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DAVID M. BARRON EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member David M. Barron has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Barron says he remembers always being interested in aviation, as his father was a WWII pilot and later an airline pilot. Barron started by building



plastic models, then model aircraft that flew. His father soloed him in 1964 while Barron was in high school. Before graduation he earned a commercial and instrument rating. After a tour in the U.S. Army at the Army Primary Helicopter Base in Mineral Wells Texas, he earned a multiengine rating and joined the Federal Aviation Administration, serving as a controller at Chicago Center and Dupage Tower. He earned his ATP single engine, flight instructor (airplane and instrument) certificates by 1970. During this same period he earned his Ground Instructor Certificate and has been a Gold Seal CFI since then. In 1972 he earned his multiengine ATP, and commercial glider certificates. In 1976 he transferred to the FAA's Detroit FSS, and in 1980 to the Key West FSS. Later assignments took him to the San Juan IFSS, and San Juan FSDO as an accident prevention specialist.

Barron has instructed at Luminair in Sugar Grove, Ill., Key West Flying Service, Key West Fla., and Boca Chica Navy Flying Club, Fla., Roosevelt Roads Flying Club in Puerto Rico, Leading Edge at Tampa Executive Airport, and Plant City Flying Service, Plant City Fla., and is now teaching at First Landings in Apopka, Fla.

Other flying experiences have included FAR 135 freight operations, captain for Provincetown Boston Airlines, Life Guard Flights, sightseeing flights, and domestic and international aircraft delivery.

He currently holds an ATP: Airplane Single and Multiengine Land, CE-500, DA-10, DC-3 SIC type ratings, Commercial Privileges: Airplane Single and Multiengine Sea, Rotorcraft-Helicopter, and Glider, Sport Pilot Gyroplane. Flight Instructor: (Gold Seal) Airplane single and Multiengine, Instrument, Ground Instructor: Advanced Instrument, Control Tower Operator, Flight Dispatcher, and Remote Pilot Certificates.

Barron just retired from American Airlines where he taught B-777-200, MD-80, and B-737-800 in ground school and CAE simulators. He has well over 5000 hours flight time in 94 different kinds of aircraft. He says that to solo a student is still a thrill knowing full well that they will return safely with what he has taught them. He was awarded the FAA Wright Brothers Award in 2016 and is a member of the FAAST team.

*The **NAFI Master Flight 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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