



DEONNA NEAL, PH.D. JOINS PERMANENT EDITORIAL BOARD

June 2012—Deonna Neal has joined the Permanent Editorial Board (PEB) of the *Aviators Model Code of Conduct* initiative. Neal is the Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Lyon Chair of Professional Ethics, United States Air Force Academy. Her current research brings together military, philosophical and theological perspectives on religion and military identity, the impact of technology on military ethics, and moral and professional development. Her classes cover moral theory and the just war tradition, military professionalism, comparative world religions and philosophy of religion. She is an active member of the International Society of Military Ethics and is a member of a working group based at Notre Dame concerned with the ethics of emerging technologies of national security and intelligence (ETNSI). Her chapter, “Without Authority: A natural law argument against delegating lethal decision-making to machines” in *Killing by Remote Control*, will be forthcoming in late 2012 from Oxford University Press.



Neal is an associate investigator on an aviation ethics project titled, “Mitigating Operator-Induced Mishaps: Professional Education, Moral Neurophysiology and Results-Based Assessment” sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Neal is also a glider pilot in the process of earning her CFI-G rating.

When asked what she looks forward to the most about working with the PEB Neal replied, “I’m looking forward to working with leaders in the aviation industry who have an enormous amount of talent and experience and who care deeply about the current health and future of general aviation. I hope that in our work together we can help promote and foster a love of aviation as a *craft* to be mastered over the course of a lifetime, not just a set of skills to be learned to pass a checkride.”

Her academic credentials include a Ph.D. from Notre Dame (Moral Theology); an M.Phil. from Oxford (Political Theology and the Just War Tradition); an M.Div. from The General Theological Seminary (cum laude - Religion and Science); and B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy (Behavioral Science: Human Behavior and Leadership).

PEB member William Rhodes, Ph.D, stated, “My academic career has brought me into contact with a lot of smart people. Deonna, however, stands out. She brings a remarkable combination of ethical expertise and objective insight to attack real world issues in aviation culture. I’m convinced that she will make a lasting, positive contribution as a member of the PEB.”

The PEB provides editorial oversight and stewardship of the *Aviators Model Code of Conduct* (AMCC) suite of codes, including the *Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct*, the *Glider Aviators Model Code of Conduct*, the *Light Sport Aviators Model Code of Conduct*, the *Seaplane Pilots Model Code of Conduct*, the *Student Pilots Model Code of Conduct*, and supporting materials (collectively, “the Codes”). The Codes provide tools to advance airmanship, flight safety, professionalism, and the vibrancy of the aviation community. The Codes are *living documents*, intended to be updated periodically to reflect changes in aviation practices and the aviation environment.

The Codes are available to the aviation community as a free public service at <www.secureav.com>. The Permanent Editorial Board is presented at <www.secureav.com/PEB.pdf>. For further information about the AMCC initiative contact <PEB@secureav.com>.


