



BIOGRAPHY

Commander George Perry, USN (Retired)

Retired U.S. Navy Commander George Perry is an aviation safety advocate, author and speaker who serves as a member of the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors (BoG).

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member BoG consists of four U.S. Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The BoG moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's National Commander and Chief Executive Officer, the organization's Chief Operating Officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander, who act as advisers.



Commander Perry joined the BoG in June 2015, shortly after completing a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy as an F-18E Super Hornet squadron commanding officer based in Atsugi Japan. After retiring from the Navy, he held senior leadership positions at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) as the Senior Vice President of the Air Safety Institute, and the special mission business division director at Cirrus Aircraft. Today he flies the Boeing 757 and 767 internationally for United Parcel Services (UPS) airlines.

During Commander Perry's career in the Navy he held numerous leadership positions in aviation safety including Director, F-18E Super Hornet safety systems model manager, F-14 Tomcat fleet safety programs, Safety Director in Carrier Air Wing Seven and Three, as well as F-18E/F carrier pilot training manager. While serving in Iraq, he worked for U.S. Army General David Petraeus, conducting studies and analysis in Iraq, and later as a special assistant to U.S. Marine Corps General James Mattis at U.S. Joint Forces Command. In addition to being an F-18 and F-14 pilot instructor and check pilot, he has over 850 carrier-arrested landings, has flown over 150 combat missions, holds ATP, CFII, and MEI certificates, a 525S type rating, has logged over 5,000 hours, and currently owns a Mooney M20F.

His educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, an MBA from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, and is also a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Aviation Safety School.

Commander Perry's articles have been published by the Naval Institute Press, Approach and AOPA magazines, and General Aviation News. He also serves on the board of advisors for a Louisville, Kentucky-based aviation initiative for underprivileged children.

Originally from New Bern, North Carolina, he now lives in Louisville with his wife and two children.

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