



RICHARD "TEX" COE

SCA PRESIDENT & FOUNDING PARTNER, SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Tex" learned to fly when he was 16 years old and quickly discovered that aviation would be his passion in life. He joined the Air Force in 1997 and became an F-16 fighter pilot, while being stationed in Aviano, Italy and Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. During his tenure in the Air Force, Tex accumulated over 150 hours of combat time and more than 1,000 hours in the F-16. After serving overseas, Tex was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base and his interests migrated towards business. While finishing out his Air Force commitment, Tex earned his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland and quickly put his business plan into motion. After separating from the Air Force in 2008, Tex started four thriving

aviation businesses, including Monarch Sky, Mojave Aviation, Vegas 500 Air Tours and most recently Sky Combat Ace, the premier civilian aerial combat training center in the world.

Tex hails from Atlanta, Georgia.

Djavad "Buzz" Mostofizadeh

SCA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Buzz" did his training at Pan Am International Airline Academy in Phoenix, Arizona. Buzz has been a cargo pilot, corporate pilot, commercial pilot and has served as Chief Pilot and Chief Instructor for two nationally renowned 141 flight schools. Buzz began his aerobatic endeavours 2003 in Chandler, Arizona flying such aircraft as Citabria, Decathlon and Great Lakes. He's taught countless pilots in spin training, upset recovery, basic and advanced aerobatics. Buzz has more than 8,000 total hours and over 5,000 hours of instruction to pilots. He was instrumental in creating Sky Combat Ace. Buzz serves as Vice President of Sky Combat Ace where he has the opportunity to share his passion for aviation while offering his instructional and aerobatic expertise with our team and our customers. At Sky

Combat Ace, Buzz has participated in training advanced aerobatics and is the cofounder of Ace Combat Extreme (ACE), a civilian combat fighter squadron.

Buzz comes from Trenton, New Jersey

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Bill "Stroke" Tracy

SCA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Stroke" entered the Air Force in 1990 as a graduate of the USAF Academy. He served a distinguished 20-plus-year career as an Air Force combat pilot, weapons instructor and evaluator with more than 2,500 hours in fighter aircraft. He flew the F-15C Eagle on six different assignments in North America, Asia and Europe including three in operations, one as a Formal Training Unit instructor, and two in Operational Test. In 2003, he led the 67th Fighter Squadron to the Raytheon Trophy – awarded annually since 1953 to the top air superiority squadron in the Air Force. Stroke is a graduate of the Air Force Fighter Weapons

School at Nellis AFB, Nevada – well known as the world's premier tactical fighter aviation course. He is a veteran of more than 1,000 Basic Fighter Manoeuvre (BFM) missions with more than 5,000 BFM engagements to his credit. His military decorations include four Meritorious Service Medals, two Aerial Achievement Medals, two Air Medals and the Purple Heart. He now brings his extensive air combat resume to the SCA team.

Stroke originates from Chicago, Illinois.

Steve "Hollywood" Helinski

SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Hollywood" learned to fly and earned his Bachelor's of Flight Science and Administration from Western Michigan University. After college, Hollywood was hired as a commercial airline pilot with a commercial airline and quickly realized that was not where his passion lies. He was in search of a more exciting and challenging career opportunity. Hollywood went on to train pilots in Charlotte, North Carolina where he also had the opportunity to train as an aerobatic pilot under the foremost aerobatic trainers in the nation, Mikey Matthews. Aerobatics proved to be Hollywood's true calling and where his talents were most evident. Hollywood became a premier aerobatic pilot in his own right and was recruited by Sky

Combat Ace in Las Vegas to share his expertise and love of aerobatics with our team and our customers. At Sky Combat Ace, Hollywood has participated in training advanced aerobatics and is the cofounder of Ace Combat Extreme (ACE) a civilian combat fighter squadron.

Hollywood comes from Brooklyn, Michigan.

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Dennis "Just the Pilot" Buehn

SCA AEROBATIC AND TAILWHEEL INSTRUCTOR PILOT



"Just the Pilot" grew up in the 50s peddling his bicycle around the Long Beach Airport. Lots of surplus WWII planes were being converted as sprayers and fire tankers. There were PBYs, B-17s, B-25s, TBMs plus P51s and T-6s on flat tires, having been bought very cheap, but too expensive to fly. He bought his first airplane, a Stinson L-5, on Halloween night in 1966 and spent the next two years at A&P School rebuilding it. He then went on to learn to fly and got his pilot's license in a taildragger. He later helped on the unlimited P-51 racer 'Bardahl Miss' for the 1968 air races, then on to Lyle Shelton's Bearcat named 'Able Cat', now known as 'Rare Bear'. When the Vietnam War started, he joined

the Navy flying as a crewman on an HU-16 Albatross and C-54s. He finished up as a mechanic on H-46s with HC-6 (helicopter squadron) in Norfolk, VA. In 2005, he started racing again with the 'Midnight Miss III' race team; in 2007, they brought home the first-place gold at 235 mph. The T-6 reminds him of the old 1930s & 1940s air racers that were developing the newer ideas and technology that we use today.

Dennis hails from Searchlight, Nevada.

Ron "Musicman" Preston

SCA AEROBATIC & TAILWHEEL INSTRUCTOR



"Musicman" learned to fly in 1979 while teaching high school in San Angelo, Texas. He entered the USAF in 1980 and was commissioned through OTS. While on active duty, he served as a Weapons Systems Officer in the RF-4C, the reconnaissance version of the Phantom. As a reservist he was an Intelligence Officer and worked with Special Operations Command, Alaska Command and U.S. Pacific Command. He retired in November 2007 after 27 years of Active and Reserve service. As a civilian Instructor Pilot he taught USAF Pilot Candidates in the Flight Screening Program at Hondo, Texas beginning in May 1989. In July 1996, he and his wife moved to

Alaska, where he instructed at the Elmendorf AFB Aero Club, held the position of Manager of Flight Operations for the University of Alaska Anchorage Professional Piloting Program as well as provided independent flight instruction. He has accumulated more than 7,000 flight hours and holds an Airline Transport Pilot rating with Single and Multiengine, Land and Sea privileges. He is a Certificated Flight Instructor, Instrument Instructor and Multiengine Instructor as well as an Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor.

"Musicman" originally hails from Decatur, Alabama

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George "Hoss" Wilson

SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Hoss" graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991 and subsequently attended Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training. He has since flown the C-141B, T-37B (as an instructor and Pilot Instructor Training instructor), F-15A/C (on active duty and again with the Louisiana Air National Guard), T-38 and F-117A Stealth Fighter. On his first assignment in the F-15C at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida he served two years as the USAF Air Combat Command F-15C West Coast Demonstration Pilot and he was later an instructor/evaluator in the F-117A at the group level (while stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico). Hoss has accumulated more than 3,500 hours in military

and civilian aircraft and is the proud son of a Vietnam veteran who flew special operation and combat-rescue missions in the C-130 in addition to many sorties in the RF-4 while stationed in Southeast Asia.

'Hoss' comes from Florence, Alabama

Murray "Slash" Robinson

SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Slash" started flying 20 years ago in college, and received his degree in Aeronautical Science and multiple FAA ratings from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He went on to fly as a first officer on Beech Turboprops for an air cargo company throughout Montana and Colorado. He joined the USAF in 1997 and after completing pilot training, went on to be a first assignment instructor pilot, earning Top Graduate honors in his Instructor School class. 'Slash' taught and evaluated more than 500 students to become USAF pilots. He went on to fly the F-16, and has had several U.S. and overseas assignments. He has more than 3,000 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft, including his

ATP, CFI, CFII, B-737 type, and commercial Sea Plane ratings.

Slash is originally from Denver, Colorado.

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Joseph "WHIP" Abbud

SCA INSTRUCTOR PILOT



Born in Mexico and raised in Texas, "Whip" started flying in the summer of 2005. He attended ATP flight school where he received all of his ratings and graduated with honors. Whip has had a love for aviation since childhood, which is what brought him to Las Vegas to fly extreme aerobatics for Sky Combat Ace. Holding a CFI, CFII, and MEI rating, Joe has accumulated more than 1,300 hours of total flight time. His love for flying and instructing has made him one of the most recognized and beloved instructors with Monarch Sky. With many hours of aerobatic flying under his belt, Whip is a quick-rising aerobatic star in the aviation industry.

Jeremy "Bonsai" Dieringer

SCA FIGHTER PILOT



"Bonsai" entered the Air Force in 2001 after earning his commission as a Distinguished Graduate from the University of Texas at Austin. He tied for the No. 1 graduate spot of his pilot-training class and is a former F-16CJ Flight Lead. He has served as the Electronic Combat Pilot, Security Manager, and Chief of Training in flying squadrons as well as Flight Commander and Assistant Director of Operations during his assignment as an Air Liaison Officer in command of forward air controllers. He has had operational assignments at Shaw AFB, South Carolina, Ft. Hood AIN, Texas, and Osan AB, Republic of Korea. Besides assigned locations he has flown the F-16 during deployments in the Middle East

and Europe, as well as homeland defense missions over Washington D.C. and has served in combat in Iraq. He has logged more than 1,000 hours as an Air Force and civilian pilot in aircraft including the F-16, T-38A/C and the T-37. His military decorations include two Air Force Commendation Medals, an Army Commendation Medal, multiple Outstanding Unit Medals, Campaign Medals, and two flying safety awards. Bonsai is initially from Austin, Texas

ABOUT SKY COMBAT ACE:

Sky Combat Ace offers Nevada's only true aerial dogfighting experience. Sky Combat Ace pairs you up with actual fighter pilots to learn the art of basic fighter maneuvering. You can fly with just the fighter pilot or take on one of your friends and test your skills against an equally matched adversary. Under the supervision of SCA's highly trained fighter pilot instructors, you are the one at the controls, you are the one squeezing the trigger and you get the satisfaction of scoring a hit on your opponent. Safety is the top priority at Sky Combat Ace. SCA pilots have amassed a perfect safety record with zero accidents or incidents. All of the pilots are chosen for their experience and unique qualifications that make them the best in the business. Sky Combat Ace flies seven days a week, 365 days a year. For pricing and reservations, visit www.skycombatace.com, call 1-888-494-5850 or email reservations@skycombatace.com. Keep up with SCA on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

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