

Pete Bunce
President and CEO



General Aviation Manufacturers Association

In April 2005, Peter (Pete) Bunce became President and CEO of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with an additional office in Brussels, Belgium. He and the GAMA staff travel worldwide engaging regulators, policy makers and elected officials to promote general aviation and serve GAMA's international membership of more than 65 airframe, avionics, engine and component manufacturers.

Pete retired from the Air Force in March 2005, with his last assignment as director of the Air Force Congressional Budget and Appropriations Liaison. In his 26 year Air Force career, Pete flew F-15s and A-10s, while commanding several large operational fighter units.

A Wisconsin native, Pete learned to fly as a teenager in the skies over southern and central Wisconsin. He entered the Air Force in 1979 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He received his master's degree in international affairs from Troy State University in 1988, and was an International Affairs Fellow at Harvard University in 1996-97.

Pete is an active pilot with more than 5,500 hours in military fighter and training aircraft as well as civil piston, turboprop and business jet aircraft. He holds FAA multi-engine, seaplane and instrument ratings and serves on the board of directors of Mercy Medical Airlift, Veterans Airlift Command, the International Council of Airshows, and Build a Plane.

Pete was named the 2007 Aviation Industry Leader of the Year by the Living Legends of Aviation. He and his wife Patty reside in Arlington, Virginia and have six children.