



Tremendous Contributions

Amb. Edward W. Stimpson, Flight Safety Foundation's chairman and a leader in the aviation industry for four decades, has been awarded the 2009 FSF-Boeing Aviation Safety Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Ambassador Stimpson is the epitome of the type of person this award seeks to recognize," said Foundation President and CEO William R. Voss. "His work at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), his service to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and his years of dedication to Flight Safety Foundation have left an indelible mark on aviation safety."

James F. Albaugh, executive vice president of The Boeing Co. and president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said, "This award is a testament to his tremendous contributions on behalf of the world's aviation community and the flying public."

Throughout his career, Stimpson has been conscious of the "day-to-day maintenance of ethics," Voss said. "No matter what else has been on the table, in his mind, safety has had to be in the forefront."

For example, Voss said, Stimpson's dedication to safety was apparent at ICAO, when he worked to ensure that economic sanctions against Iran would have no effect on aviation safety, and at GAMA, when his efforts kept on track the development of guidance material about wind shear, even during a time of economic uncertainty in the industry.

As chairman of the Foundation's Board of Governors, Stimpson headed the independent review team appointed by U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters to examine the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) safety culture and its approach to safety management. The team issued its report, *Managing Risks in Civil Aviation*, in September 2008 (ASW, 11/08, p. 10). Included were 13 recommendations, among them a call for the retention of the FAA's voluntary safety reporting programs and the analysis of program data "at a higher level" to identify safety trends and patterns.

Before he was elected chairman of the Board of Governors in February 2005, Stimpson served five years as the U.S. representative to the Council of ICAO — a position that carries the

rank of ambassador. Those five years spanned the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; in their aftermath, Stimpson was instrumental in the expansion of the ICAO aviation security program.

During his time at ICAO, Stimpson also led the U.S. delegations to numerous international meetings, including three ICAO Assemblies; at the September 2004 Assembly, he was elected first vice president of the Assembly.

Stimpson was president of GAMA, which represents more than 50 manufacturers of aircraft and component parts, for 25 years. In that role, he was influential in advocating passage of the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994, which alleviated product liability costs that had burdened the industry. He had joined GAMA in 1970, the same year the organization was founded.

In 1996, he was elected vice chairman of GAMA and led the organization's "Be a Pilot" program, the most extensive campaign in history to encourage people to learn to fly. GAMA said that, over a 10-year period, "Be a Pilot" registered 260,000 prospective students for introductory flight lessons.

Before his work with GAMA, Stimpson was an assistant FAA administrator, in charge of congressional relations.

Throughout his career, Stimpson has served on advisory boards in government and the aviation industry, including an RTCA (formerly the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics) policy board, the Mitre Corp. aviation advisory board, the FAA research and development advisory committee and the

U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration Task Force on General Aviation Technology.

Stimpson also was a member of the board of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for more than 20 years, including seven years as chairman.

He has received many of the aviation community's most prestigious awards, including the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, the U.S. Transportation Department Meritorious Achievement Award and the FAA Extraordinary Service Award.

Stimpson is a graduate of Harvard University and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington. He also holds a private pilot certificate. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Boise, Idaho.

The FSF-Boeing Aviation Safety Lifetime Achievement Award, presented annually beginning in 2002, recognizes individuals for their "lifetime commitment and contribution to enhancing aviation safety." ➤

Amb. Edward W. Stimpson (seated) displays the FSF-Boeing Aviation Safety Lifetime Achievement Award. Standing (left to right): William R. Voss, FSF president and CEO; Dorothy Stimpson; Steven M. Atkins, The Boeing Co.; and Kenneth P. Quinn, FSF general counsel and secretary.

