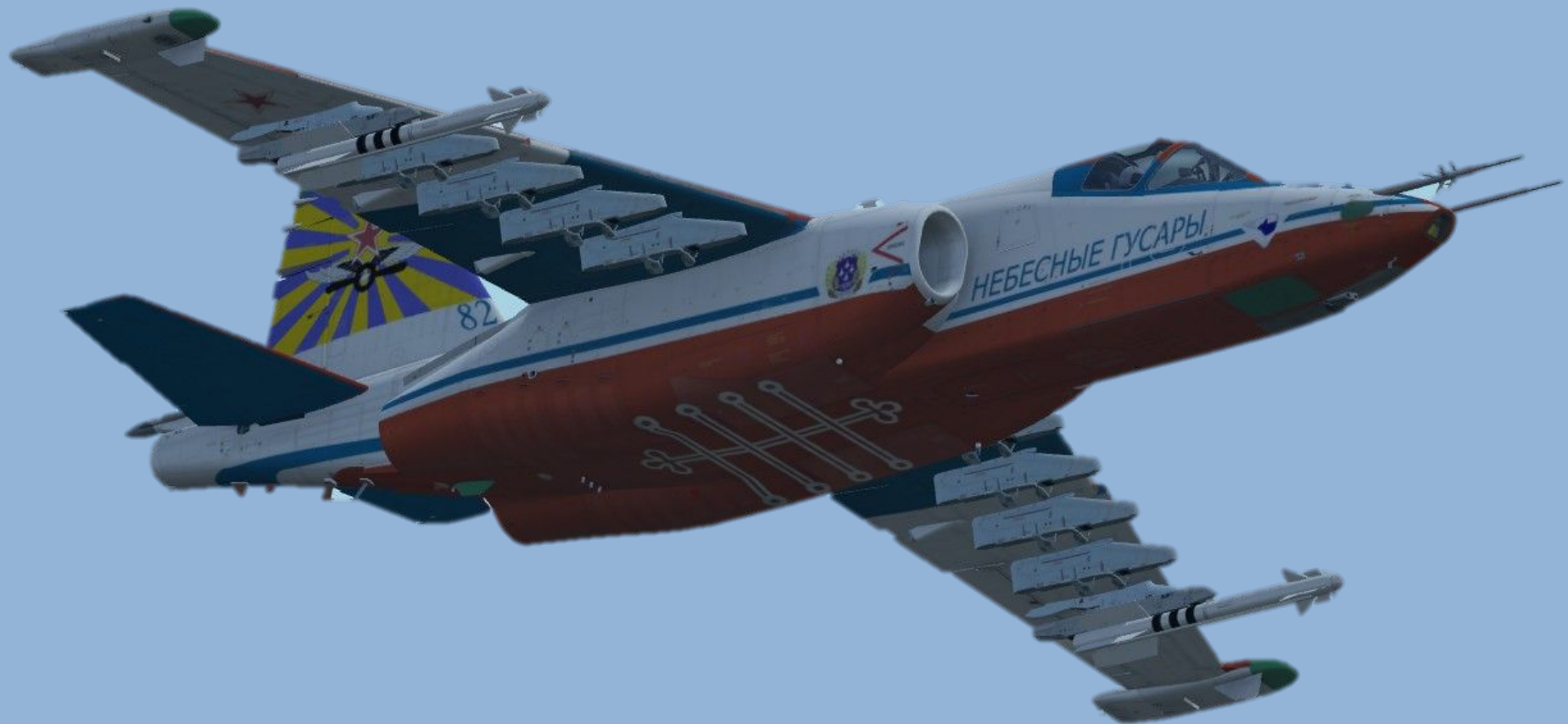


Autographs in the Sky



Cavalry Script of Sky Hussars



The "Sky Hussars" aerobatic team was formed on the basis of the 3rd squadron of the 234th Guards Fighter Aviation Regiment in 1989



As to the number of aircraft types in service of the squadron, it had no rivals among the air units of the Soviet Air Force. For a single working shift the squadron personnel operated three different aircraft, namely the Su-17, Su-24 and Su-25.

In 1989 the Su-17s and the Su-24s were transferred to other units, and the only one attack aircraft in Kubinka became the Grach (or «rook» in English)



The aircraft got this nickname in Afganistan for the appearance, reminding the birds that are loved by the Russians, because when they come the spring begins.



Taking into account the aircraft characteristics, it was said that if a pilot was qualified enough, he would be able to perform aerobatics on this aircraft, despite the fact that it was not designed for a manoeuvre air combat.





«Sky Hussars» became
the world's first
aerobatic team, engaged
in aerial acrobatics in
combat serial machine
of a class "assault"

In addition to single aerobatics, Hussars also perform synchronous and counter aerobatics in the team consisting of four aircraft su-25



While the attack is complex in piloting, pilots do miracles: a barrel, a knife, a slide with an angle of 60° .



By its colors Sky hussars are close to the Russian knights:
all aircraft - white-red-blue tones.



The fuselage of the Su-25 is decorated with the emblem: a circle, on a white background which is in the form of a rhombus has four attack aircraft, just below the crossed hussar sabers, the edges of the circle the inscription: Sky hussars, Kubinka.



The bottom of the fuselage is decorated with clasp hussar of the g-man. This small detail closed, speaking the language of designers, the visual image of the aircraft.



In 1995 it was decided to remove the su-25 from the regiment. In 1997 a group of “Sky Hussars” was disbanded, and the aircraft transferred to the 368-th assault aviation regiment (Budennovsk), in which they took an active part in the second Chechen war.