

Ken Larcher-Bio

Ken Larcher was born in 1950 in Oakland, California. He attended primary and high school in the Los Angeles suburb of Paramount, California. After high school ken enlisted in the United States Army and was trained as an aircraft mechanic and was invited to join the party in the Republic of Vietnam. Assigned as a combat aircrew member, Ken earned the Silver Star, Air medal and the Purple Heart. After Vietnam, Ken then remained with the U.S. Army and served in Europe and in the United States until he was discharged in 1975 and went on to school for commercial oilfield diving and began a diving career and was afforded travel again, all over the world. An opportunity to work on the new Space Shuttle system lured ken back into the aerospace field where he worked as a quality inspector until 1984 when he returned to active military duty with the Army and the Blackhawk program. Ken again chose to leave the military to pursue his education. So, at the grand old age of 38, Ken found himself a freshman at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where he graduated with a masters Degree in Aeronautical Science in 1997. He was offered an opportunity to work with the Civil Aeromedical Institute after graduating, and was given the assignment of transforming a decommissioned Boeing 747 into a wide body aircraft cabin simulation system.