

Paul S. Ratté

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Mr. Ratté joined United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG) in 2011 following a distinguished career as a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) aviator. His flying experience spans Atlantic, Alaskan, Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes regions, and includes nine years as a flight examiner. He served as the pilot curriculum and flight simulator integrator at the service's Aviation Training Center during phase-in of the Sikorsky HH-60J helicopter, visiting all units operating the aircraft to evaluate flight safety and standardization. As Operations Director at the service's then-largest Air Station in Clearwater, FL, he oversaw fixed and rotary-wing operations across the southeastern US and Caribbean basin. Astute leadership and aviation professionalism punctuated his rise to the rank of Captain (O6) and saw him twice entrusted with command of USCG Air Stations in Traverse City, MI and Atlantic City, NJ.

Mr. Ratté accrued over 5000 helicopter flight hours and is among the Coast Guard's most decorated aviators, twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for lifesaving nighttime rescues in severe Alaskan conditions. He was a Commodore 's List graduate of U.S. Naval Flight Training and holds FAA rotorcraft and single-engine airplane Commercial Pilot and Instrument ratings, a BS in Electrical Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and an MBA from Spring Hill College.

As USAIG's Director of Aviation Safety Programs, he facilitates relationships between providers of safety services and policyholders, coordinates production of the *Premium on Safety* quarterly newsletter and synthesizes concepts drawn from policyholder perspectives and loss experience to develop posters and messaging to reinforce aviation workplace safety themes. An accomplished presenter on safety topics and leadership, Mr. Ratté is a valued participant in aviation safety forums around the country and a trusted resource for policyholders and USAIG personnel for assistance with aviation safety concerns.

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