



# Ever Upward: April 2021

## AsMA Members Lead Scout Aviation Maintenance Program

Peter Mapes, M.D., M.P.H., FAsMA, USAF (Ret.), and his wife, Nona Mapes, B.A., M.S., Col., USAF (Ret.), helped found and run a program in Oscoda, MI, for Boy Scouts to learn aviation maintenance. The program, Scout Aviation Maintenance Experience (SAME), is open to Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts, and Scouts (all are part of the Boy Scouts of America) and teaches aircraft maintenance. The Mapes started the SAME program in 2019 with John Veld, another Air Force retiree, to give Boy Scouts a chance to learn aerospace skills. Those who qualify for the program spend 7 weeks during the summer rebuilding a small airplane. Each week they are taught a variety of skills which they get to apply. There is no fee to attend the program for those selected. A summer in the SAME program is valued at \$6,000 per participant. Up to six Scouts are accepted each summer. Limited hosting is available for Scouts from outside of the local area. In 2020, Scouts from Maryland, New York, and Michigan participated.

FAA-certified mechanics teach the classes in the well-equipped hangar. Scouts learn all aspects of airplane construction, restoration, and repair, including fabric work, avionics, rebuilding engines, repairing sheet metal, rigging, weight and balance, and flight controls. The Scouts use the Cessna service and parts manuals and FAA Advisory Circular 43-13. All the time worked counts toward earning FAA certification as airframe and powerplant mechanics.

The first plane restored through this program was a Cessna 150B which last flew in 1992. It took two summers and two groups of Scouts, but it took off again in October 2020. The program is continuing in the summer of 2021 and is available to Scouts who have completed eighth grade or are 14 years or older. Scouts who complete the program become eligible to apply for a scholarship to learn how to fly that pays all flight and instructional expenses for a year. The program is administered at the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Community Airport in Oscoda, MI. Its estimated value is \$22,000. Up to two Scouts



One of the instructors (rear left) stands with the 2020 class of Venturers.

are accepted for scholarships each year.

The application deadline for the aviation maintenance program was March 15. Those interested in the program should contact Pete Mapes at [MapesNI@aol.com](mailto:MapesNI@aol.com). To read more about this program, please see the following articles:

- [Boy Scouts Take Flight](#)
- [Scouts restore old plane](#)
- [Scouts build airplane at Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport](#)
- [Scout program provides aviation maintenance experience](#)
- [A summer in the SAME program](#)

## CDR White Retiring from U.S. Navy

CDR Deborah J. White, Ph.D., M.B.A., M.A., CASP, Fellow of AsMA, is retiring from the U.S. Navy in April. She has served



for 24 years and is currently an Aerospace Experimental Psychologist on special assignment to Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport. She is a Human Systems Integration (HSI) Project Lead, responsible for providing HSI technical leadership, management oversight, policy guidance, and coordination to the Submarine Force's Virtual Reality Submarine Training Program as well.

CDR White received her undergraduate degree in Biology from California Polytechnic State University, then attended Wright State University for the initial start of her doctorate degree and completed her Ph.D. in Cardiovascular Physiology at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. During her summer months she conducted research studies at USAF Armstrong Laboratory, both at Brooks AFB and Wright-Patterson AFB. Prior to entering the Navy, Dr. White worked as an Aeromedical Business Advisor to ML Life-guard, a UK company. After entering the Navy, she earned an M.B.A. in Human Resource Management and Team Building from the University of New Haven and an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies degree from the Naval War College. She is also board certified in Aerospace Physiology.

CDR White's awards include NAVSEA Warfare Center Innovation Award, Michael G. Lilienthal Leadership Award, Fred A. Hitchcock Award, Sonny Carter Memorial Award, Medical Service Corps Director's Award, Navy and Marine Corp Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement

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Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Pistol Marksmanship (Sharpshooter). She is currently the President of the Aerospace Physiology Society, a constituent of the Aerospace Medical Association.

### Col. Dr. Virgil Baloescu Has Died

The European aviation medicine community has been saddened by the loss of esteemed neuro-psychiatrist Col. Dr.



Virgil Baloescu, who died in early March. Dr. Baloescu worked in the Romanian Air Force both as flight surgeon and neuro-psychiatrist in the Romanian Institute of Aviation Medicine (INMAS). During those years, he also served as a civil aeromedical examiner (AME) in INMAS and acted as medical assessor of the Romanian Civil Aviation Authority and represented Romania in many national and international events and working groups. He was a member of the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) Medical Subcommittee and one of the main co-authors of the psychiatry chapter of the first edition of the JAA Manual of Aviation Medicine. His research activity included in-flight measurements and observations studies, both in the Air Force and in civil aviation, resulting in multiple published articles and presentations during international congresses of aviation medicine, military medicine, and psychiatry.

After retirement from the Air Force, Dr. Baloescu was one of the first three independent AMEs setting up a private AME practice in Romania. During his career he was active in supporting a great number of pilots, air traffic controllers, and cabin crew. He managed to establish a trust-based system with his patients and promoted this approach during the education of younger AMEs.

Dr. Baloescu was one of the founding members and president of the Romanian Civilian Aeromedical Examiners Association (AMERAC), which became a member of ESAM shortly after it was founded. His international work within the JAA system and the early days of ESAM promoted the harmonization and European spirit in aviation medicine.

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#### Save the Date

4th International Conference and Expo on Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering; October 25-27, 2021; Valencia, Spain. Visit <https://www.scientificfederation.com/aerospace-aeronautical-engineering/> for more.

### In Memoriam: Frank Dully, M.D.

AsMA Staff were saddened to hear of the passing of Frank E. Dully, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., a Fellow of AsMA. A native of Connecticut, he graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, in 1954. He attended medical school at Georgetown University School of Medicine, graduating in 1958, and served an internship at District of Columbia General Hospital from 1958-1959. He then served a family practice residency at Bridgeport Hospital in Bridgeport, CT, from 1959-1960. Afterwards, he entered private practice in Shelton, CT, until 1964, when he joined the U.S. Navy.



Dr. Dully's first assignment as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corp was aboard the USS *Power* (DD-839), serving as the Squadron Medical Officer for U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Squadron 14. In 1965, he became a Flight Surgeon after completing training at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI), Pensacola, FL, and was promoted to Lt. Commander. He then served as Senior Medical Officer, USS *Hornet* (CVS-12) from 1966-1968 and then at Naval Air Station Glynco, Brunswick, GA, from 1968-1969. He was promoted to Commander and completed his M.P.H. at the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health in 1970. He served a residency in Aerospace Medicine at NAMI from 1970-1972, then as Senior Medical Officer on the USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) from 1972-1974. He was then promoted to Captain and served as Director of Training at NAMI until 1977, when he became Wing Surgeon, First Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Okinawa, Japan. In 1978, he was assigned as Force Medical Officer, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, CA, and became Commanding Officer at NAMI in 1982. From 1985-1987, he was Command Physician and Instructor in Aviation Safety, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1987.

Following retirement, Dr. Dully became a consultant in human factors to the aviation industry, lectured about aeromedical aspects of aviation safety, was a Field Associate Professor of Aviation Safety, was a consultant in aviation medicine with the University of Southern California's Institute of Safety and Systems Management, and a consultant in aviation physiology and human factors in the cockpit for Northwest Aerospace Training Corp., Eagan, MN. He published a number of articles on the aeromedical aspects of aviation safety and was a member of many societies, including the Aerospace Medical Association, Society of Naval Flight Surgeons (where he was President twice), the Space Medicine Association, the International Society of Air Safety Investigators, the American College of Occupational Medicine, the U.S. Naval Institute, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, the Flight Safety Foundation. He was also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Dully was certified in Aerospace Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals for action during the Vietnam War, two Navy Com-

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mendation Medals, a Vietnam Honor Medal – First Class, and six Theatre Ribbons. He was also a recipient of the Captain Robert E. Mitchell Lifetime Achievement Award for “outstanding achievements in the field of Naval Aerospace and Operational Medicine during his long and distinguished years of government service.”

An online obituary is available at <https://eternityfuneral-home.com/tribute/details/3981/Frank-Dully-Jr/obituary.html#tribute-start>.

### In Memoriam: Nyla Medlock

AsMA Staff were saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Nyla Medlock, the founder and CEO for Medlock Consulting, a Corporate Member of the



Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). She was born in Portales, NM, and graduated from Texas Tech in 1976 with a degree in Psycholinguistics. She then began working at Lubbock Personnel and was a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lubbock program. She founded Medlock Consulting, specializing in the recruitment and placement of corporate medical directors, global medical directors, and preventive and occupational medicine physicians, and also became a founding partner of Global Medical Director.

Nyla’s awards and honors included the 2019 American College of Occupational and Environmental Presidential Award, being named a Tony Robbins Global Platinum Partner, and being inducted as Grand Officer Dame, Royal Family of Danilo, in Rome, Italy. The Harvard University School of Public Health named the “Nyla Medlock Occupational and Environmental Medicine Fellowship Fund” Award after her in honor of her support to the Harvard Occupational Medicine program. She was also named one of the Nation’s Fifty Most Influential People in Worker’s Compensation and Occupational Medicine. Additionally, she was a Dame Grand Cross in the Order of St. Michael of the Wing, a Hereditary Dame of the Portuguese Royal House, and held a Silver Medal of Merit from the San Marino Red Cross. Her career in the search industry spanned close to 30 years and she was a sponsor of the Life Sciences and Bioengineering Branch (LSBEB) of AsMA.

An online obituary is at <https://memorialdesigners.net/obituary/nyla-medlock/>.

### FAA AME Seminars

May 7–9, 2021	Virtual, Zoom	AsMA
June 21–25, 2021	Virtual, Zoom	Basic
August 6–8, 2021	Virtual, Zoom	Refresher
Sept. 23–25, 2021	San Antonio, TX	CAMA

Please check the [FAA website](#) for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is NO seminar being held in conjunction with AsMA’s 2021 meeting in Denver, CO.**

### New Members

AsMA welcomes 32 new members in April.

- Abd Rashid, Amei Farina; Cyberjaya, Malaysia
- Awodele, Oluseyi; La Jolla, CA, United States
- Batchelder, Cora; Minden, NV, United States
- Bradley, Leah; Ellicott City, MD, United States
- Buchner, Savannah; Los Altos, CA, United States
- Copeland, Quinci; Ottawa Hills, OH, United States
- Dias, Roger Daglius; Boston, MA, United States
- Diaz, Michelle; Boulder, CO, United States
- Enamorado, Carlos; Tucson, AZ, United States
- Félix, Hugo; Sintra, Portugal
- French Krahn, Haley; Virginia Beach, VA, United States
- Gordon, Dylan; New York, NY, United States
- Jocher, Brandon; Saint Louis, MO, United States
- Kim, Geon Hui; Seoul, South Korea
- Lam, Andrew; Arlington, VA, United States
- Levasseur, Sophie; Lasalle, Quebec, Canada
- Lindfors, Oskari; Helsinki, Finland
- Mampre, David; Davenport, IA, United States
- McKnight, Tammy; Airdrie, Alberta, Canada
- Moosey, Matthew; Savannah, GA, United States
- Netters, Timothy; Ward, AR, United States
- Pascua, Benito; West Hollywood, CA, United States
- Petrasko, Phillip; Sioux Falls, SD, United States
- Pothuri, Vikram; Saint Louis, MO, United States
- Rendon, Victoria; Laredo, TX, United States
- Santana, Andre; Manaus, Brazil
- Scheidt, Robert; Saint Louis, MO, United States
- Schmidt, Micah; Falls Church, VA, United States
- Shah, Akash; Columbus, GA, United States
- Sherman, Sage; Boulder, CO, United States
- Singh, Anshika; Naples, FL, United States
- Walsh, Christopher; Cuyahoga Falls, OH, United States

AsMA welcomes back one member in April.

- Zivney, Ben; College Station, TX, United States

### AsMA’s Blue Journal in Top 25

Ingenta has examined the data for all the titles on Ingenta Connect, and the Blue Journal ranks in the top 25 out of more than 11,000 titles for number of full-text downloads.

For January 2021:

- *Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance* ranks 7th with 2,879 downloads.
- *Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine* ranks 22nd with 1,328 downloads.

### HFACS Workshops

Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS) workshops are available online and in-person. Dates and locations are as follows: May 11-12, 2021 @ Daytona Beach, FL; June 16-17, 2021 @ Online/Virtual; July 13-14, 2021 @ Las Vegas, NV; September 14-15, 2021 @ Daytona Beach, FL; and October 13-14, 2021 @ Online/Virtual. For info, visit <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=&courseId=HFAC> for in-person & <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=558570F8&courseId=OHFA> for online.

## ABPM Revises Non-Residency Pathways to Certification

The American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) has announced that at its January 2021 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to update the eligibility requirements for the Special, Complementary, and Alternative Pathways to certification in Aerospace Medicine, Occupational Medicine, and Public Health and General Preventive Medicine (each a “Specialty”). The effective date for these changes is March 1, 2022, and, therefore, do not impact applications made during the current 2021 Application Cycle.

The requirements for all pathways will remain unchanged for the 2021 Application Cycle, which will open on March 15, 2021. Interested physicians may apply online after creating an account on the Physician Portal at <https://certification.the-abpm.org/login>. For more information about the current eligibility requirements for all ABPM specialties and Subspecialties, please see <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/>.

For full details, please visit <https://www.theabpm.org/2021/03/10/the-american-board-of-preventive-medicine-announces-updates-to-the-special-complementary-and-alternative-pathways-for-certification-in-the-specialties-of-aerospace-medicine-occupational-medicine-an/>.

### IAF GNF Space Conversations Series

Free webinars. Please visit <https://www.iafastro.org/events/iaf-gnf-space-conversations-series/> for more.

## UHMS Proposes UHM Research Initiative

The new branch committee chair for multicenter clinical trials in undersea & hyperbaric medicine, John Feldmeier, D.O., FACRO, FUHM, has announced the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society will pursue a proposal that falls directly in line with its mission: to investigate post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC), aka long-haulers syndrome. To accomplish this, UHMS will launch a multi-institutional cooperative research group patterned after oncology cooperative groups sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

The effort to establish this research group is not meant to replace or conflict with the efforts of either the Multicenter Registry for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (MCRFHO) or the U.S. Wound Registry. These Registries are both open to our members who desire to participate in clinical research by using the Registry approach. Drs. Jay Buckey and Caroline Fife head up the Registries named above. Dr. Buckey is also one of the co-chairs of the UHMS Research Committee and is a member of the Aerospace Medical Association. His experience in establishing the MCRFHO will be invaluable in providing guidance for the administrative structural components required to successfully initiate and operate the new group. The new group will complement and be complemented by all of the available hyperbaric registries, with joint membership by individual institutions in both efforts.

For the full announcement, please see page 7 of the pdf linked below: <https://www.uhms.org/publications/pressure/viewdocument/4816/first-quarter-pressure-2021.html>.

## NEWS OF CORPORATE MEMBERS

### Mayo Clinic Seeks to Lessen Vaccine Hesitancy

Mayo Clinic researchers are addressing the issue of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy with an answer to the question of how do health care providers address vaccine hesitancy when it's critical for the greater good that enough of the population is vaccinated to reach herd immunity? To Greg Poland, M.D., an infectious diseases expert and head of Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, the answer comes down to one word: listening. Dr. Poland and colleagues wrote a recent editorial in the scientific journal *Vaccine* suggesting that health care providers try to understand why their patients are reluctant. They suggest using the human-centered design method, where the health expert “seeks to empathize with and understand peoples’ unspoken and often unrealized motivations” to create a solution founded in the patient’s specific values. To do this, the authors designed a tool which asks for patients’ values and concerns, along with who and what are major, moderate, and minor influences. Then the provider plots these influences and asks how these influences make the patient feel, and how they affect his or her choice. This can help providers embrace each patient’s thought process rather than dismiss it. The tool is intended to be used multiple times, if necessary, with an individual patient in order to demonstrate how beliefs can change over time.

—Please visit <https://advancingthescience.mayo.edu/2021/03/18/experts-propose-shared-decision-making-to-decrease-covid-19-vaccine-hesitancy/> to read the press release.

### AOPA Program Prepares Students for Aviation Careers

The Airplane Owners and Pilots Association’s (AOPA’s) ‘You Can Fly’ program is available in more than 200 schools in 38 states. The science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum features six courses in two pathways—pilot and drones—for students in grades nine through 12 and can be used in public, private, charter, parochial, and home school high school co-op programs. The curriculum is designed to be flexible so that schools can offer it as an after-school program, a single course, or a four-year career and technical education program. Lessons cater to students’ various learning styles by allowing time to take notes, watch videos, and perform hands-on engineering design activities. With design projects such as building a tissue paper hot air balloon or creating a balloon rocket, students have fun while learning valuable lessons. One teacher remarked that his students were so excited during a balloon rocket activity, someone walking by might have thought they were having a party. More than 8,000 students are learning STEM lessons from the curriculum. By the end of the two pathways, students have learned the material to pass the FAA private pilot and remote pilot knowledge tests. Teachers love the curriculum and are teaching it in more than 450 classrooms. It comes with all the plans they need to instruct, enables students to blossom, and is free. Plus, they receive free professional development through workshops, webinars, and video content. Educators are also invited to the

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annual AOPA High School Aviation STEM Symposium each November where they can network with other professionals and learn more about AOPA's curriculum.

—Please see <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2021/march/12/aopa-high-school-program-changing-lives> to read more about this.

## NIOSH Study Evaluates Health Care Access

A new study from researchers at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) was published online this month in the journal Public Health Reports. The study evaluates access to health care services among selected essential workers. Health care access is crucial in the midst of a pandemic, when the health and safety of essential workers is paramount. The researchers identified several occupations where workers have less access to health care services when compared to other workers. Limited access may hinder workers' ability to address underlying conditions and may increase their risk of severe outcomes from infectious diseases, such as COVID-19. The risk for becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 may be higher for essential workers who are required to report to the workplace, rather than telework, and who cannot physically distance from patients, the general public, and/or coworkers. Furthermore, essential workers without routine access to health care services, and especially those lacking paid sick leave, may delay seeking medical attention and work while ill. Consequences may include severe outcomes for the workers themselves and increased potential for exposing coworkers and members of the public to infection.

—Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-03-10-21.html> for the complete press release.

## Biomedtech Australia Announces Teaming Agreement

Biomedtech Australia (GO<sub>2</sub>Altitude) has announced a new teaming agreement with Pacific Aerospace Consulting (PAC), an independent professional services company specializing in engineering and technical services spanning the fields of training and simulation, aviation software and support systems, and information and communications technology, including information and cyber security support. Founded in 2004, PAC is comprised of individually registered Australian and U.S. companies, aligned under a single corporate structure to enable effective worldwide support for clients. Under this teaming agreement, PAC is recognized as the authorized representative of GO<sub>2</sub>Altitude® products in the United States, providing sales support, installation and integration, and maintenance sustainment of GO<sub>2</sub>Altitude® Hypoxia Training Systems in the Continental United States (CONUS).

—Please see <https://hypoxic-training.com/2021/03/508/> for the announcement.

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## KBR Wins Contracts for Base Operations

KBR won two contracts to provide sustaining base operations services at U.S. military installations throughout the Middle East. KBR's critical logistics and operations support is a part of a strategic, ongoing effort for the U.S. Navy and Air Force in this region. The first contract KBR received is from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic to provide key services to four Navy facilities in the United Arab Emirates. The contract has 1 base year and 7 option years. As part of this new work, KBR will integrate digital solutions into its operations by utilizing market-leading asset management software and data analytics. KBR's responsibilities will include management and administration; logistics; equipment maintenance; force protection; facility support and transportation. KBR also won a task order from the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer Center to perform power production services at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. Under the cost-plus-fixed-fee task order, KBR will provide resources necessary for power generation for the 378th Air Expeditionary Wing and partner forces.

—Please visit <https://www.kbr.com/en/insights-events/press-release/kbr-wins-over-100-million-contracts-perform-critical-base-operations> for the full press release.

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## Corporate News Bites

**ETC:** Environmental Tectonics Corporation's (ETC's) Simulation business unit, located in Orlando, FL, announced the award of multiple contracts for customers in the United States, Europe, and Asia. The multiple contracts include orders for new ADMS systems, expansion of existing systems, and extended maintenance contracts. Please see <https://www.etcusa.com/etc-simulation-awarded-multiple-contracts-for-their-advanced-disaster-management-simulator-adms-totaling-2-8-million/> to read more.

**UTMB:** Cara Pennel, Dr.PH., M.P.H., Graduate Program Director for Public Health and Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine & Population Health at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), has been appointed by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) to the Board of Governors of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* (AJPM). Please visit <https://www.utmb.edu/pmph/home/news/2021/02/11/dr-cara-pennel-appointed-to-the-board-of-governors-of-the-american-journal-of-preventive-medicine-ajpm> for more.

**ALPA:** The Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l (ALPA), has issued a statement congratulating Marty Walsh on his confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Labor. ALPA applauds his confirmation and looks forward to working with him. Please visit <http://www.alpa.org/news-and-events/news-room/2021-03-22-congratulations-marty-walsh-labor-secretary> for the announcement.

**Environics:** Environics has announced upgrades for new and existing M4000 systems. There is an electronics update and a retrofit upgrade to the simplified single board design available. Please see <https://www.environics.com/news-events/news-and-announcements/> for the full announcement.



## Air France Tests MedAire App for COVID-19 Test Results

Air France has launched a pilot program of the ICC AOKpass solution for digitizing and authentication of COVID-19 test results, supported by MedAire/International SOS. The app was originally launched through a partnership between MedAire and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and SGS Group. For 4 weeks, Air France customers traveling to/from Paris-Charles de Gaulle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles will be able to test this mobile app, available on smartphones and providing a secure verifiable record of their COVID-19 test results. By running this pilot in live conditions, Air France and its partners are striving to improve the passenger experience by streamlining the checking of test result documents, which has been mandatory since the outbreak of COVID-19. A partnership between Air France, MedAire/International SOS, San Francisco International Airport, Los Angeles World Airports, and Groupe ADP enables passengers using the app to benefit from dedicated airport procedures, with priority access from boarding on departure to passport control on arrival in Paris.

—Please see <https://www.medaire.com/about/news-centre/press-release-detail/2021/03/18/air-france-tests-the-icc-aok-pass-solution-for-digitizing-covid-19-test-results-on-flights-to-from-paris-charles-de-gaulle-san-francisco-and-los-angeles-in-partnership-with-san-francisco-international-airport-and-los-angeles-world-airports> to read more.

## Future AsMA Annual Scientific Meetings

Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2021; Sheraton Denver Downtown, CO  
May 22–26, 2022; Peppermill Resort Hotel, Reno, NV  
May 21-25, 2023; Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, LA  
May 5-9, 2024; Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL  
June 1-6, 2025; Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, GA  
May 17-21, 2026; Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, CO

## GLEX 2021 and GLOC 2022

Save the following dates:

#GLEX2021; 14–18 June 2021; St. Petersburg, Russia.

#GLOC2022; 31 May–2 June 2022; Oslo, Norway.

For more information, visit [www.iafastro.org](http://www.iafastro.org).

## Serco Employee Supports RAN with Innovations

Serco's Tanya Alempijevic is supporting critical Royal Australian Navy (RAN) weapons capability with new innovations. After joining the RAN at the age of 17 as an Electronics Technician specializing in combat systems maintenance, Tanya has built an impressive career that now sees her making a notable impact in the Defence Industry. After 8 years in the Navy, Tanya continued to develop her expertise through a variety of interesting roles, including time as a crane driver for a steel fabrication company, which at the time was a male dominated workforce. Tanya joined Serco in 2008, working on Garden Island as a Technician for the Fleet Marine Services Contract (FMSC) before moving into a maintenance planning role for Serco's Mini Typhoon, Typhoon, and Toplite (MTTT) contract. Serco have supported the RAN MTTT capability since 2006, signing a new contract with the Australian Defence Force in 2018 to provide in-service support to the MTTT systems deployed on 23 ships of the RAN. Tanya recently took on the role of Lead Planner for the MTTT contract and has completed a Graduate Certificate in Asset Management. She is working toward a Graduate Diploma.

—Please visit <https://www.serco.com/aspac/news/media-releases/2021/sercos-tanya-alempijevic-is-leading-the-way-with-new-innovations-to-support-critical-navy-weapons-capability> to read the complete article.

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

Due to the coronavirus, please check the websites of meetings listed here to see if they have been postponed/cancelled.

**Fortnightly;** International Astronautical Federation Global Networking Forum Space Conversations Series; Online, 14:00 Paris time. Please visit <https://www.iafastro.org/events/iaf-gnf-space-conversations-series/> for more.

**HFACS Workshops;** Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS) workshops are available online & in-person. For more information, please visit <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=&courseId=HFAC> for in-person and <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=558570F8&courseId=OHFA> for online.

**May 2-5, 2021;** 105th American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC 2021); Online. The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's annual meeting. For more info, please visit [https://acoem.org/Learning/American-Occupational-Health-Conference-\(AOHC\)](https://acoem.org/Learning/American-Occupational-Health-Conference-(AOHC)).

