

Montana Professional Engineers Hall of Fame

Lewis M. Chittim, P.E., L.S.

Montana Professional License Number 174ES

- * United States Army, 1944-1946
- * International Correspondence School - Highway Engineering, 1952
Montana Tech - M.S. Degree, Engineering Science, 1970
- * Survey party chief for United States Army Corps of Engineers (1942-1944). Air fields and construction projects in Cut Bank, Miles City, Billings, and Fort Peck.
- * Montana Department of Highways, 1929-1931, 1939-1942, and 1946-1972. Chairman, Roadman, Rodman, Instrument man, Project Engineer in Missoula and Butte Divisions, Construction Engineer in Butte and Bozeman Divisions, Right of Way Engineer (1959-1965), Chief Construction Engineer (1965-1967), and Chief Highway Engineer (1967-1972).
- * Appointed by Governor Tim Babcock to oversee the start of the Montana Interstate Highway System. Work included Interstate Highway 15 – Wolf Creek Canyon between Great Falls and Helena (six Missouri River crossings in ten miles). Approved the use of concrete for the construction of Interstate Highway 90 near Bozeman in response to price gouging by asphalt contractors.
- * Chief Highway Engineer included oversight of Montana Highway Patrol and coordination with Montana Highway Commission. In 1971 Highway Patrol administration was moved from Highway Department to Justice Department.
- * Consulting Engineer for roads and bridges in Saigon, Vietnam (1972-1975). Coordinated construction and design with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and local contractors. Supervised staff of twenty engineers.
- * Developed international business for Morrison-Maierle, Inc. (1975-1986) Traveled to Syria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Pakistan, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Norway, England, and the Philippines.
- * Named on America's Top Transportation Officials of the 20th Century by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (2003). The list of one hundred people included US Presidents, members of Congress, Governors, and transportation officials.
- * Member of National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); Montana Society of Engineers (MSE) - Helena Chapter Outstanding Engineer Award in 1968; American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) – region Vice President and President, Chairman of Contractor Prequalification Board, Member and Chairman of Personnel Board and Safety Committee.

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