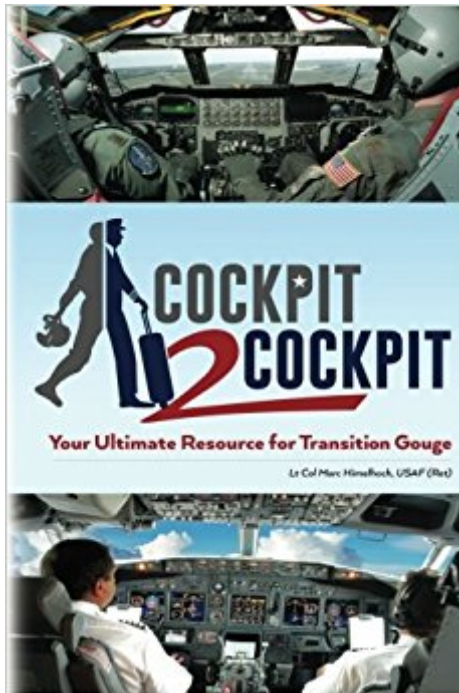




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Cockpit To Cockpit: Your Ultimate Resource For Transition Gouge



Synopsis

The end of a military aviation career doesn't have to clip your wings! This LOL, no s#@* military pilot's guide is the gouge you need to nail a successful touch-and-go into your airline career. Cockpit to Cockpit was written by a pilot who made the transition. Lt Col Marc Himelhoch, USAF (Ret) interviewed with and received conditional job offers from XOJET, Delta, JetBlue, and Southwest. Now he wants to share tips and tricks to help you transition from a military to airline cockpit. Cockpit to Cockpit gives military pilots a step-by-step guide that details the process from your first day as a newly "winged" military aviator until the last day on active duty and beyond to help you prepare for an airline transition. Finally, military pilots have one resource for all the information needed to make a seamless military to airline transition. Marc neatly packages proven résumé and application techniques with valuable, direct-sourced airline hiring department information, and tips learned through personal experience to greatly enhance your chances of scoring an interview with your top airline choices. A must-read for any military pilot considering an airline career now or in the future!

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Customer Reviews

Lt Col Marc Himelhoch, USAF (Ret), is a pilot with over 5000 hours of flight time. He grew up in Clearwater, Florida, where he met his wife, Missy Shorey. He graduated with honors from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, earning a masters degree in aeronautical science. In 1995, Marc joined the US Air Force as a second lieutenant. He served as a T-37, T-6A, and F-16 instructor pilot and as an F-16 higher-headquarters evaluator pilot. He logged nearly three hundred combat flight hours and flew in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN

WATCH, JOINT GUARDIAN, NOBLE EAGLE, and IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2014, Lt Col Himelhoch retired and became a commercial airline pilot. Marc interviewed with and received conditional job offers from Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines and XOJET. Marc is now a pilot with Southwest Airlines. He and Missy live in Dallas, Texas.

Marc is right, the info is out there, but it's spread about everywhere. We, as pilots, are simple people. We appreciate "gouge", or getting the inside scoop on what needs to be done weather it be for a checkride, daily flight, systems knowledge, etc. That is what he has done quite well. I am using this book as my guide as I am literally in the middle of this process. I will count myself as a test case and report back (hopefully when hired by an airline). Thoughtfully written, well put together, concise, easy to digest, and a cold hard slap that making this transition is a FULL TIME JOB. I purchased the "Support Package" and it is working very well for me. I have recommended Cockpit 2 Cockpit to all my friends that are even thinking of taking this route. Better to start right meow than wait and get buried by this process.

I got this book after spending over a year figuring out this stuff "the hard way" on my own, and its been a great resource as I prepare the next steps in my career. It's confirmed some things I already knew, but has given a far better step by step approach to preparing and actually applying for an airline job. Even if you've already submitted apps or have landed your first post-mil job, or if you're already in the industry but trying to step up to the majors, this book is an incredible resource. It is also very easy to read, very well written so each chapter naturally leads you to the next one. If you want an airline job, get this book and do what it says.

Outstanding read and if you're looking for a one stop resource to find the latest information on making a transition from the military to the airlines, this is it. The resources on cockpit2cockpit.com are extremely helpful as well and definitely worth the additional purchase. I've already recommended this book to a couple buddies and would do the same for anybody that's thinking of making that transition!

I was very excited for the release of this book and I was not disappointed. I had been perusing online resources and finding the process and information very fragmented. This book makes a comprehensive list of things you need to do for a successful transition. Great job and many thanks Marc!

Very interesting and detailed reading. This really highlights the perspective, and "to-do" list, of becoming an Airline Pilot.

Lt. Colonel Himelhoch has written a book for military pilots from the U.S. Armed Services transitioning from military to commercial civilian flying (i.e., *the gouge*). No doubt the U.S. military trains the fortunate and deserving few in aviation piloting but civilian life is another dimension as compared to military life. *Cockpit 2 Cockpit* is written so that pilots retiring from military service can enter commercial aviation piloting with a plan. No reacting here *as the military does, train like you fight and fight like you train.* LtC Himelhoch's approach is marked by experience and calculation with thought and effort placed where most effective. Check lists are especially handy (even to the number and costs of suits required for interviews). Indeed, this is the book for the transitioning professional pilot. It is also the book for anyone making a career transition as *his* strategy, thinking and detailed lists are aptly applicable, as well. The thinking and experience Himelhoch easily exudes give confidence borne of observation and long periods of analysis. It also serves as a primer to seek anyone's first, or next professional job. From ROPs* to paperwork to advice on the good versus the bad people one will meet in the process of job hunting Himelhoch pens a lifetime of successful experience. Like the excellent pilot he must be *his* thinking is ahead of the airplane. This title is about action, not reaction, which is the better method utilized to be successful. This book, in the final analysis, is first for the military pilot venturing into the gouge but is equally suited for any professional job seeker.* Record of Performance and pronounced as *ropes*.

I just wanted to give my highest recommendation for *Cockpit 2 Cockpit*. It really helped me to navigate the stressful process of applying for an airline job. Although I work with many people who have already gone through this process it was still very time consuming and stressful. *Cockpit 2 Cockpit* answered all the questions that I had and directed me to where I needed to go to get all the required information for the process. In addition to the book being very helpful, I also found it to be an entertaining read as a military pilot. I have now been given a chance at another one of my lifelong dreams of becoming an Airline pilot due to Marc Himelhoch and his book *Cockpit 2 Cockpit*. I was able to be hired on my first attempt after only 4 months of having my application submitted! It was 30 dollars well spent!

Great checklist to have for those transitioning into the airlines! Lots of topics are covered with clear advice. I like the fact that Marc gave examples from his own transition, including parts where he fell short and how he recovered. Always good to hear how someone else before you has made the leap. Lots of detailed techniques are offered, which is a nice change from always hearing "well, it depends...". Also - great section on how to prepare for transition out of the military. Definitely a topic that continually bites many military pilots year after year. This book saves a ton of time and allows you to take action - instead of just thinking about it.

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