

Bio for
James Holmes

My name is James Holmes and I am a current commercial helicopter pilot and retired Army National Guard soldier. I served in the active duty Army from 08 December 1988 until 01 April 1996. During this time, I served with C Co 7/101 AVN BN, 101st ABN and D Co 2/160th SOAR(A). I joined the Alaska Air Guard's 176th Rescue Wing and served with them until September 2004 when we moved from Alaska to Satellite Beach, FL. In September 2004 I transferred to the Florida Army National Guard and served with C Co 1-244th Assault Helicopter Battalion. In 2014 I transferred to the LA Army National Guard's Det 1 D CO 2/151 Air Ambulance. I retired on 01 January 2019 from the Army National Guard and was transferred to the retired reserve. During my military service I served multiple combat tours ranging from Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since April 2004 I have held civilian employment as a helicopter pilot performing a wide range of missions ranging from firefighting, on demand charter, aerial power line maintenance and inspection to disaster relief. I was one of the first civilian helicopters to respond to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria made land fall in 2017. Most recently I was one of the first helicopters to respond to the devastation inflicted on the Bahamas after hurricane Dorian in 2019.

I am married to my lovely wife Richelle Holmes, we have been happily married since 21 February 2001. Richelle has a 26-year-old son from a previous marriage. Kaela was my only biological child and passed away on 29 March 2019. She was 17 years old.