



JOHN BECKER

Chief Operating Officer and Director of Operations

With more than 40 years of aviation experience, John Becker serves as Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters' chief operating officer and director of operations. In his current position, Becker is responsible for Papillon's system wide helicopter flight operations and Arizona based day to day operations. He has been with Papillon since 1994, holding numerous positions within the company, ranging from line pilot to utility division manager to vice president of operations. Becker has been instrumental in growing the company from 14 aircraft, operating out of one location at the Grand Canyon, to 54 aircraft operating from five bases, including a utility division servicing government contracts that operate throughout the Western United States.

Becker's career began in the United States Army where he served for 20 years. While he was in the military, he attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University as well as numerous technical, safety and leadership schools. During his time as an army aviator, he held multiple positions, including pilot in command (PIC) of several aircraft, senior instructor pilot, tech supply officer, maintenance test pilot and battalion production control officer coordinating maintenance on 35 forwardly deployed helicopters in the Republic of Korea. He retired from the military in 1994 and joined Papillon that same year.

In addition to his duties with Papillon, Becker is also an integral member of numerous influential industry organizations, including Helicopter Association International, Helicopter Tour Operators Committee, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Committee, Bell 505's Customer Advisory Council, National Parks Overflight Advisory Group and serves as chair of the audit committee for the Tour Operators Program of Safety (TOPS).

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