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The United States Pilot Association is a national umbrella organization of state pilot associations, member controlled, with approximately 8000 individual, affiliated and associate members throughout the United States that promote safety and education in the aviation community. It began after the December 1980 dissolution of the National Pilots Association, a group organized to provide facilities for to promote advances in aeronautics, due to a lack of sufficient funds to serve its membership. USPA's registered office resides in St. Louis, MO, and its current records are maintained in Branson, MO. USPA automatically grants membership to pilots, spouses and others interested in aviation that belong to a state pilots association affiliated with USPA. Meetings are conducted at the site of quarterly meetings, in various locations in the United States, usually within affiliated states.

The Missouri Pilots Association was founded in 1953 for the purpose of encouraging the development of aviation in the Missouri through educational, civic, recreational and patriotic activities. It voted to affiliate with the US Pilots Association in June 1981. In 1990 USPA and its Missouri chapter worked together to support legislation to improve funding for Missouri airports and related aviation facilities. USPA often takes positions on important national topics concerning aviation, including the Air Traffic controller's strike in 1981 and the air crash death of under-age pilot Jessica Dubroff in 1997.

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