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Check Instructor and FAA Gold Seal CFI at Northern Virginia's largest flight school. Retired Naval Aviator and TOPGUN graduate with 2,200+ hours multi-engine turbine PIC in the F/A-18 Hornet. A320 type rated. Seasoned crew member and proven leader in high-tempo, standardization-driven flight operations from carrier combat to Part 141 training.

CERTIFICATES & RATINGS / FLIGHT TIME

No conversion factors applied.

Certificates ATP: AMEL Commercial: ASEL Type: A320	Total Time	4,484
Instructor CFI (Gold Seal), CFII, MEI, AGI	PIC	3,967
FAA Cert # 5004431	FW Turbine	3,312
Medical FAA 1st Class (06 MAR 2026)	FW Multi-Engine	2,706
Other US Passport FCC Radiotelephone Permit	Instructor	2,012

AVIATION EXPERIENCE

Check Instructor / Gold Seal CFI, Aviation Adventures **2024 – Present**
Warrenton and Manassas, VA (KHWY / KHEF) — ASEL/AMEL

- Check instructor for Part 141 school operating ~50 aircraft and ~60 instructors. Conduct stage checks and instructor proficiency checks across ASEL/AMEL curricula.
- Graduated 20+ students in syllabi from Private to MEI ratings with 100% first-attempt pass rate.
- FAA Gold Seal CFI; AOPA Distinguished Flight Instructor Award – 2026.
- Current flight activity: Last 12 months 616 hours flown | 24 months 1146 hours, 324 hours were AMEL.
Note: these numbers exclude 26 hours A320 Class D FFS.

Commanding Officer / Chief Instructor Pilot, VT-9 (T-45C), US Navy **2007 – 2010**
NAS Meridian, MS — ASEL Turbine

- Commanded 70 instructor pilots delivering 60+ Naval Aviators annually while safely executing 20,000+ flight hours/year across nine syllabi.
- Awarded the 2010 Goldthwaite Award—Best Training Squadron in the Navy; 1st among 17 squadrons.

Pentagon Staff Assignments — Analysis & Budgeting **2003 – 2007**

Department Head / TOPGUN Graduate, Weapons School & VFA-147 (F/A-18C), US Navy **1998 – 2003**
NAS Lemoore, CA — AMEL Turbine

- TOPGUN graduate. Standards & evaluation check pilot over the most senior aviators in the Pacific Fleet.
- Operations Officer directing sustained combat operations supporting OEF from USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74). Developed advanced training syllabi.
- Maintenance Officer coordinating actions on 12 F/A-18C leading more than 200 sailors and Chiefs.
- Seven WestPac deployments, four years at sea. Extensive ICAO operations.

Fleet Naval Aviator / LSO, Training Command & VFA-195 (F/A-18A/C), US Navy **1990 – 1998**
NAS Lemoore, CA / NAF Atsugi, Japan — AMEL Turbine

- Landing Signal Officer certified to direct eight aircraft types recovering aboard the carrier to 200' & ½ mile. Airwing Strike Leader (30+ joint/coalition aircraft). Over three years living in and operating from Japan (ICAO).

DEFENSE & TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Washington, DC Metro Area

Chief Technology Officer, Wright Intel Solutions, LLC | **Ops Director**, PVA TePla Okos Solutions **2020 – 2026**

- IT systems architecture and national security consulting for government customers.

Senior Program Manager, Ausley Associates | **Principal Analyst** Modern Technology Solutions Inc **2011 – 2020**

- Led 60+ pros managing advanced sensor and SW integrations (AESA, data links) on F/A-18E/F and EA-18G.

EDUCATION

MA, Organizational Management — George Washington University
MA, National Security & Strategic Studies — Naval War College
BS, Construction Management — University of Florida
PMP & Data Science Certificate — Georgetown University

ACHIEVEMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

- **FAA Gold Seal CFI** | **AOPA Distinguished Flight Instructor, Eastern Region (2026)**
- **A320 Initial Type Rating** — ATP Jets, Dallas, TX (2026)
- AOPA Member | NAFI Member