



**Charles Taylor Master Mechanic award recipient
May 2023**

Stephen Grieco

Stephen was born and raised in New Milford, NJ. He graduated from New Milford High School and then worked as an Automobile Mechanic from 1964 until 1968 until he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the U.S. and Republic of Vietnam as a Helicopter Mechanic on Bell UH1H, AH1G, and Hughes OH6A equipment. He was promoted to Grade E-5 and advanced to Crew Leader of a 100 hour inspection team. Stephen was awarded numerous accolades including the Bronze Star. In April of 1974, he received an honorable discharge.

He was hired by Ramapo Helicopters Inc. in Spring Valley, NY in August 1972. He was the Lead Mechanic and worked on various Bell models until 1977. He was then employed by the well known Wayfarer Ketch Flight Dept at the Westchester County Airport, which eventually became TAG Aviation, Jet Direct, then Sentient Jet. Stephen held various positions from Crew Chief to Chief Inspector to Q.A. Auditor working on Falcons, Cessnas, Gulfstreams, Sikorskys, Westwinds and Challengers. In 2007, he was honored with a 30 year milestone as



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Steve Grieco Marks 30-Year Milestone

It would be a short list of names one would find if they were looking for individuals who had 30 years or more of service in the aviation industry. It would also be true that the people on that list would be in a "special" category, reflective of their commitment and dedication to their profession. Such is true of our colleague, Steve Grieco.

My first encounter with Steve was back in 1981, when I was hired as an aircraft mechanic for Wayfarer Aviation. Steve was in charge of the helicopters, and we did a lot of our maintenance in-house. We had two BO-105 helicopters, and I remember Steve instructing Bill Zink and me on the particulars of the 100-hour engine inspection we had been assigned to do. Steve was always there for us and never got annoyed with our constant checking with him to make sure we wouldn't "screw anything up" (this is not a good thing to have happen in the maintenance world!).

It was my privilege to not only work side by side with Steve in the hangar, but also to note his maturity, experience, and professionalism as the company took delivery of a brand new S-76 and Steve guided us through the early days of operating a new piece of equipment. Not only did he keep the flight and maintenance crews safe, but he also had to keep the owners convinced that it was the right purchase to make; expensive, yes, but it served their transportation and business needs.

Steve, congratulations on 30 years of service! It's nice to know that even today in the office environment, I only have to take a short walk to your desk to find the answer to an FAA or maintenance issue, as well as to experience your patience in understanding and making sense of the crazy things in which we get involved in this world we call corporate aviation.

— Bill Masloski, Director, Maintenance Support / Special Projects / ESC

P.S. Please stay away from spider bites so you can celebrate another 30 years!

Thanks, Steve, for all you've taught us. It has always been a pleasure working with you. You continue to show us how there is a logical solution to any problem — definitely a trait to pass on to newcomers.

— Bill Zink, Director, Maintenance Business / HPN

Steve and I have worked together for the past 30 years. He is incredibly thorough and exacting. Present Steve with a problem and the immediate answer is silence. You can watch him think through the possible scenarios and then come up with the exact and correct solution. It has been a pleasure working with you, Steve, and I hope we can continue for at least another 30 years.

— Ralph Williams, Client Aviation Manager / HPN

Steve, I join your long-time colleagues in congratulating you on this rare milestone. On behalf of all of us at TAG, thank you for 30 years of exceptional effort, dedication, and loyalty.

— Jake Cartwright



2005 at HPN — Len Dalton, Steve Grieco, Lee Mountz of FAA, Adrian Marjoram, Bill Zink, Bill Taylor, Bill Masloski



1989 — Bill Denton, John Volkmann, Brian Swift, Al Buccieri, Bill Zink, Al Facendo, Ken Edholm, Len Dalton, Steve Grieco, Dave Albers

an aviation professional while still employed by TAG Aviation. In April of 2009, he moved on to Ziff Brothers Investments/Ziff Capital Partners in Oxford, CT, as the Quality Assurance Manager. Stephen currently is an Aviation Consultant.

Stephen enjoys maintaining an active lifestyle. If he's not out on a daily bike ride, he is enjoying the scenery on one of the many hiking spots in the Hudson Valley and surrounding area. Some of his favorite spots include Bear Mountain, Bushkill Falls, Mohonk Preserve or simply gardening in his own backyard along the banks of the scenic Hudson. He also enjoys museums and cultural sites.

In 2016, he became one of the world's proudest and best grandfathers. Since that point in time, he now has five grandchildren in total. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling to see them in both Paramus, NJ and Portland, OR. Stephen also enjoys weekly visits with his siblings as he is one of 7 and greatly enjoys spending the major holidays with them, and their extended clan, spanning three generations of nieces and nephews.

Stephen also likes maintaining connections to his wide network of friends. In recent years, he has organized a loosely official group of fellow New Milford High School alumni for a monthly "breakfast club" where, once a month, they enjoy spending time with one another, catching up and swapping tales over a nice meal.