Ed Foster

Biographical Sketch

Ed is the Airports Conference Chair and the Airport Director at Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, PA. Ed has a diverse background that includes nearly 20 years in airport management, critical mission planning, contract negotiations, special project management, aircraft maintenance, and managing the Passenger Facility Charge Program, and federal and state grant programs.

Most recently, Ed served as airport associate director for University Park Airport for 16 years. Previously, he served as aviation lead instructor and satellite campus business manager for Flint River Technical College, and airport manager/director for Thomaston-Upson County Airport.

Prior to these appointments, Ed served 30 years in the United States Army. His military career started as an elite member of the U.S. Army Drill Team and a Presidential Guard at The Old Guard in Washington, D.C. Ed also served as a crewmember for AH 64 Apaches and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters with three overseas tours. He retired at the rank of sergeant major.

Ed earned his MBA from the American InterContinental University and his BS in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Further credentials include an airframe and powerplant license from the FAA, distinction as an accredited airport executive with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and completion of the Executive & Leadership Coaching Program from Penn State University.

In terms of industry involvement, Ed is the immediate past president of the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives where he also served on the board of directors. AAAE is the world’s largest professional organization representing individuals who work at public-use commercial and general aviation airports. He is currently serving on the National Board of Directors and the International Board of Directors for the AAAE.

Ed also has three adult sons, Austin, Zack & Chance.