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**RICHARD “DICK” ROCHFORT EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

**KALAMAZOO, MI 2/13/2015** The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Richard “Dick” Rochfort has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Rochfort’s sixth consecutive NAFI Master Instructor Accreditation.

Rochfort is an Airline Transport Pilot and Master Instructor providing training, consulting, aircraft relocation and expert witness services worldwide to owners, pilots and instructors of the Piper PA46 aircraft through his company, RWR Pilot Training and The Professional Association of Pilot Instructors (PAPI) of which he is a founding member.



He holds ATP, Commercial and Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificates with SEL, SES, MEL, CFII, MEI, and CE-525S ratings. He has been actively involved in flight training as an instructor since 1992.

Rochfort has researched, authored and published hundreds of articles and demonstration videos specific to the operation of Piper PA46 aircraft. This body of work comprises the PA46 Pilot Reference Library which is the single largest on-line collection of its kind. Additionally, he creates and manages more than 6,500 personal training videos and documents on over 100 private on-line reference libraries each year for his training customers.

Rochfort’s training programs are PA46 type-specific, insurance industry approved, FAA Industry Training Standards (FITS) approved, FAA Wings approved and they are fully insured.

Rochfort is an FAA FAASafetyTeam volunteer for the Baltimore FSDO, a National Industry Member of the FAA Safety Team, a member of the national FAA Wings Industry Advisory Committee, Director Emeritus of the Malibu Mirage Owners and Pilots Association (M/MOPA), and Instructor Emeritus of the M/MOPA Safety and Training Foundation. He is a member of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and NBAA (National Business Aircraft Association). He is also the Official Meridian Instructor for Red Bull Air Racer Kirby Chambliss and Team Chambliss.

Rochfort served as a “Green Beret” Staff Sergeant E6 in the US Army Special Forces from 1970 until 1976 as an “A team” radio operator, training indigenous personnel in field radio communications. He worked from 1976 until 1991 as an industrial engineer training manufacturing personnel for the production of communication and navigation equipment for the US military.

His education includes undergraduate degrees in Clinical Psychology and Engineering, and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. Rochfort lives in Baltimore, Maryland USA with his wife and has two daughters. He is a PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certified Open Water Scuba Instructor, a DAN (Divers Alert Network) certified First Aid Instructor and an Eagle Scout.

*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).*

*The **National Association of Flight Instructors' (NAFI)** purpose is to establish and promote a high level of professionalism among aviation educators and to provide recognition for their contributions to aviation safety, education and training. NAFI members teach in 17 countries in flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments, the military and as independent flight instructors. Founded in 1967, NAFI works with industry and government to help shape the direction of flight training and to serve as a voice for flight instruction. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).*