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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

### WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW STUDENTS:

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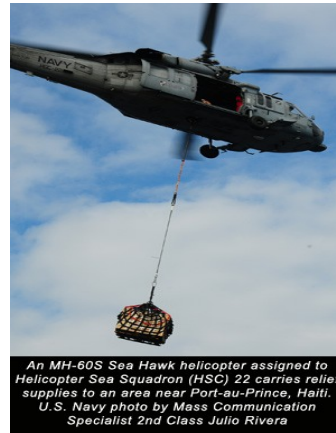
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## HELICOPTERS IN HAITI

Not surprisingly, helicopters have figured prominently in relief efforts in Haiti following that country's 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12. With as many as three million people affected by the quake, and Haiti's already-marginal infrastructure in shambles, helicopters have been critical in conducting medical evaluations and delivering aid.

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, much of the helicopter support in the country has been military, with the United States Department of Defense having a particularly strong presence through Operation Unified Response. Canada has sent one CH-124 Sea King and six CH-146 Griffon helicopters to assist with "a variety of operations depending

on the needs at the moment," according to 1 Canadian Air Division



An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Squadron (HSC) 22 carries relief supplies to an area near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Julio Rivera

spokesperson Capt. Holly Brown.

The U.S. Coast Guard was the first Department of Homeland Security agency to provide assistance to Haiti

following the earthquake, and Coast Guard personnel from units throughout the continental U.S., Guam, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico have been supporting the massive relief effort in the country. Three HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crews from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, FLA; two MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crews from Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, Mich.; and the Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron in Jacksonville, FLA. Are among the Coast Guard assets providing medical evacuations and humanitarian assistance.

Civilian operators have also assisted with relief efforts. One of the first civilian responders was Aero Ambulancia out of the ...continue to page two

## Kade Gourley, U42 Director of Operations The Little Things Count

Hey everyone,

Throughout life, we sometimes skip over the little details. In kindergarten through 12th grade most of us tried to get the basic ideas of what was taught to us. Can this attitude continue? No. If we are to succeed in anything we must remember that it is through our efforts that we see the rewards. We can't skip over all the little things because with time they add up to show the

huge hole in our knowledge and abilities.

Sometimes it may feel as though your instructor is being too picky, or that the instructor expects too much. The reason we are doing this is because we have been through what you are going through. We know what it takes to make it to where we are. If we are pushing you it is because we want to see you make it.

The 2 items I am going to discuss

briefly are Flight Planning and Weather. Can we even complete a flight plan without a basic understanding of weather and how to obtain the info? Let's say you are going to fly in an unfamiliar area (a new state). Let's imagine a place with little to no mountains. Will everything look the same in the air? Are you going to be able to follow the valley floor to get from point A to point B? Flight planning ... continue to page two

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

-Pace McGriff

-Jason Foote

-Ben Shelton

-Aaron Povey

*“You will only get out of this what you put in.” -Kade Gourley*

**UTAH HELICOPTER LOCATIONS:**

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7220 S. 4450 W. #203  
WEST JORDAN, UT 84084  
801.561.7972

1503 FLIGHTLINE BLDG A  
POCATELLO, ID 83402  
208.233.4365

2381 FOOTE DRIVE  
IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402  
208.227.0300

**Helicopters in Haiti continued...**

Dominican Republic, an international member of the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS). It mobilized its fleet of four fully medically staffed and equipped helicopters to provide disaster-relief assistance to the people of Haiti. Charity Peguero of Aero Ambulancia said, on Jan. 21, “We’ve been transporting people ever since (the earthquake struck). Yesterday, for example, we just transported two Haitian patients, one of them, a 30-year-old with ankle and shoulder trauma, and another one, a 34-year-old, with thorax and cervical trauma. We picked both of them up in Puerto Principe airport, after a building collapsed with both of them inside.”

Personnel from many AAMS member organizations, including Air Evac Lifeteam, have also assisted in Haiti. Said Peguero, “Air Evac Lifestream director of safety Dave Hardin has been a huge help here in

Aero Ambulancia. He was in charge, along with Mr. Fernando Mota, our flight coordinator, of arranging all logistics and flights in and out of Haiti, and what we called ‘special operations’... for example, (going) from Barahona to Haiti several times, picking up and transporting 40 children, to then transport them by ground to the capital.”

At press time, many other civilian operators had volunteered their services. “Soon after the earthquake struck Haiti AAMS sent out a request to its members asking them to respond if they were able to provide their services as part of the disaster-relief effort, and what kind of services and/or equipment they could offer,” said AAMS president

Daniel Hankins. “We also reached out to federal agencies involved, supplied them with the list of providers and their services, and functioned as a liaison between various entities that are participating in this massive multi-pronged effort.”

Helicopter Association International has received a strong response to calls for volunteers and is making its First Responder database available to the Department of Homeland Security, which is working in co-ordination with the U.S. State Department to identify needed assets.

“The phone at HAI has been ringing off the hook with requests from helicopter operators who have aircraft available to help with the Haiti disaster relief efforts,” HAI President Matt Zuccaro said in a press release.

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**Kade’s Message Continued**

Is a crucial part of our training and if we are not teaching/ learning it correctly it can cause you to get lost or possibly run out of fuel.

I am not sure about everyone else, but I know how it was for me when I first started my flight training. I was told about study habits and how important it was for me to set aside at least 3 hours a day. Why? To review what I had just learned that day

during class as well as everything up to that point. Was that hard for me? Was that a sacrifice for me? Simply put, yes. I worked 7a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. I attended Utah Helicopter from 4p.m. to 8p.m. those same days. I attended UVU, had a wife, etc. Life in general tried to get in the way.

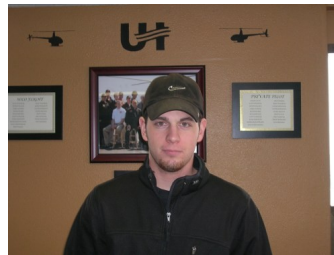
My question to you is: how much time are you devoting to study every night? Be honest. My guess is maybe half of our student base

(all 4 locations) is actually achieving 1 to 2 hours per night. 1 to 2 hours is good, but it is NOT enough. Many students may have started the program with the understanding that if they just come and spend the money they will “earn” the ratings they are after. This could not be further from the truth! Let me say this: “You will only get out of this what you put in.”

This is all about the effort and drive each and everyone of you can put forth.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: STEVEN JESSOP**

Steven Jessop is a truck man who likes to watch the Family Guy however inappropriate it may be. He loves the band H.I.M. and Italian food but hates pancakes! His favorite sport to watch is the Olympics, it inspires him to aim high and always give his best. If he could meet one person it would be Nikola Tesla because of his intellect and inventions. He is engaged to the beautiful, Nicole Holmes. Steve grew up in Montana. His hometown was evacuated once due



to a bad fire season. All summer he was able to watch helicopters dip from the pond next to his house. He thought to himself, “one day, that will be me.” His favorite thing

to do in the aircraft is hovering. It makes him feel like he is in control of the aircraft. Steve said, “to me, flying is hands down the coolest thing I have ever done before. I love the feeling of being in control of something taking me through the air.” As far as career aspirations, just to be able to fly an EC 130 one day and would love to get on with Blue Hawaiian flying tours (wouldn’t we all!). Welcome, Steven!

*“Flying is hands down the coolest thing I have ever done.”*