



Mount Rainier Chapter
Newsletter
Q4 2019

Summer Speaker Series

Featuring-
Constance von Muehlen
Senior VP:
Maintenance &
Engineering, Alaska Air



*Sam Adams Club, JBLM
1630 Saturday 03 Aug 19*

- Join us for a discussion on-
- Army Aviation Transition to the civilian workplace
 - What to expect in the current work environment
 - Just how valuable your Army experience is to civilian employers
 - Q&A session with Constance von Muehlen

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MRC President's Notes-

Greetings Pacific Northwest Aircrews!

On behalf of the Mt. Rainier Chapter (MRC) Board, we hope that you've been having a great summer respite from deployments and wildland aerial firefighting to spend quality time with family and to see this quick note.

For the third year in a row, we're proud to host a MRC Summer Special Guest Speaker event. This year, on Saturday, 3 Aug. 2019, we're hosting former Army Aviator/MTP and current Alaska Air Senior VP of Maintenance and Engineering, Constance von Muehlen, as our speaker with insight into life after Army Aviation and how to transition and succeed in a career in Civil/Commercial Aviation. Alaska Airlines currently employs a fleet of 166 737's, 72 A320's, 34 Bombardier Q400's, and 60 Embraer 175's making it the Nation's fifth largest carrier. Following in the professional aviator inspiration of previous chapter summer guest speakers like MIA/POW survivor and Vietnam AH-1 pilot COL (Ret) Bill Reeder (Aug 2017 speaker) and Medal of Honor Recipient ("We were Soldiers Once and Young" fame) COL (Ret) Bruce Crandall (Sep 2018 speaker), von Muehlen will give us all some insight

into how your Army Leadership skills and Combat-proven aviation experience can translate into life as a commercial pilot, A&P Mechanic or Flight Operations career after the DOD/DA.

We hope that you can join us on Saturday, 3 Aug. 2019 at 1630-1730 where we'll hear Constance chat with us for around 30-45 minutes, have a live Q&A with her for a few minutes before a Happy Hour (first \$250 bar tab is on us/your Chapter Board's budget) at the Sam Adams Brewhouse at JBLM, Wash. This event is open to all Quad-A/Mount Rainier Chapter members and their families, interested Army Aircrew/DACs who would like to join Quad-A/our chapter and anyone interested in Army Aviation.

We sincerely hope you see you there, as our last "colorful" speaker MOH recipient COL (Ret) Crandall's presentation is something none of us will ever forget and we sure hope to keep the trend going for our annual summer guest lecture series.

Please contact me or any of your MRC Chapter Boardees if you have any questions. See you next Saturday. 'Til then,

Aloha and Tailwinds!

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Constance von
Muehlen

Army Aviator to
Alaska Air Senior
VP



From Alaska Air press release Jan 17 2019-

Beginning Jan. 21, von Muehlen will lead Alaska's maintenance and engineering employees, and all safety, compliance and operational performance of the airline's mainline Boeing and Airbus fleet. Most recently, von Muehlen led Horizon Air's operational performance strategy as the airline's chief operating officer, where she oversaw the customer service, inflight, pilot, maintenance and system operations control teams. Prior to Horizon, von Muehlen was Alaska's managing director of airframe, engine and component maintenance.

"Constance is a strong leader who brings nearly 30 years of industry experience with her to our maintenance and engineering division, along with extensive knowledge of both the Airbus and Boeing fleets," said Ben Minicucci, Alaska's president and chief operating officer. "Her focus on safety, operational excellence and our people places Constance in a strong position to lead the division."

Before joining Alaska, von Muehlen spent 20 years in aviation maintenance leadership roles at Pratt and Whitney and Air Canada. She received her initial leadership training as a captain in the U.S. Army serving tours of duty as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot in Germany, Iraq, Turkey and South Korea. She holds a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University and a certificate in Executive Leadership Training from the Darden School at the University of Virginia. She recently completed an executive MBA at the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington.

[Link to Alaska Air- Honoring Veterans by Constance von Muehlen](#)



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We can't wait to see you all this Saturday!

