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Objective

Experienced aviation and intelligence professional with expertise in leadership, career development, security, subject matter and witness expert, instruction, investigations and global operations. Passionate about training and mentoring professionals to enhance operational excellence and safety.

Experience

Founder and Chief Executive Officer | Elk River Group, LLC (April 2020 – Present) | Banner Elk, NC
With a strong foundation as an Airline Transport Pilot, formerly an FAA Authorized Check Airman and Captain, having flown over 14,000 accident and incident free hours (FAR 121, 135, and 91), as well as being a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Intelligence Community, and former private investigator, I lead Elk River Group, LLC, focusing on strategic management, litigation support, investigations, and client relations. My diverse background in aviation and intelligence allows me to conduct thorough aviation related investigations and provide expert subject matter and witness consultations, enhancing our clients' trust and satisfaction.

I am an aviation subject matter expert, available for consulting, expert witness, and public speaking engagements in the aviation safety, security, and training industry.

- Senior aviation professional and U.S. Air Force Intelligence Veteran with over 14,000 accident and incident free flight hours. Type-rated B737, B757, B767, B717, A319, A320, A321, CE-650, BE-400A, and MU-300. I have also flown a multitude of general aviation turboprop and piston aircraft.
- Former FAA Check Airman, Private Investigator, and member of the Airline Pilots Association Security Committee with proven leadership in training, safety, and accident investigation.
- Founder of Elk River Group, LLC, delivering expert analysis and consultation across aviation safety, security, and litigation support.

Academic Instructor – Delta Professional Services, LLC (Dec 2024 – Present) | Atlanta, GA

- Develop and deliver specialized training curricula to hundreds of military and civilian pilots on Leadership, Security, Safety, Threat and Error Management.
- Lead classroom and technical presentations for executive-level aviation leaders, pilots, and technical operations personnel.
- Conduct public speaking engagements focused on operations, leadership and career development, safety, human factors, crew resource management, accident analysis, enhancing global airline security.

Flight Operations Training Instructor – Southwest Airlines, Inc. (Jul 2023 – Feb 2024) | Dallas, TX

- Instructed Boeing 737NG and B-737 MAX pilots in accordance with FAA regulations and airline training curricula.
- Conducted classroom and simulator-based training to ensure pilots meet operational safety standards.
- Presented technical briefings to airline executives and aviation professionals.

Airline Transport Pilot – Delta Air Lines (Jun 1999 – May 2022) | Atlanta, GA

- Served as Captain on multiple aircraft types, ensuring safe worldwide operations and compliance with FAA regulations.
- Trained new pilots as a FAA-authorized Line Check Captain for the Airbus fleet, overseeing operational safety.
- Mentor Pilot ensuring all pilots during their probationary period complied with all company and FAA regulations. Leadership and career development.
- Conducted sensitive security investigations, counterterrorism analysis, and global threat assessments as a member of the Airline Pilots Association Security Committee.

- Received “Best Captain at Delta Air Lines” peer recognition award in 2023.

Founder & President – Hendrix Investigations, LLC (2007 – 2009) | Cave Creek, AZ

- Licensed Private Investigator by the Arizona Department of Public Safety specializing in threat analysis, personal protection, aviation security, fraud investigations, missing persons, whistleblower, harassment, discrimination and other sensitive corporate investigations.

Airline Transport Pilot – Henson Airlines (Piedmont) 1997-1999 | Salisbury, MD

- Served as First Officer on the DHC-8, ensuring safe worldwide operations and compliance with FAA regulations.

Intelligence Operations Specialist /Linguist/Interrogator – U.S. Air Force (1986 – 1991)

- Gathered and analyzed worldwide all-source intelligence and briefed military leadership on global security threats (Top Secret/SCI), at the Headquarters Alaskan Air Command NORAD Region.
- Served during Operation Desert Storm, HUMINT and Interrogator specializing in Middle East and North Africa Region. Air Force Special Activities Command.
- Awarded Alaskan Air Command Airman of the Year and Leader of the Community Award (Anchorage, Alaska Rotary Club).
- **USAF and DOD Training:** Intelligence Operations Course, Defense Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, United States Customs Intelligence Course, DOD Strategic Debriefing Course, and Joint Services Interrogation Wing, Tactical Interrogation Course.

Education & Certifications

Wayland Baptist University

- **Master’s Degree in Public Administration**, specializing in Emergency Management & Homeland Security – **4.0 GPA**
- **Master's Degree Coursework:** Research Methods, Law Enforcement Administration, Terrorism, Homeland Security, International Legal Systems, Weapon of Mass Destruction, and Public Finance.
- **Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education** – **3.37 GPA**
- **Bachelor’s Degree Coursework:** Education, Government, Math, Business Law, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, and Public Finance.

Professional Certifications & Achievements

- FAA Part 121 Authorized Line Check Captain
- “Best Captain at Delta Air Lines” Peer Recognition Award 2023
- Delta Air Lines Scholarship for Academics & Leadership
- Approximately 14,000 flight hours – Accident & incident-free
- FAA Part 107 Licensed UAS Pilot and First Commercial Airline Pilot Awarded Section 333 for Commercial UAS Operations
- Intermediate Proficiency in Brazilian Portuguese
- Proficient in: Microsoft Office Suite including Outlook, Word, Excel, Power Point, Adobe, LMS, Share Point, and Microsoft Teams
- Six Sigma Yellow Certification Project Management
- FBI Citizen’s Academy Graduate
- Member of the American Bar Association and Aviation Law Association