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JOSHUA D. BIBB EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Joshua D. Bibb has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Major Joshua D. Bibb has been interested in aviation since childhood. This led him to the U.S. Air Force he graduated the Air Force Academy in 2005. During



college, he earned his Private Pilot certificate and shortly thereafter completed pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During the following three years, Bibb was a "First Assignment Instructor Pilot." He taught nearly 100 students how to fly and was recognized as the Instructor Pilot of the Year in 2008.

Bibb subsequently completed Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals as a Distinguished Graduate and progressed to fly the F-16 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. He has served in numerous operational assignments flying the F-16 including at Hill Air Force Base, Utah and Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, where he returned to flight instruction and evaluation. Bibb currently serves as the sole Exchange Officer assigned to the Kingdom of Denmark through the U.S. Air Force Personnel Exchange Program.

In the past fifteen years, Bibb has logged over 2,450 flight hours in all models of the F-16, the T-38C, T-6A, T-37B, L-39ZA, the Beechcraft Baron & the Diamond Katana. He has participated in a variety of exercises throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East including Red Flag, Combat Hammer and Eager Tiger. Furthermore, Bibb has experience as a participant in Operation NOBLE EAGLE, Operation INHERENT RESOLVE & NATO Air Policing. Bibb is a senior pilot and a recipient of the U.S. Air Medal. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Mississippi State University. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and four kids.

*The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor program** is the longest running and most prestigious FAA accredited master flight instructor program in the industry. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is earned by aviation educators based upon a system of advanced professional standards and peer review. The accreditation identifies and publicly recognizes those teachers of flight who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is for two years and may be used to renew an FAA flight instructor certificate. Applicants must have been a CFI for two years and have given 1,000 hours of flight instruction. In addition candidates must meet and document activity in four NAFI Master Instructor categories (Instructor, Educator, Service to the Aviation Community, and Professional Activity).*

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