more than one half of the year, there are many low-income children that have no access to free or reduced-price lunches at this time. Summer can be one of the most difficult times of the year for some families, and as the communities' needs grow, the food banks struggle to keep up with the demands.

"The need within our communities is greater than ever. Families that are turning to the food bank never imagined themselves suffering such hardship. Together we can meet those needs and help others get through difficult times," said Steve Hall, president of Lowes Foods.



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