

R. David Johnson

RD was commissioned in the US Air Force (AF) in 1978 and served proudly for 31 years both on active duty and in the AF Reserves. Following pilot training at Reese AFB, TX, he flew the RF-4C, F-5A, F-4D, F-4E, F-16A, and the T-38. Favorite flying assignments were as an F-5 Instructor Pilot at Korat Royal Thai Air Base (83), in the Reserves at Bergstrom AFB, TX (85-93), and his last flying assignment as a T-38 Instructor Pilot in the prestigious Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program at Sheppard AFB, TX. RD was also a two time flying squadron commander in the AETC Reserve Associate Instructor force. Post 9/11, Colonel Johnson served in several Battle Staff HQs retiring from the Air Force in June 2009 as the 701st Combat Operations Squadron Commander, March ARB, CA, where he was as an Air and Space Operations Director specializing in the Korean Theater of Operations.

RD started with American Airlines (AA) in October 1984. He is currently an International Captain on the Boeing 737-800 serving as a Check Airman instructing both in the simulator and out on the line. He has flown the Boeing 727, 737, 757, and 767 and has 20+ years flying experience as a Captain on the MD-80. While at AA almost 30 years, Captain Johnson has held the positions of Check Airman (B737 & MD-80), Human Factors Instructor and Program Developer, MD-80 Fleet Captain and MD-80 Fleet Training Manager. He has been on the Go Team to assist in the event of an accident, served on the High Altitude

Upset Committee, ran industry seminars, and served on several incident/accident investigations for the airline.

Captain Johnson has extensive relations within the FAA from his six plus year's management background at AA and from serving over two years as a part time consultant for Higher Power Aviation (HPA), a Part 142 Aviation Training School in the Dallas Ft-Worth area. While at HPA, RD served simultaneously as their Director of Safety Management Systems and Director of Operations responsible for five aircraft types: Airbus 320, DC-9/MD-80, B-727, B-757/767, and the B-737. Clients at HPA included private individuals, Part 121, Part 125, Domestic and Foreign Government entities, and multiple Corporate Clients.

RD has flown over 15,000+ accident free hours in over 30+ aircraft. His education includes a BS from the United States Air Force Academy and a MBA from the University of Phoenix. RD is a former USAF Safety Board President and a 2013 graduate of the USC Viterbi Aviation Safety and Security Certificate Program. He is a member of ISASI, The International Society of Air Safety Investigators.