

BOB TAFFET

Bob Taffet has owned a house in Stillwaters since 1998. As his family expanded so did the lake house. His late wife, Linda, passed away in 2020 following a 13 year bout with cancer and Frontal Temporal Dementia. Bob remarried in 2023 to Robin Ulrich. They now make their full time home here in Stillwaters.

Bob graduated from Rutgers University and received his commission in the United States Air Force (USAF). During the Vietnam War, Bob flew 170 fighter combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos. During his 23 year career in the US Air Force, Bob was assigned as a Fighter Instructor Pilot at multiple bases in the US, Thailand, Taiwan and Korea. He was also assigned to the USAF's fighter headquarters where his duties included contingency operations including the Middle East area of operation.

In South Korea, Bob was the Chief of Safety for most USAF bases and facilities in South Korea and then as commander of a tactical squadron. His unit was awarded the USAF Outstanding Unit Award.

Bob's last USAF assignment was as Director of the Combat Employment Institute at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Many of the Institute's graduates went on to successfully plan and execute the air war against Iraq during Desert Storm.

Bob received his Masters of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and graduated the following year from the USAF Air Command and Staff College. He also is a graduate of the USAF Air War College as well as the USAF Aircraft Accident Investigation School. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medals (x3), the Air Medal (x8), the Air Force Commendation Medal (x3) and several foreign decorations.

Upon his retirement from the USAF at the rank of Colonel, Bob became the first Director of the Auburn University Montgomery Alabama TechnaCenter where they trained individuals in the use and applications of computers. Following his full time retirement, he substitute taught at Montgomery Academy, Trinity Presbyterian School, and St James School. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Air University Foundation at Maxwell AFB and is a past Commodore of the Stillwaters Yacht Club.