

Planet Nine Private Air Reaches Benchmark Leadership Standard with Third Certified Aviation Manager (CAM) Designation

Director of Operations Ben Kiteley earns NBAA credential, reinforcing Planet Nine's commitment to operational and executive excellence in business aviation.

VAN NUYS, CA, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Planet Nine Private Air, a premier luxury aircraft charter and management company, today announced that Director of Operations, Ben Kiteley, has earned the prestigious Certified Aviation Manager (CAM) designation from the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA). With Kiteley's certification, Planet Nine now boasts three CAM-designated professionals across its leadership team, solidifying the carrier's commitment to setting the benchmark for safety, governance, and management rigor in corporate aviation.



Ben Kiteley, CAM



The NBAA's CAM program is globally recognized as the gold standard of professional excellence in business aviation management. Designed to evaluate expertise across five critical operational domains—leadership, aircraft maintenance and operations, safety management, business management, and human resources—the credential requires rigorous peer-reviewed qualifications and a comprehensive examination.

"I started as a line pilot, and like a lot of aviators, I assumed the operational side was the hard part," said Ben Kiteley, CAM, Director of Operations at Planet Nine Private Air. "Pursuing the CAM designation opened my eyes to the depth of leadership and business disciplines required to keep a complex operation viable and thriving. The preparation was demanding—six months of

dedicated study on top of a full-time Director of Operations role—but it made me a better executive, not just a better aviator. Holding a CAM credential as DO means the standard I hold my team to is one I've been measured against myself."

Kiteley's attainment of the CAM credential reflects Planet Nine's company-wide commitment to continuous professional development. By embedding certified managers across flight operations, safety oversight, and executive administration, Planet Nine bridges the gap between flight line execution and high-level corporate governance. Achieving three CAM designations within a single charter operator places Planet Nine in an elite tier of global Part 135 fleet operators.

"Cultivating operational excellence requires more than adhering to compliance requirements—it demands a continuous investment in executive leadership," said James Seagrim, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Planet Nine Private Air. "Ben's achievement is a testament to his dedication and relentless work ethic. Having three CAM-designated leaders on our team places Planet Nine in a rare tier of business aviation providers, giving our clients, flight crews, and aircraft owners absolute confidence that our fleet is guided by the sharpest operational and managerial minds in the industry."

About Planet Nine Private Air

Planet Nine Private Air (Planet 9) is a leading US-based private aircraft charter and jet management company headquartered at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) in California. Specializing in premium, ultra-long-range business jets—including Gulfstream, Bombardier, and Dassault Falcon aircraft—Planet 9 operates a global floating fleet model designed to deliver effortless international travel, personalized cabin hospitality, and industry-leading safety standards.

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