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ABOUT US



Whether you're taking a stab at your Bucket List or just living out a childhood fantasy, Sky Combat Ace offers a truly unique aviation experience at a whole new level of adrenaline. At SCA, you're not just a passenger on a joy ride. You are a steely-eyed fighter pilot at the controls of your very own "fighter jet," pulling Gs and squeezing the trigger to "get the kill."

The founder of Sky Combat Ace, Richard "Tex" Coe, started flying when he was 16 years old. His passion for aviation eventually led him to join the Air Force after graduating college to pursue a career as fighter pilot. The training was rigorous, challenging and unrelenting, but most of all it was a ton of fun! While stationed overseas at Aviano Air Base in Italy, one of his favorite missions was to take people up for "incentive rides" which basically meant he got to take up non-pilots and showcase what the mighty F-16 Viper could do... The ultimate joy ride! He always thought it was a shame he couldn't take his friends and family up to give them a taste of what extreme flying was all about and that became the genesis of Sky Combat Ace! He figured there were a lot of people that would love to experience what high performance flying is all about if only they had the opportunity.

After "Tex" left the Air Force, he was determined to make this dream a reality and in early 2011, he finally assembled the team that could make it happen. SCA started in Las Vegas with just two Extra 330LC aircraft, the world's most advanced FAA certified aerobatic airplane. Certified to +/-10 G's, it can pull more G's than an F-16! With the help of some of his fighter pilot buddies, "Tex" started offering rides and aerial dogfighting experiences, eventually adding Waco Classic YMF-5C open cockpit biplanes, a T-6 Texan, and of course, more Extra 330s. As word started to spread, SCA added more advanced tactical missions such as the Adrenaline Rush and the ultimate air combat experience, the Operation Red Flag. In 2015, Sky Combat Ace opened up it's 2nd location in beautiful San Diego, California and now look for us in beautiful South Lake Tahoe.

From opening day, safety has always been the #1 priority at SCA. By hiring and training the best in the business, we strive to make sure that every part of your experience is the safest it can be, as well as unforgettable. Of course, SCA would not exist without YOU, our most loyal and valuable supporters. We appreciate your business and your help making us the #1 extreme aviation attraction in the world! Fight's On...

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PETER "BANDITO" GILLCRIST

About Peter "Bandito" Gillcrist

For Peter "Bandito" Gillcrist, you might say that Aviation is in his blood. His mom was the Navy's first female aviation physiologist which means she ran all the Navy's new pilots through their high altitude pressure chamber testing. His Dad was one of her students whose career spanned 33 years and culminated as Commander of Fighter Wing Pacific which included the TOP GUN School.

Bandito graduated from Engineering School at University of Virginia and went to work for the famed Lockheed "Skunkworks." The Top-Secret group that created the SR-71 and the F-117 Stealth Fighter. He cut his teeth as a designer on the YF-22 prototype later known as the "Raptor." His team developed the Canopy system which to-date hails as the biggest single piece canopy in the world. After he put his wife to work as a pilot for Southwest Airlines, Bandito started teaching competitive Aerobatics, Emergency Maneuver Training and spin training for customers such as Japan Airlines and Korean Airlines flying the Pitts S-2C. Bandito is the Chief Pilot for SCA San Diego.

More SCA Pilots

- ▶ **Richard "Tex" Coe** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/tex/>)

- ▶ **Djavad "Flash" Mostofizadeh** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/flash/>)

- ▶ **Scott "McFly" McDonald** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/mcfly/>)

- ▶ **Zack "Slayer" Morrison** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/slayer/>)

- ▶ **Jared "Footlong" Hulse** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/footlong/>)

- ▶ **Collin "Hitman" Crowther** (<https://www.skycombatace.com/pilots/hitman/>)

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Before You Take Off

Whether you're tackling your Bucket List or living out a childhood fantasy, Sky Combat Ace provides a truly unique aviation experience at a whole new level of adrenaline. Either ride along or get behind the controls as YOU fly the plane under the supervision of one of our highly trained SCA fighter pilots.



PLAY VIDEO

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLpHGIDRgfw>)

Watch this video to see a brief overview of SCA Experiences

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE


AEROBATICS


Explorer

\$299 PER CUSTOMER

Not quite ready for unlimited aerobatics? The Explorer lets you experience basic aerobatics in our Citabria or Super Decathlon, perfect for those that want to keep their thrills on the milder side.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

 Basic Aerobatics

 You Fly Departure

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Operation Recon (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89m7BDnf49g>)

\$349 PER CUSTOMER

For those that might be feeling a little bit of trepidation or perhaps you just want a taste of what the Extra 330 can do, the Operation Recon is a great way to test the water.

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Afterburner (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E09PgVbnNGo>)

\$499 PER CUSTOMER

The Afterburner is like a roller coaster without the rails, full of non-stop spins, rolls, loops, tumbles and heart-thumping action. Experience a full aerobatic airshow routine.

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Top Gun (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SbHcC5D3j0>)

\$699 PER CUSTOMER

Not for the faint of heart, the Top Gun Experience is designed for those who want to get serious about their aerobatic thrills. YOU fly the plane through a complete aerobatic routine.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

 Advanced Aerobatics

 Basic Aerobatics

 Low Level Bombing Run

 You Fly Departure

 You Fly Maneuvers

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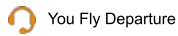
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Spectator

STARTING AT \$249 PER CUSTOMER

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AIR COMBAT

Combat Wingman (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10res5MWfKI>)

STARTING AT \$899 PER CUSTOMER

Get a first-hand look as a SCA fighter pilot demonstrates their aerial dogfighting skills in a battle unlike any other. Let the professionals show you how it's done.

WHAT'S INCLUDED



Basic Aerobatics



Dogfighting



Low Level Bombing Run



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Sky Combat (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0lqf40ZPqM>)

STARTING AT \$999 PER CUSTOMER

Experience the thrill of air-to-air combat as you wage a battle for aerial dominance where there can be only one victor. YOU fly the plane with a trained SCA fighter pilot.

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Operation Red Flag (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bPRawiV9KM>)

STARTING AT \$1999 PER CUSTOMER


For those seeking the ultimate fighter pilot experience, this package is recommended only for seasoned adrenaline junkies. Break into "Blue Air" & "Red Air" teams for king-of-the-hill style aerial dogfighting.


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 Basic Aerobatics

 Team Dogfighting


 Low Level Bombing Run

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COMBINATION**Adrenaline Rush  (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY4rOCaGges>)****STARTING AT \$1299 PER CUSTOMER**

For those of you that have the desire to try it all, this experience includes aerobatics, air-to-air combat and a dynamic low level bombing run all for one great price.

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FLIGHT TRAINING

Tailwheel Endorsement

\$1995 PER CUSTOMER

Learn to fly tailwheel aircraft! If you are a pilot and want to learn how to fly a whole new type of airplane, enroll in our 2 or 3 day tailwheel endorsement course.

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EXPLORER							
OPERATION RECON							
AFTERBURNER							
TOP GUN							
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RICHARD "TEX" COE

TEX

SCA President
Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
F-16 Fighter Pilot

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DJAVAD "FLASH" MOSTOFIZADEH

FLASH

Vice President
Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
Airline Pilot

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SCOTT "MCFLY" MCDONALD

MCFLY

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Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
Tailwheel Instructor Pilot

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ZACK "SLAYER" MORRISON

SLAYER

Director of Maintenance
Director of Standardization
Aerobatic Instructor Pilot

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JARED "FOOTLONG" HULSE

FOOTLONG

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Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
Whipping Boy
SNACKO



COLLIN "HITMAN" CROWTHER

HITMAN

Director of Training
Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
Tailwheel Instructor Pilot

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BANDITO

Aerobatic Instructor Pilot
Chief Pilot San Diego
Morale Officer

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KEN "HOCK" HAM

HOCK

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F-18 Fighter Pilot
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