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MERIDIAN HAYWARD VOTED CAA PREFERRED FBO AT HWD

Hayward, CA, October 31, 2018 – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company, is pleased to announce that its West Coast fixed base operator (FBO), Meridian Hayward, was voted the Corporate Aircraft Association's (CAA) Preferred FBO at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) in Hayward, CA. CAA is a membership-based organization that is dedicated to enhancing the operating efficiencies of corporate flight departments. A "CAA Preferred" FBO represents a combination of good service and fair pricing for its members, serviced by the most highly qualified personnel and FBO management in the industry.

A CAA Preferred FBO must be voted into the program. In order to be eligible, it must receive at least 35 votes from participating CAA Fuel Program Members. If there are multiple FBOs at an airport, the one receiving the most votes is named the CAA Preferred FBO. The winner is then tendered a three-year, exclusive contract at its airport.

The voting period for HWD ran from October 1 – 7, 2018, and results were announced on Monday, October 8. Meridian Hayward General Manager, Carlos Rodriguez, was excited by the news: "The entire Meridian team is ecstatic over this designation because it will give us the opportunity to show loyal CAA members that we provide outstanding customer service at very competitive

pricing. With both of our FBO locations CAA Preferred facilities, we can now fully serve our CAA customers on both coasts.”

Meridian Teterboro has been the CAA Preferred FBO at Teterboro Airport since 1996. The CAA Preferred FBO designation for Meridian Hayward will officially begin at HWD on November 1, 2018.

About Meridian

Meridian is an award-winning, private aviation company with locations at Teterboro Airport (TEB) near New York City, and Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) near San Francisco. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include FBOs, Air Charter, Aircraft Management, and Aircraft Maintenance. We also have charter sales offices located at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Sonoma County Airport (STS) in California.

Meridian has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its exceptional service: 2018 AIN FBO Survey: Top 10% FBO in the Americas; #1 FBO in Northeast; 2018 *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey: Among Top 15 Best FBOs in US; Among Top 7 Best Independent FBOs in US; Best CSRs (#1 for Betsy Wines and #5 for Victor Seda); 2017 Pilots' Choice Awards by FltPlan.com: #1 US FBO in Northeast; Meridian was voted #1 FBO at Teterboro Airport in all three surveys.

Meridian's safety standard is one of the best in the industry. In addition to our own internal evaluation program, we also regularly undergo rigorous third-party audits conducted by the industry's leading vendor and international industry auditing associations. Meridian is one of only 135 operators worldwide to hold the ARG/US Platinum rating, the highest level awarded. We are also IS-BAO Stage 2 Certified and IATA TCO Approved. We maintain the Wyvern Wingman Certification, which fewer than 100 operators currently hold worldwide.

For more information, please visit our website at www.meridian.aero or call us in Teterboro, NJ, at 201-288-5040, or in Hayward, CA, at 510-674-2500.

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A ramp view at dusk of Meridian Hayward, the new CAA Preferred FBO at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) in Hayward, CA.