

# Ray Poss: A Distinguished Career in Aviation and Author of One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Chief Pilot at Archangel Aviation  
Melbourne 2016 - present

Ray Poss is a highly experienced Chief Pilot with Archangel Aviation, bringing decades of skill, dedication, and mentorship to the aviation field. Known for his expertise in rotor-wing aviation, Ray has spent over 30 years in various critical roles, including as a Senior Rotor-Wing Instructor Pilot (IP), Check Airman, and Director of Operations across diverse and challenging operational environments worldwide.

## Career Highlights

Senior Rotor-Wing IP, AAR Airlift Group  
Melbourne, Florida | September 2011 - 2016

Ray has devoted over 13 years to AAR Airlift Group as a Senior Rotor-Wing Instructor Pilot, where he trains and certifies pilots on helicopters like the Bell 214, Sikorsky S-330, and S-61. As a Check Airman, Ray ensures compliance with rigorous safety and operational standards. His contributions to AAR Airlift Group highlight his commitment to excellence, adaptability, and high standards in aviation, even in the most challenging conditions.

Line Pilot, Flight Instructor, & Check Airman, Evergreen Helicopters Inc.  
Philippines | June 2008 - August 2011

At Evergreen Helicopters, Ray served as a Line Pilot, Instructor, Check Airman, and Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) in the Philippines, particularly for the BH-214 helicopter. His role required a strong focus on safety and precision, as well as a deep understanding of international aviation



standards. Ray's work here solidified his reputation as a highly skilled instructor and mentor.

Chief Pilot & Director of Operations, Aviation Specialties  
Boise, Idaho | June 2001 - June 2008

As Chief Pilot, responsible for all Night Vision Goggle (NVG) training for airplane and helicopters. As Director of Operations at Aviation Specialties, Ray managed comprehensive oversight of pilot training, regulatory compliance, and operations. His leadership helped shape a culture of excellence and innovation, while his extensive operational experience supported a high-performing team.

Author of One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences

In addition to his aviation career, Ray Poss is the author of *One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences*, a memoir that captures the essence of a life in aviation and the evolution of flying. In his book, Ray reflects on his 62-year career, sharing:

In *One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences*, Ray Poss takes readers on an extraordinary journey through his 62-year career in aviation. From the early days of navigating with only a map and a highway to guide him, to the modern era of satellite navigation and computerized cockpits, Ray has witnessed – and embraced – the evolution of flight.

With warmth and wisdom, he shares captivating stories of his travels around the world, reflecting on the thrill of flying and the countless memories he wouldn't trade for anything. His memoir isn't just a recount of flights taken, but a testament to a lifelong passion. As he notes, some things have changed with technology, but others – like a seasoned pilot's respect for safety – remain constant. Today, Ray flies by city lights at night only with night vision goggles or an instrument flight plan, saying simply, "I know better."

*One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences* is a must-read for aviation enthusiasts and anyone who appreciates the dedication, skill, and heart it takes to thrive in a high-stakes, ever-changing field.

Ray's reflections provide readers with an intimate look at the life of a helicopter pilot, capturing the blend of skill, technology, and respect for safety that defines his approach to aviation. *One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences* offers insights and lessons that resonate with both aviation enthusiasts and professionals, giving them a rare glimpse into the challenges and rewards of a lifetime in flight.



## Legacy in Aviation

Ray Poss' career is a testament to his commitment to safety, excellence, and mentorship. From his technical expertise as a Senior Rotor-Wing IP to his strategic leadership as Director of Operations, Ray has continuously upheld the highest standards in aviation. Through One Helicopter Pilot's Experiences, he continues to inspire and educate, sharing his love for flying with the next generation of aviators.

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