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## **Chuck Magill Honored At The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation's "100 Years Of Marine Corps Aviation" As Desert Storm Hero**

DALLAS, June 13, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines' (NYSE: LUV) Vice President of Flight Operations Chuck Magill was recently honored at the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation's "100 Years of Marine Corps Aviation" ceremony in San Diego as the Desert Storm hero-representative for being a Marine/Air Force F-15 exchange Mission Commander during the war. One of the missions ended in Chuck shooting down an MiG-29 (the most advanced Soviet-made fighter at that time) while leading the Air Force's First Daylight Mission of the War. Chuck Magill joined Southwest in 1993 as a Pilot and now leads the airline's 6,200-strong Flight Operations Department to develop and implement policies and procedures that ensure safe and efficient flight operations at Southwest.

"I couldn't be more proud of this high honor and recognition for not only Chuck's Leadership, but for his sacrifice and role to protect the Freedoms we all hold dear to our hearts," said Mike Van de Ven, Southwest Airlines' Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

The airline has been recognized numerous times by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for its commitment and support of the airline's Employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve; been named a Top Military Employer by GI Jobs Magazine; and received recognition for naming November Military Heroes month and celebrating its partnerships with nonprofits focused on active duty military, veterans, and families of military members.

### **About Southwest Airlines**

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