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Stephen Lloyd, Director for Safety Retires



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As he prepares to conclude more than three decades of FAA service and nearly 40 years in the air traffic and aviation safety arenas, Stephen Lloyd looks back at what might be considered the start of his fascination with the airplane business. "Aviation and ATC always fascinated me from my first flight at 11 years of age in a Piper Cherokee," he explains.

Following six years in the United States Air Force, Lloyd joined FAA as an air traffic controller – the first of 14 different jobs he has held with the Agency. He notes that "three of those were in ARTCC's, three in control towers, and I also had stints in a TRACON, Regional Office, Service Area, and, finally, here at Headquarters."

Lloyd, who several years after that eventful flight in the single-engine Piper became a licensed pilot, reflects on a rich 33-year FAA career. "I'm very proud and very happy with what we were able to accomplish in my two years with ATO Safety and Technical Training," he says, adding that he thinks "people now can see where 'hey – we can make a difference,' more than ever before." Lloyd recently completed a two-year assignment as AJI's Director for Safety before rounding out his FAA tenure as the Transition Executive for ATO Safety and Technical Training.

His most memorable accomplishments? "Probably seeing technology change dramatically at Oakland Center in the Oceanic environment, along with Simultaneous Offset Instrument Approaches into SFO, which both facilitated efficiency and enhanced safety. Being an integral part of NextGen and Performance Based Navigation was also a huge part of my career. And of course, all of our ATO Safety Initiatives including Converging Runway Operations and the Arrival Departure Window, the QA/QC course, Partnership for Safety monthly safety discussions, Top 5, the Runway Safety Plan; the list goes on and on," says Lloyd.

Lloyd also led and was integrally involved in the development and implementation of Local Safety Councils and Safety Awareness Discussions, which have significantly improved communications and dialogue throughout the ATC network. He foresees the identification of precursors of risk as a key component of the ATO's future safety's efforts. "Knowing where to find hazards and problems before they manifest themselves is paramount," he notes.

After his retirement Lloyd's plans to stay involved with aviation safety. "There is so much left to do with prognostic safety analysis as well as with UAS, Commercial Space, and International Air Traffic Services." However, he quickly adds that, he will leave plenty of time to travel extensively with his new bride.

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