

LAURA TABER BARBOUR

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John Goglia Named Winner Of 2020 Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award

TAIPEI -- The Laura Taber Barbour Safety Foundation is pleased to announce John Goglia, former National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) member and a passionate advocate for aviation safety for five decades, particularly in the maintenance arena, as the 2020 recipient of the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award.

Goglia made history by becoming the first certificated aviation mechanic to serve on the NTSB, a position he held from 1995-2004. In addition to spotlighting maintenance issues such as human factors, he has been instrumental in raising awareness of airport safety issues and the of sharing civilian and military safety information.

Prior to joining the NTSB, he served numerous roles with commercial air carriers, including United Airlines, Allegheny Airlines, and USAir. He also served his fellow mechanics and the entire industry as a union flight safety representative on official accident investigation teams.

In recent years, he has been a leading voice for aviation safety, particularly developing effective safety cultures within organizations. He's also a tireless advocate for training and continuing education of aviation mechanics and prospective technicians.

"While aviation safety is blessed with countless luminaries, few have been as impactful, or are as identifiable, as John Goglia," says Jim Burin, Chair of the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award committee. "From his roots as a mechanic through his time as an NTSB board member up to his current role as one of aviation safety's most active advocates, John's no-nonsense approach combined with his depth of experience makes him one of the industry's most valuable and effective leaders."

The award was announced October 22 during a special virtual ceremony as part of the 73rd Flight Safety Foundation International Air Safety Summit.

About the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation and Award

On April 14, 1945, after visiting family in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Laura Taber Barbour was aboard a Pennsylvania Central Airlines DC-3 when it crashed into the rugged terrain of Cheat Mountain near Morgantown, West Virginia. All passengers and crew were killed. In 1956, her husband, Dr. Clifford E. Barbour and son, Cliff, established the Award in her honor. For nearly 60 years, this long distinguished award has recognized those responsible for crowning achievements in aviation safety worldwide.

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The Award was established through early association with the Flight Safety Foundation and from its founding has enjoyed a rich history of Award Board members, nominees and Award recipients. In 2013, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Foundation was formed from members of the Award Board, the aviation community and the Barbour family. As the foundation plans to broaden the scope of its intent, with great purpose, the Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award will continue to spotlight those champions who pioneer breakthroughs in flight safety. For more information on the foundation, the award, and past winners, visit <http://LTBAward.org>

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