

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

NOTAM

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### Resources for Medical Assistance

A couple Pilots have recently had some challenges with their Medical Certificates and it was deemed relevant and worth sharing with the membership at large.

One gentleman was out temporarily for a planned procedure and found himself mired in a number of questions and complications to get his Medical back and return to work. His experience was with AOPA's Medical Certification Assistance, and the end result was advice and guidance through what otherwise may well have held him up and kept him from returning to work for a much longer time. This service is available to current members of AOPA.

### Professional Helicopter Pilots Association (PHPA)

Providing services as a membership benefit to all the PHPA members. One annual telephone consultation or Confidential Questionnaire submission is included at no cost to the pilot. Assistance with FAA case submission for initial reporting or special issuance renewal is provided at discounted rates. Members can contact AMAS at 1-866-AEROMED or by selecting the [Corporate and Partnership Confidential Questionnaire](#).

Another option which comes to us all through PHPA is the [Aviation Medicine Advisory Service \(AMAS\)](#). One Local 107 member utilized this service to obtain guidance for his specific circumstances, and reportedly received solid, helpful advice.



So the real point is this: ***You do not have to go it alone!*** These resources are available to you, at least one of which is partially provided through PHPA.



AOPA: [medicalassist@aopa.org](mailto:medicalassist@aopa.org) or online at [aopa.org](http://aopa.org), under Membership, Pilot Services

AMAS: [www.AviationMedicine.com](http://www.AviationMedicine.com)

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## What Is Our Culture of Safety?

HAI President Matt Zuccaro sent out an email last month with his Fall Message titled **Accidents: Are We Facilitating Them?** in which he speaks to the fact that we often opt to look the other way rather than step forward and take a proactive approach to safety hazards.

Organizational safety programs, whether due to a general sense of complacency or a belief that our safety mindset is satisfactory without them, often seem only partially embraced. The fact is that ultimately, every one of us truly wants to leave here safely after a day of flying. Out here, uneventful means good.

Mr. Zuccaro's article is well worth reading as he questions whether we do all we really can from a standpoint of prevention. While I clearly appreciated the article, I was left curious about its timing.

Later in the month, I received an email from *Flying* magazine, with a headline reading **Spate of Helicopter Crashes Signals Need for 'Culture Change'**. This article referred to the period of Oct 10 to Oct 17 and mentioned 4 helicopter accidents, including 1 in South Louisiana. The simple fact is that nobody's ever expecting these things to happen on "just another day at work."

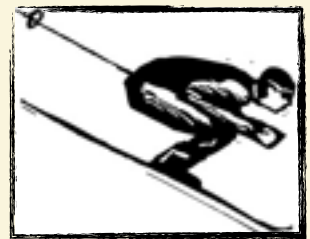
I can just imagine Zuccaro, after writing in his Oct 3 email, "*Let's get out in front of this and take a more aggressive approach to safety industry wide,*" shaking his head about these 4 accidents within a week. Consider further that our fallen brother was not included in that group.

I encourage everyone to consider Local 107's new Safety Committee with a mind wide open and lend your voice to make it an instrument to aid us all in furthering our own true interest of safety.

So where am I going with this? Well, that's just it. It's up to you.

## It's Ski Season!!

*If the fall season means to you that it's time to go skiing, then you might take a look at this!! James Tyus' sister, Donna Tyus, has a very attractive home in Deer Valley, Utah available for rent. Deer Valley Ski Resort*



*is just 5 minutes away and it's only a short distance from Historic Park City. Rates are listed online, but mention that you work for Bristow and she'll give you **20% off!!***

<http://deervalley Skiing.net/>  
[donna.tyus@gmail.com](mailto:donna.tyus@gmail.com)

## GOM Employee Solutions Group

Don't forget about these folks!! Their primary objectives include improving efficiency, promoting effective communication and building trust among various subgroups within our Company.

In addition to Local 107 members Johnny Pacitti, Ty Swanson and Guy Taylor, there are field representatives from maintenance and ground support.

Ideas & suggestions can be shared with them individually or submitted via the group's email address, [GOM-ESG@bristowgroup.com](mailto:GOM-ESG@bristowgroup.com).

## Want To Get Involved In The Union?

Tim Knight is heading up a Steward Program, so shoot him an [email](mailto:EBBoardLocal107@Gmail.com) and get yourself going! [EBBoardLocal107@Gmail.com](mailto:EBBoardLocal107@Gmail.com)

## Check out our website

[www.local107.org](http://www.local107.org)

and let us know what you think!!

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minutes &  
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