



Our Mission is to educate and empower veterans by providing the training necessary to obtain glider pilot certification.

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**[Soaringeaglefoundationusa.org](http://Soaringeaglefoundationusa.org)**



### Would you like to help us?

Here's how:

1. If you are a disabled veteran who would like to apply for our training program, get in touch with us. We'd be honored to talk to you!
2. We'd love to have you volunteer your time. We can use any talents you can offer.
3. Perhaps you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring Soaring Eagle Foundation. Soaring Eagle Foundation is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation.
4. Monetary donations are always welcome. They will enable another vet the opportunity to soar with the eagles.
5. Just call, e-mail or write if you'd like to participate in any way.



### Soaring Eagle Foundation

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**Serving those who  
have served**



A 501(c)(3) foundation

## Soaring Eagle Foundation Board of Directors

The idea for Soaring Eagle Foundation (SEF) took flight in the spring of 2010 when Randy Rothe, a retired USAF Academy Soaring Instructor Pilot and current United Airlines Captain, met Stewart McQuillan, a former Royal Air Force pilot who sus-



**Mark Dickerson, retired USAF Test Pilot and Board member**

tained a spinal cord injury during a training accident. They soon realized they could turn their passion for soaring into an organization aimed at sharing that love with wounded warriors.

Jenny Rothe, former Air Force airman and financial specialist, volunteered to become our administrator, and with her help SEF applied for and received 501(c)(3) status in early 2012.

As the concept for SEF began to gain momentum,

we were fortunate to add Bob Chapman to our board. He's a retired Air Force Colonel, former Vice Wing Commander for the C-130 Reserve Unit based at Peterson AFB and currently a United Airlines pilot.

With the start of our first ground school class, Cliff Porter was introduced to SEF – as a student. Cliff, a retired Army Special Operations Surgeon and Wounded Warrior. Though he's not a pilot (yet), he is a parachutist with 57 jumps under his belt.

Our most recent board member is Mark Dickerson. Mark is a former Air Force Fighter Pilot and Test Pilot. He also served as Director of Academics at the USAF Test Pilot School. He is currently a glider instructor as well as a tow pilot.

With this accomplished group of military veterans, Soaring Eagle Foundation is looking toward the future. We hope to not only enable our veterans to soar but to have them continue flying as a lifelong endeavor.



## Our Customer

We are seeking disabled veterans who are interested in obtaining their FAA glider pilot license and becoming sailplane pilots. Through sponsorships and donations we strive to offer this training at no cost to the veteran. We feel that this training will not only be valuable to the veteran, it will also benefit the soaring community and aviation as a whole.

## The Training Program

Our instructors follow FAA guidelines under Part 61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations during Soaring Eagle training. The program begins with 15 hours of intense ground school. It will take approximately 25-30 flights for the warrior to solo, and another 15-20 flights (solo and with an instructor) to prepare the student for their FAA Private Glider Pilot checkride.

SEF strives to maintain a "club" atmosphere. Students are involved in all aspects of the operation, from launching fellow pilots to accomplishing administrative duties. This not only fosters teamwork, it familiarizes the student with the total operation. We are affiliated with High Flights Soaring Club near Colorado Springs ([www.highflights.com](http://www.highflights.com)).

Once training for the private pilot rating is complete, we encourage Soaring Eagle graduates to continue participation with our flying program or to join one of the many glider clubs throughout the United States.

We understand the importance of family support, and encourage family members to participate in our program to the fullest extent possible

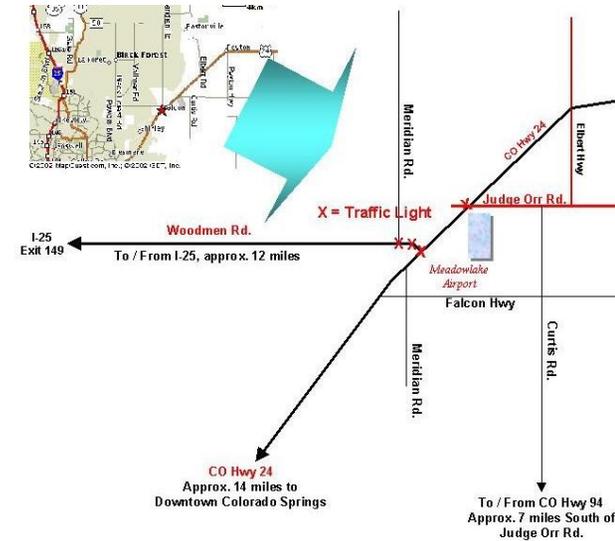
SEF is affiliated with three aviation colleges in Colorado.



**Warriors receiving ground instruction from a Soaring Eagle Foundation instructor**

## Our Location

Soaring Eagle Foundation is based at Meadow Lake Airport northeast of Colorado Springs. It is near Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, the USAF Academy and Schriever AFB.



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