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## **Teddy Christy To Join CPAC in Cape Girardeau**

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### **Former Oklahoma City FAA MIDO Inspector**

**October 19, 2005, Farmington, CT.** Commander Premier Aircraft Corporation (Commander Premier) announced that Mr. Teddy D. Christy, will join CPAC, Inc. on November 1<sup>st</sup> as FAA Quality Assurance Advisor and Chief Production Training Officer. Mr. Christy, who will be a Company Vice President and serve as an FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative, will advise top management with respect to all Company Quality Assurance programs and with respect to all FAA certification matters. He will also serve as a liaison to the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) in Kansas City, which will have jurisdiction over CPAC's operations in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In addition, Christy will create training programs for new employees, train training instructors, and train new employees in all facets of aircraft and parts production and inspection.

"Teddy has worked with, or overseen, Commander aircraft production for decades and he is totally familiar with the production of new Commander aircraft and Commander parts. He has prepared FAA Quality Assurance programs for Commander production and he has supervised them as an FAA inspector," said Joel M. Hartstone, President and CEO of Commander Premier. "He is the ideal person to advise top management on these matters," Hartstone added.

Since 1998, Christy has served as an Aviation Safety Inspector in the FAA Southwest MIDO in Bethany, Oklahoma. In that position, Christy had oversight responsibility for numerous manufacturing facilities in Oklahoma and Arkansas, including Commander Aircraft Company (CAC) while it was still building new Commander aircraft and making parts for the existing Commander fleet. Earlier, Mr. Christy was Quality Assurance Supervisor and Quality Manager for CAC, and worked with the FAA to obtain CAC's production certificate for Commander aircraft. In addition, as a DAR, he performed all types of inspections, including the final acceptance and

the issuance of airworthiness certificates, for Commander aircraft. He also worked for Rockwell, from 1973 to 1979, building and inspecting Commanders.

“I’ve worked with Teddy over the years in Oklahoma City and I’m looking forward to having him on our team at Cape Girardeau,” said Carl Gull, CPAC Vice President – Operations. “The FAA requirements for quality assurance are very technical and very comprehensive. Teddy will help assure that our operations are established in full compliance with all FAA procedures and requirements right from the beginning. That should help shorten our time line to FAA parts manufacturing authority and an FAA production certificate for new Commander aircraft,” Gull added. “Teddy will also make a major contribution to the training of new employees, many of whom will join us with limited Commander experience,” Gull said. “Teddy’s experience with Commander aircraft dates back to the 1970s; he knows every part of the aircraft and he knows how the pieces go together. Having him available to transfer that knowledge to a new work force will be invaluable.”

“I’m excited that I was asked to help bring the Commander back to the market,” said Christy. “I never expected to be helping to establish new aircraft production again. The Commander is a great airplane and I’m pleased to be working with a team committed to preserving its legendary design and hand crafted quality,” Christy added. “It’s thrilling to get to do this one more time.”

Christy will also help CPAC with new design work and modification STCs for Commander aircraft. Such projects were a principal focus for Christy for four years, between his time with CAC and his joining the FAA. During that period, Christy worked as an independent DAR on numerous type certificate, supplemental type certificate, and production certificate programs.

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