

SCOTT ELROD



Scott Elrod was born in Bitburg, Germany into a military family. His father was an U.S. Air Force pilot. After living in the Philippines and other areas around the world, Scott set down roots in the United States where he discovered a love for racing motorcycles.

Scott joined the Air Force, became an air traffic controller and earned his private pilot's license. After six years in the military, he realized he wanted more and retired the blues and started a marketing company with a friend, then later started up a mortgage company as well. Just recently, he started up a concierge service for owners of exotic vehicles, www.autoconciierge.co.

The memory of seeing Tom Cruise in "Top Gun" (Scott's father, a retired Top Gun pilot, actually flew an A-4 in the movie) made him realize acting had always been in the back of his mind, so Scott relocated to Los Angeles in April 2004 to pursue a career in acting. After a handful of acting classes he secured a manager and an agent, and was cast for parts on "CSI: New York" and "Days of Our Lives". In 2006, Scott took a role on My Network TV's "Desire", an American telenovela (playing the part of the blind Daniel Lenton). The show didn't last long but he refers to it as "great on-the-job training".

In December 2006, while auditioning for a role on the CBS series "NCIS", Scott crossed paths with a casting director he had worked with previously who asked, "Why aren't you on Men in Trees?" "Never heard of Men in Trees", Scott said. Next thing he knew, the director was on the phone with Scott's agent, and in January 2007, Scott met with the creator, producers and casting agent. The next day, Elrod's manager called, saying, "Pack your bags, you're going to Vancouver, Canada." The rest is history.



Scott Elrod, center, poses with officers and children the Pacific Division of the Los Angeles Police Department work with, after making a Quick Tips on Winning in Life presentation. The Aston Martin was donated for the event by Galpin Motors' Premier Collection.

After that, Elrod played in several TV films and series, such as Hallmark's "Uncorked" (opposite Julie Benz), "Hellhounds" (directed by Rick Schroder), the hit series "Castle" and the ABC pilot, "True Blue" (directed by Peter Horton). In 2009, Scott also made a guest-appearance in Above & Beyond's Oceanlabs music video "Lonely Girl" which reached #1 on the iTunes dance album chart in the US.

Leading roles in feature films like "Tricks of a Woman" (awarded Best Picture at the Monaco International Film Festival), "Death and Cremation" (opposite Brad Dourif and Jeremy Sumpter), a supporting role in "The Switch" (opposite Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman), and "The Allure of Love" (opposite Jenny McCarthy and Charles Malik Whitfield) on Royal Caribbean's "Allure of the Seas", introduced him to a wider international audience. Most recently, Scott appeared in the Academy award-winning movie, "Argo", and on the television show, "NCIS: LA."

Scott has professional car and motorcycle racing experience, and competes from time to time. His recreational interests include flying, snowboarding, racing cars, motorcycles, scuba diving and much more. He keeps in shape with kickboxing, lifting weights and running. In his spare time, Scott likes to hang out with his friends and his yellow Lab, "Harley".

He joined Racers Who Care, Inc.'s Board of Directors in late 2011 and has done fundraising for the organization, as well as making Quick Tips on Winning in Life presentations in the greater Los Angeles area.



Scott Elrod, right, fields questions from kids during Racers Who Care's Quick Tips on Winning in Life Field Trip Program at the 2012 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. Pictured with him, L to R, Mark McManus, Cole Marcus and J.D. Davis. [Photo by Chris Ellis]