



A.C. "Butch" Giessman

CEO/CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/FOUNDER
AVMATS

Arthur C. "Butch" Giessman is a St. Louis Native. Born in 1949 and immediately put in a crib behind the meat counter in the family owned grocery store earned him the nickname of "LITTLE BUTCH". He attended Catholic grade school, Mercy High School and then went on to Parks College of St. Louis University. There he received his FAA Airframe & Powerplants License, his FAA Private Pilot's License and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He spent two years in Air Force ROTC however washed out of pilot training due to "Color Blindness". After graduating he spent a year as a turbine engine instructor at Parks for the National Guard. He then went on to work at Rockwell International Aviation Services Division as an A&P Technician on the Sabreliner Program and Inspecting/Maintaining AVSCOM's UH-1 HUEY Helicopters, OH58 KIOWA Helicopters, T-42 COCHISE Aircraft and C-12 HURON Aircraft. When an Engineering position opened up, he went on to the engineering department designing structural repairs, avionics structural installs and Interior installations. He was responsible for obtaining the FAA Supplementary Type Certificates on the interiors for the Sabreliner 40A and 60A Aircraft. After several years he was ask to take the position of "Service Manager" managing the St. Louis Facility performing routine maintenance and new Sabreliner aircraft completions & deliveries. He had about 100 technicians reporting to him.

In October of 1974 Butch and two other managers left Rockwell to help John Tucker start the "Technical Services Dept." of Mid-Coast Aviation. MidCoast was subsequently bought by Ozark Airlines and Ozark was bought by TWA Airlines. In 1982 Butch decided to sell his stock in MidCoast Aviation and start AVMATS as a family owned small business. AVMATS currently employs approximately 175 people and have facilities In Chesterfield, Mo., O'Fallon, Mo., Mid America Airport (Scott AFB) in Mascoutah, Ill. And a office in Bournemouth, England. AVMATS maintains and services a wide variety of corporate jet aircraft, overhaul jet engines & APU's, is a distributor and installation facility for all major avionics manufacturers and performs Defense contracts for almost all of the Services. Butch has been a member of PAMA (Professional Aviation Maintenance Association since 1973 serving on its Board of Director's for over 10 years and serving as President for two terms. He served as a FAA Safety Counselor for seven years and was awarded the FAA Technician of the Year Award-Central Region in both 1982 & 1996. In 2000Butch was awarded the "National

Technician of the Year Award". Butch held an FAA Inspector's Authorization for over 25 years. He also served on the Advisory Board of Directors of Mark Twain, Firststar and US Bank for over 10 years. Butch currently is serving (and has for the last 10 years) as a Director for "The Wings of Hope" charity in Chesterfield, Mo. Wings of Hope is currently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Wings of Hope, established in 1962, have donated over 600 aircraft to help missionaries in 39 countries around the world.

Butch has a wife Jan of 39 years, 4 children and 9 grandchildren.