SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITION: Annual Scientific Meeting Registration is OPEN!!

The 2023 CAMA Annual Scientific Meeting Registration is open!! The meeting takes place October 5-7, 2023, at the DoubleTree Downtown Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. You may register using either the registration form included in this publication on Page 22, or you may use the online registration and payment module on the Annual Meeting page of the CAMA web site at www.civilavmed.org.

A copy of the meeting program is posted on Pages 17 and 18 for your perusal. The meeting is approved by the FAA for AME refresher/recertification and has been sent to the AAFP for a CME evaluation and rating. See Page 16 for a review of this year’s annual meeting.

If you have not yet paid your 2023 CAMA dues, please take a few moments and either complete the dues form online (Members Lounge page of the CAMA web site) or one of those included in this publication to stay current on your CAMA dues or your corporate dues to remain a CAMA member in good standing. The dues amount remains unchanged in 2023 from that of 2022.

Copies of the May 2023 CAMA Sunday and CAMA Luncheon lectures with slides from CAMA programs during the May 2023 Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) annual meeting are still available on the Podiumcast.com web site (www.podiumcast.com) for $39.00. This includes every lecture and every slide used, including the keynote presentation on during the CAMA Luncheon. A copy of the order form and the program is included on Pages 3 and 4. If you were unable to attend this year’s stellar program during the AsMA meeting, this is your opportunity to view these informative presentations at a very reasonable charge!

This year during the 2023 AsMA Annual Meeting May 21-25, 2023, CAMA sponsored the first John D. (Jack) Hastings Award! This award will be given out each year to a deserving medical professional selected by the AsMA Awards Committee from the nominees submitted each year. The criteria and nomination forms are on the AsMA.org web site (accessible by AsMA members only). We are very excited to be able to honor Past CAMA President Jack Hastings in this way!

See Page 5 for this year’s winner and a photograph of the presentation!
**CAMA Refund Policy**

As of 01/01/2018, the cancellation/refund policy with regard to Annual Scientific Meeting registration fees and guest fees has been established as follows:

1) If a refund is requested due to cancellation of attendance prior to the catering guarantee date (normally three weeks prior to the first day of the meeting – it varies by hotel, caterer, and location), 10% of the total registration fee amount, or $75.00, whichever is greater, will be withheld to cover bank and service processing fees.

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4) The cutoff date for the guarantees are shown on the registration form for each year, so that there will be no misunderstandings. This year that date is September 15, 2023.

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2023 CAMA SUNDAY AND CAMA LUNCHEON PROGRAM AGENDAS

CAMA Sunday Lectures – Four hours comprised of four presentations, rated by the AAFP for four hours of CME credit.
Sunday, May 21, 2023, 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM
Sheraton Hotel New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. Room number – Bayside BC

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM:
A One-Hour Presentation by Roger R. Hesselbrock, MD

Lecture Module Topic - Major Updates in FAA Certification of Neurological Conditions: New Conditions AMEs can Issue (CACIs), AME Assisted Special Issuance (AASIs), and Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) Guidance

Objective: The physician should be able to understand and practice conditions an AME can issue and assist in special issuance concerning a variety of neurological conditions.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
A One-Hour Presentation by Judith A. Frazier, MD, MBA

Lecture Module Topic – FAA Policies and Updates - What’s New and Different: Staying Current with Evolving Medical Knowledge and Practices

Objective: The physician will better understand new and different guidelines concerning evolving medical knowledge and practices for pilots. This presentation will cover a variety of medical issues of interest for the AME and family practitioner or other practicing physicians.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
A One-Hour Presentation by Joyce A. Pastore, MD

Lecture Module Topic – Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus; Current Therapies and Continuous Glucose Monitoring Technology Gets More Pilots Back in the Cockpit Safely

Objective: Physicians will learn about current therapies and uses of continuous glucose monitoring technologies and devices. This information will help facilitate certification of pilots to function safely in the aircraft and cockpit.

11:15 AM – 12:15 AM
A One-Hour Presentation by Matthew M. Cooper, MD, MBA, FACS - Cardiology in the Aviation Environment – Cases, Concepts, and Conundrums

Objective: The audience will be presented cases to understand the concepts and the underlying conundrums concerning pilots with cardiovascular issues.

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CAMA Luncheon and One-Hour Presentation
Monday, May 22, 2023, 12:00 Noon - 02:00 PM
Sheraton Hotel New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Room Number – Waterbury Ballroom

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
One hour presentation by Penny M. Giovanetti, DO, MPH - Rated by the AAFP for one hour of CME credit.

Lecture Module Topic – History and Ongoing Efforts of Dealing with Mental Health Issues in Airmen

Objective: The physician attendees will learn about a variety of mental health problems facing pilots and will explore what treatment and dispositions may be necessary in order to keep the pilots functioning in a safe manner.

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2022 CAMA Sunday Medical Education Program

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Summer Greetings! The time has flown by.

We had a wonderful meeting at the ASMA meeting in New Orleans, a great location and easily accessible meeting space. Dr. Ronan Murphy, Vice President of Education, arranged an excellent CAMA Sunday and Monday CAMA Luncheon. The Sunday program featured important updates on FAA Certification of Neurological Conditions by Dr. Roger Hesselbrock; Dr. Judith Frazier presented on the evolving Medical Knowledge and practices that have affected current FAA Policies. This was followed by Dr. Matthew Cooper who gave an outstanding presentation on “Cardiology in the Aviation Environment – Cases, Concepts and Conundrums.” This is one that would be worth going to our Podiumcast.com web site (www.podiumcast.com) and downloading the talk to listen to. The morning concluded with an excellent update by Dr. Joyce Pastore Fiedler on current therapies and Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Technology that is allowing the FAA to put more insulin dependent pilots back into the cockpit safely.

The Monday luncheon featured the Manager of the FAA Medical Specialties Division, Dr. Penny Giovanetti, who shared on the “History and ongoing efforts for dealing with Mental Health issues in Airmen.” It was a very instructive discussion on how far we have come and yet how far we need to go in dealing with these challenging issues and changes in therapies and updates in pharmacology. She also announced that an additional SSRI had recently been approved by the FAA for Airmen to use: Bupropion (Wellbutrin-SR). This was met with great approval by the audience.

The ASMA meeting hosted a number of forums on advances in Space Medicine and the challenges associated with commercial Space operations, as more and more of the non-astronaut applicants seek opportunities in Space. The meeting concluded with Honors Night, and we were thrilled to present our awards to very deserving recipients. Dr. Chris Flynn was awarded the Tamisiea Award for his outstanding contributions to Aviation Medicine in the field of Aviation Psychiatry (see Photo).

Dr. Susan Northrup ASMA President, Dr. Chris Flynn, Award Recipient, and Dr. David Schall, CAMA President

We were also privileged to honor the legacy of one of our former CAMA Presidents and a giant in the field of Aviation Neurology. The very first John D. Hastings Award given to recognize outstanding contributions to Aerospace Neurology and Cognitive Science was awarded to Dr. Roger Hesselbrock. (See Photo). Roger has been helping Airmen with Neurologic issues for decades, first with the United States Air Force and now with the FAA. We would also like to thank Dr. Gregory Pinnell and his company AirDocs, who generously donated a cash honorarium for the John D. Hastings Award.

Dr. Susan Northrup ASMA President, Dr. Roger Hesselbrock, Award Recipient, and Dr. David Schall, CAMA President

Finally, we have an outstanding program lined up for our Fall meeting in Omaha, NE, I hope you will consider attending. Wishing you all the best for the summer and see you this October!
Pilots are required to follow strict health guidelines per the FAA and must be cleared to fly again following injury or neurological symptoms.

For many pilots, flying is more than a career; it’s part of their identity. Because of that, much of their life revolves around staying fit to be in the cockpit. So, when a pilot is faced with a health challenge that has the potential to ground them temporarily or permanently, it can be devastating.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has rigorous medical certification standards for pilots because they bear a heavy responsibility for personal and passenger safety. FAA rules prohibit pilots from taking medications that may cause drowsiness, and even some of the most common neurological conditions, such as migraines, concussions, or depression, can jeopardize a pilot’s fitness to fly.

Navigating these requirements can be an arduous and sometimes frustrating process, which is why more pilots have started to seek out neurologists who are familiar with FAA medical fitness rules.

UT Southwestern’s Peter O’Donnell Jr. Brain Institute and Department of Neurology are home to one of the only dedicated aerospace neurology programs in the U.S., and I am among a select few neurologists who regularly provide comprehensive neurologic evaluations and care for civilian pilots. We have cared for more than 300 commercial and private pilots, providing evaluations, general neurology care, and referrals to UT Southwestern specialists in a range of fields from neurosurgery to stroke rehabilitation.

I typically reserve a certain number of appointments each week just for pilots, streamlining tests and shortening their wait for a neurologic exam, so they can get the care they need to get back in the air and feel like themselves again sooner.

High demand in a bustling aviation city

Dallas-Fort Worth is one of busiest aviation hubs in the world, with major airlines (American and Southwest) headquartered here and thousands of planes landing and taking off from DFW International Airport, the second busiest airport in the world, and Dallas Love Field. In addition, DFW has a large military aircraft and helicopter industry. That confluence of commercial, corporate, military, and private aviation creates a need for pilot-specific health care.

I have several friends who are pilots, and after hearing about their medical frustrations I decided to focus my practice on making it easier for pilots to restore their neuropsychological health.

Staying up to date on the latest FAA requirements is critical to this mission, so I actively serve in aerospace neurology industry leadership roles, such as:

- Vice president of the International Aerospace Neuroscience Consortium, which holds quarterly meetings with the brightest minds in aerospace neurology, most of whom are from the FAA or the U.S. military or similar agencies around the world.

- Member of the Federal Air Surgeon Neurology Advisory Board, collaborating closely with the physicians who make the final determination on who is fit to fly.
How our Aerospace Neurology clinic works

Pilots must see an aviation medical examiner (AME) for a mental and physical fitness exam every six months, year, or five years based on their age and the type of aircraft they fly:

- First-class medical certificates are typically required for airline transport pilots.
- Second-class is for commercial pilots.
- Third-class is for private, recreational, and student pilots.
- There is also a BasicMed option for recreational pilots.

In addition to vision and hearing tests and mental and neurological standards, certification requires pilots to disclose all medical care and medications they’ve taken since their previous AME physical. For example, if they went to urgent care for a concussion or saw a doctor for migraines or depression.

Certain conditions may disqualify a pilot from flying, such as bipolar disorder, epilepsy, substance abuse, or transient loss of consciousness without sufficient explanation of the cause.

If there is any question whether a condition or treatment caused neurological deficits, the AME will not issue the pilot’s flight fitness certification. Instead, the pilot will undergo additional exams or testing, and will typically see me for a comprehensive neurologic exam that will help them meet FAA requirements for flying.

Common conditions we treat

In collaboration with my O’Donnell Brain Institute colleagues, we provide pilots with custom treatment plans for managing neurologic and mental health conditions, such as:

**Migraines**

Complex migraines can cause vision problems and debilitating sensitivity to light and sound. The FAA does not allow pilots to take standard medications that can cause drowsiness, so we can guide patients to alternatives such as beta blockers, which were designed to treat high blood pressure and have been shown to prevent migraines without cognitive side effects. MRIs may be required for certain types of migraines to confirm that they are not caused by any other neurological conditions.

**Concussion**

Pilots may be restricted from flying for a minimum of six months after a mild concussion or for a year or more for a moderate concussion. We connect patients with O’Donnell Brain Institute specialists in sports neurology and physical medicine and rehabilitation to get specific, FAA-required imaging and tests such as EEGs, MRIs, neuropsychological evaluations, and sleep studies to determine flight fitness. Spatial awareness is vital to pilots who may be flying through the clouds or in poor visibility, so we also refer some pilots to UTSW’s neurotologists in the Department of Otolaryngology to evaluate them for ear conditions that might cause dizziness.

**Depression and Anxiety**

While I do not treat mental health conditions myself, I can streamline referrals to psychologists and psychiatrists at the O’Donnell Brain Institute who can curate effective, FAA-approved treatments to improve patients’ mental health and quality of life.

**Neuropathy**

Nerve damage can arise from systemic conditions such as diabetes or after a traumatic injury. We can help patients restore or manage functional limitations such as numbness, pain, or weakness.
by recommending safe medications and physical and occupational therapy from our physical medicine and rehabilitation team.

**Seizure evaluations**
There is a very low threshold to ground pilots who might have had a seizure or an unexplained loss of consciousness. For example, if they faint while donating blood, they will be grounded until an investigation confirms the event was not a seizure or was not caused by a condition that puts them at increased risk of seizures. Our program evaluates pilots after a fainting incident or head injury to determine when or if they are no longer at high risk of developing seizures. We also work with UTSW epileptologists to evaluate pilots to rule out seizures.

**Stroke**
As stroke awareness and treatment improves, more patients are surviving with fewer deficits. One to two years after a mild stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA or mini-stroke), pilots must get a comprehensive neurological exam, blood tests, heart monitoring, and brain imaging to pursue recertification.

Our primary goal is to get pilots effective care and improve their health and quality of life. When they are stable, we can focus on helping them navigate FAA neurologic fitness certification.

After a pilot completes their required tests and exams, they add my neurological report to their medical records and AME flight physical. Then they submit this information with their application to be certified by the FAA, whose doctors determine whether the pilot can safely fly again.

Because of my specialization and our team approach to care, our patients have a better chance of having their application accepted on the first try. However, not every pilot will be able to return to work quickly, which can be a difficult situation. In those cases, we help pilots get the care they need from physical and occupational therapists, surgeons, and other specialists to navigate recovery and set new goals.

Related reading: [MEG technology: Improving epilepsy surgery outcomes, one weird helmet at a time](#)

**The future of aerospace neurology**
Though the niche is small today, aerospace neurology is a growing field. The rate of private plane use is growing, up 20% since the start of the pandemic. And as the population grows older, aging pilots will naturally face more neurologic problems, such as stroke and Parkinson’s disease.

UT Southwestern has amassed a medical database of nearly 300 pilots, and we plan to analyze the data and explore trends in the types of neurologic conditions we see in pilots, identifying which treatments worked best to return them to the cockpit sooner.

The civilian spaceflight industry is also taking off, especially here in Texas. As more people participate in space travel in the years ahead, pre-flight medical screenings will become even more important because civilians may not be as fit to fly as professional pilots and astronauts.

Through my patient relationships and collaboration with international colleagues, our clinic remains on the leading edge of aerospace neurology and is well-positioned for the future. It’s a victory every time we help restore a pilot’s neurologic health, and we consider it our responsibility to help them on their journey.

To request an appointment in our Aviation Neurology clinic, call 214-645-8300 or request an appointment online.
On **Thursday, June 22**, the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) induct six new Laureates whose contributions have led to extraordinary improvements in human health. These trailblazers underpin Canada’s role as a world-class leader in medicine and health science, and their outstanding accomplishments range from advancing standards and practices in aviation and aerospace medicine, to professionalizing midwifery throughout Canada. Please see full media release below and [here](https://cdnmedhall.ca/laureate-induction-ceremony).

*Editor’s Note: Stephen V. Blizzard, MD, was the President of CAMA 1991—1993. That he has been honored by the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame is a great achievement for Dr. Blizzard and a source of great pride for CAMA.*

![Dr. Stephen V. Blizzard](Image)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
June 22, 2023

**SIX OUTSTANDING CANADIAN LEADERS IN HEALTH JOIN CANADA’S MEDICAL HALL OF FAME**

Halifax, NS – On Thursday, June 22, the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) will induct six new Laureates whose leadership, integrity and contributions to medicine and health leadership have led to extraordinary improvements in human health. These trailblazers underpin Canada’s role as a world-class leader in medicine and health science, and their outstanding accomplishments range from advancing standards and practices in aviation and aerospace medicine, to professionalizing midwifery throughout Canada.

Heather Hiscox, Host of Morning Live on CBC News Network, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The 2023 Induction Ceremony is presented by the Canadian Medical Association with Medical Student Sponsor, MD Financial Management inc.

“We are pleased to recognize the countless accomplishments of these dedicated physician leaders,” said Dr. Alika Lafontaine, CMA president. “The impact that they have had on their patients, their communities and the medical profession at large is considerable. Congratulations to these Laureates on their induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.”

“It is a privilege to host this important ceremony here at Dalhousie,” said Dr. David Anderson, Dean, Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine. “We are proud to celebrate the inductees for their unwavering dedication to medicine and the health sciences, and for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of others. Their hard work and commitment is making the world a healthier and happier place for all.”

Pioneers in their respective fields, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Laureates are role models and an inspiration to young Canadians to pursue careers in the health sciences. The new CMHF Laureates are:

**The Late Stephen Blizzard, MD | Ottawa, Ontario**
Pilot, physician, decorated peacekeeper, who overcame systemic racism to become a much-honoured authority on aviation medicine.

**Elaine Carty, CM OBC MSN CNM | Vancouver, British Columbia**
Helped to promote legalization and professional recognition of midwifery throughout Canada.

**Carol P. Herbert, CM MD CCFP FCFP FCAHS | Vancouver, British Columbia and London, Ontario**
Innovative health care educator and mentor promoting equitable and accessible health care for all.

**Jean-Lucien Rouleau, CM MD FRCPC FACC | Montréal, Quebec**
Renown cardiologist instrumental in developing life-saving medication sacubitril/valsartan for treatment of chronic heart failure.

**Nahum Sonenberg, OC PhD FRSC FCAHS | Montréal, Quebec**
Discoverer of eIF4E protein helping to establish the field of translational control and unlocking the potential of genetic research for medical advances.

**Samuel Weiss, PhD FRSC FCAHS | Calgary, Alberta**
Trailblazer in establishing neurogenesis research as a pathway to treatments for wasting diseases such as Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, stroke, ALS, and multiple sclerosis.

For more detailed bios and photos: [https://cdnmedhall.ca/laureate-induction-ceremony](https://cdnmedhall.ca/laureate-induction-ceremony)
ABOUT THE CANADIAN MEDICAL HALL OF FAME

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Dr. Blizzard was a trailblazer and a man dedicated to his dreams and a life of service for the greater good. His extraordinary story of grit and determination led him to a career combining his loves of medicine and aviation, standing unique amongst his peers.

In his pursuit of post-secondary education, first as a veterinarian and then as a medical doctor, Dr. Stephen Blizzard’s life was characterized by his pursuit of excellence and his passion for the medical profession.

Blizzard, MD’63, who passed away in 2020, was a trailblazer, with grit and determination, who combined his love of aviation with medicine to create an exceptional career.

As a teenager, in 1947, Blizzard obtained a scholarship from the government of Trinidad, to study veterinary medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Upon receipt of his degree, he returned to Trinidad to work as a vet as part of this scholarship commitment. During that time on the island, he met Merle, a nurse and midwife. They would soon marry.

In 1958, the young couple immigrated to Canada, as the country had a need for nurses.

A year later, Blizzard began his medical studies at Western University and joined the Reserve Officer Training Program of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

Summer days were spent on military bases at College Militaire in St. Jean, Quebec, Trenton and Ottawa, where he was one of the first three students to work at the National Defence Medical Centre.

“I really loved it. I enjoyed everything that was thrown at me. I liked the drill, the discipline and meeting other students from across Canada,” Blizzard said in a 2011 interview with Veterans Affairs Canada.

In the late 1960s, the couple returned to their home country with their three children, where they fulfilled a personal commitment to provide medical care on the island. They ran a medical practice in Trinidad for nearly a decade.

**Cadets to Jets**

Dr. Blizzard’s interest in the military and aviation had begun as a teenager. He’d joined the scouts and cadets and was tutored by members of the British Air Force who were stationed in Trinidad.

Later, while studying in Scotland, he’d joined the Tiger Moth Club and learned to fly the small British plane for which the club was named. He was prevented from receiving his license because of racist practices, however, he eventually obtained his small plane license in Trinidad during the early 1960s.

In 1968, on Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw, Blizzard earned his wings. This was no easy feat.

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While working full-time as the Base and Flight Surgeon, he completed his jet and ground training part-time and often studied in his office until the wee hours of the morning.

At no point was it lost on him that he was treading in uncharted territory, both as a Black medical professional and as a member of the Canadian military. He encountered racist attitudes amongst those who sought to hinder his progress, however, he forged ahead. He went on to become a doctor who flew jets—a first in Canadian history.

“Getting my wings was one of the most difficult things I had ever done in my life,” he shared.

These multiple feats could not have been accomplished without the unfailing support of his wife. She championed his professional journey, as his career extended beyond a medical practice into the international sphere. While managing her own career as a nurse, she ‘held down the fort’ at home, providing her steady strength for their three children, Roberto, Gloria and Carlos.

In total, Blizzard spent 16 years as a flight surgeon and military jet pilot, as well as an advisor to the Surgeon General in Aviation Medicine and a member of the exclusive International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine.

He served as Squadron Leader, Major and Deputy Commanding Officer with the RCAF National Defence Medical Detachment and was posted to a number of communities in northern and eastern Canada. In 1978, he was the first doctor on-site as part of the Operation Magnet mission, which airlifted Vietnamese refugees from Kuala Lampur to Canada. Later, he would serve as a member of the forces on a United Nations Peacekeeping mission in Egypt and spend three months in Zimbabwe as a medical advisor to the Air Force.

Blizzard retired from the RCAF in 1983, but continued working with the Department of Civil Aviation, where he served as a senior consultant in safety focused on a number of areas, including the effects of pilot fatigue, jet lag and proper inflight care. A special assignment to visit Russian aviation and space facilities, as well as a Russian space shuttle, was a highlight for Blizzard, who at the time was the only Canadian to tour these once very secret facilities.

Throughout his life, Blizzard was honoured with awards and recognition, including the prestigious Harry Jerome Award, the Trinidad Icon Award and a United Nations Peacekeeping Medal. He passed away on June 9, 2020, and is remembered by the Medicine Class of 1963 as an extraordinary man, who throughout his life remained the same warm, modest fellow they had always known and loved.

Dr. Stephen Blizzard Trailblazer Award

Dr. Blizzard was a pioneer and serves as a strong role model to today’s learners. To honour his memory and inspire other trailblazers in medicine, Schulich Medicine & Dentistry has established The Dr. Stephen Blizzard Trailblazer Award.

Nominees must be graduates of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program who exemplify excellence through their work as trailblazers, by having made significant contributions to advocacy work, humanitarian work, education and/or advancing uncharted fields both within and beyond medicine. Preference will be given to those from equity-deserving groups who are inspiring the next generation of leaders in medicine.

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Head Position During Vestibular Illusions
By J.R. Brown, Physiologist, is a Training Specialist in Airmen Education, with the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City, OK.
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As a follow-up to an article in the previous FASMB, (Editor’s Note: The previous article was reprinted in the December 2022 edition of The Flight Physician Newsletter) this article will expand on what vestibular illusions feel like based on specific head positioning. The article, attempted to assist the non-pilot AME in communicating (using pilot speak) with their airmen on a level that eliminates most confusion. This article will do the same.

Specific vestibular illusions that a pilot may feel are based on two key facts. First, angular motion (rotation) of the aircraft and second, the head position or movement of the pilot during the rotation. The classic vestibular illusions of Coriolis and gravest Operand spin come to mind when most pilots and docs talk about “spatial disorientation,” and for good reason. This is a Type 3, or incapacitating type of disorientation.

Type 1: Unrecognized Disorientation
This is where the pilot has put the aircraft in an unusual attitude or position without even being aware. The aircraft can roll, pitch, or yaw so subtly that it goes unnoticed. If the rotation of the body (or body/aircraft) along either axis occurs at .5 degrees per second or less, it won’t be felt. This is often referred to as “the leans”. This is where the pilot aligns their body with the “supposed” axis of the aircraft. Pilots do this because it helps them to “feel” like they’re sitting upright when in fact they are leaning away from the actual Z axis of the aircraft. They are not aware of this or the fact that the aircraft has slowly executed a roll. Lining up on false horizons from the misinterpretation of sloping cloud banks during the day or confusing starlight and ground lights can make a pilot become disoriented without even knowing.

Type 2: Recognized Disorientation
Type 2 disorientation is where the pilot is aware that something is wrong. They’re disoriented but may not identify the condition as such. Coupled with the fact that they most likely will not have the training to cope and recover even if aware. Either way, without luck and help from ATC, it may be very difficult if not impossible to recover.

What Does Disorientation Feel Like?
That brings us back to our topic. What does disorientation feel like and what specific illusions could you expect? Once you understand what it feels like, then you may be able to identify disorientation more readily. First, we must establish the stimuli. That would be a standard rate turn. Next...set up the conditions. A pilot who is either not IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) rated or an IFR rated pilot who is not current and proficient. In either case, these pilots don’t possess, or have lost the skills to fly by relying solely on instruments. These pilots would not intentionally fly into IFR conditions, but they may do so accidentally. Once this occurs, most pilots would execute a 180 degree turn back to VFR conditions. This sets up the conditions (IFR) and stimuli (standard rate turn). During this reciprocal turn is where the pilot is most likely to feel the illusions.

So, what would a pilot feel if they suddenly looked down towards the floor while making the 180 degree turn back to VFR?
They would feel as if the aircraft was rolling hard to the right. When they look up once again, they feel a hard roll to the left. If they look straight up at the ceiling of the aircraft during the turn they will feel a hard roll to the left, and another hard roll to the right when they bring their head back to level. If the pilot leans their head over (ear to shoulder fashion) to look over their right shoulder, they feel as if the aircraft is pitching down. If they lean their head in the other direction, they feel the aircraft abruptly pitch up. Additionally, they can feel illusions of the aircraft rolling and pitching simultaneously (almost like a righthand or left-hand let down in pilot speak). How the pilot reacts to these illusions will dictate if it goes from a type 2 recognized to a type 3 incapacitating.

Type 3: Incapacitating Disorientation
If a pilot can recognize the problem for what it is, disorientation, then help is possible. However, if the pilot blames what they feel on the aircraft or its instruments, then they are correcting for the wrong problem and will typically exacerbate the existing problem. They counter every illusion they feel with their aircraft’s yoke and rudders. This will lead to even more vestibular illusions. They will eventually fly the aircraft beyond its capabilities. In-flight breakups aren’t unheard of.

On the other hand, if a pilot recognizes vestibular disorientation, they can take countermeasures. First, they should fly the aircraft straight and level. Once they have attained straight and level flight, they should squawk 7500 on the transponder and contact air traffic control (ATC). They should maintain...
straight and level flight and follow ATC instructions. When executing turns, they should not move their head. Instead, they should only move their eyes. Their eyes should be locked on the instrument panel and nowhere else. If they feel any illusions during a turn, they should smoothly bring the aircraft to level flight. They should maintain straight and level flight for at least 60 seconds. This should be enough time for the illusions to dissipate. They should let ATC help them. There is no shame in asking for help.

As an educator for over 40 years, I have learned that communication is key. As an AME, it is important to be able to relate to the problem that an airman is expressing. Using pilot speak ensures success. However, nothing teaches like experience. For non-pilot AMEs, come to CAMI and try the GAT device. This will give you a taste of what spatial disorientation feels like. I also encourage all VFR rated pilots to do the same. Once you have experienced these illusions, you will realize that they are beyond your skill set.

Here are some additional tips for avoiding vestibular illusions:

- Be aware of your head position and movement during flight.
- Avoid looking out the window during takeoff and landing, when the aircraft is most likely to be in motion.
- If you do feel an illusion, focus on your instruments, and trust your instruments, not your senses.
- If you are feeling disoriented, let ATC know and they can help you get back on course.
Registration for the 2023 CAMA Annual Scientific Meeting is currently open! To avoid a late registration fee, you must register prior to September 13, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Downtown DoubleTree Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, October 5-7, 2023. The theme for the meeting is “Diagnoses, Treatment Innovations, and Keeping Pilots in the Cockpit.” The FAA has approved this CAMA Annual Meeting as meeting the criteria for AME Refresher/Recertification purposes, upon satisfactory completion of the FAA AME test administered during the meeting.

The registration form is on Page 23 of this publication and can also be found on the CAMA web site at www.civilavmed.org on the Annual Meeting page. See Pages 18—19 for the meeting program/agenda educational series and related events. CAMA has contracted for guest rooms at the DoubleTree Downtown Hotel in Omaha. The room rate at the DoubleTree is $110.00 (plus applicable taxes). The CAMA-negotiated hotel rates quoted above are good until the deadline of September 13, 2023 for as long as rooms in the block are available. Rooms reserved after that date are on an availability-only basis and may be subject to additional charges. Please use of the following link to make your hotel reservations: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/omah-dt-cam-f5ebafff-411d-41a5-ab51-48a0aa63921f/. This link is also on the Annual Meeting page of the CAMA web site.

One thing for which to be on alert when using the hotel link - the default dates on the reservations link are Wednesday, October 4th through Sunday, October 8th (checking out on Monday October 9th). So, if you plan to depart on Saturday or Sunday, open the link, then click "Book a Room" and on the top of the next page, click "Edit Stay" and change the dates to those you prefer. The standard rate of $110.00 is the government per diem rate for Omaha - available for everyone who books within the CAMA block.

While registration for the meeting can be done up to any point before the cutoff date of September 13, 2023, based on our experience of the past two annual meetings, rooms in the block go quickly, so it would be advisable to go ahead and make your hotel room reservations now, even if you plan to submit your registration form closer to the event date. The rooms are available on a first come-first served basis. The educational portion of the Annual Scientific Meeting begins at 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 5th, so it is recommended that participants arrive on the Wednesday evening prior to the start of the conference.

The deadline for registering with CAMA for the meeting is September 13, 2023. Late registration after the deadline will be subject to an additional $50.00 late charge. The registration fees are $1195.00 for CAMA members, $795.00 for guests, and $1370.00 for non-members. If you are not currently a CAMA member and wish to register at the member rate, please complete a membership form (see Page 27 or the CAMA web site on the Members Lounge page). Membership and registration actions may be processed at the same time.

A guest is considered to be a spouse, significant other, or child. If you are bringing a member of your office staff who is not seeking CME, that person may also be considered a guest. If you have any questions regarding the guest registration, please call the CAMA home office at 770-487-0100. CME can be provided to guests who are also medical professionals and are spouses or significant others of the primary medical professional registered for the meeting. Only registered attendees and their registered guests (ID credentials will be issued by CAMA to all registered individuals) will be allowed to attend the meeting and/or join the registered professional for meals and other activities. Tickets for the field trip and/or Friday Night Honors Banquet are not sold separately. Please see the CAMA refund policy on Page 2 of this publication. A minimum 10% processing fee will be withheld from any refunds of registration payments.

A directory will be prepared for distribution at the meeting with the names and addresses of all registered professionals. Therefore, please use the street or postal address you wish to share with your fellow attendees. (No email addresses or telephone numbers will be in the directory.)

A video library containing every lecture and every slide used during the Annual Scientific Meeting will be provided to every registered medical professional from Podiumcast.com after the end of the annual meeting. This is a terrific video library with which one may refresh the memory of the information and subjects discussed during the meeting, including the keynote presentation during Honors Night.

Our field trip and catered dinner out on Thursday, October 5th will be held at the Strategic Air Command Museum about half an hour from the Command Museum about half an hour from the

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hotel. Buses have been arranged to take all participants to the SAC Museum for a self-guided tour and a catered dinner in the atrium of the museum. We have contracted with the Museum for our participants to have access to the two flight simulators on site, which can be programmed for many different types of aircraft. Participation in the field trip is not mandatory, but we are required to provide guarantee numbers of participants for tour, transportation, and catering purposes. If you prefer to stay at the hotel instead of going on the field trip, please let CAMA know at the point of registration. There is no registration discount for not attending all of the CAMA activities during the meeting.

If your organization or company is a corporate member of CAMA, and you wish to host an exhibit at the Annual Scientific Meeting, please let us know, so that we may arrange for exhibition space for you. If you have any questions, please contact the CAMA office at 770-487-0100 or by email at civilavmed@aol.com.
Dues and Membership 2023

The 2023 CAMA Membership Dues rate remains at $150.00 for a Regular membership, $300.00 for a Sustaining membership, $50.00 for a Retiree/Student membership, $1500.00 for a Life Membership, and $350.00 for a Corporate Membership. Please take a few moments and pay your 2023 CAMA dues if you have not yet done so.

Most individuals paying dues (or registering to attend the annual meeting) are using the links on the CAMA website to complete the necessary forms and to make their payments. The CAMA website has advanced security, easy access to news and information, and links to important FAA information and web sites, such as the AME Guide, the AME Minute, FAA AME training seminar schedule, the Federal Air Surgeon Bulletin and the Pilot Minute files. These important links are on the landing page of the CAMA website at www.civilavmed.org.

The online dues payment forms, for both individual and corporate memberships, are located on the Members’ Lounge page. You may also download and print regular copies of individual and corporate dues forms from that same page for emailing, faxing, or sending via the post office, along with your preferred form of payment, for home office processing.

The pay online function is a wonderful time-saving element of the redesigned CAMA website that provides both convenience and security for CAMA members to transact business with CAMA from anywhere without needing access to a printer or FAX machine.

Of course, you may continue to join CAMA, renew your membership, or register to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting via email, fax, or regular post office mail using downloaded or printed versions from the website or forms from the newsletter, “The Flight Physician.”

Call the CAMA Home Office at 770-487-0100 or email civilavmed@aol.com if you have questions or experience problems.

Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) Meeting In New Orleans May, 2023

The AsMA Annual Meeting will took place on May 21-25, 2023, at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. We hosted an amazing CAMA Sunday program and a wonderful CAMA Luncheon keynote speaker! Both programs were rated by the AAFP for CME for those attendees who were present in person for the programs. If you were unable to attend CAMA Sunday or the CAMA Luncheon, you may purchase all five hours of the presentations which were recorded by Podiumcast into a video library available on sale at podiumcast.com. See Pages 3 and 4 for the CAMA Sunday/Luncheon programs.

Dr. Penny M. Giovanetti, DO, MPH, gave a very informative keynote presentation during the CAMA Luncheon on Monday, May 22, 2023, on the subject of “History and Ongoing Efforts of Dealing with Mental Health Issues in Airmen.” The presentation was enthusiastically received, and there were many pertinent questions asked and answered after the lecture. At the conclusion of her presentation, Dr. Giovanetti was awarded the 2023 David P. Millett Oratory Excellence Award by CAMA President, David G. Schall, MD, MPH.

The first ever John D. “Jack” Hastings Award, sponsored by CAMA, was presented at the Thursday evening, May 25, 2023, AsMA Honors Night Banquet to Roger R. Hesselbrock, MD, for his outstanding contributions to Aerospace Neurology and Cognitive Science for the advancement of cognitive performance risk assessment related to flight operations throughout his stellar Aerospace Neurology career. As co-founder and President of the International Aerospace Neuroscience Consortium, inspired by the substantial legacy that the late Dr. Hastings left to this field, an initiative regarding cognitive assessment of aviators resulted in a goal to identify best practices and to develop evidence-based protocols.

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The award was created to honor Jack Hastings, a CAMA Past-President (1997-1999) and long time CAMA member and Executive Board Trustee. Gregory A. Pinnell, MD, CAMA Vice President for Management, provided a $500.00 honorarium from AirDocs Aeromedical Support Services as part of the Hastings Award. Dr. Pinnell stated that he could never repay Dr. Jack Hastings for all the guidance and assistance that he had provided over the years and that adding an honorarium to the Hastings Award was a small way to give thanks to Jack. (See photo of the award ceremony in the President’s article on Page 5)

The John A. Tamisiea Award, also sponsored by CAMA, was presented to Christopher F. Flynn, MD, for his outstanding contributions to the field of Aviation Psychiatry across a broad spectrum of Airmen, whether in the Military, in NASA (Astronauts) or for Civil/General Aviation. He currently serves as the Assistant Chief Psychiatrist to the Federal Air Surgeon. Chris is a gifted teacher who has educated new and experienced Human Intervention Motivational Study (HIMS) trained Psychiatrists and AMEs, and assisted Airmen with mental health issues. He is involved in Resident education for training our future specialists as well as engaged in Research to improve the management of Psychiatric conditions in Airmen. (See photo of the award ceremony in the President’s article on Page 5)

Another award of note presented during the AsMA Honor Ceremonies was the President’s Citation, given to Kris M. Belland, DO, MPH by AsMA President Susan E. Northrup, MD, MPH. This prestigious award was given in recognition of Dr. Belland’s exceptional performance as the AsMA representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization collaborative arrangement for the prevention and management of the public health events in Civil Aviation.

Kris M. Belland, DO, MPH, and Federal Air Surgeon Susan E. Northrup, MD, MPH

2023 Annual Scientific Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska

The DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Omaha is the site of the 2023 CAMA Annual Scientific Meeting, and the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Museum will be the venue for our Thursday field trip and catered dinner. The beautiful airplanes in the museum were simply impossible to resist, and attendees in 2023 will certainly enjoy walking among those amazing aircraft before dinner in the Atrium!

The DoubleTree has wonderful meeting space, and they have offered room rates be at the Federal Government per diem rate for Omaha in 2023 (currently $110). The Old Market shopping and restaurant district is within a short walking distance from the hotel, as is the river event area currently under development (scheduled for completion prior to the Fall of 2023, with shops, museums, and other interesting venues).

CAMA will conduct a brief business meeting this year during the Annual Scientific Meeting at the beginning of the Honors Night Dinner to take care of any business that requires the approval of the CAMA membership. The attendees at the Annual Scientific Meeting are considered to be a quorum for approval purposes. This year, the vote will be concerning proposed changes to the CAMA Bylaws. These proposed changes were published in previous editions of the newsletter in 2022 and earlier this year. If you are attending this year’s Annual Scientific Meeting, please review the proposed changes and be prepared to vote during the Honors Night Dinner in Omaha.

The dates for the 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting are October 5-7, 2023, with the CAMA Executive Board Meeting taking place on Wednesday afternoon of October 4th. Please reserve those dates on your calendar and plan to join us for this event.

The Visit Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide for all attendees to receive local shopping maps for the Old Market and the recently established riverwalk areas, along with discounts and coupons for shopping, dining and local attractions.

For this year’s Annual Scientific Meeting, a number of CAMA Corporate Members have indicated an interest in exhibiting during the annual meeting. A table will be provided for each exhibitor in the pre-space outside of the training room so that during breaks, before and after meals, and during free time, attendees may visit the exhibitor tables and discuss products and services with the companies present.
during the meeting. Neither the FAA nor CAMA endorses or promotes any particular goods or services provided by these exhibitors. Exhibitor space is provided as part of the Corporate Membership agreement so that attendees may enjoy the exhibits and view and discuss options with the Corporate Members.

If you are a CAMA Corporate Member and wish to have an exhibit table during this year's Annual Scientific Meeting, please make arrangements with Sherry Sandoval at the CAMA Home Office, as you have several options regarding your participation during the meeting.

2024 Annual Scientific Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida

We have contracted with the Sheraton Hotel Jacksonville to host our 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, September 19-21, 2024. The EVP traveled to Jacksonville after the end of the AsMA conference to complete the arrangements for the 2024 meeting and to select a venue for the 2024 field trip. The hotel is located near a large shopping mall and a number of restaurants and has free parking for meeting participants.

We worked with the Visit Jacksonville Convention and Visitors Bureau to tour several field trip venue options. Our tentative plans, pending execution of contracts for the facilities, are to have a meet-and-greet cocktail party on Thursday evening at a new Flight Base of Operations (FBO) facility at the Jacksonville Executive Airport. The FBO hangar is currently undergoing renovations and improvements that will be completed by the time of the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting. Ryan Smith, Chief Growth Officer of JAX Executive at the KCRG Airport, promises a number of beautiful aircraft to be staged in the upgraded hangar around which we will spend an hour or so with light appetizers and a couple of cash bars to relax and network with the attendees and those corporate members who elect to participate in the conference activities. Ryan has also indicated that in honor of the annual meeting, he will offer tiedown and aviation fuel incentives for any CAMA attendees who fly into JAX Executive Airport and use his FBO for services. Additional information will be provided next year once registration for the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting opens in May of 2024.

Both the new FBO (it is currently in operation, even during the renovations) and Deerwood Castle/ Jacksonville Sports Car Museum are new businesses in the area, and CAMA is proud to work with and support these local establishments to host various aspects of our 2024 annual meeting field trip.

Leigh Speicher, MD, MPH, will be the new CAMA President at the time of the 2024 annual meeting. Dr. Speicher lives in Jacksonville and works at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, so having her first Annual Scientific Meeting as CAMA President take place in her home town will be a special occasion. We hope to be able to invite a number of specialists from Mayo Jacksonville to speak at the 2024 meeting.
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**ARE YOU BRINGING A SPOUSE OR OTHER GUEST(S) WHO WILL BE EATING MEALS WITH YOU, AND/OR GOING ON THE FIELD TRIP WITH YOU?**  
**YES:** [ ] **NO:** [ ]

**SPOUSE/GUEST NAME AND TITLE** IF APPLICABLE:  
**NOTE:** There is a $795.00 registration fee for each participating guest to cover eight meals and the field trip. (Tickets to the field trip and/or banquet are NOT sold separately. If your guest is also a medical professional in need of CME, please provide that information and titles.)

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**PERSONS REGISTERING TO ATTEND THE CAMA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING - PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS ONLINE BY USING THE FOLLOWING LINK**  
(use “control” + click to activate link):  
**THIS IS A SPECIAL LINK EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAMA MEETING ATTENDEES TO USE TO RECEIVE THE CAMA ROOM RATE OF $110.00, PLUS APPLICABLE FEES AND TAXES. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, TO RECEIVE THE CAMA RATE AND FOR AVAILABILITY. ROOMS AFTER THAT DATE ON AVAILABILITY BASIS ONLY.**

**CAMA MEMBER REGISTERED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**$1195.00** U.S. DOLLARS  
**CAMA MEMBER REGISTERED AFTER SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**$1245.00** U.S. DOLLARS  
**SPOUSE/GUEST OF ATTENDEE**  
**$795.00** U.S. DOLLARS  
**NON-MEMBER REGISTERED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**$1370.00** U.S. DOLLARS  
**NON-MEMBER REGISTERED AFTER SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**$1420.00** U.S. DOLLARS  

**NOTE:** Registration and guest fees include 8 meals – Buffet breakfast and lunch on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, a field trip to the Strategic Air Command Museum with a catered dinner on Thursday night, and the Honors Night Banquet on Friday Night. No activities are scheduled for Saturday evening.

**NON-MEMBERS - IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER AT THE LOWER MEMBER RATE, YOU MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF CAMA BY REQUESTING A 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM OR BY COMPLETING THE FORM ONLINE AT OUR WEB SITE**  
www.civilavmed.org  
**ON THE MEMBERS' LOUNGE PAGE. THE FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.**

**SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORMS ONLINE VIA OUR WEB SITE, OR BY EMAIL, FAX, OR REGULAR MAIL TO:**  
CIVIL AVIATION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
P. O. BOX 823177, DALLAS, TX 75382  
PHONE: 770-487-0100  
FAX: 770-487-0080  
EMAIL: civilavmed@aol.com

**All registrations will be acknowledged by email - an email address is required. If you do not receive a confirmation email that your registration has been received, please contact CAMA. We do not share email addresses with any other groups or individuals. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT**  
www.civilavmed.org  
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**THIS MEETING IS APPROVED FOR FAA-AME PERIODIC TRAINING. CME HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR.**
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Online Training, Refresher, and Resources for Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit

With the potential travel and meeting restrictions imposed by COVID-19, opportunities for AME training and CME may become somewhat limited.

Ronan Murphy, MBChB, the CAMA Vice President of Education, has indicated that there are still resources online for those AMEs who need training and/or CME credits. Please see the information and links listed below.

If you are interested in becoming an AME, please contact the FAA Regional Office responsible for your locality. AME seminar attendance requires advance approval of the AAM-400 Education Division.

Available resources from FAA 400 Education Division:

1. FAA AME refresher courses may be moved to a Zoom format if necessitated by COVID-20 restrictions. Click the link below to access the course schedules 2022:

   [link]

   - Attendance requires approval in advance. Contact your Regional Flight Surgeon for approval, and the RFS staff will check availability for the course of your choice.
   - Registration opens three months prior to the start date of the seminar.
   - Participants must be have an FAA Designee Registration System account (DRS) to sign up for the AME Refresher course
   - If you do not have an account on DRS and wish to have one, click the following link for instructions:

     [link]

2. To locate other online courses that offer CME, click the following link:

   [link]

   - Clinical Aerospace Physiology Review for Aviation Medical Examiners (CAPAME) – 6 hours American Association of Family Practitioners (AAFP) CME credit available
   - Multimedia Aviation Medical Examiner Refresher Course (MAMERC) 3.0 - 6 hours AAFP CME credit available

FEDERAL AIR SURGEON’S PILOT MINUTE VIDEO FILES
(To activate each link, use “control” and “mouse click” at the same time)

Pilot Minute: What are some important safety considerations regarding sunglasses?
Pilot Minute: What is a verbal authorization and how does it work?
Pilot Minute: Why is it important to report disability benefits in MedXPress?
Pilot Minute: What is jet lag and how can I prevent it?
Pilot Minute: How is the FAA approaching new treatments for cancer?
Pilot Minute: How do we encourage the brightest minds into aviation?
Pilot Minute: How do I check my application status in MedXPress?
Pilot Minute: Is it okay to fly if I’m just a little tired?
Pilot Minute: What should I do if I have depression or anxiety?
Pilot Minute: Why is it important to assess my health before piloting an aircraft?
Pilot Minute: Why is it important to do a PRICE check before and during a flight?
Pilot Minute: Why is it important to be careful with over-the-counter cold and sleep medications?
Pilot Minute: Why is acceleration tolerance important for general aviation?
Pilot Minute: What are the most essential items for a good survival kit?
Pilot Minute: What’s going on with the Aeromedical Summit?
Pilot Minute: What are some tips for speeding up my medical certification?
AVIATION MEDICAL EXAMINER (AME) SEMINAR SCHEDULE

For full information, visit the FAA web site at: https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/designees_delegations/designee_types/ame/seminar_schedule/

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The 2023 seminar schedule shown MAY change to virtual format should COVID-19 protocols change in 2023.

The FAA recommends that you make sure all travel and lodging reservations are refundable. While scheduled to proceed as in-person seminars, one or more of these sessions may be rescheduled as a virtual seminar with little notice. These seminars will open for registration when the contract is approved and hotel room block information is received. The CAMA seminar registration is now open.

Register for a Refresher Seminar
Registration opens three months prior to the start date of the seminar. To register for a refresher seminar, you will need an account to access the Designee Registration System (DRS). Please review the instructions (PDF) on the FAA web site for creating a DRS account. Registration is open to the FAA Aviation Medical Examiner (AME)

If you are interested in becoming an AME, please contact the FAA Regional Office responsible for your locality. AME seminar attendance requires advance approval of the AAM-400 Education Division.

Accreditation Statement
The Civil Aerospace Medical Institute is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Seminar Types

Basic
A 4 1/2 day AME seminar focused on preparing physicians to be designated as Aviation Medical Examiners. Contact your Regional Flight Physician

Refresher
A 2 1/2 day AME refresher seminar consisting of 12 hours of AME specific subjects. You must use the Designee Registration System (DRS) to register for a seminar.

Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA)
A 3 1/2 day AME seminar held in conjunction with the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). Registration must be made through AsMA. Call 703-739-2240, extension 106/107. A registration fee is charged by AsMA to cover their overhead costs. Registrants have full access to the AsMA meeting.

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It was such a pleasure to be able to visit with these intelligent and enthusiastic students, and we look forward to many years of their contributions to CAMA as they pursue their studies and careers!

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