

MTA's Most Senior Employee, Arthur Winston, Turns 97 on March 22

- **Service attendant's career spans 73
Years at the transportation agency**

After working on the job for more than seven decades with only one absence, MTA's Arthur Winston will celebrate his birthday later this week, turning 97 on Saturday, March 22.

Winston has been employed at MTA and its predecessor agencies for 73 years and was honored for his longevity back in 1997 by having the MTA Board of Directors name the agencies bus operating division in South Central Los Angeles after him.

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Arthur Winston on the job.

"Arthur inspires us all, not only here in Metro South Bay, but throughout the agency," said MTA's Metro South Bay Service Sector General Manager Dana Coffey. "

"Earlier this month, MTA recognized the best of the best among our employees at an awards dinner on the Queen Mary. These were our team members, our shining stars, who received the MTA Transportation and Maintenance Awards," added Coffey. "Arthur was among them and needless to say his star shined the brightest. His dedication to work, loyalty to the MTA and his fellow team members, and his remarkable safety record make Arthur the legend, icon and model that he is," said Coffey.

At the Arthur Winston Division, he is a service attendant leader, directing a crew of 11 employees who clean, maintain and refuel MTA buses.

Arthur Winston was born in Oklahoma on March 22, 1906 before Okalahoma was officially recognized as a state. He came west and attended Jefferson High School here in the southland, graduating in 1922.

Mr. Winston was first employed by the agency in December 1924 and worked until mid-1928. He resumed his employment with the agency on January 2, 1934. He has missed only one day of work since then which occurred when his wife died in 1988.

In 1996, Arthur Winston received a Congressional Citation from then President Clinton as "Employee of the Century". In his more than seven decades of MTA service, he has received many honors for his work ethic and longevity on the job.

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