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ROBERT TEMPLETON EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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

Templeton says his fascination with aviation started in early childhood while watching U.S. Navy P2V anti-submarine hunters while he lived in Adak, Alaska where his father was stationed in early 1958. His dreams of flying became a



reality when he started U.S. Navy flight training at VT-1 Pensacola, Florida in August 1973. Templeton flew the T-34B (Beechcraft Mentor), T-28C (North American Trojan) and the TS-2A (Grumman Tracker), a multiengine submarine hunter. He is a retired U.S. Naval Reserve Captain.

Templeton holds commercial, instrument, multiengine, CFI, CFII and a SIC type ratings in the Shorts 330 and 360 turboprop aircraft. He has experience flying about 25 different military and general aviation aircraft. His experience includes approximately 2,000 hours of flight instruction given.

Templeton was instrumental in developing and establishing the first Contra Costa County Sheriff's Patrol Air Support Unit in northern California prior to retiring from law enforcement in 2004. After retirement he worked as banner tow and night LED aerial advertisement pilot in the San Francisco airspace and also worked as a cargo pilot for Air Cargo Carriers.

For the past six years Templeton has enjoyed working as a flight instructor at the Travis AFB Aero Club in Fairfield, California, where he provides assistance and instruction to many young enlisted USAF air crew personnel who desire to obtain a private certificate or more to enhance their ability to compete for selection to active duty USAF officer pilot training programs.

Templeton says he loves to teach and enjoys introducing aviation to those interested in its exhilarating challenge. In addition to NAFI, he is a member of AOPA, EAA-Young Eagles Program, and recruits teens for Civil Air Patrol and careers in law enforcement or the U.S. armed services.

Templeton is married to Nancy Ann (Brock) Templeton and they have 3 adult children. He and Nancy live in Benicia, California.

*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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