

Biographical Sketch Kent B. Lewis, M.S.

Specific role at HFA: Senior Associate

Mr. Kent B. Lewis serves as an Aerospace Safety Consultant, responsible for development of safety management systems and leadership programs, with a specialty in operational applications of human factors. He has considerable leadership experience in the areas safety program development and management with the US Marine Corps, the FAA Safety Team (FAAS Team) and Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

Areas of Interest: Human Factors, Safety Culture, Integrated Management Systems, Team Resource Management (TRM).

Professional Experience:

2000-present: Airline Transport Pilot, Delta Air Lines. Air Safety
Kent serves as a Representative of the Air Line Pilots Association and FAAS Team Lead Representative for the Ft Worth Flight Standards District Office. He serves on the ALPA Human Factors working group, the SMS Committee, teaches Human Factors in the accident investigation course, and has participated in numerous NTSB investigations. Kent also develops and facilitates safety seminars in support of the FAAS Team mission. As part of this initiative, he developed Signal Charlie, a wiki space that provides aviation safety program information to a worldwide web audience.

1979 -1999: Captain Lewis (USMC, Retired) spent 20 years on active duty with the United States Marine Corps, serving in combat during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. Duties included Avionics Technician, Fixed Wing and Rotorcraft Standardization Instructor, Executive Officer, Aviation Safety Officer, Safety Department Head and Director of Safety at MCAS Yuma, AZ, the largest aviation-training complex in the United States. Captain Lewis was also the Command Search And Rescue (SAR) Officer for MCAS Yuma, the busiest Inland SAR Unit in the U.S.

Education:

Master of Library Science, 2010 – Texas Woman's University
Aviation Safety Officer Course 1995 – Naval Postgraduate School
BA History, 1985 - University of Texas at Austin

Publications:

Kent has published in numerous ALPA publications, National Association of Flight Instructors' *Mentor* magazine, and authored two chapters for the 2011 Ashgate book *Implementing Safety Management Systems in Aviation*.

Honors and Awards:

2009 National FAAS Team Representative of the Year
4 time Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award

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