

CONNECT, INSPIRE, AND LEAD



Who She Is – [Elizabeth "Liz" Booker, Literary Aviatrix](#) on social media, where she works to amplify the voices of authors whose works feature women in aviation. Prior to becoming “Literary Aviatrix” in 2019, her illustrious career included serving as a helicopter pilot for the US Coast Guard, aviation human resource manager for 27 air stations, implementing the strategic initiatives of the organization at a joint interagency task force, and serving as the senior advisor to a US Ambassador on U.S. military partnerships with seven Eastern Caribbean nations. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations/Political Science from American Military

University; Master in Public Administration from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, and Masters of Fine Arts in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She resides in Florida with her family, and in addition to her @literaryaviatrix handle, you can find her on Instagram @bigredandpancho, which highlights the playfulness of her two four-legged children.

Why You Should Listen to Her – Liz exemplifies what it means to “think outside of the box” when it comes to one’s career path. Her career journey was neither planned, nor was it linear, but it was built-step-by-step through her curiosity to willingness to learn and grow. Where she started her career and where she is today highlights her grit and determination. She knows what it means to mentor and build community, particularly with women throughout the aviation industry, and the importance advocating for others who are not being heard when you ascend to the role of leadership. And while her career path might seem to take an unexpected pivot in 2019, it was truly a natural progression towards the next chapter for her that was thoughtfully developed.

In our podcast, we speak about what happens when you know you are on the right path: the universe speaks to you as you build a community of over 1900+ dedicated, likeminded individuals who share their wisdom and empower each other. She shares what it means to listen to your mentors when they see something that perhaps you did not initially and how we can all look to support our peers as well as the people who are coming up behind us. She also speaks about being forced to create connections through her graduate school coursework and what happens when you build that habit. We also speak about the importance of enjoying your job and creating space for down time to re-energize.

How You Can Apply Her Wisdom To Your Career – A few of the take-aways to contemplate:

- What steps are you taking to further develop your network and build a community?
- How are you planning the next act of your career and what resources can you cultivate?
- What are you doing to move your obstacles out of the way or take another path than the one you originally started upon?
- How are you building in down time each day to refresh your mind?