

Eagle Veteran 2021: Daniel A. Cutrer

Current bio (2021)

Dr. Cutrer is a retired U. S. Coast Guard captain (O-6), with over 31 years of service, and a faculty member at ERAU for over 16 years. He started his military career as an E-1, and along the way gained unique experience as an enlisted aircraft mechanic and flight engineer, a commissioned officer, a fixed-wing pilot, and an aviation safety/maintenance officer. His final assignment in the Coast Guard was as the Commanding Officer of the Aviation Technical Training Center where the service trains all of its aircraft mechanics, technicians, and Rescue Swimmers. (Some of the scenes in the 2006 Disney movie "The Guardian" were filmed at his prior command).

Earning his military aviator "wings of gold" in March of 1981, he has accumulated over 5,200 hours flying in fixed-wing aircraft, including the Beechcraft T-34C Mentor, the Beechcraft T-44A King Air, Grumman HU-16E Albatross, the Convair HC-131A Samaritan, and the Dassault HU-25A Falcon. Along the way, he also earned an FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate and an FAA Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic certificate.

Dr. Cutrer began his academic career in 2002, serving as an Adjunct Instructor for Embry-Riddle's Extended Campus, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses (both in the classroom and on-line) in aviation safety and aviation management. During this time, he also served as the Center Faculty Chair for the newly opened Extended Campus Center in Elizabeth City, NC. Since the fall of 2006, he has worked as a full-time professor at the main campus in Daytona Beach, setting up the ERAU residential undergraduate homeland security degree program and serving as the Homeland Security Program Coordinator. He currently serves as the Associate Department Chair for the SSIA Dept. Dr. Cutrer also played a key role in instituting the ERAU Worldwide undergraduate degree program in homeland security (HLSD), serving as course developer for many of the courses. In his spare time, he teaches graduate, undergraduate, and professional program courses in aviation safety management and in aircraft accident investigation.

His academic credentials include a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (specialization in Homeland Security) from Northcentral University in Prescott, AZ in 2012, a Master's Degree in Aviation Management/Safety from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2001, and a Bachelor of Science degree (majoring in Literature/History) from the University of the State of New York in 1993.

A native of the bayous of Louisiana, Dr. Cutrer is married, with two grown daughters and five grandchildren. He is into raising horses (currently own about a dozen), making music, tinkering with computers, reading and writing fiction, and sharing time with his wife, Valerie.

Military Resume (latest to earliest)

USCG Aviation Technical Training Center - *Elizabeth City, North Carolina* *July 2001 to June 2005*

- ◆ Commanding Officer: large Training Command with over 84 staff, annual budget of \$ 450,000
- ◆ Responsible for all phases of apprentice/journeyman aviation mechanic training for annual throughput of 750 students.

USCG Aviation Training Center - *Mobile, Alabama* *July 1998 to June 2001*

- ◆ Executive Officer: Second-in Command of large Training Command with over 350 personnel assigned.
- ◆ Responsible for all phases of fiscal management (annual budget of over \$2 million), and aviation training curriculum.
- ◆ Operations Division Chief: Responsible for all facets of aviation operation for 16 aircraft, 80 pilots, and 170 aircrew.

USCG Air Station Cape Cod - *Cape Cod, Massachusetts* *September 1996 to June 1998*

- ◆ Deputy Executive Officer: Provided key leadership role in management of large USCG Air Station.
- ◆ Responsible for USCG's largest retail Exchange Store with 115 employees and over \$10 million annual sales.
- ◆ Managed annual Morale, Well-Being & Recreation Dept with 67 employees and \$800,000 annual budget.

Seventh Coast Guard District Office - *Miami, Florida* *April 1993 to August 1996*

- ◆ Senior Duty Officer in Command Center of CG's busiest District. Oversight of 12,000 Search & Rescue cases annually
- ◆ Assistant Chief, Search & Rescue Branch. Program and Facilities Manager for 34 different USCG aviation units.
- ◆ Responsible for multi-mission operations covering 1.8 million sq. mi of Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, & Caribbean Sea.

USCG Air Station Miami - *Opa-locka, Florida* *July 1986 to March 1993*

- ◆ Instructor Pilot/Flight Examiner/Test Pilot: Senior member of Flight Examining Board. Earned FAA ATP certificate
- ◆ Assistant Aviation Engineering Officer: Supervised 225 people; coordinated all phases of maintenance on 24 aircraft
- ◆ Managed Engineering Department's annual budget over \$820,000

USCG Air Station Corpus Christi - *Corpus Christi, Texas* *May 1981 to June 1986*

- ◆ Aircraft Commander in HU-25 Falcon jet (DA-20) and HC-131 Convair (CV-240) aircraft

- ◆ Communications Officer: Responsible for managing operation of 24 hr/day air-to-ground and maritime communications center with a staff of 12. Maintained unit's extensive classified materials system. Held Top Secret clearance.

Naval Air Training Command - *Pensacola, Florida / Corpus Christi, Texas* *April 1980 to June 1981*

- ◆ Student Coast Guard Aviator: Completed yearlong basic and advanced flight training in both single-engine and multi-engine aircraft. Graduated in top of class and designated as Coast Guard Aviator on March 12, 1981.

USCG Aviation Training Center - *Mobile, Alabama*
1980

July 1976 to October

- ◆ Aviation Structural Mechanic First Class (AM1/E-6). Responsible for structural/composite repairs, hydraulic systems maintenance, and corrosion control.
- ◆ Set all-time "A" school GPA record with highest overall score. Earned FAA Airframe & Powerplant license.

Awards: Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (w/ 4 stars), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (w/ 2 stars), Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal



Captain Daniel Cutrer, (O-6), USCG 2005



Seaman Apprentice Daniel Cutrer, (E-2), USCG 1974



Dr. Daniel Cutrer, Associate Professor, ERAU 2021