



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to a presentation on Webinar, Sep 9 at 11:00 a.m.
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Jet Vertz

“The Boeing B737Max Crisis”



Boeing B737 airplanes have been flying since 1967. They were considered among the safest and most reliable of airplanes until the most recent model B737Max was introduced. On October 29, 2018, a B737Max, operated by Lion Air crashed, killing 189 people and on March 10, 2019, the same model airplane operated by Ethiopian Air crashed, killing 157 souls on board. Since March 2019, B737Max airplanes have been grounded by the FAA and we do not know when the grounding will be lifted. Retired Pratt & Whitney executive Jet Vertz will discuss what caused these two airplanes to crash and what changes were made on B737Max from the previous models to make it an unsafe airplane.

Born in Korea, Jet lost his parents during the Korean War and lived in an orphanage until he was adopted by an American GI at the age of 11. He graduated with honors from high school and received a full academic scholarship to attend college. He earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering at Mississippi State University, an MS in Computer Science at the Applied Physics Lab of Johns Hopkins University, and an MBA from Xavier University of Ohio.

After serving in the US Navy as a Line Officer during the Vietnam War Era, in 1975 Jet began his engineering career at General Electric Aviation and was promoted to Manager of Manufacturing Technology at GE Aviation in Cincinnati, Ohio. He won the GE Young Engineers Award as “Most Outstanding Engineer of the Year under 30 Years of Age” and a GE Manufacturing Engineering Award. From 1987-96 he worked for Chromalloy Corporation, an aircraft engine parts manufacturing and repair business, where he was granted a U.S. patent for manufacture of shaped diffuser profile cooling holes on turbine airfoils using laser and Electro-Discharge Machining (EDM) processes.

Jet joined Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in 1996 and retired from P&W in 2012 as Vice President of GP7000 engine sales with responsibility for Engine Alliance, a joint venture between Pratt & Whitney and GE. Today he teaches part time at the University of Rhode Island Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and consults for commercial aviation business.

Next Week: September 16, Miles S. Rapoport, Senior Practice Fellow in American Democracy, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, “What Will the November Election Look Like? Unprecedented Challenges.”

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