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## **Captain Enrique (Rick) Valdes**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Captain Valdes has over 34 years of flying experience. He is currently a United Air Lines Boeing 757/767 Captain. He started his flying career in 1975, and has accumulated over 21,000 flight hours, including extensive international flying experience in South America, Europe, and the Far East.

### **EDUCATION and ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Barry University - Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Studies.

Miami Dade Community College - Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.

Graduate of the Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Academy - Aviation Safety Inspector - Operations Course.

Graduate of the Air Line Pilots Association's basic and advanced Accident Investigators Courses.

Graduate of the Air Line Pilots Association's basic and advanced Safety schools.

Graduate of the Dade County Public Safety Department Police Academy.

United States Marine Corps (1966 - 1971) Viet-Nam veteran.

Bilingual: English & Spanish.

### **HISTORY**

#### 1986 –Present:

United Airlines - Captain B757, B767; First Officer B747-400, B777, B757, B767; Flight Engineer B747, B727, and DC10.

#### 1982 – 1986:

PeopleExpress Airlines - Captain and Pilot Instructor B727; First Officer B737; Aircraft Dispatcher. He conducted simulator training and Initial Operating Experience (IOE) for Captains and First Officers.

#### 1981 – 1982:

Ryan Aviation Corporation contractor to Emery Worldwide – Captain and Check Airman B727. Designated FAA Check Airman, conducting Initial Operation Experience (IOE) line checks, evaluations, and bi-annual simulator check rides.

#### 1980 – 1981:

U.S. Federal Aviation Administration – Aviation Safety Inspector - Operations B727, B737. He assisted in investigations dealing with violations of Federal Aviation Regulations. As the assistant Principal Operations Inspector (POI) for Air Florida Airlines, he was directly involved with the oversight of their flight operations, including pilot and flight attendant training



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1978 – 1980:

Lloyd Aereo Boliviano – First Officer and Second Officer B727, living in Cochabamba, Bolivia. LAB flew throughout South America - destinations included Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Columbia, Panama and Venezuela.

## **LICENSES AND RATINGS**

United States Federal Aviation Administration.

Airline Transport Pilot Airplane B727, B737, B747/400, B757, B767, B777, CE500.

Flight Engineer Turbojet Powered B747, DC10, B727.

Flight Instructor Airplanes Single and Multi-Engine Land.

Advanced Ground Instructor.

Aircraft Dispatcher.

## **INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)**

2000 – Present

Capt. Valdes has been the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Proficiency Requirements In Common English Study Group (PRICE SG). He represents the interests of over 100,000 air line pilots and over 100 pilot associations world-wide. The group is comprised of operational and linguistic experts, industry associations, academia, regulators and air traffic service providers from around the world. The group created the new English language requirements for pilots and air traffic controllers. ICAO incorporated the group's recommendations into document 9835 and Annex 2. The new requirements became effective on March 5, 2008.

2000 – Present

Member of IFALPA's Air Traffic Services committee. Members of the ATS committee provide subject matter expert assistance to different ICAO's working groups.

## **SAFETY ADVOCATE**

Capt. Valdes has held several flight safety offices within the Air Line Pilots Association International (ALPAI), during the past 20 years.

1995 – Present:

Founding member and the current Chairman, of the United Air Lines Pilot Dispatcher Communications Group (PDCG). The group consists of 5 line pilots and 5 line dispatchers. The group addresses flight operational event support issues around the world, including airports, facilities, flight plan, notams, weather support, polar flying, and flight following. Duties include the oversight of the entire group, assign tasks as necessary to other members, and work directly with the company's flight safety and flight operations departments. Capt. Valdes' regional geographic responsibility is South and Central America. Duties also include airport and facility inspections within the region.



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1998 – Present:

Member of ALPAI's Air Traffic Control committee. Members of the ATC committee provide subject matter expert assistance to FAA working groups, dealing with Air Traffic control issues.

2002 – 2007:

He was the UAL ALPAI Central Air Safety Committee Vice-Chairman (Operations). In this position, he was one of the first responders to any flight crew member when they were involved in an incident or accident, providing incident and accident oversight and investigation. Duties included the oversight of the ALPAI fleet coordinator program and Flight Safety Inquiry (FSI) program.

1998 – 2000:

Chairman of the ALPAI Latin America and Caribbean Air Traffic Advisory Group which dealt with air traffic control and operational issues within the region. Capt. Valdes is highly regarded for his expertise in Latin America flight operations and air traffic control issues

1989 – 1995:

Local council Air Safety Chairman and committee member. Assisting members with safety concerns and events in a daily airline operation environment.

## **HONORS**

Capt. Valdes is the 2006 recipient of the highly prestigious United Airlines ALPAI Master Executive Council - D.B. Robinson award for safety.

He was awarded the 2006 ALPAI Presidential Citation for his work with ICAO and PRICE SG. In 1995, he received the United Airlines Flight Operations Division Safety Award for his safety work.

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

June 2009. Eurocontrol Training Focus Group meeting, Toulouse, France.

March 2009. Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference, Denver, Colorado.

April 2008. World Aviation Training Conference & Trade Show, Orlando, Florida.

November 2007. International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

September 2007. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Workshop, on English Language Proficiency Implementation, Langen, Germany.



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June 2007. International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Montreal, Canada.

June 2006. Flight Safety Foundation International Workshop on Language Proficiency, Moscow, Russia.

September 2004. ICAO Aviation Language Symposium, Montreal, Canada.

November 2003. Association of Star Alliance Pilots, Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

March 2003. International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations meeting, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

March 2003. International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

September 2002. International Civil Aviation English Association (ICAEA) Conference, Warsaw, Poland.