

## Brief Biography for Christopher U. Browne, Airport Manager, Washington Dulles International Airport

Born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, Chris received his undergraduate education at Dartmouth College, graduating with a B.A. in History in 1980. Shortly thereafter, he joined the US Navy and served as a Naval Flight Officer, flying F14 Tomcats off of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, making numerous deployments to the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, and Caribbean during seven years of active service. Chris amassed over 1400 flight hours and more than 300 carrier landings, and is a graduate of the US Navy's "Top Gun" Fighter Weapon School. In 1988 Chris joined the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Authority) where he served in Operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) until being selected as the Airport Manager in 1998. He managed DCA for seven years; a period that included significant construction and the events of Y2K and 9-11. In 2005 Chris accepted his current assignment as the Airport Manager at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), where he has led the airport through a pronounced phase of significant growth and development. In addition to managing a staff of over 500 employees, Chris is responsible for an aviation revenue stream exceeding \$400 m, as well as the revenues generated on the Dulles Toll Road used to construct the Metro Rail line to IAD. Chris was awarded the Virginia "Airport Manager of the Year" in 2002 and presently serves as the President of the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. He is married with two grown children, and resides in Fairfax, Virginia.

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## Experience:

- April 2005  
To Present      **Vice-President and Airport Manager, Washington Dulles International Airport.** Direct a wide range of operational, maintenance, construction, commercial and business management and administrative activities on the airport, and Dulles Toll Road. Through subordinate Department Managers, manage the work of 540 employees. Prepare and implement an annual Operations and Maintenance budget in excess of 130 million dollars.
- Oct 1998 to  
March 2005      **Vice-President and Airport Manager, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.** Managed the work of 220 employees and an annual Operations and Maintenance budget in excess of 40 million dollars. Duties similar to those noted above but not as extensive. Effectively managed DCA and its staff during the 9-11 attacks, and coordinated the airport's one month mandated shutdown and subsequent re-opening.
- May 1988  
to Sept 98      **Manager of Operations, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.** Department Head reportable to the Airport Manager on all safety, security and operational issues pertaining to the sustained full-time operation of a large, Category X hub airport.
- 1986-1987      **Navy Lieutenant, Navy Command Center, Washington DC.** Senior Operations Briefer for the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations. Recommended for accelerated promotion and awarded the Navy's Commendation Medal for excellent performance.
- 1981-1985      **Naval Flight Officer, Virginia Beach, VA.** Flew over 1400 hours and logged 300 carrier landings in the F-14 Tomcat. Graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN).

## Education:

- January 1989      **FAA Airport Certification**, FAA Academy, Oklahoma City, OK  
1986 to 1987      **Accounting Courses**, Northern Virginia Community College  
1976 to 1980      **Bachelor of Arts (History)**, Dartmouth College, Hanover NH

## Additional Qualifications:

Certified member (CM) of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE); have completed the written portion of the accreditation process. Currently serve as the President of the Southeast Chapter of AAAE. Chaired the AAAE Transportation Security Services Committee from 2005-2007. Awarded the Virginia Airport Manager of the Year (2002). Retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves as a Commander in 2000. Graduate of "Leadership Arlington" (2001). Board Director on Arlington County, Loudoun County, Reston, and Dulles Regional Chambers of Commerce. FAA licensed private pilot since 1978. Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 1104, Clifton, VA. Married, two children.