



## **Matt Zuccaro**

[President / CEO – Helicopter Association International](#)

Matt Zuccaro assumed the office of HAI President on November 1, 2005.

Prior to joining HAI, he served as President of the international consulting firm Zuccaro Industries, LLC, and Zuccaro Aviation which provided commercial helicopter services.

His almost 50 year aviation career has included several field and executive level positions with corporate, commercial, airline, public and maintenance service operations.

### **During his tenure with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey he served as:**

Senior Helicopter Pilot

Operations Supervisor New York City public and private Heliports

Operations Supervisor at Kennedy International Airport

Program Coordinator and Pilot for the Port Authority Police aerial support program.

He is a former Army helicopter pilot, first serving in Vietnam with the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 17<sup>th</sup> Air Cav, for which he was awarded numerous military commendations.

### **Other military duties included:**

Safety Officer

Maintenance Test pilot

Flight and Classroom instructor at the U.S. Army flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Matt holds Airline Transport Pilot and Instrument Flight Instructor ratings for both helicopters and airplanes. He is the recipient of HAI's 10,000 flight hour pilot safety award, and the NBAA Pilot Safety Award among many other honors. He has also acted as an industry pilot representative for a number of NASA helicopter flight test programs.

### **He has been recognized for:**

Acting as pilot in command for the initial heliport test landings atop the New York City World Trade Center buildings, then the highest rooftop heliports in the world.

Receiving the first single engine helicopter Master Minimum Equipment List from the FAA

Establishing the first Scheduled, IFR, Interstate helicopter airline in the U.S.