



Experience for Randall P Burdette

Mr. Randall P Burdette is the Director of the Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV). As Director of the Department, he is responsible for executing the agency Mission to: 1) Cultivate an advanced, aviation system that is safe, secure and provides for economic development; 2) Promote aviation awareness and education and; 3) Provide the safest and most efficient flight services for the Commonwealth Leadership and State Agencies. His vision for the agency is to become the standard for excellence amongst State Aviation Agencies and make the Virginia aviation system the model air transportation system providing Virginia communities economic development opportunities and convenient access to the National air transportation system.

Mr. Burdette was appointed in August 2004 by Governor Warner, reappointed by Governor Kaine and Governor McDonnell. He is responsible for providing timely information to the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, the Virginia Aviation Board and the citizens of Virginia on all matters related to aviation. He serves as the state and federal legislative liaison for the agency. Mr. Burdette works in coordination with the Administration, Federal and State legislators, airport sponsors and local jurisdictions on numerous aviation issues including government affairs, airport capital improvements, aviation policy and air service development. Mr. Burdette also participates with the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) and the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) in the design and implementation of the Next Generation aviation system to meet our nation's future aviation demand.

In September 2013, Mr. Burdette was selected by the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) to receive its highest award, the Kenneth A. Rowe Ambassador of Aviation Award. Named after a previous Virginia Director, the award honors a state aviation director who embodies spirit, optimism, and fierce pride in the capabilities of the state aviation agencies. This award has only been presented eight times since its creation 19 years ago in 1994.

Under Mr. Burdette's leadership, Virginia is the first state to have instrument approaches into every Virginia public use airport. Virginia is the first state aviation agency to achieve ISO 9000 certification. Virginia is the first state aviation department to achieve IS-BAO certification and the 120th organization in the world to achieve that certification. Virginia has 20 Aviation Weather Observation Systems under contract for our airports and will be the first state to achieve weather reporting at every publicly owned public use airport in the Commonwealth. Mr. Burdette is the only state that has a state NextGen implementation plan: "Virginia's Flight to 2025: An Aviation Vision for the Commonwealth". DOAV was the first state agency to develop an integrated Risk Management Program integrating Physical Security, IT Security, Financial Security, Continuity of Operations (COOP)/Emergency Management, and Flight Operations into a single integrated Risk Management Program saving thousands of dollars and manhours by managing a single integrated program. Mr. Burdette created the Virginia Aviation Security Advisor Committee (VASAC) to "Be a diverse team of professionals to collect and or create best practices for Aviation Security for the Commonwealth. The organization is the first of its kind in the nation involving members from Federal, State and Local agencies to focus on airport security, safety and emergency preparedness. TSA called it an example for other states to follow.

Mr. Burdette is very active in the aviation community serving on the:

1. National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)(former Chairman);
2. Board of Directors for the Governor's Aerospace Council;
3. Board of Directors for the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (VCSFA)
4. Board of Directors for Virginia Aviation Business Association (VABA);
5. Board of Directors for the Virginia Helicopter Association (VHA);
6. Board of Directors for Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society (VAHS);
7. Board of Directors for the Virginia Airstrip Owners Association (VAOA),
8. Board of Directors for Virginia Resources Authority (VRA);
9. Board of Directors for Washington Airports Task Force (WATF)
10. Aeronautical States Association (ASA) Virginia Representative
11. Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC) Corporate member
12. National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), Member and Partner
13. Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA), Member and Partner
14. American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), member

15. National Air Transportation Association (NATA), member
16. Alliance for Aviation Across America (AAAA) member
17. Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), member

He holds a commercial instrument fixed wing and commercial instrument rotary wing pilot license with a strong background in General Aviation and Military Aviation. He was an Army Lieutenant Colonel with 26 years of service. A Senior Army Aviator with over 24 years, flying, supporting and commanding Huey, Cobra, and Chinook Helicopter Units and flying General Aviation aircraft for more than 39 years with over 3200 flight hours.

Mr. Burdette has strong program management, strategic planning, and leadership skills. He was a Professor of Program Management and the Director of Performance Support for Defense Acquisition University. As a Professor he taught Program Management, Strategic Planning, Communication and Leadership skills at the Graduate level. As the Director of Performance Support he was responsible for providing organizational consulting and targeted training services throughout Department of Defense (DoD) and for some Federal Agencies.

As an Army Inspector General, he examined Army and Joint Services highly classified Special Access Programs to ensure the proper application of leadership, acquisition and contracting regulations, and current policy for maximum efficiency, economy, and effectiveness.

During his tenure as the Multi-National Force & Observers Aviation Logistics Officer, Sinai, Egypt, he was responsible for the fixed base operation, aviation safety, aviation maintenance, logistics, and contract support. His responsibilities included policy formulation and management of aviation logistics for all aviation assets used in support of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), including Canadian, French and US aircraft.

Mr. Burdette also commanded the Army Aviation CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter unit, Ft Hood Texas comprised of 14 CH-47 Chinooks and over 200 personnel. He flew and supervised flight operations, maintenance, budget, and facilities for aviation operations throughout the US and overseas.

A graduate of West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Science in management, he also holds an MBA from Lindenwood University, St Louis Mo.

He and his wife of twenty eight plus years, Linda, live in an aviation community, Dogwood Air Park, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. They both enjoy traveling either flying their Cessna 206 or, motor homing, or taking to the road on their Harley Davidson motorcycles.