

Biographical Information

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David C. “Dave” Hook is originally from La Grande, Oregon, but grew up on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, Washington. Dave’s desire to fly began at a young age. He earned his Private Pilots License while he was still in high school. Then winning his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, he endured the rigors of cadet life, became a cadet soaring instructor, and won his Bachelor of Science Degree in Astronautical Engineering, having specialized in orbital dynamics and space mission planning.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Dave attended pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas. Winning his wings, he earned his first pick of aircraft, the C-130 “Hercules.” He eventually returned to Laughlin AFB as a T-37B flight instructor. Here he met and married his bride, the former Rebecca Dale. Shortly after their wedding, the Hooks were transferred to Aurora, Colorado where Captain Hook served as an in-house subject matter expert and acquisition program manager for the T-1A “Jayhawk”—a military training version of the Beechcraft 400T “Beechjet”—in the McDonnell Douglas Training Systems facility. He eventually found himself back in Texas at Randolph AFB in San Antonio where he continued to work the implementation of the T-1A and Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training.

During the second half of his career in the Air Force, Dave was selected to become Air Attaché

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to West Africa and, after much specialized training, moved with his family to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Here he was the senior representative of the U.S. Air Force to 6 different countries and the military aviation advisor to numerous U.S. Ambassadors in the region. Dave also flew a C-12, a Beechcraft Super King Air 200, in support of U.S. diplomatic missions in the region. During this time he was responsible for airport security for *Air Force One* during President Clinton's visit to Accra, Ghana in March 1998. He also served as pilot to President Carter, aiding the efforts of the Carter Center for Peace in bringing stability to the West Sub-Saharan Africa region.

Recruited into U.S. Air Force Special Operations, Dave became an Air Commando and Chief Pilot in the 6th Special Operations Squadron. Here, he spent nearly six years as an A-Team leader and piloted various aircraft, including the Antonov AN2 "Colt" Russian biplane and a highly modified C-47T "Turbo Dakota"—the military version of the DC-3. Dave retired from military service with over 4,000 flying hours and more than 20 years of active military service in November 2004.

Dave opened the doors to Planehook Aviation Services on the 1st of December 2004. Here he has worked diligently to bring practical, effective and affordable security to the general aviation community. With clients across the United States, Dave still finds time to offer his insights into general aviation and security to Members of Congress and various Departments of the federal government in his quest to keep aviation secure, but at the same time reasonable. His passion for keeping aviation secure now reaches to the stars with Planehook extending its services to the space tourism industry. Dave's company, Planehook Aviation Services, LLC, is a founding member of the Space Tourism Security Alliance.

Dave, Rebecca and their sons Robert and Christopher are proud to live near the Alamo and call San Antonio, Texas home.