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Mission Aviation Academy Brings National Aviation Career Launch to Tampa International Airport Career Foundations Week

Pre-Release of "Your Aviation Blueprint" — October 19–23, 2026 | Tampa International Airport

WESLEY CHAPEL, FL — October 2026 — Mission Aviation Academy (MAA), the aviation education division of Infinity Aero Club Tampa Bay, Inc. (iACT), will participate in Tampa International Airport's Career Foundations Week, October 19–23, 2026, bringing the pre-release of

Your Aviation Blueprint: How to Launch a \$1 Million Aviation Career Without a College Degree to the students, educators, veterans, and workforce professionals attending the event.

Co-authored by retired naval officer LCDR Ricardo "Tattoo" Foster, USN (Ret.), and retired Marine Corps Major Bruce "BOMBER" Blashka, USMC (Ret.), *Your Aviation Blueprint* is a step-by-step career roadmap for young people, veterans, and career-changers who want to enter aviation without a four-year degree. Eight aviation career tracks. BLS-verified salary data. Tuskegee Airmen lineage. One practical guide built for the next generation.

THE EVENT

What:	TPA Career Foundations Week — Aviation Career Launch & Book Preview
When:	October 19–23, 2026
Where:	Tampa International Airport, 4100 George J. Bean Pkwy, Tampa, FL 33607
Who:	Students, educators, JROTC programs, veterans, workforce professionals, media
Media:	Live event segment opportunity, Local Media Coverage, on-site book preview, digital ARC distribution and pre-order activation

THE BOOK

Your Aviation Blueprint is the only aviation career guide for young people with a direct, documented mentor chain to the Tuskegee Airmen — the 332nd Fighter Group whose discipline and excellence opened the skies for every aviator who followed. That lineage runs from 1941 to the classrooms MAA students sit in today. No other book in this category can make that claim.

The book maps eight aviation career tracks with BLS-verified salary data showing cumulative lifetime earnings between \$1.9 Million and \$5.1 Million per track. The majority require no four-year college degree. Digital ARC at missionaviationacademy.org/yab-arc. Pre-order at missionaviationacademy.org/yab-preorder.

730 FAA credentials issued. Over 1,380 students flown. \$790,000+ in funding raised. U.S. and Caribbean reach. The mission was built for the kid who never saw themselves in a cockpit — this book hands them the map.



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QUOTE

"When I was young, nobody handed me a roadmap. I figured it out by failing, by showing up, and by finding mentors who saw something in me I didn't always see in myself. Lt. Col. George Hardy soloed at Tuskegee when the system said he couldn't. His legacy now lives on through me. He reached back for me. Just as he reached back and helped me find my purpose, I now reach back to help you discover yours."

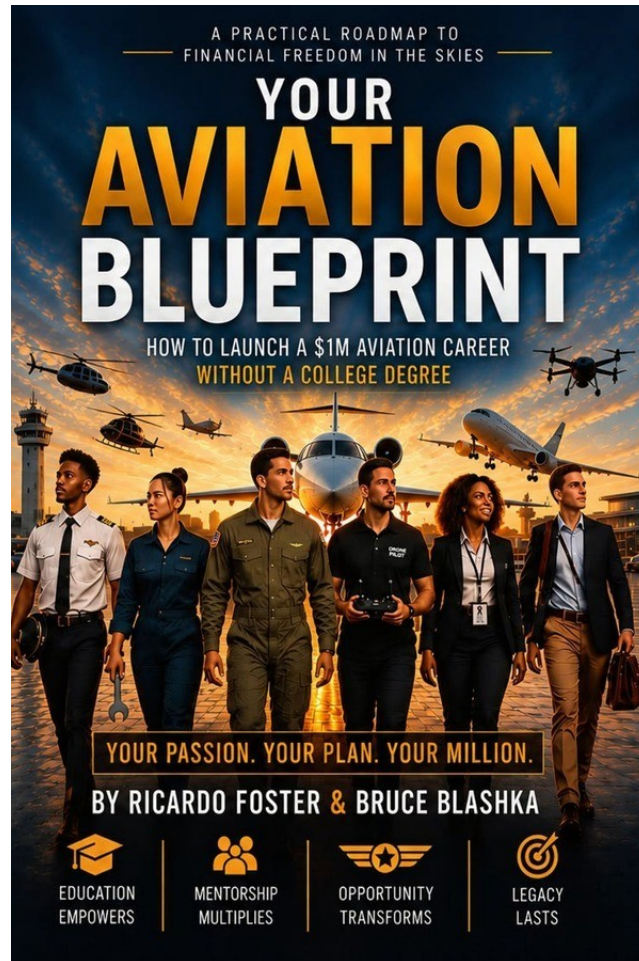
— LCDR Ricardo "Tattoo" Foster, USN (Ret.), Founder & CEO, Mission Aviation Academy

ABOUT MISSION AVIATION ACADEMY

Infinity Aero Club Tampa Bay, Inc. (iACT) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered at Tampa North Aero Park (X39), Wesley Chapel, Florida. Mission Aviation Academy (MAA) is the academic arm and division of iACT. iACT/MAA has issued 730 FAA credentials, flown more than 1,380 students, and raised \$790,000+ in funding reaching communities across the U.S. and Caribbean. Flight Plan 2030 is MAA's national initiative to impact 1,000,000 young lives in Aviation, STEM, Entrepreneurship, and AI Innovation by 2030.

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YOUR AVIATION BLUEPRINT

How to Launch a \$1 Million Aviation Career Without a College Degree

By Ricardo Foster & Bruce Blashka

Mission Aviation Academy | Infinity Aero Club Tampa Bay, Inc.

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Aviation is not just pilots. It is mechanics keeping the engines running. Air traffic controllers managing the skies. Drone operators working the cutting edge of technology. Engineers designing what comes next. None of it requires a four-year degree or a trust fund. What it requires is a plan.

Your Aviation Blueprint is that plan. Written by two decorated veterans who built a flying club and a microschool from the ground up for students nobody else was serving, this book gives the next generation of young Americans a step-by-step roadmap into one of the most in-demand, well-paying industries in the world.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Eight aviation career tracks	From pilot to engineer, mechanic to drone — every path mapped with real salary data and a clear entry point
The \$1 Million Roadmap	BLS-verified cumulative lifetime earnings \$1.9 Million–\$5.1 Million per career track
No college degree required	Most paths require FAA certificates, not four-year degrees — the book tells you which ones and how to get them
How to fund your training	Scholarships, tax credits, GI Bill, VR&E, 529 plans, WIOA — the funding stack most families never knew existed
The Tuskegee Airmen lineage	A direct, documented mentor chain from the 332nd Fighter Group to the authors to this book
Real student voices	Ahviyona Floyd: three ratings by age 19. Tevin Brown: "even a messy approach, you can always go around."
The Three-Room Method	Nothing introduced for the first time in the cockpit — Room Three, the aircraft, is never the first time

"For the kids nobody saw coming."

— *The dedication*

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