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Husband and Wife Flight Scholarship Recipients Earn Their Wings

December 5th, 2014 – Hampton Airfield, North Hampton, N.H.

Navy Chaplain Phillip Stephens and his wife Celisse, the first Out of the Blue flight scholarship recipients, join the exclusive ranks of licensed pilots on Saturday November 8th, 2014. Lt. and Mrs. Stephens completed their flight training at Hampton Airfield and successfully obtained their Private Pilot licenses on the same day.



The Out of the Blue scholarship foundation, in an effort to assist deserving flight students and promote the love of flying, awards financial assistance to Private Pilot License candidates based upon an applicant's merit, performance, and financial need. The Stephens' received their scholarships on the recommendation of their instructor after beginning their flight training at Hampton Airfield.

Lt. Stephens took the opportunity to pursue his lifelong dream of learning to fly while stationed at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H. After attending the Hampton Airfield ground school with Phillip, Celisse joined him in flight training. Jessica Holland, the Stephens' primary flight instructor from Hampton Airfield stated, "I am extraordinarily proud of this unique husband and wife team that have worked very hard to

earn their licenses. Learning to fly is an incredible, fun experience – but it is time consuming and requires much personal dedication. Celisse and Phillip have learned together, and have supported and celebrated each other along the way. I am thrilled they will have a lifetime to fly together as a team.”



Hampton Airfield, an approved flight school for Out of the Blue scholarship recipients, is a popular N.H. airport with vintage charm offering training in a variety of unique aircraft. Future pilots being their training in 1940's era Aeronca Champs and iconic Piper J-3 Cubs. “We want our students to call Hampton home for the remainder of their aviation careers” says flight school owner Garrett Miller. This year, at least 8 student pilots have first soloed and another 10 have earned their licenses at Hampton Airfield.

Out of the Blue was founded just this year and already has awarded 5 scholarships to local New Hampshire student pilots. “I have found one of the most rewarding aspects of starting Out Of The Blue has been the quality of the young people to whom we have offered scholarships! All five of our first year students have exceeded our expectations. Phillip and Celisse have set the standard. They are precisely the type of young people we hoped to attract to the foundation. We are delighted they are the first students to gain their wings with the help of Out Of The Blue”. For more information about Out of the Blue scholarships, please visit www.outoftheblue.us or email Director David Devries at Flyingnhn516dd@gmail.com. Eligible student pilots are encouraged to apply for a scholarship with recommendations from their current flight instructor. ###