

"BIOGRAPHY"

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BORN: 9 MAR 59, Belleville, Illinois
EDUCATION: BS in Aerospace Engineering, MS in Management
COMMISSION: AFROTC, Det 207, July 80
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Boeing 757/767 Captain for United Airlines
FLIGHT TIME: 16,000 hours plus
MARITAL STATUS: Spouse Katja with 6 Children: Joshua, Chelsea, Marcus, Courtney, Joe Jr., and Cole.

AWARDS AND DECS: USAF Meritorious (2), Commendation, Achievement Medals
CAP Exceptional Service Award
CAP Meritorious Service Award (with clasp)
CAP Commanders Commendation Awards (w/five clasps)
CAP Air SAR "Find" Medal (w/two clasps)
CAP Gill Robb Wilson Award (1985)
CAP Spaatz Award (1976)

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS: Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, MS
C-141 Pilot at McGuire AFB, NJ
C-141 Instructor Pilot MAFB, NJ
Wing Command Post Duty Officer
C-141 Simulator Instructor Pilot
USAFR Cat A, C-141 Pilot at McGuire AFB, NJ
USAFR Cat B IMA, Air Operations Officer
HQ U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota, Japan
USAFR Cat E, CAP-USAF LO NJ/PA
McGuire AFB, NJ
USAFR Cat B, CAP-USAF LO NJ/PA
McGuire AFB, NJ
USAFR Cat B, CAP-USAF NELR/CC IMA
McGuire AFB, NJ

CIVIL AIR PATROL: Joined CAP as a Cadet in July 1974
Soloed at age 16 at the Illinois Wing Solo Encampment
Spaatz Award (number 399) Sep 1976
IACE: France 1977
Blue Beret (original recipe) 1977
CAP Mission Pilot: Age 18
Squadron Commander, 1980, Charter 11295
NJ Wing Director of Cadet Programs: 1982-1986
Squadron Commander, 1986, Charter 29086
Promotion to CAP Lt Col, July 1986
NJ Wing Chief Check Pilot 1987-1989
National SAR Competition 1984:
2nd Place Grid Search as Mission Pilot
National SAR Competition 1986:
1st Place Grid Search as Mission Pilot
1st Place Route Search as Mission Pilot
Graduate of the CAP IG School, the FEMA EPC,
the AFRCC Nat'l SAR & SMC Schools

Lt Col JOSEPH H. ABEGG

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Reserve Forces Director and IMA to the Northeast Liaison Region Commander

Lt Col Joseph H. Abegg is assigned to the CAP-USAF Detachment 1, as the Reserve Forces Director and as the IMA to the Northeast Liaison Region Commander, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. He is married to the former Katja Stellmann and they have six children: Joshua, Chelsea, Marc, Courtney, Joe Jr. and Cole. He was born in Belleville, Illinois, on 9 Mar 1959. He attended Belleville THS West where he graduated in June 1977. While in high school, he lettered in cross-country, track, and wrestling. He was also a member of the school chess team and a published member of the school's Rough Writers Club. During the same period he excelled as a Cadet in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) earning the Mitchell, Earhart, Spaatz, and Falcon Awards. While as a CAP Cadet he held positions of Squadron Cadet Commander, Cadet Commander of two cadet encampments, representative to the Wing Cadet Advisory Council, and member of the Wing Drill Team. Between High School and College he attended National Emergency Assistance Training (NEAT), the Civil Air Patrol's elite Search and Rescue School, and was awarded the CAP Blue Beret on his first attempt. He then traveled to France and represented the United States to France in the International Air Cadet Exchange. He then enrolled at Parks College of St. Louis University and graduated in three years with a Bachelor's of Science in Aerospace Engineering. While in college he also enrolled in Air Force ROTC and progressed to the rank of Cadet Colonel holding the position of Cadet Group Commander. Additionally, he pledged and became a member of the Arnold Air Society, the official fraternity of the AFROTC. Within one year he was elected Commander of the Arnold Air Society Charles A. Lindbergh Squadron. During his term of office he led his squadron to become the Area E. Headquarters of the Arnold Air Society. While enrolled at Parks College he continued to excel in the CAP by becoming an active mission pilot and founding the Oliver L. Parks Composite Squadron. Upon graduation he was promoted to Second Lieutenant, USAF and opted to work at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace company as a design/test engineer while he waited for his Air Force Pilot Training assignment. While there, he worked on critical state-of-art projects on the AV-8B, the Advanced Harrier jet, using revolutionary advanced composite materials that earned McDonnell Douglas many industry-leading patents. Lt Col Abegg then went on to USAF pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi and was awarded USAF pilot wings in August 1981. His first assignment was to McGuire AFB, New Jersey as a C-141 co-pilot. In that capacity he upgraded to first pilot, aircraft commander, instructor aircraft commander and simulator instructor in minimum time. While only a First Lieutenant, he was selected to attend C-141 Instructor Aircraft Commander School. During the same period while he was at the USAF Squadron level, he performed the following additional duties: Pilot Scheduler, Crew Controller, Safety Officer, and Squadron Disaster Preparedness Officer. As he moved from the Squadron to the Wing level he worked as a Wing Command Post Duty Officer for a period spanning two Operational Readiness Inspections, both graded as "Excellent." He then transferred to the Wing Simulator Branch and taught as a C-141 Simulator Pilot Instructor and as a Cockpit Resource Management Instructor. On August 1987 Lt Col Abegg left active duty, entered the Air Force Reserve, and was assigned as a C-141 pilot to the 514th Air Wing at McGuire AFB. At the same time he

accepted a Flight Officer position with Pan Am. While at Pan Am he qualified on both the Boeing 727's and Boeing 747's. In December 1988, Lt Col Abegg accepted a special temporary duty assignment from Pan Am to All Nippon Airways (ANA) to fly for them and assist their airline in its international route expansion. With this new assignment Lt Col Abegg moved to Yokohama, Japan and transferred his USAF Reserve position to become the Joint Air Operations Officer for Logistics to the Headquarters US Forces Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan. In this capacity, Lt Col Abegg maintained oversight of all theater airlift operations during three regional exercises. During the Gulf War, Lt Col Abegg was selected to plan the humanitarian airlift mission that would repatriate the over 1,000 Vietnamese nationals who had escaped from the Iraqi forces during the invasion of Kuwait using the Japanese Air Self Defense Forces fleet of C-130's. While employed by Pan Am and assigned to All Nippon Airways he was appointed to the position of Negotiating Committee Chairman for the Local Executive Council of the Airline Pilots Association. In this capacity he was charged with oversight and mediation of contracts and employee issues between the two global airlines. Following the demise and liquidation of Pan Am due to market forces and actual and perceived threats of international terrorism Lt Col Abegg accepted a Flight Officer position at United Airlines in New York flying DC-10 aircraft. Within two years he had worked his way up to the position of Line Check Airman on the DC-10. He then transferred to a dual qualification flying both the Boeing 757's and the Boeing 767's for United Airlines. With his relocation back to the United States, Lt Col Abegg transferred his USAF Reserve affiliation to the Civil Air Patrol – USAF Liaison Office in New Jersey. He was selected for the IMA slot for New Jersey Wing and was also appointed the Wing Reserve Coordination for New Jersey Wing. In addition to these assignments, he volunteered to assume the position of de facto Northeast Liaison Region Director of Training during recurring unfilled vacancies in that Headquarters. He has subsequently been selected as the Reserve Forces Director and the IMA to the Commander of the Northeast Liaison Region in the same organization. Lt Col Abegg is an active member of the Reserve Officers Association, the Airline Pilots Association, and volunteered as a little league baseball coach. Before his USAF Reserve assignment working as a Liaison Officer to the Civil Air Patrol he was an active member in the CAP and held the rank of Lt Col. His CAP assignments included: Squadron Commander of two Composite Squadrons in two different CAP Regions, Wing Chief Check Pilot, Team chief of the New Jersey Search and Rescue team that won the National Search and Rescue Competition in 1986, and the New Jersey Wing Director of Cadet Programs. His CAP decorations include Gill Robb Wilson Award, the Search and Rescue "Find" medal with two clasps, the Commanders Commendation Award with four clasps, the Meritorious Service Award with one clasp, and the Exceptional Service Award. His military decorations include: the Command Pilot Aviation badge, the Command and Control Specialty badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, the USAF Commendation Medal, the USAF Achievement Medal, the USAF Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, the USAF Organizational Excellence Award, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for Operational Excellence in the JFK Jr. search, the Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the USAF Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, the USAF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one bronze hour glass and two mobilization M's, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with a bronze star, and the USAF Training Ribbon.

Lt Col Abegg is a graduate of the USAF Squadron Officers School, the USAF Air Command and Staff College, and the USAF Air War College. In December 1999 he received his Master of Science Degree in Management from Adam Smith University. He is also an Airline Transport Pilot certified by the

Federal Aviation Administration and the Japanese Civil Aeronautics Board, and has over 16,000 flying hours. He has qualified in the T-37, the T-38, the C-141A/B, the Boeing 727, the Boeing 747, the Boeing 757, the Boeing 767, and the DC-10 aircraft. In January 2000 he was tentatively selected to be on the Astronaut pilot team for Advent Launch Services, LLC. Advent Launch Services of Houston, Texas has designed a launch system that can provide airline type delivery service to orbit utilizing a low cost, reusable, reliable launch system.