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## **ANDREAS “BARON” WESEMANN EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Andreas ‘Baron’ Wesemann has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Professor Wesemann is the Director of the Professional Pilot program at Utah State University, where he started a new online Master of Aviation Science Degree and drone program. He joined Civil Air Patrol in 1981, garnered a solo scholarship that encouraged his childhood dream of becoming a military pilot, and helped him toward an



appointment and his eventual graduation from The United States Air Force Academy and earning his silver wings. Wesemann retired as a lieutenant colonel after a 27-year career flying the C-130 Hercules around the world as a combat rescue pilot and deployed combat commander, garnering distinguished graduate honors at aircraft commander’s school and exceptionally qualified on his instructor checkride. He was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Utah State University for 2020 and serves on the board for the international Alpha Eta Rho Aviation Fraternity. He has earned FAA WINGS validation at the basic, advanced, and masters levels on multiple occasions. As an instructor pilot for over 20 years, he has a CFI, CFII, MEI, AGI, Remote Pilot, was an instructor pilot in the U.S.A.F. for 5 different aircraft, and is completing his PhD in curriculum and instruction, with a focus on eLearning.

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).

Members of the **National Association of Flight Instructors** work as independent instructors, at flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments and in the military. Since 1967, NAFI and its members, who teach in 30 countries, are dedicated to increasing and maintaining the professionalism of flight instruction. NAFI members influence active pilots daily: students working to become pilots, current pilots training to advance their skills with new ratings or certificates and pilots who seek to improve their skills with recurrent training. NAFI also serves as an advocate with industry and government as a voice for flight instruction. NAFI helps shape the current and future direction of flight training. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).