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ENRIQUE "RICK" VALDES

Boeing 767 / 757 Captain (Retired)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Over 41 years of flying experience; almost twenty-seven years with United Air Lines. Retired as a Boeing 757 and 767 captain (2013); more than 24,000 flight hours without ever injuring a passenger, damaging an aircraft, or receiving a violation.

Extensive international flying and work experience, in airlines in the USA, South America, Europe, and Asia. International safety advocate, within airlines, in IFALPA and ALPAI, including more than a decade on key ICAO safety projects. Well-known for expertise in Latin America flight operations and air traffic control issues. Bilingual Spanish and English.

EDUCATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 0 Barry University, Bachelor of Science.
- 1 Miami Dade Community College, Associate of Arts Degree.
- 2 US FAA Flight Academy, Aviation Safety Inspector-Operations Course.
- 3 ALPAI Accident Investigation Course, Basic and Advanced.
- 4 ALPAI Safety School, Basic and Advanced.
- 5 Dade County Public Safety Department, Police Academy.
- 6 United States Marine Corps 1966-1971, Vietnam veteran.
- 7 Bilingual Spanish / English.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – present **Delta Private Jets.** First Officer Citation 560XL
- 1986 – 2013 **United Air Lines.** Captain B757, B767; First Officer B747-400, B777, B757, B767; Flight Engineer B747, B727, and DC10.
- 1982 – 1986 **PEOPLEXPRESS Airlines.** Captain and Pilot Instructor B727; First Officer B737; Aircraft Dispatcher. Conducted simulator training for Captains and First Officers.
- 1981 – 1982 **Ryan Aviation Corporation,** contractor to Emery Worldwide. Captain and Check Airman B727. Designated FAA Check Airman, conducting Initial Operation Experience (IOE) line checks, evaluations, and bi-annual simulator check rides.

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- 1980 – 1981 **U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).** Aviation Safety Inspector - Operations B727, B737. Assisted in investigations dealing with violations of Federal Aviation Regulations. Directly involved with oversight of flight operations, including pilot and flight attendant training.
- 1978 – 1980 **Lloyd Aereo Boliviano.** First Officer and Second Officer B727, residing in Cochabamba, Bolivia. LAB flew throughout South America - destinations included Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Columbia, Panama and Venezuela.
- 1976 – 1978 **Burnside-Ott Aviation.** Flight instructor, single and multiengine land.
- 1971 – 1974 **Dade County Police Department.** Deputy Sheriff.
- 1966 – 1971 **United States Marine Corps.** Military Policeman, Infantry.
- Airline Transport Pilot Airplane Boeing 727, Boeing 737, Boeing 747/400, Boeing 757, Boeing 767, Boeing 777, CE 560XL (Cessna Citation), CE500 (Cessna Citation).
 - Flight Engineer Turbojet Powered Boeing 747, McDonnell Douglass DC10, Boeing 727.
 - Flight Instructor Airplanes Single and Multi-engine Land.
 - Advanced Ground Instructor.
 - Aircraft Dispatcher.

HONORS

2006 United Airlines ALPAI Master Executive Council - D.B. Robinson Award for Safety

A highly prestigious award given to fewer than twenty pilots to acknowledge a safety volunteer's outstanding contributions to airline safety.

2006 ALPAI Presidential Citation: In recognition of work with ICAO and the PRICE SG.

1995 United Airlines Flight Operations Division Safety Award: In recognition of safety work.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)

2000-2013

Fourteen years as representative from the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) to the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Proficiency Requirements in Common English Study Group (PRICE SG) and ICAO Language Test Service Provider Steering Committee.

Represented the interests of over 100,000 airline pilots and over 100 pilot associations worldwide. Captain Valdes was responsible to represent IFALPA to ICAO in the development and implementation of the ICAO language Standards, the guidance material, and the ICAO Aviation Language Testing Service. PRICESG created the new English language requirements for pilots and air traffic controllers. ICAO incorporated the group's recommendations into Document 9835 and Annexes 1, 6, 10, and 11. The new requirements became effective on March 5, 2008.

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IFALPA's Air Traffic Services committee 2000 – 2013
Members of the ATS committee provide subject matter expert assistance to different ICAO's working groups.

Safety Advocate

ALPAI 1989 – 2013
More than twenty-four years holding flight safety offices in the United States Air Line Pilots Association International (ALPAI).

ALPAI's Air Traffic Services committee 1998 – 2013
Members of the ATS committee provide subject matter expert assistance to ICAO working groups, dealing with Air Traffic control issues.

United Air Lines Pilot Dispatcher Communications Group 1995 – 2010
Founding member and Chairman A collaborative line pilot and dispatcher committee to address global flight operational support issues, including airports, facilities, flight plan, NOTAMs, weather support, polar flying, and flight following. As Chair, managed the group projects, providing oversight and assigning tasks as necessary to members. Work directly with the company's flight safety and flight operations departments. Direct responsibility for South and Central America, including airport and facility inspections within the region.

UAL ALPAI Central Air Safety Committee 2002 – 2007
Vice-Chairman (Operations) Responsible to be one of first responders to any flight crew member involved in an incident or accident, providing incident and accident oversight and investigation. Duties included the oversight of the ALPAI fleet coordinator program and Flight Safety Inquiry (FSI) program.

ALPAI Latin America and Caribbean Air Traffic Advisory Group 1998 – 2000
Chairman Addressing air traffic control and operational issues within the region.

ALPAI Local Council Air Safety Committee 1989 – 1995
Chairman and committee member Assisting members with safety concerns and events in a daily airline operation environment.

PRESENTATIONS

June 2014 ICAO Rater Training Course, Miami, Florida

Apr 2014 ALTA Association of Latin American Aviation, Curacao

Mar 2013 ICAO Language Proficiency Technical Seminar Montreal, Canada

Nov 2012 ICAEA English language proficiency conference Brasilia, Brazil

Sept 2011 ICAEA English language proficiency conference Buenos Aires, Argentina

June 2010 ICAO Search and Rescue Forum, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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- June 2009 Eurocontrol Training Focus Group meeting, Toulouse, France
- Mar 2009 Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference, Denver, Colorado
- April 2008 World Aviation Training Conference & Trade Show, Orlando, Florida
- Nov 2007 International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Sept 2007 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Workshop, on English Language Proficiency Implementation, Langen, Germany
- June 2007 International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Montreal, Canada
- June 2006 Flight Safety Foundation International Workshop on Language Proficiency, Moscow, Russia
- Sept 2004 ICAO Aviation Language Symposium, Montreal, Canada
- Nov 2003 Association of Star Alliance Pilots, Playa Del Carmen, Mexico
- Mar 2003 International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Sept 2002 International Civil Aviation English Association (ICAEA) Conference, Warsaw, Poland