

# PERFORMER BIOS



## THE NEW JERSEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD 177TH FIGHTER WING

The New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing will provide a flyover of the Lockheed Martin F-16C Fighting Falcon for this year's airshow at the 2025 Wildwoods Thunder Over the Waves Airshow. The F-16 is the [United States Air Force's](#) first lightweight, multirole fighter, capable of performing both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions in the same flight.

Website: [177th Fighter Wing](#)



## GREG COLYER

Greg "Wired" Colyer, a native Californian and Army veteran who spent 27 years as an Air Traffic Controller in the Bay Area, will pilot the Ace Maker T-33 Shooting Star at this year's Wildwoods Thunder Over the Waves Airshow. When he's not flying airshows, Greg teaches at either Edwards AFB or at NAS Patuxent River in the respective service's Test Pilots School, or flying corporate aircraft.

Website: <https://acemakeraviation.com/>





## JERRY CONLEY

Air Force veteran and author Jerry Conley of Vampire Airshows will fly his DeHavilland Vampire, which was the world's first single-engine jet fighter. Jerry's 42-plus years of flying experience includes time in aircraft such as the Beechcraft Bonanza, Cessna 172, Citabria, Super Decathlon, SAI Marchetti, Bell Helicopters, HA-200 Casa Jet, DeHavilland DH-115 Vampire, DeHavilland DH-112 Swiss Venom, L-39 Albatross, AVL-29 and the BAC Strikemaster. He has flown high-performance jet aircraft at airshows across the country for more than 15 years. Jerry holds a Surface Level Aerobatic card with Solo Jet certification and dogfight.

Website: <https://vampireairshows.simdif.com/>



## RANDY BALL

Randy's passion for flying began at a young age, when he'd fly with both his father and one of his heroes, his Great Uncle Gilbert Ball—who flew 51 missions over Europe in the B-17 Flying Fortress. Now a pilot for more than 39 years and a current airline captain, Randy is a key figure in airshow history. With over 20,000 total flying hours and more than 2,000 hours in Russian jet fighters, he's also an experienced test pilot who has performed in both military and civilian airshows from Canada to Mexico. He's known for his MiG-17 demonstrations, pulling up to 8 Gs and reaching speeds near 700 mph.

Website: <https://fighterjets.com/?v=28886f13f578>



## FULL THROTTLE FORMATION TEAM

The [Full Throttle Formation Team](https://fullthrottleairshows.com/) is the largest precision-formation team in the United States. Led by Dave "Torque" Romuald, the team flies a variety of conventional and tail-wheel aircraft from the Vans Aircraft Company; most of the aircraft used were actually built by the pilots themselves. Website: <https://fullthrottleairshows.com/>



## MARK MEREDITH

Mark Meredith began his aviation career in the Navy, initially as an A-6 Bombardier/Navigator, and later as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. He attended the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and later served on various aircraft carriers, including on the USS Theodore Roosevelt as Aircraft Maintenance Officer, as well as on Atlantic Fleet and Carrier Group staffs. Retiring as a Captain in 2004, Meredith continued to serve the Navy for nine years as president of M.S. Meredith Consulting, supporting acquisition programs and Pentagon staffs. In 2013, he transitioned away from staff work to focus on rebuilding his Classic Airshows Super Chipmunk.

Website: <https://classicairshows.com/>



## THE JERSEY JERKS

The [Jersey Jerks](#) are a group of aviators who reside throughout the Garden State and own various models of the North American T-6 and SNJ Texan. The Jerks honor Maj. Gen. Donald Strait, an East Orange, New Jersey, native who flew P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang fighters that were frequently painted with nicknames like “Big Ass Bird” or “The Hun Hunter.” Each member of the Jersey Jerks—Buzz Cortese, Kevin Russo, Gavin Nagle and John “Pico” Mazure—is FAST formation-qualified. The men share a passion for aviation and telling the stories of the men who fought in World War II.

Website: <http://www.kevinrussoairshows.com>



## KEVIN RUSSO

Air Force veteran, New Jersey resident and Jersey Jerk Kevin Russo will fly his solo aerobatic routine in the North American SNJ-6 Texan over Wildwood, New Jersey. Today, Kevin is a corporate pilot with many thousands of hours in jet aircraft, including the C-141B Starlifter and the C-17 Globemaster III and owns this beautiful Texan alongside his Beechcraft Bonanza.

Website: <http://www.kevinrussoairshows.com>



## PATRICK MCALEE

Patrick McAlee is a highly skilled airshow pilot who mixes extreme intensity with his passion to produce a unique and entertaining airshow. Patrick executes his high-energy ExtremeFlight airshow to a selected music playlist that is precise, professional and safe. Since the show's inception, Pat's dream has led him to fly airshows nationally with global aspirations, including more than 2,500 aerobatic hours with over 16,000 total hours flying different aircraft. Performing in airshows for nearly a decade, Pat has competed in aerobatics for five of those years.

Website: <https://www.extreme-flight.com>



## SCOTT FRANCIS

Scott Francis has been flying for as long as he can remember. Born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, he flew often with his father, an experimental test pilot. Scott received his private license in high school and went on to earn his commercial, instrument, multiengine and Airline Transport Pilot certifications. He has logged over 5,800 flight hours in more than 40 different types of aircraft and is type rated in the Dash 8, King Air 350 and Boeing 737. Scott is currently a pilot for a major U.S. airline, flies in more than 30 airshows each year and performs at the Flying Circus in Bealeton, Virginia, every Sunday from May through October.

Website: <https://www.scottfrancisairshows.com/>



## GOLDEN KNIGHTS

The United States Army Parachute Team, nicknamed the Golden Knights, is the U.S. Army's official demonstration- and competition-parachute team. It consists of parachutists from all Army branches and is divided into two subteams. The Golden Knights travel the U.S. (and occasionally overseas) to perform for public audiences—ranging from small civic events to major events like NASCAR races, NFL games and large international airshows. Each 12-member team travels approximately 240 days per year, using its Bombardier C-147A jump aircraft as its primary mode of transportation.

Website: [US Army Golden Knights](https://www.usarmyparatroops.com/)



## COAST GUARD AIR STATION ATLANTIC CITY

Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City will provide a search-and-rescue demonstration with the MH-65E Dolphin. Twelve MH-65Es are based at CGAS Atlantic City, with two aircraft on a 30-minute alert status at all times. Please keep in mind that their participation at the 2025 Wildwoods Thunder Over the Waves Airshow is subject to change due to real-world missions and other considerations.

Website: [Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City](https://www.uscg.mil/locations/atlantic-city/)

# AIRBOSSSES



## DAVID SCHULTZ

David Schultz, President of David Schultz Airshows, is a pioneer in Airshow Standardization and is renowned in both the civilian- and military-aviation communities for his contributions to safety and performer briefings. David has provided Airboss duties at numerous military locations, and has extensive experience conducting airshows at airports and over-water locations.

For nearly three decades, David has instructed airshow performers and organizers on safety, operations and planning. He is a regular speaker at regional airshow meetings throughout North America, and holds annual coordination, planning and operations events across the United States.



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## GREG WITMER

Greg Witmer, Vice President of Operations for David Schultz Airshows, has been with Schultz Airshows for nearly 30 years, helming well over 300 airshows throughout the continental United States and the Caribbean. He holds a private pilot's license and is well-known and respected for his work with the Warbird communities.

Greg has provided Airboss duties at large beachfronts, U.S. Military installations, in highly complex airspaces.

He also leads David Schultz Airshows' Professional Ground Operations Staff—known to be among the best and most knowledgeable airshow crew worldwide—and is responsible for the upkeep and operational standards of their Ground Support Equipment.

Both David and Greg are authorized by the FAA to serve as a Recognized Air Boss – Multi Venue.





# ANNOUNCER



## “FAST” EDDIE LEUTER

Known for his personable and family-friendly approach, Fast Eddie has been announcing airshows for more than three decades. He has an extensive knowledge of aerobatic routines, warbirds and vintage aircraft.

Eddie began his career as a videographer for the Alpha Squadron Radio Control Model Airport Demonstrations Team, becoming a professional airshow announcer nine years later. He joined David Shultz Airshows in 2023, and when he isn't at an airshow, you can find him flying his remote-control model aircraft or cruising the countryside on his motorcycle.

