

Savannah's Nale New Chair of Mercer Engineering Board

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MACON — Mercer University's National Engineering Advisory Board elected Dan Nale, P.E. Ph.D., vice president for Mid-Cabin Programs at Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. as chairman on Wednesday, April 25. Nale has been a board member since 1999 and succeeds the board's longest serving chairman, L. Donald LaTorre, who led the board for 12 years.

"Dan Nale is an outstanding engineering leader, a great role model for our students and a great supporter of NEAB and the School of Engineering," said Dean M. Dayne Aldridge of the School of Engineering. "We look forward to his leading NEAB to a new level of guidance and support of the School of Engineering. I am sure he will build on the great foundation laid by Mr. LaTorre and find innovative ways to continue the legacy of great Board leaders."

As vice president for Mid-Cabin Programs, Nale is responsible for the program management of several aircraft models, including the large-cabin, mid-range Gulfstream G200, the wide-cabin, high-speed Gulfstream G150 and the mid-cabin, high-speed Gulfstream G100. Prior to being named to his current appointment in March 2003, Nale had held the position of Vice President of Engineering, Gulfstream, since 1996, where he was responsible for overall engineering leadership. This included Research and Development, Production, Completions, Service and Custom Engineering.

Nale joined Gulfstream in 1985 as a Structural Analysis Engineer, following a position as a Stress Engineer on the Space Shuttle Wing Program at Grumman where he started in 1983. Nale has held increasingly responsible positions within the Gulfstream engineering organization since he joined, including being responsible for Structures, GV Propulsion, Auxiliary Power Unit, Fuel Systems, Environmental Control and Pressurization Systems.

Nale, who lives in Savannah, earned a BSCE from The Citadel in 1982, attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania and received a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi and is a Georgia-registered Professional Engineer. He is also a member of Mercer's Professional MBA cohort in Savannah and will graduate in December.

Nale has served as an FAA Designated Engineering Representative and is serving or has served as a member of the Engineering Advisory Boards for Mercer University, Georgia Tech, the University of South Carolina and Georgia Southern University. He has also served on the Aerospace Industries Association Executive Committee, The Coastal Business Education Technology Association and the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program. Nale is the chairman for the G100/G150 and G200 committee of the Gulfstream Customer Advisory Board. Nale is also a member of the Gulfstream Management Association, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Nale has two daughters, Rebekah and Mary Anna. Rebekah is a rising junior at The University of South Carolina and Mary Anna is entering her freshman year at The University of Arizona.

Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), designs, develops, manufactures, markets, services and supports the world's most technologically advanced business-jet aircraft. Gulfstream has produced some 1,600 aircraft for customers around the world since 1958. To meet the diverse transportation needs of the future, Gulfstream offers a comprehensive fleet of aircraft, comprising the wide-cabin, high-speed Gulfstream G150 ®; the large-cabin, mid-range Gulfstream G200 ®; the large-cabin, mid-range Gulfstream G350 ®; the large-cabin, long-range G450 ®; the large-cabin, ultra-long-range Gulfstream G500 ® and the large-cabin, ultra-long-range Gulfstream G550 ®. Gulfstream also offers aircraft ownership services via Gulfstream Financial Services Division and Gulfstream Pre-Owned Aircraft Sales ®. The company employs more than 7,900 people at seven major locations. We invite you to visit our Web site for more information and photos of Gulfstream aircraft at www.gulfstream.com.

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