

GUEST SPEAKER: BRIAN SHUL

Legendary pilot, author and nationally known inspirational speaker Brian Shul will share his remarkable story in a special presentation to Rotary Club of Sacramento at its regular weekly meeting at noon on Tuesday, February 28th, in the auditorium of the Annunciation Greek Church, 600 Alhambra Boulevard, in Sacramento.

This is a meeting you won't want to miss. As always, reservations are requested. Please watch for the sign-up email from the club and reserve your seat right away.



Major Schul's courageous story begins in 1973, with his 212th combat air support mission of the Viet Nam War. Schul's T-28 was shot down, forcing him to ride the plane down into the jungle. He managed to evade enemy troops and was saved by a pararescue team. However, he was so severely burned in the crash that doctors doubted he would survive. He did, but after more than a year in two hospitals and 15 major surgeries, he was told he would never fly again.

Following months of physical therapy, Schul was able to pass a flight physical and returned to active flight duty. He became an airshow demonstration pilot, was selected for the first A-10 squadron, and was an instructor at the Air Force's equivalent of Top Gun. He culminated his military career by being selected to fly the top-secret SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, the *fastest* aircraft ever built. He flew covert missions in the Blackbird for four years and was the pilot who provided President Reagan with detailed photos of Libyan terrorist camps in 1986.

After retiring in 1990, Schul pursued his writing and photography interests as well as operating his own photo studio in Marysville. He was the first pilot to write a book about flying the Blackbird, completely illustrated with his own photography. It won Aviation Book of the Year honors. In 2011, he was inducted into the Air Force Legends Hall of Fame. He is a sponsor of the Wounded Warrior program and owns Gallery One in Marysville, where his nationally acclaimed nature photography is also on display.