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Career News

1960s

Nathan Davis ('68, DB) retired from the maintenance department after 40 years of service to Petroleum Helicopters Inc. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Daytona Beach, Fla.

1980s

Esteban Oquendo ('80, DB) is a flight simulator instructor with Flight Safety International in Orlando, Fla., and has been with the Learning Center since the first day of operations.

CAMPUS LEGEND:

MC	Miami Campus
DB	Daytona Beach, Fla.
PC	Prescott, Ariz.
WW	Worldwide Campus (previously named Extended Campus)
WWO	Worldwide Online

Agkarajit “Peter” Panomwon na Ayutthaya ('82, DB) retired early in November 2008 and moved to look after and develop his properties and assets in Thailand, after more than 26 years with the national carrier of Thailand assigned in 10 countries. Prior to retiring, he was granted his third royal decoration, Companion (Fourth Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand, by H.M. the King.

Sherry Cartwright ('83, DB) has worked for American Airlines for 25 years and is currently a flight attendant based in Chicago. She lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Mark Berry ('85, DB) was accepted into Fairfield University's Low Residency MFA Creative Writing Program, and has begun a memoir for class in addition to his two previously completed novels.



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He also continues to fly as an MD-80 captain for American Airlines and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Larry Weisman ('85, DB) is working at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, a financial services firm based in Philadelphia. He is the branch office manager in Ponte Vedra, Fla., where he and his wife, Stephanie, live with their three children.

Stephen Blanchette ('86, PC) has been elected to the Associate Fellow grade in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and was recently named deputy chief engineer for Army Programs at the Software Engineering Institute.

Curtis A. Wood ('87, WW) was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on a three-year tour serving with the Defense Logistics Agency supporting Europe and Africa. In summer 2009, he completed his master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He has been deployed on active duty since December 2003, and has served two tours in Iraq along with commanding units at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Stewart, Ga. He also has been awarded two Bronze Star Medals, two Army Meritorious Service Medals and the Joint Commendation Medal.

Russ Leighton ('89, PC) is the director of safety for International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Local 1224, and has been selected to represent the IBT on the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

1990s

Philip Jufko ('90, WW) has been promoted to principal in the LPA Group Inc., based in Tampa, Fla. He has been with the firm for more than seven years.

Michael Petridis ('91, WW) published his first book, *Fighter Pilot Follies* (Xlibris Press), which is a series of humorous anecdotes from his days flying in the Cold War. He also published an article on high-altitude flying in *Professional Pilot Magazine* in the September 2009 issue.

Dave DeFossey ('92, DB) left United Airlines after 15 years to join South African Airways as its director of National Sales in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Julie Seigler ('93, PC) accepted a promotion to manager of Program Management with Jamco America, a commercial aerospace interiors company in July 2008.

1990s continued

Christopher Kroen ('97, DB) has been serving as the chief pilot of JGD Transportation Inc. for three years. He flies a Gulfstream V as an international captain and is heavily involved in corporate aviation. He is married and lives in the New York metro area.

SSgt. James Spillane ('98, WW) was awarded a Mike Mansfield Fellowship and has begun a year of full-time Japanese language and area studies training in the Washington, D.C., area, followed by a year in Japan gaining practical experience in the Japanese government.

2000s

1LT Ernest Poe ('01, DB) graduated from the U.S. Army Flight School in Fort Rucker, Ala., as a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter Pilot on Oct. 29, 2009. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., and will be completing a master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle.

Jamail Larkins ('07, DB) was featured in the article "America's Best Young Entrepreneurs 2009" in the October 2009 issue of *BusinessWeek*.

Carl Olson ('07, WWO) was assigned in April 2009 as the division chief for the Utility Helicopter Division (UHD) at USAALS in

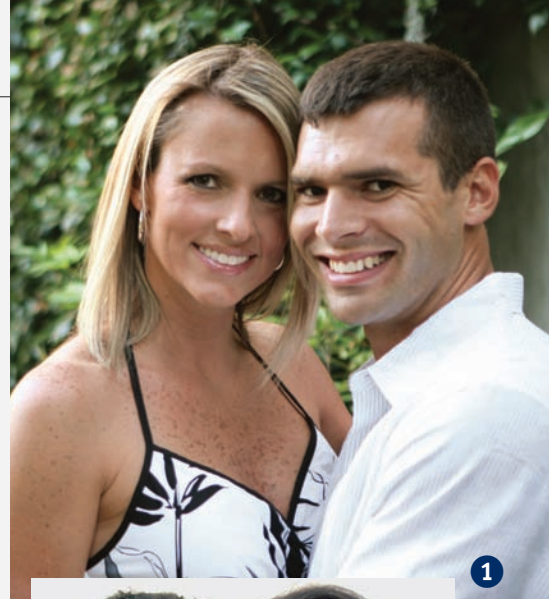
Fort Eustis. He is responsible for the proper training of all UH-60 Black Hawk Repairer students, including UH-60A/L and UH-60M.

Jaime Spurgeon ('08, WW) has served more than 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and is the lead NROTC scholarship coordinator for NRD Dallas. He and his wife have two sons and live in Carrollton, Texas.



Retirements

1 Fred Mirgale (Department Chair of Aviation Maintenance Science, DB) retired after 33 years of service to the university. During his tenure, he was an instructor, associate professor, program chairman and department chair at Embry-Riddle. He also was a designated mechanic examiner for the FAA through Embry-Riddle.



Weddings/ Engagements

1980s

Lisa Baumgardner ('85, WW) married Jonathan Priebe on their shared birthday, Nov. 28. They run a business together and just bought 80 acres of retirement property in the mountains.

2000s

1 Michael Berceli ('05, DB) married Mindy Martin on Nov. 7, 2009, in Savannah, Ga. They traveled throughout Italy for their honeymoon before returning home in Savannah, where he works as a design engineer for Gulfstream Aerospace.

2 Gianluca Puliti ('06, DB) and Miriam Reyes were engaged in front of the Trevi Fountain in Rome on Dec. 15, 2008. He is pursuing his doctorate studies in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, and they plan to get married in the spring of 2011.

John Mello ('08, WW) married Lisa Bohne of Kamloops, B.C., on Sept. 5, 2009. They live in Kalispell, Mont., where they plan to work in the aviation field.

Births

2000s

1 **Tim** ('02, DB) and **Jen** ('02, '04, DB) **Bailey** had a daughter, Kara Grace, on July 22, 2009. She was 6 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long. They live in Titusville, Fla.



1940s

Harry Leeks ('41, MC) Aug. 15, 2009

1 **Elias "Babe" Krinock** ('48, MC)

May 27, 2009

John Leming, Sr. ('49, MC) June 15, 2009

1950s

Donald Kraft ('51, MC) Sept. 25, 2009

Emanuel Michael Mendes ('56, '57, MC)

June 25, 2009

1960s

Neal Gauer ('60, MC) Aug. 14, 2009

Robert "Bob" Liddiard, Jr. ('62, MC)

Oct. 29, 2009

1970s

John McMillen ('70, DB) Aug. 5, 2009

Martin Fitzgerald ('73, WW) Aug. 25, 2009

1980s

Edward Hetsko, Jr. ('81, WW) Aug. 15, 2009

Ray Gonzalez, Esquire ('82, DB) Aug. 1, 2009

IN MEMORY

Stanley Strzelecki ('83, DB) October 2009

George Maddox, Sr. ('88, DB) Sept. 4, 2009

Dr. Ernest Dammier ('89, '08, WW) Aug. 23,

2009

1990s

Christopher Cunningham ('95, DB) Sept. 9,

2009

Andrya Mae McGarry ('95, DB) June 17, 2009

Maj. Steven Carter, USAF (Ret.) ('96, WW)

June 30, 2009

2000s

Capt. Mark Zampogna ('00, WW) July 11, 2009

Gabrielle Arnone Hawkins ('01, DB) Oct. 31,

2009

Andrew Long ('01, WW) June 9, 2009

CWO4 Michael Montgomery ('02, WW) Nov. 2,

2009

Capt. Nicholas Giglio ('03, DB) Oct. 15, 2009

Drew Hunter ('03, DB) June 4, 2009

George Dodgen III ('05, DB) March 25, 2009

Joshua Nichols ('07, '08, WW) Sept. 4, 2009

Robert Johnson ('09, WW) Aug. 19, 2009

Francesca L. Martino ('10, DB) Oct. 19, 2009

Michael Patrick O'Brien ('11, DB) May 28, 2009

Other

Dr. Bruce Rothwell (Dean of the Central Region, WW) Nov. 14, 2009

Edward W. Stimpson ('74, Hon.)

Nov. 25, 2009

For two decades, Stimpson was a member of the Board of Trustees at Embry-Riddle, serving as chairman from 1987-1994. He also served on the university's Executive Committee. In honor of his service, a residence hall and laboratory are named for him on the Daytona Beach Campus.

"Ed Stimpson was a wonderful man," says President John Johnson. "He was a real leader in the field of aviation, who served on the Board of Trustees and also the President's Advisory Board. We're going to miss him a great deal."

Stimpson was the founding and longtime head of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA). After GAMA, Stimpson went on to become the U.S. representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and finally chairman of the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF).

During his long career, Stimpson received numerous awards, including the National Business Aviation Award for meritorious service and Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for lifetime achievement.

