

Thomas K. (Tex) Mascot

Retired Pilot

Southwest Airlines

Thomas K. Mascot graduated from The Virginia Military Institute in 1974 with a BA in History, and received an MBA from Troy State University in 1980. In the Service, he completed Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, Air War College, and the F-15 Fighter Weapons School. In addition, he graduated from Pilot Training in October 1975 and completed 21.5 years of active duty in November 1995 as a fighter Command Pilot with 4300 hours flying time in the F-4C/D & the F-15 A/C/E. Thomas commanded two Squadrons, and led the winning William Tell Team in the 1988 World Wide Air - to - Air Weapons Meet. After retiring from the Air Force, he joined Southwest Airlines in 1995 and completed over twenty-one (21) years as a pilot flying more than 19,000 hours.

Thomas grew up in an Air Force family. His Father was a Command Pilot who served in three wars from 1941 to 1971 and retired as a Full Colonel. His mother was an Army Air Corps Nurse when she and his father met and married. As for Thomas and his wife Patti, they will celebrate their 34th anniversary in April 2017. They have two wonderful daughters, Elizabeth, and Rebecca. Further, he is an avid golfer, fisherman, and bird hunter. The Mascots are Litchfield Park residents in the West Valley, just a mile due south of Luke.