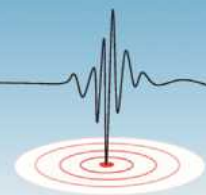




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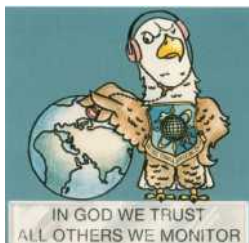
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Upcoming Events

THE ANNUAL FALL 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

WILL BE HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER

AT THE TIN CUP BANQUET ROOM, 50 S. PEORIA ST.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 0900.

COST IS \$22.00; CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE.

PAY AT THE DOOR — CASH (EXACT CHANGE APPRECIATED),

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PAYPAL & VENMO IS AVAILABLE,

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MEET & GREET THE ALUMNI & FAMILIES & FRIENDS.

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PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN 22 SEPTEMBER

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Official USAF AFTAC Web Site: www.16af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC



4 March Spring Breakfast Recap

By Bryce Dunn & Ken Behrens

We held our Spring breakfast on 4 March 2023 with 25 adults and 4 children signed up. Attendees included Major Nathaniel Anderson, Det 45 Commander & his daughter, Lt. Colonel Adam Ross, Det 46 Commander & his family, MSgt Anthony Garrow Det 46 Senior Enlisted Leader, MSgt Logan Multer-White Det 45 Senior Enlisted Leader, Dave Albers, Ken Behrens & Cyndie Wozniak-Behrens, Patrick Burke, Paul Detlesen, Bryce & Sue Dunn, Joncee Feakes, Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons, Maureen Hampson, Stacia Schmeid Johnson (Bill Schmeid's daughter), Bill & Rhonda Kimbrough, Frank Lepus, Bill Milnor, Rick Phillips, Mariann Pierce, Dick Rubincam, and Chuck Toner.

The AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado had the privilege to formally recognize the Detachment 45 NCO and Airman for 2022: SSgt Albert Howard and SrA Michael Hernandez. The certificates, gift cards to the Outback and coins were received by Major Nathaniel Anderson, Detachment 45 Commander, and MSgt Logan Multer-White, Detachment 45 Senior Enlisted Leader on behalf of the award winners. SrA Michael Hernandez and SSgt Albert Howard.

Senior Enlisted Leaders MSgt Logan Multer-White and MSgt Anthony Garrow provided us an informal brief on how the Colorado Detachments are doing.

Lt Colonel Adam Ross, Commander Detachment 46 presented a Det. 46 challenge coin to the Alumni Association. The coin was received in behalf of the Association by chapter Preisident Bryce Dunn.

The Tin Cup staff did an outstanding job of preparing a wonderful breakfast buffet that was enjoyed by all.



Det 46 Challenge Coin



Major Nathaniel Anderson & MSgt Garrow accepting Det 45 NCO and Airman of the Year Awards for SSgt Howard & SrA Hernandez



AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado President Bryce Dunn accepting the Det 46 Challenge Coin from Lt. Colonel Ross





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Detachment 46 Tour & Mission Brief

By Chuck Toner



Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station

Tour of Cheyenne Mountain and the Operational Laboratory of Detachment 46 (AFTAC).

The Day was wet a constant rain that leaves one feeling “down” but, our spirits were “high” in anticipation of a visit to Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs, CO.

The tour was scheduled for May 19, 2023 with a show time of 10 a.m. Bill Milnor, Ken Behrens, Cyndie Wozniak-Behrens, and Chuck Toner arrived at the Cheyenne Mountain Visitor Center to meet MSgt Anthony B. Garrow, Senior Enlisted Leader, AFTAC Det 46 our tour director and official briefer on points of interest covering Cheyenne Mountain, and the AFTAC Operational Center.

Within the Visitors Center, MSgt Garrow provided us an excellent briefing on the history of Cheyenne Mountain, using a three dimensional, scaled, diorama. He then provided us a tour of the Visitor Center, pointing out the unique features of Cheyenne

Mountain a one-of-a-kind world class structure. At this point, we were cleared and provided a badge to enter the Cheyenne mountain complex. A brief bus ride put us in walking distance of the Detachment Operational area,

Escorted through several corridors we arrived at Detachment 46, where we were provided a preliminary briefing before entering the lab. After introductions to the staff-on-duty in the lab, MSgt Garrow then proceeded with an unclassified mission briefing followed by a question/answer period.

It was a very eventful day to visit such a unique setting. It would have been interesting to visit the “lake”, the power plant, and other unique features of the mountain, but time and security constraints do enter the picture.

A hearty “Thank You” to MSgt Garrow for giving us a military history lesson and a brief walking adventure in Cheyenne Mountain.

THANK YOU To the entire Det 46 Team,

Please allow the Alumni Association to extend our appreciation to you for allowing us to visit the Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station and Det 46 on 19 May.

MSgt Garrow, your tour was an impressive opportunity for us to learn about the history and construction of the station. In particular, we were fascinated to learn about the Detachment's mission and to be allowed into the ops room. We have a much better understanding of how to you contribute the overall AFTAC mission. The briefing gave us a whole new respect for the complexity of the work the team does.

Thank you again, MSgt Garrow for generously affording us so much of your valuable time. It was a most enlightening experience and we will never forget your generosity. We also thank you for your kind offer to allow us to schedule future visits so that other members can have this wonderful experience.

V/R,
AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado



From the Group Leader

By Bryce Dunn, President

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance, where we celebrate the lives of the more than one million men and women who loved this country enough to die for it. For that, we should always be grateful. Memorial Day is also a day to visit our friends and relatives that served and have passed away. On the Sunday prior to this year's Memorial Day, I had the privilege of assisting a group of about 2,500 volunteers from various organizations to place a flag at every memorial (over 106,000) at Fort Logan National Cemetery. After placing the flag 12" from the memorial the volunteer would recite the deceased name and thank them for their service. It was quite a sight.

I remember (1976 – 1977) at the RSL club adjacent to Det 421, every evening they would turn the lights down and face the large windows where you could see the lighted ANZAC memorial on ANZAC hill, and the ranking officer would cite part of Lord Laurence Binyon's poem, *For the Fallen*:



Ft Logan National Cemetary

“Ladies and Gentlemen it is 6 O’Clock”

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left
grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

“**Least we Forget**”

The next Scheduled event for our Colorado Chapter is the annual Fall September Breakfast, on 30 September at the Tin Cup. More information is provided in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, 31 May, we had a short staff meeting over lunch where we discussed the September breakfast details, the recent Det 46 field trip/tour, thoughts on world-wide Alumni reunions, updating the membership lists, treasurer's report, and possibly finding a community project that we can support. We decided to forgo a picnic this year, we really need some additional support, still looking for a new president, vice president, and possibly a secretary to help with admin tasks. Kudos to Ken, Maureen and Bill Harris for all they do to keep your chapter running.

We have had some discussions about reunions with the other two chapters. The West Coast Chapter stated that they cannot support another world-wide reunion. If you are reading this, **please drop us a line (email, postcard or?) and let us know your thoughts.** At this point in time, I do not think the Colorado Chapter can support a reunion. We hosted a very successful 2019 reunion in Aurora – it took a large group of dedicated people to make it happen. The 2022 reunion hosted by the HQ Chapter was mostly run by an organization called “The Complete Reunion”, they set up the hotel arrangements including registration, ice breaker and banquet and the trip to the Space Center. Feedback on their performance was varied, but it did take some of the “heavy lifting” (i.e., registration, funding, contracts, menu selections, etc.) off of the chapter members. Something to consider.

(From Sean Ryan, Florida Chapter) Since 1999, The Florida AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA), has thrown a themed event called a Snowball. This festive and social get-together is highlighted with a social hour, a sit-down dinner, entertainment, Commander's Brief, and the recognition of honoring our previous year's Alumni of the Year (AOY). This year's event was held on 18 February 2023, at the Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida. This year's theme was "Germany," which joined previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand,



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Australia, Korea, Nebraska, and Colorado ... locations, where AFTAC had or has a presence, among other locales, worldwide. If you want to get away from the Colorado winter and snow for a while and have some fun with our AFTAC family, go to the next Snowball in February 2024.

Finally, this is YOUR Alumni Chapter! Please let us know your expectations, ideas, stories, thoughts humor, and any assistance you can provide for the good of the Alumni Chapter. Check out the Chapter Websites and past newsletters. Take care and we hope to see you at the September Breakfast!



Membership Update

By Maureen Hampson, Treasurer

As membership chair and treasurer, it is my responsibility to review the status of our members dues. My current review found 22 active members whose dues were expired. Our membership dues are our only income and are used for the betterment of our members. We hope that all members will continue to support our efforts.

Last year, we joined with the California and Florida chapters by offering a lifetime membership. Our dues are \$5 for one year or \$75 for a lifetime membership.

We now have eight life time members and they are:

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| Patrick Burke | Steve Clark |
| George Cronin | Bryce Dunn |
| Mike Fricette | Bill Harris |
| Tom (Mac) McCarty | Mike Pfeifer |

We also have two ways to pay your dues:

1. Sending a personal check, made out to:
Maureen Hampson and mailing it to:
1371 S. Victor Street, Aurora CO 80012-4341.

or

2. Using PayPal or Venmo
the PayPal e-mail
address is: Maureen.Hampson@comcast.net
and the Venmo address is:
CoAlumTreasurer@outlook.com

Please consider becoming a lifetime member the next time your dues are payable.



News You Can Use

Congratulations to AFTAC Historian, Dr. James Michael “Mike” Young, on his selection as AFTAC Alumni of the Year!

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Dr. James Michael (Mike) Young was the Command Historian, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Space Force Base, FL. AFTAC operates and maintains the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System to monitor foreign compliance with various treaties limiting nuclear testing. The focus of AFTAC’s more than 1,000 professionals is to detect special events in the atmosphere, underwater, underground and in space, to determine if they are nuclear and to report them to national command authorities.



Prior to joining Federal Civil Service in May 2011, Dr. Young served as the Chief Information Officer at Ohio Dominican University. He received his commission in 1983 as a distinguished military graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the Ohio State University and retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army in July 2005. His career encompasses a broad range of assignments in Intelligence and as a Foreign Area Officer at the battalion, brigade, division, and major command levels. He served as a commander at the company, detachment, and battalion levels. Prior to his retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Young was deployed for 16 months to Joint Task Force Guantanamo where he served as the Deputy Commander of the Joint Detention Operations Group.

A LETTER TO THE ALUMNI – FROM THE RECENTLY RETIRED HISTORIAN

Dear Alumni

As the AFTAC historian for the last 11 years, it has been a true honor to often tell your story. For a Cold War historian, coming to AFTAC was like winning the lottery. Though frequently shrouded in far too much secrecy, previous historians should have narrated your story—especially the early years of the 1950s and 1960s—a long, long time ago. It was a privilege for me to do so. Over the years, I learned three important things from you all.

First, while you operated at the strategic level and largely in secret, you were on the front lines of the Cold War. Just as much as us Army grunts operating at the tactical level were in Germany’s Fulda Gap. I believe you were the nation’s premiere strategic reconnaissance unit. Eyes, and especially ears, monitoring the activities of our greatest adversary. I believe you were an important safeguard in helping to prevent a nuclear war during the nuclear arms race.

Second, that difficult mission over the last seven decades was only successful because of the superbly talented people who joined AFTAC’s ranks. Highly skilled and highly motivated, AFTAC’s airmen taught the rest of the Air Force what real innovation looks like. Creating and improving the Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS) required an unprecedented level of “thinking outside the box.” Later, when the digital era began, you quickly mastered a whole new realm of unique digital technologies that greatly advanced the fidelity of the AEDS. Only the most creative people in the Air Force could have achieved such a high record of performance in a short period of time.



Ed Lindsay & Mike Young at the formal AFTAC Awards Ceremony



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Third, AFTACers have formed a brotherhood/sisterhood unlike almost any I have ever seen. You truly care for one another. You also care about our younger airmen who are carrying on your impressive legacy. The Alumni Association's close relationship and activities with AFTAC today has been, and remains, much appreciated by AFTAC commanders and command chiefs. While some have been more engaged with you than others, I can promise you that our current commander, Colonel James "Cobra" Finlayson, recognizes the importance of the association. As a historian, he understands that your past informs the present mission. He gets it. He recognizes that your history is a force multiplier today.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for being named the 2022 Alumnus of the Year. There are not enough words to show how grateful I am of the honor. Thank you for inviting me into your family. I wish you all the best in your current and future endeavors. And thank you for your strong embrace of our collective heritage and history.

Respectfully, Mike Young

Grand Encampment Museum

A donation from the Colorado Alumni was approved and sent to museum.

Alumni members are encouraged to attend this free celebration in Encampment.

July 21-23 – Sierra Madre Muzzleloader Mountain Man Rendezvous

Experience the Mountain Man life!

This annual rendezvous coincides with Living History Day at the GEM. Visitors can experience how mountain men and women lived in a fur trade economy in the 1830's.

July 22 – Living History Day

Experience local history at its finest! Smell the biscuits baking in a dutch oven, hear the ping of a blacksmith's forge, try your hand at weaving....so much to see, hear, smell, and experience.



Dawn Baily demonstrates weaving on a loom

In 1952, the U.S. Air Force stationed men in Encampment. Their work was seismic monitoring, but their mission was classified, so local citizens were not told about the reason for the site. AFTAC's mission would remain secret for 40 more years. In the 1990s, the Air Force declassified information regarding the 20-year period of AFTAC Det. 142 in Encampment. The seismic analyses, made during this 20 year operation, were used to map test explosions in Russia with the purpose of preventing possible nuclear attacks.

The Colorado Chapter members were responsible for creating the AFTAC Det 142 seismic equipment display at GEM.



AFTAC Det 142 seismic equipment display

For more information visit:

<https://gemuseum.com> and <http://www.wyomingcarboncounty.com>



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BREAKING GROUND FOR FALLEN AIRMEN

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

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Since 1947, the mission of long range detection has been the responsibility of what is now known as the Air Force Technical Applications Center, and over the course of those 75 years, 81 Airmen – civilian and military alike – have died while in active government service.

Prior to moving into their new headquarters building in 2014, AFTAC displayed three antiquated bronze plaques on the wall in the center’s old conference room that contained the names of their fallen service members. When it came time to relocate to the new facility, the staff realized the plaques were out of date, contained service numbers (a privacy act violation today), and those who researched how to fix those problems quickly learned that trying to add additional names to the plaques was virtually impossible due to the prohibitive cost and lack of skilled bronzesmiths in the area who could match the existing nameplates. So, the plaques remained in secured storage.

AFTAC’s former Historian, Dr. James “Mike” Young, decided it was time to find a solution to the situation. He worked closely with AFTAC alumni to see what could be done to appropriately recognize the fallen members of the Department of Defense’s sole nuclear treaty monitoring organization. Through a series of meetings, years of research, and the drive to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, the AFTAC Memorial Corporation was founded.



Some of the Alumni members in attendance at the Ground- Breaking Ceremony

The corporation, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,

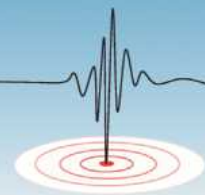
became an official entity in January 2018. Five former AFTAC employees formed the initial cadre of officers: Lou Seiler, president; Jim Whidden, director; Young, director; David Charitat, secretary; and Arlin Massey, treasurer. Shortly after their initial meetings, another former AFTAC alum, Mark Bitter, joined the board.

Once the majority of the pieces came together, AFTAC hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony Feb. 24 to commemorate the symbolic start of the construction project. On hand to dig up the first shovelfuls of soil were Col. James A. Finlayson, AFTAC commander; Seiler; Nick Crowe, Executive Vice President of Viera Builders; Todd Pokrywa, President of the Viera Company; and Col. Anthony Graham, Space Launch Delta 45 vice commander.

The memorial consists of a 15-foot square concrete pad to hold two granite wall segments that will display the names of the fallen, along with a granite pedestal and two stone benches. The bricked walkway will lead from AFTAC’s flagpole to the pad. “In a perfect world, and if additional funding becomes available, we hope to install a lithium ion sculpture made of brushed steel that we will mount to the granite pedestal,” said Seiler. “But for now, we’re very pleased with how the memorial is coming along.”



Col. James A. Finlayson, Lou Seiler, Nick Crowe, Todd Pokrywa, & Col. Anthony Graham



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NEW NUKE-SNIFFING JET FLIES OFF SOUTH AMERICA ON FIRST INTERNATIONAL MISSION

The Air Force's first WC-135R Constant Phoenix collected air samples off South America's eastern coast to establish baseline atmospheric radiation conditions. By Joseph Trevithick, Published Jan 18, 2023

South America was the first time it has conducted an air-sampling sortie outside of the Continental United States. Constant Phoenix aircraft regularly conduct missions to gather data that can be used to help keep watch for unusual spikes in atmospheric radiation. The

planes can also be used to help gather data after nuclear weapon tests or other radiological incidents and track the spread of potentially dangerous radioactive material.

The WC-135R, which has the serial number 6 14836, conducted this flight in coordination with U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) on January 16, staging from Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport in Puerto Rico. The aircraft followed a route that took it west out of the Caribbean Sea and into the southern end of the Atlantic Ocean. It then followed a path off the coasts of Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and Brazil, before turning around and returning to Puerto Rico.

[See the entire article at <https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/new-uke-sniffing-jet-flies-off-south-america-on-first-international-mission>]



Editor's Corner

By Ken Behrens, Editor & Publisher



Boy, have we had a wet start to the summer! The moisture is really needed, but I would have preferred that it would have been a bit more spread out rather than all at once.

Thanks are in order to the entire Det. 46 team for their gracious invitation to visit Cheyenne Mountain. A hearty thank you goes out to MSgt Garrow for taking the time to be our tour guide and giving us a great mission brief.

I want to especially thank Chuck Toner for providing an article about our visit to the "Mountain". He captured the events of the day perfectly. By the way, be sure to check out his fourth book *If You Don't Know Where You're From, You Won't Know Where You're Going*. It is a good and worthwhile read. It can be purchased on Amazon and other book outlets.

Now, for something for the membership to consider and provide feedback to our President Bryce. We need to elect

a Vice President to help Bryce and be able to conduct meetings if he is not able to attend. After much soul searching, I have decided that I can step into this office. However, I have to point out that I provide paid services to the chapter through my company. This fact could be construed as a major conflict of interest by the members. I would recuse myself from any action taken by the organization that involves my company. Therefore, I urge you to make your opinion known to Bryce before our September general membership meeting. I will withdraw my name if the consensus is that I cannot serve because of the conflict.

Lastly, I am saddened by the passing of our member Matt White. Matt worked on my crew when he arrived at Det. 204. He was a valuable addition to our detachment and he was a great 99. My wife Cyndie and I offer our sincerest condolences to Kay and the rest of the family. He was taken from us entirely too soon.

As always, please send me suggestions for improving Echoes and ideas for articles for publication with proper attribution if it is copyrighted material.





Taps

The following deceased alumni and family members have not been reported in previous *Echoes*. Additional information can be found at the Florida website (<http://aftacaa.us/>) or at the West Coast Chapter (<http://www.aftacwcc.org/index.htm>).



| Name | Birth | Death | State |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| <u>Back, Dennis C. "Denny"</u> | 18 Feb 1935 | 12 Sep 2022 | FL |
| <u>Bohn, Richard J. "Rich"</u> | 16 Sep 1963 | 12 Apr 2023 | FL |
| <u>Cameron, James Thomas "Tom"</u> | 12 Aug 1954 | 25 Feb 2023 | FL |
| <u>Davis, James Carl "Jim"</u> | 02 Sep 1927 | 16 Mar 2023 | ON |
| <u>Hamil, David E. "Dave"</u> | 1959 | 09 Mar 2023 | MN |
| <u>Justman, Robert E.</u> | 23 Jan 1944 | 30 Jun 2006 | CA |
| <u>Kater, Martin L. "Marty"</u> | 29 Sep 1942 | 11 Apr 2023 | FL |
| <u>Landry, Tannie H.</u> | 08 Jul 1944 | 11 Apr 2023 | FL |
| <u>Martinez, Sharon</u> | 03 Oct 1948 | 26 Apr 2023 | TX |
| <u>Mason, Edward A. "Ed"</u> | 1959 | 20 Feb 2023 | FL |
| <u>Meharg, William "Bryan"</u> | 17 Jan 1925 | 27 Apr 2023 | FL |
| <u>Pickel, Craig William</u> | 07 Aug 1955 | 28 Apr 2023 | CO |
| <u>Spicci, Alexander</u> | 17 Jul 1934 | 01 May 2023 | CA |
| <u>White, Sr., Matthew O. "Matt"</u> | 26 Oct 1946 | 17 Feb 2023 | CO |



2011 Fall/ Veterans Day Dinner – Arch of Steel

Picture by Ken Behrens

Sadly, our organization lost a stalwart sage on February 23rd. Bill, our long-time Alumni treasurer, consultant and friend, was always there to help out with our breakfasts, dinners, picnics, active-duty events, and world-wide reunions. He will be sorely missed. His brother, Monsignor Michael Schmied, provided a memorable funeral mass for Bill and his family on March 16th at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Aurora. Fort Logan and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard displayed the honor and respect that Bill deserved at the interment. Bill is now happily reunited with his life-time partner, Sue.



Our chapter lost another member on February 17, 2023, Matthew Odis White, Sr. at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on October 26, 1946 in La Junta, CO.

He participated in Boy Scouts, earning their two most prestigious awards: the God and Country Award in 1960; the Eagle Scout Award in 1962. He graduated from La Junta High School in 1964 and

immediately enlisted in the Air Force. He served from 1964 to 1968.

He married Kay Kelso on June 26, 1971 in Denver and they made their home in Greeley. In 1973 he joined the Colorado State Patrol. His first duty station was Byers, CO where their

three children were born. He retired from the State Patrol in 2000 after 27 years. He then worked for Allnutt Funeral Service for 10 years followed by 5 years working for CTS, a Commercial Defensive Driving School teaching defensive driving all over the United States. He retired at the end of 2014. He received his private pilot license in 1995 and purchased a Cessna airplane for a lot of family fun. He and his family always enjoyed camping, fishing, travelling and he and Kay also enjoyed cruising.

Matt joined the American Legion Post 18 in Greeley in 2009 and maintained an active role in the American Legion-sponsored Boys State program. He was also a member of the CSPA, the State Patrol retired members association and the AFTAC Alumni Association, members of his job group from the Air Force. He was proud of his Native American heritage maintaining his membership in the Oklahoma Cherokee tribe.



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