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TIMOTHY TIMMONS EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 11/6/2016 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Timothy Timmons has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Timmons' second NAFI Master Accreditation.

Timmons started flying in 2005 and earned his CFI certificate in 2012. After a 21-year career in the U.S. Army he retired from the military in 2013 and began to pursue his love for aviation and flight instruction full-time. He currently serves as the Assistant Chief Flight Instructor for Cochise College's Aviation Department (Part 141) in Douglas, Arizona. In 2015 he received honor roll instructor recognition as part of AOPA's Flight Training Excellence Awards.



Timmons earned his ATP AMEL earlier this year and also holds commercial privileges for single engine and private privileges for seaplane and glider. He is an FAA Gold Seal Instructor with CFII, MEI, AGI and IGI certificates. His education includes a masters degree in Aerospace Operations from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Timmons says he believes strongly in serving his community through aviation. He serves as AOPA's Airport Support Network representative for Tombstone Airport (P29), in Arizona and as a volunteer pilot for Flights for Life, LightHawk, and EAA's Young Eagles program. He also recently became a FAASTeam representative for the Scottsdale FSDO. He has accumulated more than 2,300 pilot-in-command hours with over 1,100 hours of dual instruction given. He lives in Anthem, Arizona.

*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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