

# **MICHAEL L. BARR**

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

**Michael L. Barr currently teaches Aviation Safety Management Systems in the Aviation Safety & Security Program at the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California.**

**Mr. Barr joined the U.S.C. faculty in 1985. In 1993, he was selected as the Director of the prestigious USC Aviation Safety and Security Program. A position he held for 14 years. He is an expert in Aviation Safety Management.**

**He is nationally and internationally known for his studies on management culture, Safety Management Systems (SMS) and risk management programs. He has taught in Israel, Indonesia, Singapore, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Brazil, Spain, South Africa, Trinidad, Korea, Taiwan and New Zealand. Mr. Barr was chosen to give the keynote address to the International Aviation Safety Seminar in Sao Paulo Brazil in April, 2004. In October 2006, the Flight Safety Foundation requested he speak on Aviation Safety Management Systems at their international meeting in Paris France. In August 2007, he conducted a one week tutorial in SMS for the FAA Safety Team (FAAST). In 2008, he instructed Air New Zealand Airlines and New Zealand CAA. He addressed an international seminar on aviation Safety Management Systems in Beijing China in November, 2009. The February 2010 edition of Aero Safety World featured his article titled "Middle Management, the Key to Success of a Safety Management System". He is a frequently called upon to discuss aviation safety matters by the national and international media**

**On September 12, 2001, he appeared on the CNN Larry King show to discuss aviation safety risks as it related to commercial airlines after the tragic event of the World Trade center in New York. In 2005, Mr. Barr was selected as the outstanding presenter at the Mitre seminar in Washington D.C. His topic was worldwide acceptance of Safety Management Systems. In February, 2006, He taught Safety Management Systems in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Barr was an invited member of the Flight Safety Foundations Corporate Advisory Committee (CAC). In 2011, the FAA Administrator selected Mr. Barr to be the Chairman of the FAA Review Panel evaluating the selection, hiring, educating and assignment policies of Air Traffic Controllers.**

**Mr. Barr was an Air Force Master Instructor pilot and an F-100 combat fighter pilot. He flew 137 combat missions in The Republic of Vietnam where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism with combat 'V', Air Medals (7). He has the Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal and Presidential Unit Citation (2) with combat 'V' plus other awards.**

**Michael Barr is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a BS in Engineering. He was awarded a MA in Human Relations from Webster College of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a graduate of the U.S.C. Flight Safety Officers and Advanced Safety Management courses. He holds a commercial pilots certificate and is a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators.**

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