



**Tom Hendricks**  
President  
National Air Transportation Association

Tom Hendricks was named president of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) in July 2012. He began his flying career in general aviation. While home from college, Hendricks received his private pilot certificate in Hamilton, Ohio, in the mid-1970s. He comes from a family of aviation enthusiasts.

Prior to joining NATA, he was senior vice president of safety, security and operations for Airlines for America (A4A), formerly the Air Transport Association, beginning in June 2010. In this role, he was responsible for the technical and operational functions of A4A and developing and shaping A4A member positions on flight operations, safety, engineering, air traffic management and security. In addition, he led A4A efforts in cargo, passenger facilitation, airport infrastructure and passenger service standards. He co-chaired both the ADS-B In Aviation Rulemaking Committee and the Working Subcommittee of the NextGen Advisory Committee. Additionally, Hendricks served on the Commercial Aviation Safety Team Executive Committee and the Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing System Executive Board.

Prior to joining A4A, Hendricks oversaw day-to-day flight operations at Delta Air Lines as director of line operations. As a captain and air-transport-rated pilot, he also served as a chief pilot in Atlanta and represented Delta on several key industry groups. He has extensive domestic and international flying experience on the Boeing 767-300ER, DC-9, Boeing 727, Lockheed L-1011 Tri Star and MD-88 aircraft.

A retired Air Force Reserve colonel and career fighter pilot, Hendricks also served on active duty as a U.S. Navy officer on the USS MIDWAY (CV-41) and as an instructor pilot at the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School. A native of Fairfield, Ohio, Hendricks graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with secondary emphasis in Business Administration. While attending The Citadel, he was very active in the college flying club.

Hendricks has been married to his wife Suzette from Charleston, South Carolina, for more than 30 years, and they have two adult children.