

Sawyer Airport Paper

Ronald Paul Kauppila
Captain United States Marine Corps
Captain Delta Airlines

LOCAL HISTORY

Born in Negaunee to Harold and Aili Kauppila on 1-14-37.
Graduate of Negaunee High School class of 1954.
Attended Western Michigan College 1954-1956.
Lived in Marquette 1975-1987.
Reside in Negaunee Township since 2002.

AVIATION HISTORY

Military.....1500 flying hours

Naval Aviation Cadet.....June 1956 - December 1959 .
Marine Corps Officer.....active duty.....December 1957 - June 1960
reserves.....until 1968

Attained rank of Captain.

Piloted Jet Fighters and Piston Transports

Corporate.....2500 flying hours

Piloted piston and jet aircraft for the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Mi.
July 1960 - July 1964

Airline.....15,000 flying hours

Delta Airlines.....August 1964 - January 1990
Copilot and Flight Engineer.....August 1964 - January 1970
DC-6, CV-880, DC-9 and B-727 .
Captain.....January 1970 - January 1990
DC-9, B-727 and L1011.

Private.....3,000 flying hours

Owned and flew numerous light aircraft from 1958 until 2008 .
Piper Cub & Tri-pacer. Cessna 140 & 172 .
Piper Comanche 180 , Twin & 250 .

PERSONAL ACTIVATES

- Skiing for many years starting as a ski jumper and later downhill and cross country.
- Duplicate Bridge reaching the level of Life Master.
- Sail Boat Racing both local and long distance.
- Charity work with Martha's Kitchen and Shelter serving as manager and Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- Union work with Airline Pilots Association serving as contract negotiator, grievance chairman and Captain representative of Chicago based Pilots.

We all look for that perfect job to fit our skills. I was blessed to find mine and I couldn't be more grateful.

