

John J. Briggs

SAR | FIRE | MARITIME | STANDARDS

Airline Transport – Helicopter

Captain • Air Boss • Flight Examiner

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TYPE EXPERIENCE

AS332

AS350

AS365

B412EPI

EXPERIENCE

Instructor Pilot — Royal Moroccan Navy

2026 – present

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Embedded instructor pilot with unit aircrews — training guidelines, standardization criteria and evaluation standards for the Navy's 412EPI fleet. PIC on maritime, SAR and utility sorties; type-transition, instrument/night and overwater instruction. Advise unit leadership on safety, CRM and risk management across two operating cultures.

Captain, AS332 / AS350 — Precision LLC

2024 – 2026

MCMINNVILLE, OR • WILDLAND FIRE & MULTI-MISSION

AS332 type-rated PIC and AS350 PIC — bucket, longline cargo, rappel heli-tack crew insertions and passenger transport; USFS-carded, single-pilot and crewed, Part 135. Company Standardization Lead; ship-based PIC on federal resource-management contracts. Heli-ski PIC — off-airport, high-altitude mountain landings into unimproved LZs.

United States Coast Guard — San Francisco, CA

2019 – 2024

Air Boss for large-scale international and interagency operations with federal, state and local first responders. Lead Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner — standardization of 33 pilots at a seven-helicopter base. Advanced Rescue Instructor: high-altitude rescue, power management, vertical-reference cliff rescue; qualified pilots for shipboard operations aboard USCG, Navy, Army and Canadian Forces vessels.

USCG Aviation Training Center — Mobile, AL

2016 – 2019

Authored the Coast Guard's Mountain Flying Program and its power-management TTPs. AS365 flight standards for 500+ pilots — procedures development, initial type qualifications and Check Airman oversight. Lead Pilot Instructor, Advanced Helicopter Rescue School — high-risk instruction in surf, cliff, urban and heavy-seas rescue.

United States Coast Guard — McKinleyville, CA

2013 – 2016

All-weather mountain and maritime SAR, law enforcement and day/night VMC/IMC rescue missions across CA, OR and WA.

Earlier service

2000 – 2012

Student Naval Aviator, NAS Pensacola — U.S. Joint Advanced Flight Training, T-6B and TH-57 (2011–2012). AS365 SAR hoist operator, Fleet Check Airman and AHRs hoisting instructor; Aviation Maintenance Technician and QA inspector, Mobile, AL and North Bend, OR.

FLIGHT TIME • AUG 2026

Total	3,259
Turbine	2,772
PIC	2,086
Mountain	760
Instrument	296
NVG aided/unaided	350 / 213

QUALIFICATIONS

ATP — Rotorcraft
USFS carded — Type 1 & Type 3
ICS Air Operations Branch Director
AS332 type-rated PIC • Part 135
AS350 PIC • Part 135, carded
AS365 Aircraft Commander, USCG
Bell 412EPI PIC • Instructor
Comm SEL — Instrument • CFII

DISTINCTIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross

Hurricane Harvey rescue operations, 2017

USCG Wall of Valor

19th honoree

Aircrew of the Year

Naval Helicopter Association

EDUCATION

MBA

Spring Hill College, USA