

Stacy Sheard**Vice President, Board of Directors – Avolatus Foundation**

Stacy Sheard serves as the Vice President of the Board for the Avolatus Foundation. A seasoned aviation executive and former Chair of the Helicopter Association International (HAI) Board of Directors, she brings deep industry experience, policy leadership, and workforce development insight to the Foundation.

She began her aviation career as a U.S. Army Warrant Officer, flying Black Hawk helicopters in demanding military operations. After transitioning to civilian aviation, Stacy continued her flight career in VIP and corporate helicopter operations under both Part 91 and Part 135 environments. Her operational excellence and advocacy for safety positioned her as a respected voice in rotorcraft aviation.

Stacy currently serves as Government Affairs Chair and IFR Chair for the Eastern Region Helicopter Council. She is also the founder of the VAI Military-to-Civilian Transition Workshop—an initiative aimed at helping veterans bridge into professional aviation careers. Her national leadership includes extensive public speaking, regulatory advocacy, and advisory roles supporting inclusion, training modernization, and professional development.

Her position on the Avolatus Foundation Board reflects her commitment to equitable access, mentorship, and career transformation. As Vice President, Stacy leads strategic engagement efforts, supports industry partnerships, and advocates for aviation learners from all walks of life.