R. KEITH FOLKERTS

Corporate Flight Attendant

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Corporate Flight Attendant with 14+ years of VIP, executive, and government aviation experience supporting FAR Part 91, 121, and 135 operations worldwide. Qualified on 25 aircraft types with experience across 20+ countries, delivering exceptional cabin safety, luxury service, and operational support for executives, dignitaries, and military leadership. Seasoned aircraft chef with fine dining expertise and advanced food safety training. Combines aviation experience with 17 years as a professional fashion photographer, bringing exceptional discretion, presentation, and relationship-management skills to every flight. Aviation Human Factors Instructor.

CORE COMPETENCIES

VIP & Executive Service | FAR Part 91 / 135 Operations | International Flight Operations | Cabin Safety & Emergency Procedures | Catering & Menu Planning | Crew Resource Management (CRM) | Confidentiality & Executive Support | Luxury Cabin Presentation

AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE

Gulfstream: G450, G550, G650, G650ER, G500, G600, G700, GIV, GV

Bombardier: Global Express, Global 6000, Global 7500, Challenger CL600, Challenger 300, Challenger 350, Challenger 605

Dassault Falcon: Falcon 2000LXS, Falcon 7X, Falcon 8X | **Embraer:** Legacy 600, 135BJ

Other Aircraft: Boeing BBJ, Boeing 747, Lockheed L-1011, McDonnell Douglas DC-10

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contract Corporate Flight Attendant | Independent *2017 – Present*

- Provide luxury inflight service, cabin safety oversight, and customized catering coordination for executive, dignitary, military, and high-net-worth clients operating under FAR Part 91 and Part 135 flight departments.
- **Citi Bank (2017–2023):** Only contract flight attendant approved to serve the CEO. Delivered personalized service while maintaining strict standards of confidentiality, safety, and professionalism.
- **54 Madison Liberty LLC (2018–2019):** Lead Flight Attendant responsible for cabin presentation, passenger service, catering coordination, and compliance with company safety and hospitality standards.

Corporate Flight Attendant | Citi Bank *1996 – 2001*

- Provided executive cabin service and operational support for corporate aviation flight department operations while ensuring exceptional passenger service and adherence to safety procedures.

Lead Corporate Flight Attendant (Contract) | USA Networks *2000 – 2001*

- Supported corporate flight operations and assisted in training and onboarding contract flight attendants while maintaining company service standards.

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- **FlightSafety International:** Crew Resource Management (CRM), Emergency Evacuation, Fire Fighting, Rapid Decompression, Emergency Equipment, Ditching and Survival, Gulfstream G650 Cabin Systems
- **American Red Cross Instructor:** First Aid, CPR, AED
- **NATA Compliance Services:** DASSP Training | ServSafe Food Handler Certification (California)
- **Air Culinaire Worldwide:** Aviation Food Safety | Institute of Culinary Education (ICE)
- **Beaumont Etiquette School:** Aviation and Butler Training | The Corporate School of Etiquette
- Satcom Direct AeroCNCT Training | RVS Remote Viewing Station Medical Device Training | Aviation Human Factors Instructor

EDUCATION

University of South Florida | Florida Atlantic University | Studies in Hospitality and Tourism

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Current U.S. Passport | Chinese Visa Valid Through 2030 | Available for Domestic and International Travel

Southern California Base Locations: VNY, SBA, LAX, LGB, ONT