



**FLIGHT
TRAINING**
in Paradise
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Interested in pursuing your passion for aviation? At Patriot Pilot Academy, we are here to help you turn your dream into a reality. Whether your goals are career focused, for business or simply for the pleasure of flying, we have you covered. Our programs cover every option from Private Pilot / Pleasure Flying all the way through Commercial, Multi-Engine and CFI's. This gives you every opportunity to grow as far as you'd like in your aviation journey.

We understand that every student learns differently, which is why we offer both accelerated training and flexible, self paced options. Best of all, your training takes place right here in beautiful Panama City Beach, Florida, where flying is paired with breathtaking views and of course, football. We'll discuss this during orientation.

If you're ready to take the first step, let us help you get started. Our team is here to guide you through the process, answer your questions, and make sure you feel confident from day one. At Patriot Pilot Academy, we're committed to helping you achieve your goals and take flight with confidence.



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About Us.

Welcome to Patriot Pilot Academy, where flight training meets paradise in sunny Panama City Beach, Florida. Founded in 2023, our school was built with one mission: to change the way pilots are trained. After experiencing how impersonal and frustrating flight schools can be, we created a different kind of academy. One that puts students first, values their goals are paramount, and we deliver the most structured and standardized training possible.

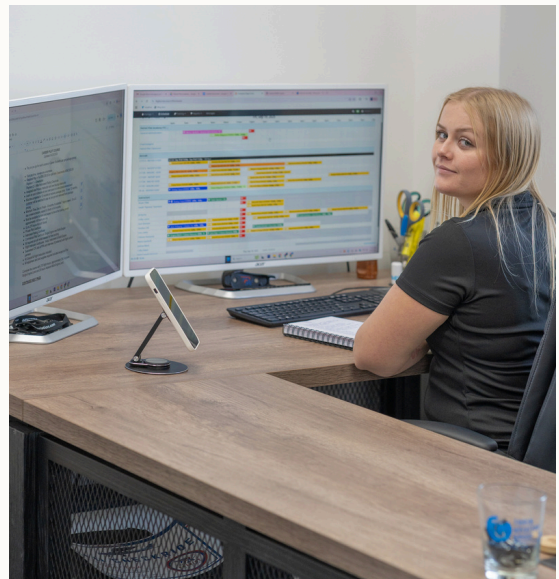
Co-founded by Chad Kotajarvi, who envisioned a better path for future pilots, and Michele Keilman, an FAA Pilot Examiner with over two decades of experience in the flight school business, Patriot Pilot Academy is built on passion, professionalism and proven experience.

As Assistant Director, Desiree Starke, brings her extensive background in sales, communication, and leadership to the team, ensuring everything runs smoothly and our students and staff have the support they need to succeed.

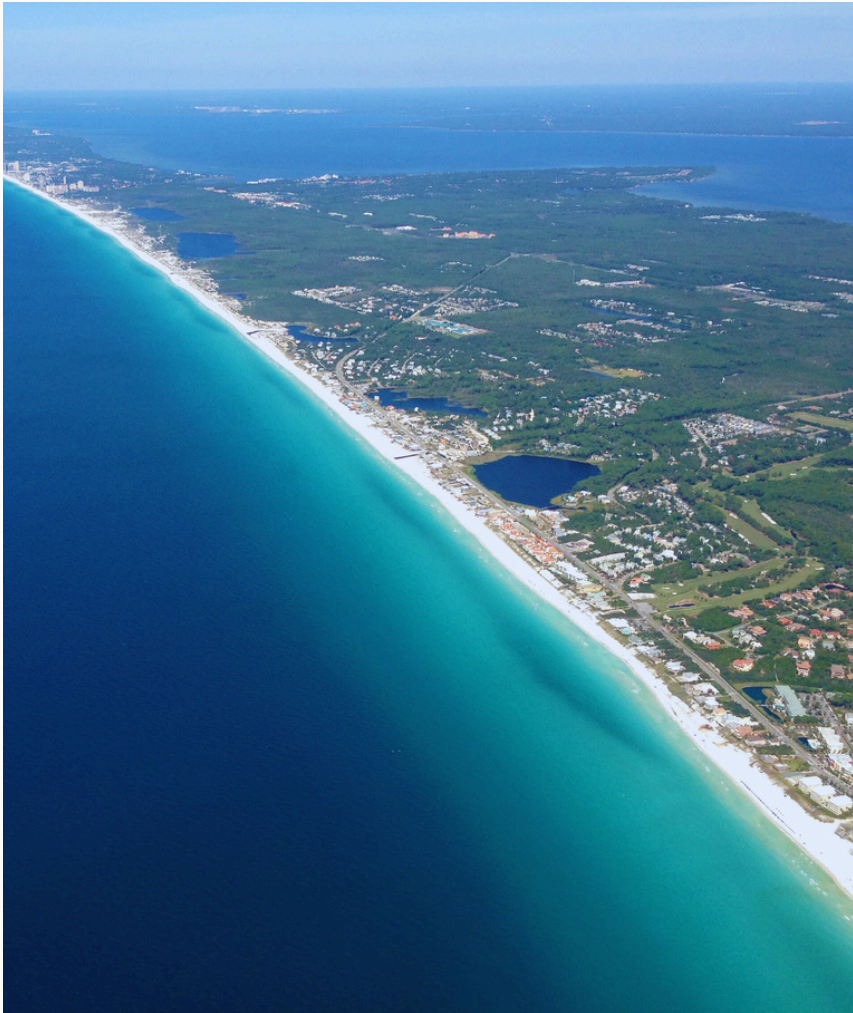
The Chief Flight Instructor, Spoony Sizemore, brings his experience in business management along with his extensive pilot experience to lead his team of instructors with integrity.

At the heart of our academy are our dedicated flight instructors. Talented, professional aviators who go above and beyond to ensure every student not only learns the skills to pass a check-ride but also gains the confidence to excel in aviation.

From your first orientation to your final check-ride, our goal is simple: to provide structured and standardized professional pilot training.



Where Are We Located?



Panama City Beach, Florida

Situated in a proud military town, our location wasn't chosen by accident. Surrounded by a community that understands aviation, service, and honor, we carry that same spirit into our training. Discipline, respect, and dedication to excellence. At the same time, Panama City Beach provides the perfect backdrop for flight training: a paradise of white sand beaches, vibrant city life, welcoming community, and year round great weather. It's not just a place to learn, it's a place to thrive!

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Meet the Crew

At Patriot Pilot Academy, we wouldn't be here without our incredible team. From our passionate director and experienced instructors to our friendly and supportive office staff, every person plays an important part in helping you succeed. Our team isn't just here to teach, we're here to guide, encourage, and celebrate your milestones along the way. With our dedicated staff by your side, you'll feel supported, confident, and ready to soar from your very first flight to your final checkride.



Chad Kotajarvi
Director/Owner



Desiree Starke
Assistant Director



Piper
Director of Morale



Spoony Sizemore
Chief Flight Instructor



Sheldon Ott
Asst. Chief Flight Instructor



Kent Cassels
Director of Safety

We're proud of our team of dedicated flight instructors who bring both expertise and passion to every lesson, in the classroom and in the cockpit. Led by our Chief and Assistant Chief Flight Instructors, they combine experience with mentorship, helping each instructor and student build the skills, confidence, and discipline required to succeed in their aviation career.

Meet the Fleet

PPA Aircraft

We have steam gauge Cessna 172's and G1000 glass cockpit Cessna aircraft for single engine flight training. We use a Piper Seminole PA44-180 for multi-engine flight training. Our aircraft are maintained to the highest standards by our dedicated maintenance team.





Discovery Flight:

Your Introduction to Aviation

Experience the thrill of flying with Patriot Pilot Academy's Discovery Flight! This introductory flight lesson gives you a full hour in the air, guided by one of our experienced instructors. Your dreams of aviation become a reality here!

Soar over the stunning Panama City Beach coastline and enjoy breathtaking views while learning the basics of flight. You'll gain hands-on experience, try out the controls, and see firsthand what it's like to fly an aircraft in a safe, structured environment. Whether you're considering a career in aviation or just want an unforgettable adventure, our Discovery Flight is the first step toward making your aviation dreams a reality.

Ready to take flight?

Text or call **850-900-9191** to book your Discovery Flight today and start your journey into the skies!

Orientation

What to Expect

Orientation at Patriot Pilot Academy is designed to provide every new student with a clear foundation for success. This session introduces you to the academy, our team, and the systems and procedures that will support your training experience. You will begin by meeting our instructors and staff, learning more about their roles, and understanding how each of them contributes to your journey as a pilot. From there, you will be guided through a full tour of the facility, including classrooms, study spaces, rest areas, Sheltair, and the reception area. This tour ensures that you know where everything is located and can feel comfortable navigating the academy on your own.

In addition to becoming familiar with the facility, you will be introduced to the resources and materials necessary for training. We will review study tools, pilot supplies, and the syllabus for your selected program, so you have a clear idea of what to expect and how to prepare. You will also view our fleet of training aircraft, where we will emphasize that all aircraft are maintained to the same high standard and are equally effective for training, meaning scheduling flexibility will always work in your favor. Safety protocols and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be thoroughly covered, as safety is central to every stage of flight training. This includes how to properly report safety concerns, the expectations for professional conduct, and how we maintain a safe and efficient environment both on the ground and in the air.

Another key part of orientation is learning how scheduling works for your training. During this portion, you will set up your account, review how to view scheduled lessons, and confirm that your student file is complete and accurate. You will also learn about instructor assignments, including how a primary and backup instructor may be used to ensure your training remains on track. Finally, we will assist you in setting up your IACRA account, recording your FAA Tracking Number (FTN), and beginning the application process for your Student Pilot Certificate. This important step will be guided by our team, and your instructor will endorse your application at the appropriate time.

By the conclusion of orientation, you will have met the team who will support you, learned the systems you will rely on, and gained a clear understanding of what your training experience will look like from start to finish. Orientation is not only about information, it is about preparing you to begin your journey with confidence, clarity, and the assurance that you have everything you need to succeed at Patriot Pilot Academy.

WHAT WE OFFER:

PPA Courses & Programs

Accelerated or Self-paced

Pay-as-you-go or
Package Pricing for Career Program Available

- **Career Pilot Program**
- **Pleasure Pilot Training**
- **Multi-Engine Rating**
- **30 Day CFI/CFII Boot Camp**
- **In Person Ground Schools**
- **Written Exam Prep**
- **Finish Up FAST Programs**
- **Adventure Travel Trips**



Pleasure Pilot Training

Are you learning to fly to knock it off the bucket list? Or maybe it is to be able to expand your business.

The Private Pilot Certificate is the first major milestone in your aviation journey and opens the door to a lifetime of flying opportunities. Whether you're pursuing aviation for business, or simply for the joy of flying, this certificate provides the foundation you need to take to the skies with confidence.

Program Highlights:

- **Start Anytime-** Begin your training with a one-on-one orientation.
- **Flexible Scheduling-** Book lessons at your convenience, on your schedule.
- **Pay-As-You-Go-** Only pay for the training you need, at your own pace
- **Instructor** - Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and Ground Instructor one-on-one training.
- **Medical Certificate-** Required by Lesson 5 in the Private Pilot Course
- **Renters Insurance-** Required by Lesson 5, with a minimum of \$80,000 hull damage coverage.
- **Learn at Your Pace-** Train on your schedule while following a structured program that builds skill and confidence.



With the Private Pilot Certificate, you'll gain the freedom to fly almost anywhere, carry passengers, and set the foundation for advanced ratings and certificates should you wish to continue. It's your first big step toward turning the dream of flight into a reality. Set up an appointment to discuss your specific goals with our team today!



Career Pilot Program

The Career Pilot Program is designed for students who want a direct path from zero flight time to becoming a professional pilot. This comprehensive, structured and standardized training package includes every certificate and rating you need to get to corporate aviation or the airlines as quickly as possible. With structured full-time training, you'll finish in less than a year, prepared for a career in aviation.

Program Highlights:

- **Flexible Enrollment-** Start on the first Monday of each month.
- **Payment Options-** Package plan, required to pay in full to begin
- **Schedule-** Full-time commitment of 4–8 hours per day, 5 days per week and finish in as little as 7 months. Maximum time allowed is 12 months to receive package pricing.
- **Aircraft Rental-** You will finish with approximately 275 IN AIRCRAFT, flight hours.
- **Certificates & Ratings Earned-** Private Pilot, Instrument, Commercial Single & Multi-Engine, CFI, CFII, and MEI.
- **Included-** All instruction, aircraft time, ground instruction, books, supplies, and equipment (except iPad) included.
- **Not Included-** Housing, Checkride Fees (*\$1,000-\$2,000 per exam). Medical Exam. Fee to re-test.



Multi-Engine Add-On Options:

Option 1- \$105,000

Standard Package: 275 hours total, with ~250 hours single engine and 25 hours multi-engine.

Option 2- \$112,625

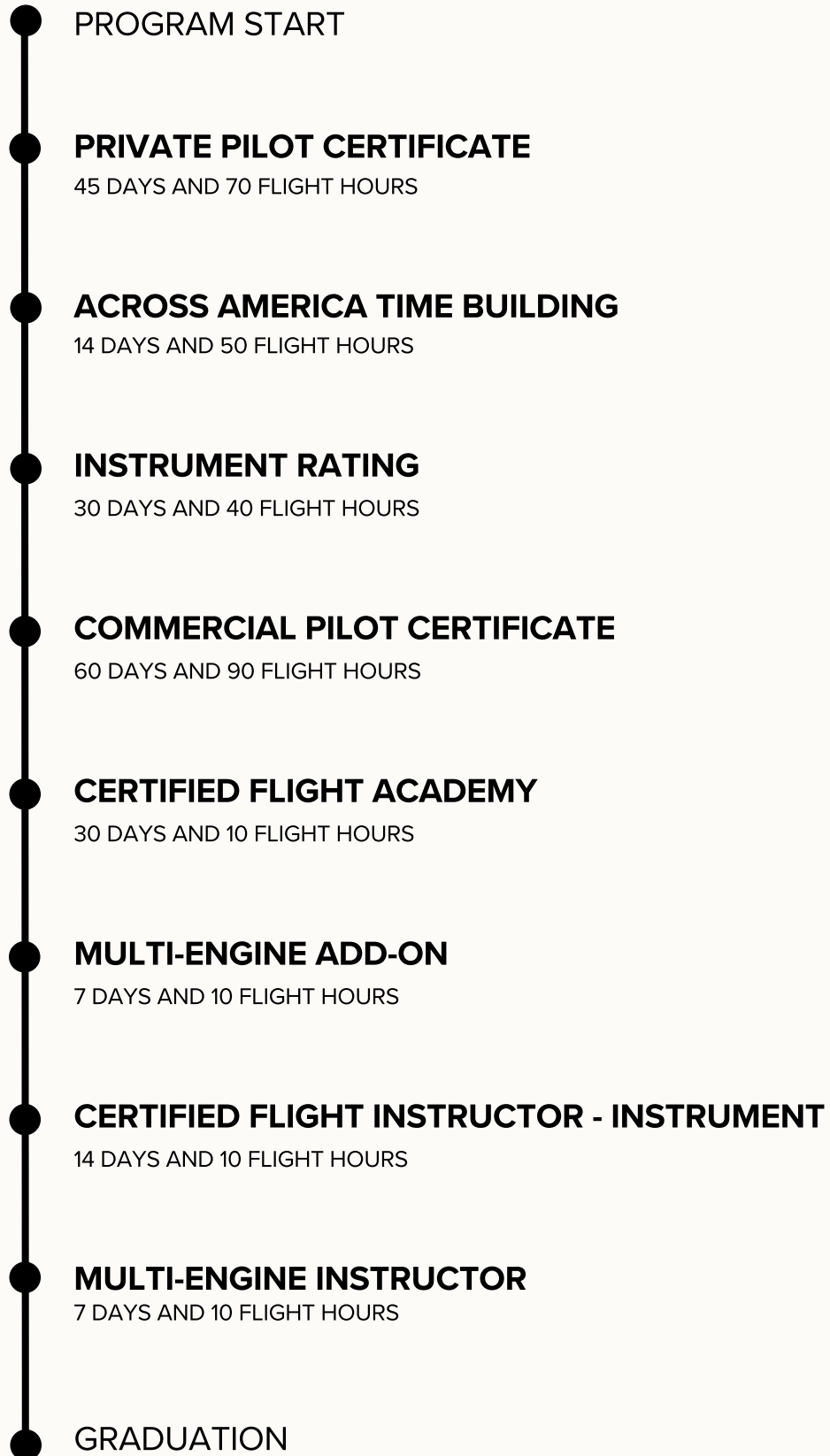
50 Multi-Engine PIC: 275 hours total, including 50 hours multi-engine.

Option 3- \$127,875

100 Multi-Engine PIC: 275 hours total, including 100 hours multi-engine.

*Most airline and corporate pilot jobs require 50–100 hours of multi-engine PIC, making Options 2 and 3 ideal for those pursuing a competitive career path.

Career Pilot Program Track —



CFI / CFII Bootcamp Program

The CFI/CFII Bootcamp is an intensive program designed to prepare you for your Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and Instrument Instructor (CFII) certificates in 30 days! This course combines structured ground instruction, one-on-one flight training, and practice teaching experience to ensure you are ready to instruct safely and confidently.

Program Highlights:

- Group Ground Instruction: Small groups
- Aircraft Rental: 15 hours Cessna 172
- Ground and Flight Instruction: 20 hours one-on-one with a flight instructor
- Endorsements: Receive practical exam endorsements for both CFI and CFII upon successful completion and meeting the ACS/PTS standards
- Spin endorsement included, if required.



Course Structure:

- Classes begin the first monday of each month
- Typical day includes 4 hours of group ground in the morning, followed by lesson planning, studying, flight lessons and practice teaching in the afternoon
- Individualized instruction ensures personalized attention to meet your learning goals

Prerequisites:

- FAA Single Engine Commercial Pilot Certificate with Instrument Rating (or Single Engine ATP)
- Valid FAA Medical Certificate or BasicMed
- Passed and valid written exams: CFI-A, FOI (Fundamentals of Instructing), CFII
- Spin Endorsement included in the training program, if needed.

Multi-Engine Add-On Course

The Multi-Engine Add-On is designed for pilots who already hold a single-engine certificate and want to expand their skills to operate multi-engine aircraft. This course develops the advanced techniques and knowledge necessary to safely handle multi-engine airplanes, preparing you for commercial operations or career advancement.

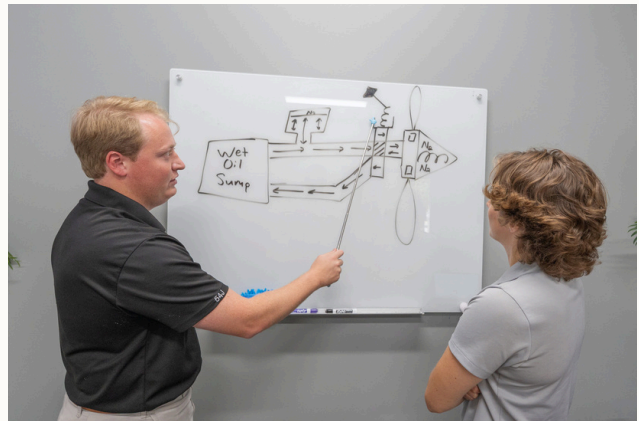
Program Highlights:

Pay-As-You-Go:

- Aircraft Rental Rate
- CFI / Ground Instructor Rate
- Flexible Scheduling: Book lessons based on your availability.
- Learn at Your Pace: Structured training to fit your schedule
- Start Anytime: One-on-one orientation training briefing

Package \$5,995

- Multi-Engine Add-On Package:
 - Up to 10 hours aircraft rental
 - Up to 8.5 hours flight instruction
 - Up to 5 hours ground instruction
 - Includes PPA Multi-Engine Supplement Book
 - Must be completed within 30 days to maintain package price



Multi-Engine Time Building Packages:

- 25 Hours with Multi-Instructor: (complete within 30 days)
- 50 Hours with Multi-Instructor: (complete within 60 days)
- Payment: For Accelerated Packages, Must be paid in full 7 days prior to beginning your training, including the checkride fee so we can reserve an examiner.
- Packages revert to standard hourly rate if timelines are exceeded

*This program is ideal for pilots looking to meet multi-engine PIC requirements for airline, corporate, or advanced flight opportunities while building confidence and proficiency in multi-engine operations.

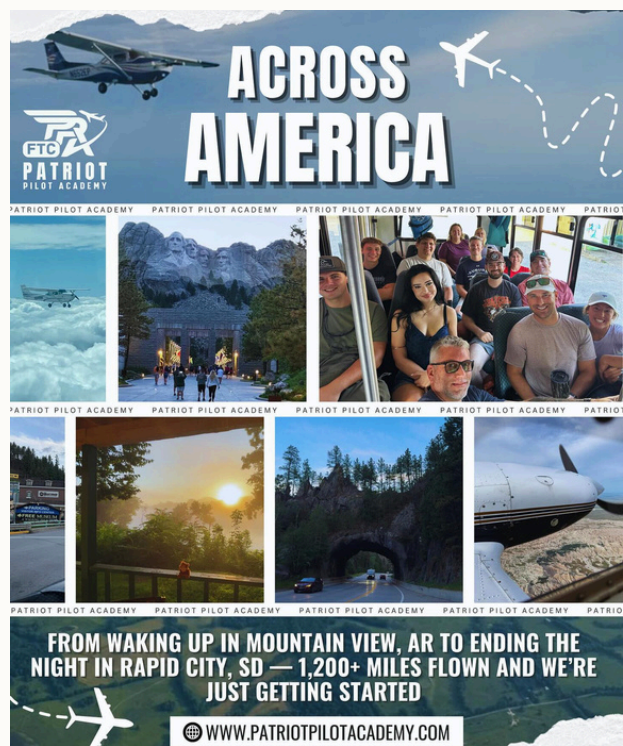
Hotel accommodation on Panama City Beach available at a discounted rate

Across America Time-Building Adventure

Time-building has never been like this! At Patriot Pilot Academy, our Across America Time-Building Adventures turn what is typically just a requirement into an unforgettable experience. Most schools have students fly from point A to point B simply to log hours, but we take a completely different approach. Our adventure combines real-world flying experience with breathtaking sights, national landmarks, and incredible people along the way.

This +/-10-day adventure includes ~50 flight hours and more than 5,000 nautical miles, making it a true bucket-list trip for any pilot. Each year, our students and instructors gather to plan the route, choose the stops, and decide what they want to see along the way. Past stops have included Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Napa Valley, Las Vegas, and Lake Havasu, Lake Tahoe, Lake Powell, the Grand Canyon, Death Valley and many more. This trip offers both skill-building and incredible experiences.

With our senior instructors guidance, your time-building becomes an adventure you'll never forget. Blending learning, fun, and the freedom of the open skies while checking off one of the ultimate aviation bucket-list experiences.



Across America Time-Building Adventure 2025



Supply Packages

A required sign-up fee includes a comprehensive materials package with everything needed for training, choose between our Basic and Premium supply options.

Basic Aviation Supply Package - \$100

- Logbook
- Foggles
- FAR/AIM Book
- Study Guide
- Training Supplement
- Fuel Strainer

Premium Aviation Supply Package - \$350

- Jeppesen Flight Bag
- Logbook
- FAR/AIM Book
- Plotter
- E6-B Flight Computer
- VFR Kneeboard
- Private Pilot Test Guide
- Private Pilot Exams
- Private Pilot Practical Study Guide
- Private Pilot Guided Flight Discovery
- Fuel Strainer

Premium Aviation Supply Package included in the Career Pilot Program cost

*The Jeppesen curriculum is used for all courses



BEYOND THE ACADEMY:

Events & Highlights

At Patriot Pilot Academy, aviation goes far beyond the classroom and the cockpit. We are proud to host and attend a wide variety of events, airshows, community programs, and industry meetings throughout the year. From inspiring the next generation of aviators at outreach events to connecting with fellow professionals at aviation conferences, our team is dedicated to being an active part of the aviation community. These experiences allow our students and staff to build valuable connections, showcase the spirit of flight, and celebrate the passion that brings us all together.



Tower Tour / ATC Forum



Will's Way Foundation Gala



Girls in Aviation Day 2025



Take Flight at Patriot Pilot Academy

Thank you for exploring Patriot Pilot Academy!

Whether you're dreaming of earning your Private Pilot Certificate, advancing to an Instrument Rating, pursuing a Career Pilot Program, or becoming a Certified Flight Instructor, we have the courses, instructors, and resources to help you achieve your goals.

If you're ready to start your aviation journey, or just curious to learn more, we're the school for you. Our team is here to answer your questions, guide you through the training process, and make your path to flight exciting, accessible, and unforgettable.

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Your adventure in aviation begins today. Let Patriot Pilot Academy help you turn your dreams into reality. Your wings are waiting!