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## PROFILE

Aviation operations leader with two decades of progressive operational management and nearly 40 years in the industry, from Part 121 cargo and passenger operations to Part 139 airport operations. Keeps a certificated Texas airport safe, compliant, and open every day, working directly with the FAA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Brings frontline, back-to-basics experience to state service in transportation and infrastructure, aviation, emergency readiness, and workforce development.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- FAA Part 139 certification and compliance
- Airport security programs and multi-agency coordination (FAA, CBP, TSA, USDA APHIS)
- Emergency readiness and incident coordination
- Multi-site team leadership (up to ~50 staff across two stations)
- Training program design and delivery
- Part 121, Part 135, Part 91, cargo, and dangerous goods operations
- Mergers and operational integrations
- Regulatory research and policy analysis

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Airport Operations Officer** — City of Fort Worth, Fort Worth Meacham International Airport (Part 139) · 2023–Present

- Conducts Part 139 self-inspections and supports the FAA certification inspector on annual and no-notice inspections
- Primary daily liaison with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for international general aviation arrivals and USDA APHIS agriculture inspection
- Built the airport's USDA regulated garbage training program from scratch; no CBP findings since it was put in place
- Coordinates security under the Airport Security Program, plus VIP and dignitary movements with federal partners
- Coordinates daily with Part 135 operators (Jet Linx, Flexjet, JetOUT, Airshare) and airfield tenants; performs tenant compliance inspections
- Manages airfield construction and marking safety, utility outages, and wildlife strike reporting; researches FAA grant assurance and pavement-strength questions
- Created the Aviation Department's "Wings of Recognition" employee recognition program

**Ramp Manager** — Envoy Air (American Airlines regional) · 2020–2022

- Led ramp operations, crew performance, safety, and on-time departure for regional jet service

**Customer Service / Gate Agent** — American Airlines · 2015–2016; 2018–2020

- Front-line passenger operations; returned to the company in 2018

**Performance Manager** — Delta Global Services, Dallas Love Field · 2017–2018

- Managed contract performance on the Alaska Airlines ground-handling account

**General Manager** — Navstar, Boston Logan International Airport · 2016–2017

- Led a 28-person team through the Alaska Airlines integration of Virgin America operations

**General Manager and Training Manager** — Quick Flight (Allegiant Air contract), Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP) and Asheville (AVL) · 2012–2015

- Ran two stations at once with ~50 employees; owned hiring, training, compliance, and daily performance at both

**Gate Agent** — Piedmont Airlines / US Airways Express · 2009–2012

**Customer Service Agent** — United Express (Atlantic Coast, SkyWest, Air Wisconsin) · 2002–2008

**Supervisor; International and Dangerous Goods Specialist** — FedEx Express · 1990–2002

- Supervised aircraft load crews; handled international shipments and dangerous goods compliance
- Standby right-seat pilot in the Falcon chase program under an FAA Part 91 exemption; coordinated Part 91 ferry flights

## LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVES

**Founder** — Monument Aviation LLC

- Developing the Red River Response Center (RRRC), a Part 133 aerial emergency-response concept built on the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Designed College Air, a four-year airport-governance degree program, and pitched it to Texas State University (TXST Global) as an aviation workforce pipeline

**A.A.E. Management Paper** — "The Part 139–Certificated Airport as a Platform for Aviation Workforce Development"; approved by the AAAE Board of Examiners in 2026

## EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

- B.S. Business, Western Governors University — expected May 2027
- Aviation management coursework, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California
- Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) Candidate, AAAE — management paper approved; final interview pending
- Certified Member (C.M.) and Airport Certified Employee (ACE), AAAE
- FAA Private Pilot Certificate, held since 1986