



1. Where did you go to school?
  - a. I graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1971 with a degree in engineering. Ten years later, I decided I wanted to be an over-educated fool, so I went back to Utica College of Syracuse University and earned a second degree, this one in journalism.
2. Where were you born and where all did you live?
  - a. I was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and grew up about 10 miles from Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony. I have lived in Massachusetts, Colorado, Georgia, Alaska, Upstate New York, Arizona and Missouri.
3. Tell us a little about yourself.
  - a. My wife Marie and I were married in 1974. We have 4 amazing children: Nick (34), Stef (30), Brad (27) and Jesse (26). All 4 are married. We have three wonderful grandchildren with a fourth on the way!
4. What are your interests/hobbies?
  - a. I love to write. My first novel, *The Olympian: A Tale of Ancient Hellas* ([www.eskraay.com/theolympian](http://www.eskraay.com/theolympian)) was published last year and is still doing well. I got lucky and optioned the film rights earlier this year. My second novel is a Holocaust story of sorts. I'll finish the first draft by the end of 2009 with the thought that the book will be available late 2010. I also enjoy staying as fit as possible in all areas of my life. I enjoy reading, walking, rowing my boat, fishing, chopping firewood and riding my bike every day!
5. What was your first job?
  - a. I was a fighter pilot for the USAF. I flew F-106's and loved it. I miss it a lot.
6. Who did you look up to as a child?
  - a. My dad's best friends: Louie Greene and Lenny LaMothe.
7. What is your favorite book?
  - a. I have a very long list of favorites, but at the head of the class are Steven Pressfield's *Gates of Fire* and *Killing Rommel*, followed closely by *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis and *Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin.

