

# Fly a Different Jet Warbird Every Day!

If you're a pilot who says you've never even dreamed of flying a jet fighter... maybe your nose is growing?

The end of the Cold War in the 1990's brought a sigh of relief to much of the world. The end of the arms race between the Soviet Union and United States delivered a welcome downsizing of many military assets. For pilots, that meant the first time in history that a selection of jet warbirds were available for civilian use.

While the Cold War was winding down, Larry Salganic was busy teaching aerobatics in a T-34 Mentor. As the first waves of foreign aircraft began to come ashore in the US, he expanded to include instruction in Nanchang CJ6s and then Yaks. His embrace of these more exotic aircraft put Salganic in the ideal position to catch the first wave of jet fighters coming to America. Today, Larry Salganic has more hours instructing in these orphaned military jets than anyone else in the world. And thanks to his Jet Warbird Training Center, pilots can spend a week in Santa Fe (SAF), NM and fly a different jet fighter every day!

Jet Warbird Training Center operates and offers instruction in the German/French Alpha Jet, the Czechoslovakian L-39 Albatros, the Russian MiG 15, the American T-33, the French Fouga Magister, the Czech L-29 Delphin and others. There are other places in the world to learn to fly these aircraft, but

there is no other place where you can fly all of from the same runway.

Consequently, pilots from around the world come to fly at the Jet Warbird Training Center. "One reason for that is we really have it good in this country," Larry Salganic says.



"Regulations here in America make it easy to own and operate a jet warbird. Many of our customers don't have the opportunity to fly these aircraft in their countries."

"We had a customer recently from Japan," Larry Salganic says. "A taxi driver with just a private pilot license who had saved his money to come here and fly. He would bow to the MiG before each take off! And he always had the biggest grin on his face when we came down from a lesson!" Jet Warbird's customers range from current military pilots

to ex-military pilots, Cessna 172 drivers to airline captains. Salganic has even trained NASA astronauts to fly his classic jet warbirds.

Many of Salganic's students are there to get a rating—the FAA's Authorized Experimental Aircraft Rating (AEAR)—to fly a particular jet warbird. This rating replaces the Letter of Authorization (LOA) previously required to fly these jets. The AEAR is then added to your pilot's license not unlike other ratings, multi-engine or seaplane rating or the like. Some students have such a great time getting their rating that they ask Salganic to find them a jet of their own. And of course he does that too. Classic jet warbirds like those at the Jet Warbird Training Center are relatively abundant now, and certainly a bargain compared to their

original cost.

Not that long ago, you had to enlist (or be drafted!) to be able to fly these jets. Now you don't even have to go to boot camp! Just send yourself to New Mexico and fly all the jet warbirds you want. And tell 'em Flying Adventures sent you.

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