

THE VILLAGES AVIATION CLUB

February 2021 SAFETY BRIEF
MASTER PILOT AWARD



THE WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD



- **The Wright Brother’s “Master Pilot” Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61.**
- **This award is named after the Wright brothers, the first US pilots, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft”.**

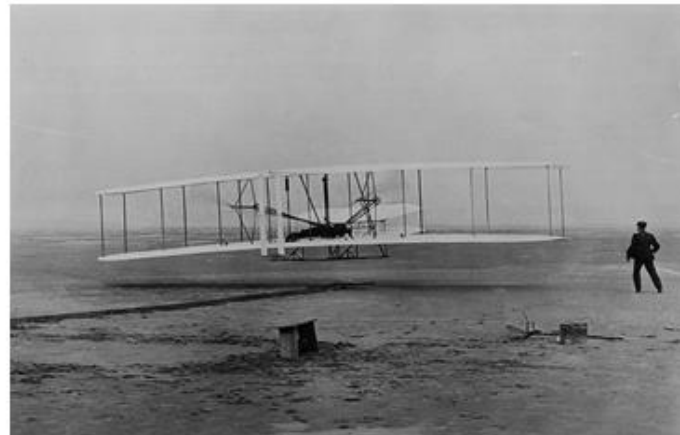
ELIGIBILITY FOR THE WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD

- **1) Have 50 years of U.S. piloting experience. The effective start date for the award is the date of the applicant's first solo flight or military equivalent.**
- **2) Have held a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or FAA pilot certificate with: •50 or more years of civil flying experience, or •50 or more years of civil and military flying experience, of which up to 20 years may be U.S. military experience.**

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September 27, 2019

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Flight Standards Service - General Aviation and Commercial Division

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WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee's Full Name (as it should appear on award certificate)

Contact Information

	Nominee	Sponsor (if applicable)
Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
State	_____	_____
Zip	_____	_____
Home/Work Phone	_____	_____
Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____

Nominee's Airman Information

Pilot certificate number _____

Highest grade of pilot certificate and ratings _____

Original solo or military equivalent

Date _____

Make/Model Aircraft _____

City/State _____

Training organization (if applicable) _____

**Sample Letter of Recommendation.
(Three required)**

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Sample Letter of Recommendation

(Date)

(Nearest FAA FSDO or FAAS Team Program Manager Address)

Attn: *(FSDO Manager or FAAS Team Program Manager)*

I have known (Nominee's name) for *(number of years known)* years and highly recommend him/her for the Wright Brother's Master Pilot Award. I have known him/her to always operate aircraft in a safe and professional manner, be of good moral character and an outstanding individual who is respected in the aviation community.

My knowledge and association with the nominee consists of *(state your affiliation with the nominee, i.e., Work associate, personal business, friendship, etc.)*

I hold a pilot certificate number *(certificate number)*_____

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

(Printed name)

(Address)

(E-mail address)

(Best contact Phone number)

Nominee's flying history (Resume or Biography)

Richard Burns

Aviation History Resume

- October 16, 1962:** Issued Student Pilot Certificate
- August 27, 1962:** First student flight Zahn's Airport Amityville, long Island NY
- November 4, 1962:** Solo Piper J3 Cub from Zahn's Airport with 7.9 hours
- January 26, 1964:** Issued Private Pilot Airplane Single Engine Land Certificate, Piper Tri-Pacer at Zahn's Airport, NY
- August 1965 – February 1967:** US Army Maintenance School, Helicopter Crew Chief/Mechanic
- February 2, 1967:** Completed US Army Flight School, Awarded Army Aviator Wings
- February 8, 1967:** Issued Commercial ASEL, AMEL, Instrument issued based on Military Flying
- July 1968:** Completed combat tour, Vietnam. Flew Cessna L-19 Birddog aircraft. Awarded Distinguish Flying Cross, Air Medal, and Purple Heart.
- February, 1969- February, 1970:** Flew Brigadier General of NYC Air Defense Command in Army U-8, out of Navy New York-Floyd Bennett Field, New York. Military qualified in U-8 (Twin Beech), L-19/O-1 Birddog, T-41 (Cessna S/E), T-42 (Beech Baron).
- November 15, 1973:** Issued Certified Flight Instructor Airplane Single Engine

Nomination Package Check List

- Completed Wright Brothers MPA Nomination Form
- Nominee's flying history (Resume or Biography)
- Three letters of recommendation

- Photos from 'over the years'

Additional notes on nomination acceptance:

- A current flight review or medical certificate is not required at the time of nomination.
- Prior accident history is not necessarily disqualifying but will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Prior enforcement actions (excluding revocation) are not necessarily disqualifying but will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- The award may be presented to a nominee up to 3 years posthumously if the nominee has acquired 50 years of U.S. piloting experience prior to passing away.
- Nominations will take a minimum of 60 days to be accepted



Presentation Materials



FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true copy of the complete airman file pertaining to David Everett Lehtonen, date of birth November 19, 1933. Supporting documents are on file in the Airmen Certification Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

Blue Ribbon Package of David Lehtonen FAA Records

Signed and dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
this 9th day of July, 2020
Tammie Silk
by Tammie Silk
Compliance Specialist, Airmen Certification Branch
(Title)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I, Julie D. Ferrell

is now and was at the time of signing, Acting Manager, Airmen Certification Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, the legal custodian of the aforesaid records, and that full faith and credit shall be given this certificate as such.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the U.S. Department of Transportation to be affixed
this 9th day of July, 2020
at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Julie D. Ferrell
Julie D. Ferrell
(Signature)
Acting Manager, Airmen Certification Branch
(Title)
Civil Aviation Registry
U.S. Department of Transportation

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The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

presented to

David Everett Lehtonen

*In recognition of your 50 years of exemplary
aviation flight experience, distinguished
professionalism, and steadfast commitment
to aviation safety.*



Orville Wright

Wilbur Wright

Steve Dickson

Steve Dickson, FAA Administrator





November 2020

Date

Roll of Honor

- The nominee's name, city and state of residence plus the month and year of the Master Pilot Award presentation will be posted to the electronic Roll of Honor after the award has been presented.

SAFETY SEMINARS

Date	Title and Description 	Type	Cost	Location
2/13/2021 11:00 EST SO15103672	<p>Flight Simulators and Other Devices Flight Simulators And Other Devices: A Look At... A FREE two-hour discussion of various flight simulators, their capabilities and how to use them for greatest...</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Advanced WINGS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Credit for Advanced Knowledge Topic 2</p> <p>Master WINGS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Credit for Master Knowledge Topic 2</p> </div>	Seminar	Free	Bartow, FL  0 seats remaining.
2/20/2021 11:00 EST SO35103254	<p>Expanding Your Horizons In 2021, Try Something New or Different! Fly... "EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS" During this seminar, we will discuss different ways to enhance your flying fun and...</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Advanced WINGS <input type="checkbox"/> ½ Credit for Advanced Knowledge Topic 2</p> <p>Master WINGS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Credit for Master Knowledge Topic 2</p> </div>	Seminar	Free	Plant City, FL  0 seats remaining.
2/26/2021 14:00 EST SO35103779	<p>What Aircraft Maintenance Records Must Be Kept by the Owner? Discussion on the Required Maintenance Records... Many, if not most, aircraft owners want to save as much money as possible on storage, fuel, upgrades, and...</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Basic WINGS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3</p> <p>AMT 1 Hour Total for AMT</p> </div>	Seminar	Free	Lakeland, FL  20 seats remaining.

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Comments?



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Cheap Shots?