

George D. Zamka

Deputy Associate Administrator

George D. Zamka serves as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation at FAA. He has over 29 years of aerospace experience with the United States Marine Corps and at NASA. Mr. Zamka came to the FAA directly from NASA where he served as an Astronaut and most recently as a Research and Instructor Pilot at the Johnson Space Center.

He is a retired Colonel in the Marine Corps and as a pilot has more than 5,000 flight hours in, fighter, attack, test, research, and training aircraft in more than 30 aircraft types, to include flying in combat. He was selected as an astronaut by NASA in June 1998 and served as Pilot on Space Shuttle mission STS-120 in 2007 and as Commander on STS-130 in 2010. He has more than 692 hours in space.

He has received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Strike Air Medal (six), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, NASA Space Flight Medal (two), NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, and various other military service and campaign awards. He was also awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

Mr. Zamka is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and received a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. He also graduated from the United States Air Force Test Pilot School.

