



AVIAÂ REINFORCES ITS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY CULTURE

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Signs new partner Patriots Jet Team – Upset Prevention and Recovery Training specialists.

AVIAÂ, the expanding international group purchasing organization (GPO), is pleased to announce the signing of a new safety supplier, Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT) specialist, Patriots Jet Team UPRT.

The Bay Area, CA-based company (near San Francisco) is unique in the UPRT sector, as it is the only provider to offer real-world upset training throughout the full aerobatic envelope in the mid-size Sabreliner 60 Corporate Jet. The Sabreliner most closely resembles a business aviation operator's typical daily flights.

AVIAA's partnership with Patriots Upset Prevention and Recovery program will deliver guaranteed training slots and discounts on training courses.

"We are very excited to be expanding our training offerings with the Patriots Jet Team UPRT. Creating a culture of safety is a priority for us and our community as well as our other training suppliers. Patriots Jet Team UPRT's commitment to safety and in-air training experience is unmatched," said AVIAA CEO Gillian Hayes.

"There is widespread recognition, endorsed by ICAO, EASA, FAA and national aviation bodies, of the seriousness of risks associated with flight upsets resulting from loss of control in flight," said Randy Howell, owner of Patriots Jet Team UPRT.

We applaud AVIAA, a forward-thinking, operationally smart team for embracing our skillset. This new partnership means that their members can conveniently access UPRT expertise beyond satisfying regulatory safety requirements. Our unique training worldwide, ensures pilots are optimally prepared to avoid, recognize and recover from what is now universally regarded as the single largest cause of commercial aircraft fatalities."

The Patriots Jet Team UPRT client program runs for two days, commencing with four hours of ground school, followed by two one-hour flights in the L-39 jet trainer with 5.5 hours of pre and post flight briefings, progressing through to full aerobatic maneuvers for one hour in the Sabreliner, with 3.5 hours of pre and post flight briefings.

Headed by founding owner, former United Airlines' B747 Captain Randy Howell, the Patriots Jet Team Upset Prevention and Recovery Training Program has earned a strong reputation providing commercial pilots with the skills to quickly recover from upset events throughout the full aerobatic spectrum.

AVIAA members are already enjoying the benefits of the unique training experience with Patriots Jet Team UPRT.

Joe Bialkowsky, Director of Aviation for The Wolff Company stated: "I am thrilled that AVIAA has partnered with Patriots UPRT. My recent training with Patriots UPRT was one of the most eye opening and rewarding training events of my career. I think that every pilot should go through a realistic representation of unusual attitude training. AVIAA has brought about a sea change in aviation and it's no surprise that they have chosen to partner with the pinnacle of upset recovery training."

AVIAA is continuing to build up a substantial customer base across the U.S. and Europe and is looking forward to its U.S. debut at forthcoming NBAA events – the Regional Forum in San Jose on September 6 and the annual NBAA-BACE convention and exhibition during October 15-18 where it is exhibiting at **Booth #1650**.

Patriots Jet Team UPRT will also be exhibiting at NBAA San Jose this week with the Sabreliner on static display, as well as at NBAA-BACE **Booth #1850** in Orlando.

Established by Hangar8 founder Dustin Dryden and GPO expert James Hall, AVIAA streamlines the procurement process for owners and operators using the collective buying power of its members to secure the best value for key operational services.

As well as helping private jet owners and operators better compete with companies who already benefit from economies of scale, the GPO model also rewards preferred suppliers, who see

committed volume and reduced friction costs.

The business is headquartered in Irvine, California, and also has offices in the UK at London Oxford Airport and in Park City, Utah.

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