

**The Vertical Flight Society  
Southwest Chapter presents**



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a presentation by

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**& David Johnson**

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**Wednesday,  
November 9, 2022**



**V-280 Valor: The Value of Mission Rehearsals**

DON GROVE is Bell's Experimental Chief Pilot and the V-280 Valor project pilot. An Air Force veteran and Distinguished Graduate from USNTPS, he conducted HH-60G and CV-22 testing while active duty. He came to Bell in 2013 and was the lead test pilot on numerous V-22 programs prior to the V-280 program. Integral to the V-280 design, he conducted first flight of the demonstrator aircraft in December 2017 and final flight in April 2021. Grove received a B.S. in Mathematics from the US Air Force Academy, M.S. in Aeronautical Science from ERAU, and M.S. in Military Operational Art and Science from Air University. Most recently he was a member of the team that won the VFS 2022 Frederick L. Feinberg Award. He is a member of VFS, SETP and SFTE.

DAVID W JOHNSON is a Bell Flight Test Engineer (FTE). A U.S. Coast Guard veteran he maintained and crewed the HH-65 Dolphin as a flight mechanic. He came to Bell in 2010 as an FTE for the BA 609 tiltrotor. He was an FTE for the V-280 Technical Demonstrator and remains in that position for the V-280 Valor. David received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech and holds an A&P Certificate from the FAA.

**Time and Location:**

**Texas Star  
1400 Texas Star Parkway**

**6:00 PM – Social  
6:30-7:30 PM – Dinner, Presentation, and Q&A  
Session**

**Price:**

**Members (of any group): \$30  
Member Guest: \$35  
Non-Members: \$40  
Students: FREE**

Tickets purchase after RSVP deadline will incur additional \$5 fee.

**For additional information on the dinner or VFS, please feel free to contact one of the following people:**

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