Joseph C. Kolshak  
Senior Vice President-Operations  
United Airlines

Joe Kolshak is United's senior vice president of Operations. He is based at the company's maintenance center in San Francisco.

Named to the position in June 2008, Kolshak oversees United Services, Flight Operations and Operations Control. He is responsible for all aspects of the company's flight operations, as well as the operational reliability of United's fleet worldwide, overseeing administrative, engineering, sales, planning and production support of airframes, engines and components, as well as continuous improvement. Kolshak also will oversee system operations control, including flight dispatch and operations analysis.

Prior to his current position, he served as chief operating officer for Midwest Express Airlines. Before that, Kolshak was executive vice president of operations for Delta Air Lines, where he was responsible for flight operations; technical operations; the operations control center; safety; security; airport customer service; Delta's regional service, Comair, Inc.; Delta Connection Academy, the airline's flight school; and Delta AirElite, a charter private jet service. In his 20 years of airline experience, Kolshak also has served in a number of flight management positions and as director of investor relations.

Captain Kolshak is rated to fly the Boeing 757, 767, and 777.

Kolshak is a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., is a former U.S. Marine Corps officer and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

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