

Tony Seely

Rio Blanco County

4-H Leadership Skills

Foundation of an Exemplary Military Career



Inducted 2012

While Tony Seely participated in various 4-H projects in Rio Blanco County, the leadership opportunities that 4-H offered is what he was passionate about and where he excelled. In 1981 Tony served as Colorado State 4-H President.

Some of Colonel Tony Seely's notable accomplishments include:

- After pilot training, flew the A-10 (a.k.a. "tank killers") in Europe at the height of the Cold War 1987-1990.
- Flew the F-117 Stealth Fighter at the Tonopah Test Range in Nevada.
- Flew as Air Force Thunderbirds Right Wing demonstration pilot 1994-1996.
- Returned to the Air Force after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, working at the Pentagon, initially as Chief of Reserve Fighter Requirements, and later implementing and leading the AF Reserve Chief's Action Group. In his performance report, the AF Reserve Commander (3-star) commented, "Tony is the best Lieutenant Colonel I've ever known."
- He finished his military career serving as Deputy Director of Analysis and Assessments at the European Combatant Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

Tony credits his 4-H experiences as key to the development of his leadership skills and experience necessary for acceptance into the United States Air Force Academy. He says "With each position I've held in the Air Force, I've continued to grow and fine tune the leadership skills that were built on the foundation of the skills I learned in 4-H."

