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## **Mazza, Vogel appointed to Virginia Aviation Board**

RICHMOND—Governor Robert F. McDonnell has announced that John Mazza Jr. of Matoaca and Alex N. Vogel of Upperville have been appointed to the Virginia Aviation Board.

Mazza, president of Medallion Swimming Pool Company, is a member of the Capital Region Airport Commission-Richmond International Airport. He has helped make safety improvements to airports across the state including installing security cameras at Dinwiddie Airport, clearing obstacles from approaches to airports, holding safety briefings and flight formation clinics, and advocating for airports' automated weather observing systems (AWOS). He was previously appointed to the Virginia Aviation Board by Gov. George Allen and served two consecutive terms.

Vogel is co-founder and partner at Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti, Inc. in Washington, DC. He has lobbied on behalf of aviation organizations like the Air Transport Association on issues such as the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act and the Abolishing Aviation Barriers Act. Previously, he served as chief counsel to the Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. Prior to that, Vogel was General Counsel for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. He began his legal career with Wiley, Rein & Fielding. He is a pilot and owns a single-engine Cessna.

The Virginia Airport System is made up of seven regions and represented through the Virginia Aviation Board. Members of the board are appointed by the Governor to represent defined geographic areas of the Commonwealth. The Board establishes and monitors funding program policy and provides a means of citizen access to the Department in an effort to promote and develop a safe aviation environment. The Board accomplishes this by allocating funds to worthy aviation projects.

DOAV's vision is to become the standard of excellence amongst state aviation agencies. Its mission is to cultivate an advanced aviation system that is safe, secure and provides for economic development; promote aviation awareness and education; and provide flight services for the Commonwealth leadership and state agencies.

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