

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FAA PRESENTS MONROE A. MILLER JR. WITH WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD.**

**Waynesville, North Carolina. October 7, 2015.** Edwin Shields, FAA Team Program Manager from the Charlotte Flight Standards District Office EA-68, presented Monroe A. Miller Jr. with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Mr. Shields indicated: The Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of 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 as “Master Pilots”.

Mr. Shields said not everyone gets this award. To date, only 3272 pilots have received this award.

Three letters of recommendations from holders of FAA pilot certificates who can attest to the applicant’s 50 years or more of U.S. piloting experience were required. One of those letters was written by Sean, one of Mr. Miller’s son’s best friend, and now a Commander in the Department of the Air Force Reserve Command, wrote:

“My first childhood memory at the controls of an airplane was with Monroe in the late 80s, flying out of Boca Raton Airport in Florida. To this day I can still remember the feeling of him kicking the rudders as I shadowed the controls while we taxied out for takeoff in his yellow Piper Cub. It was an incredible experience for me, and turned my dreams of flying into reality. As I chased my dreams of becoming a pilot, it’s memories like flying Monroe’s tail-dragger over the water and exploring the coastline that kept me motivated, and reminded me that my passion was worth chasing. Aside from sharing his love of flying with me, Monroe set a great example of flight discipline and instilled in me a healthy respect for both the aircraft and my environment. I’ve been flying fighter aircraft for the past 17 years now, in both the F-16 and now the F-35, and can tell you that flying the Cub with Monroe is still one of my fondest aviation experiences.”

Sean also said, but not in the recommendation - “I didn’t talk about how I could taste the salt as the ocean-spray licked off the windshield, but it was an awesome memory!”

Mr. Miller currently fly’s high performance quad-copters in the Haywood County area.

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**The Wright Brothers  
"Master Pilot" Award**

*is presented to*

***Monroe A. Miller Jr.***

*in appreciation for your dedicated  
service, technical expertise, professionalism,  
and many outstanding contributions to  
further the cause of aviation safety.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Blumenthal", written over a horizontal line.

Administrator

**October 17, 2015**

Date