



## Robert Butler Elected President of PHPA as a New Slate of Executive Officers Come Aboard

By James Paules - PHPA Board Member

During the September 10th meeting of the Board of Directors new Executive Officers were elected to serve the membership and sustain the PHPA organization. In addition to Robert Butler stepping up as our new President, Mr. Jim Davidson, with the Orange CO Fire Authority, was re-elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as our Vice President. Also, Glendale PD Pilot John Gilkerson was elected to fill the Corporate Secretary role and Jim Paules was elected to the Treasurer position. New Board members include Ray Prouty and Howard Lewis. Our thanks to these new officers as they step into the 2005-2006 term and we truly appreciate the professional efforts of LAPD Lt. Dwight Crosley during his tenure on the Board of Directors.

We encourage PHPA members to meet our new officers at the upcoming General Members Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> – more event information is enclosed on page two.

*Thanks to all our members for their support !*

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**Robert Butler** (pictured above) has served on the Board of Directors of the PHPA since 2002. Married with two young daughters, Robert was first introduced to helicopters at the age of nine. Since he became a rated helicopter pilot in 1990, he has accumulated over 6,000 hour of single engine light turbine hours flying rotor wing aircraft throughout the Western United States and Mexico.

Besides his commitment to serving the membership of the PHPA, Robert also serves on the Heliport Committee and the Helicopter Tour Operator Committee of the Helicopter Association International. In 1999 his company was accepted as the 13th Regular Member of the Tour Operators Program of Safety, where he served as Vice Chairman for two years. Robert is honored to be elected as President of the PHPA and will strive to lead our organization with the same integrity and commitment as those who have served before him.

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# Special Coming Event



## A PHPA Dinner Conference & General Members Meeting

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>



*Held at the LA City FD / Air Ops Complex Van Nuys Airport*

## Hurricane Katrina Rescue Operations

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The 2005 hurricane season will be long remembered by the severely battered residents of the Gulf Coast. While the experts will be debating for sometime about the effectiveness of Federal, state and local response efforts, the intense media coverage clearly revealed why helicopters are the first tools out of the toolbox during natural disasters and homeland security threats.

*Please join us to hear about the missions, tactics and experiences of the crews who worked during the Katrina Hurricane rescue and recovery efforts.*

***Speakers are Hosted by Angel City Air !***



**First In Ops U.S. Coast Guard – Air Station Los Angeles**

**Recovery Ops LASD – Aero Bureau**

**View from the ground LA City FD – FEMA / California Task Force 1 - Swift Water Rescue**

**Lessons Learned Robert Butler, President PHPA // Q & A and Conclusion**

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For current PHPA members and their guests the event donation / fee of \$20 p/p includes a great catered BBQ dinner. Non-members are invited to attend, have dinner and join the PHPA with an individual one-year PHPA membership for \$30 – a terrific value.

**Check-in and registration : 6:00 p.m. Welcome remarks: 6:45 p.m.**  
**Dinner service : 7:00 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP to our PHPA message hotline by Nov 4th (213) 891 - 3636  
Email your reservation to: **RSVP @ PHPA . org**



# PHPA

## Message

### From the President



"Message from the President..." sounds so ominous. The ink that flows on this paper should capture your attention and be resolute in its nature. But as I prepare to assume the helm of the PHPA and pen my first message to you, our membership, I am overwhelmed with both the feelings of humility and hopefulness. I am humbled by my fellow Board Members and the knowledge, dedication, and experience that they serve your organization with. I am even more humbled by our membership itself. Each of you has dedicated yourselves to the promotion of professionalism, the continued advancement towards your continuing education in your aviation related careers, and your consistent commitment towards safety in what you do each and every day. More importantly, however, I am hopeful for what we can do together. So it is the endorsement of this hope and the promotion of the PHPA goals and objectives that will embody my leadership as your President.

It is now time for our organization to give back to our membership. Over the term of my presidency, I will reorganize and redirect our resources to deliver on this promise in the following ways: During the next year, the PHPA will be coming to your area to conduct safety roundtables. It will be the objective of these roundtables to bring FAA, Airport Management, and Operators together to educate and discuss the issues relevant to safe operations in each of the FSDO areas. A mentor program will be developed to bring experienced professionals in different areas of our industry, both private and public, together with newly qualified commercial pilots of our membership to help guide and educate them as they begin the first fragile steps on their career path. The development and approval of a CFI refresher course to be offered biannually to interested Certified Flight Instructors within the membership of the PHPA. And finally, the PHPA will bring back Helicopter Awareness Day as a freestanding annual event to promote our industry to the public which we serve.

Your Board of Directors is committed to serve at the will of our membership. Without your input, participation, and support, we will not be able to bring you the events, seminars, and resources that you need. "Communication" will be our new watchword for the next year. With consistent communication between the Board of the PHPA and its membership, no one will need to mutter the words: "What has the PHPA done for me lately."

*Robert Butler, President – P.H.P.A.*

## Board Member Ray Prouty Adds New Feature to PHPA Newsletter

We are very excited to announce that our new Board member, Ray Prouty, has volunteered to answer questions via this newsletter concerning helicopter issues of performance, stability, and control.

With over 35 years of experience in rotor-wing operations Ray brings a unique resource to the PHPA organization ... and our members!

Ray Prouty received a BS and MS in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Washington. Starting in 1952, he spent 35 years in the helicopter industry working for Hughes, Sikorsky, Bell, Lockheed, and McDonnell Douglas as a helicopter aerodynamicist. He has written a college-level textbook, Helicopter Performance, Stability and Control and from 1980 to 2000 wrote the Aerodynamics column for Rotor&Wing magazine. The first 12 years of these columns are available as Helicopter Aerodynamics from Helobooks.com. A similar column now appears in Vertiflite, the magazine of the AHS. Since retiring in 1987, he continues to keep busy in the helicopter field by writing, consulting, and teaching short courses. He is especially concerned with helping pilots understand helicopter phenomena.

Selected questions and responses will be published in future newsletters.

Please send your questions to Ray at :

**Ask Ray @PHPA.org**



**PHPA** - Welcomes our new & renewing members from around the country:

Patricia Neubert	Las Vegas, NV.
Daniel Funk	Kenneth City, FL.
Neal Jacob	Seattle, WA.
Michael White	Fresno, CA.
Kevin McIntyre	Irvine, CA.

.. Thanks to all for your support !!!!

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## Executive Officers & Board of Directors

<b>Robert Butler</b>	<b>President</b>
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<b>John Gilkerson</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>James Paules</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

<b>Deborah Shane</b>	<b>Warren Horton</b>
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<b>Howard Lewis</b>	<b>Jeff Miller</b>
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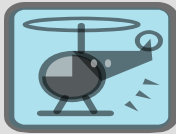
<b>Ray Prouty</b>	<b>Larry Welk</b>
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### Board Advisors

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## FLYING HIGHER

The PHPA is saddened by the death of Bill Dvorak, of Air Logistics. Mr. Dvorak died in a helicopter accident, on August 17, while landing on an oilrig in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Dvorak first began flying while in the U.S. Army. He was a Warrant Officer serving as a pilot on helicopters flying medical evacuation flights in Vietnam where his helicopter was shot down and he was awarded the Army Air Medal 11 times and a Purple Heart. Mr. Dvorak left the Army in 1972 as a Captain.

Mr. Dvorak graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he received his Air Frame and Power Plant Mechanic rating. Mr. Dvorak then worked as a helicopter pilot flying to oilrigs in the Gulf of Mexico, herding cattle on ranches in Texas with his helicopter, performing helicopter utilities patrols, and he worked as a helicopter mechanic. Mr. Dvorak was most recently employed with Air Logistics, in New Iberia, Louisiana.

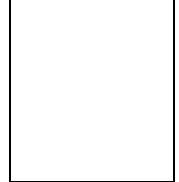
While Bill served as President of PHPA, he was instrumental in our increased association with HAI and assisted in running a number of HAI arrival and departure heliports during the years that convention was held in Anaheim.

A graveside service was held Monday, August 22, at Mountain Home National Cemetery. Full Military Honors were provided by the Tennessee National Guard. Mr. Dvorak is survived by his wife, Dona Peifer Dvorak, their sons, LTJG William Travis Dvorak (U.S. Navy) and Josh Dvorak, and his parents, William John and Dorothy Sobek Dvorak. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dvorak family.

*Jim Davidson*  
Vice President  
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