

ABOUT TOM

I was born in Providence RI, the youngest of 3 siblings. My Father was a highly decorated (Distinguished Flying Cross / Air Medal / Purple Heart) WWII Army Air Corps aviator who flew 50 missions in the South Pacific Theater and survived to become my Dad, having been shot down twice and rescued both times, once by submarine and once by Catalina flying boat. My Dad was and always will be my Hero! My Mother was a homemaker of Italian descent, the second youngest of 11 siblings, and the most amazing and loving Mom a son could ever have! I remember the thrill of going flying with my Dad in a Piper Tri-Pacer. I was so small at the time, I had to stand on the seat to see out the windows - oh what a view! From that time on, I had a serious case of the "Bug" - that's what flyers back then called it when you just knew you were going to become an aviator, one way or another, no matter what. My professional aviation career spans four decades and includes experience in a host of general aviation, corporate aviation, and commercial aviation activities. I hold both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Aviation. I have experience flying dozens of GA aircraft and type ratings in various business and transport category jet aircraft with 16,000 plus hours in the log book. I have worked in aircraft sales, aircraft financing, corporate aircraft operations, aviation consulting, and Part 135 flight operations, and have recently retired from a fruitful 33-plus year career flying for United Airlines. Now that my airline piloting career has come to an end, it is time to return to my general aviation roots. Together with my son Francis, we have formed Mountainside Aviation to provide, honest, professional, and value-added aircraft sales and brokerage services to our clients who prefer to work with a small, ethical, family-owned firm that believes in providing highly competent, and personalized customer service. Quite simply, our goal is excellence in everything we do. We look forward to adding you to our extended family of satisfied customers.

ABOUT FRANCIS

I was born in Milford, Connecticut. My Dad is a retired Airline Captain and now the principal owner of Mountainside Aviation, and my Mom wears many hats including, Mother, Yoga Instructor, and Health Coach. At the young age of one, my family moved to Longmont, Colorado, where I have lived most of my life since, except for a two-year period when we relocated to Fairbanks Alaska for my father's work. I have just begun my freshman year at Purdue University, where I am enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Professional Flight degree program. I am currently working on obtaining my instrument rating and then will move on to commercial rating training via Purdue's flight program. I hope to graduate in 3 years and seek out a job as a part 121/135 commercial pilot. In addition to flight training, I am involved in other ways at Purdue such as Aviation Ambassadors and concert band. Outside of school-related activities, I enjoy skiing, working on cars, traveling, boating, spending time with my family, and pursuing my various aviation interests. Customer service and entrepreneurship have been a huge part of my life thus far. I enjoy working with customers and building lasting relationships with them. I love meeting new people and learning about their pasts which is why I enjoy my job as the Director of Sales so much. At Mountainside Aviation, family is the driving force behind everything we do. I look forward to serving you so that you can become a part of the Mountainside Aviation family!