



## **Veteran of the Month March 2009**

### **Congratulations to LaVern Tech!**



In partnership with the Veterans Coordination Commission, the City of Rapid City is pleased to present the March, 2009 Veteran of the Month Recognition to LaVern Tech.

Vern enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1955 and worked in radio communications. Seven years later, he went to pilot training and was commissioned as a pilot. Vern flew several different types of aircraft, including C-130's, and B-52's. He served 3 terms in Viet Nam and flew B-52's at Ellsworth AFB. His medals include 9 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Vern belongs to several Veteran organizations; including American Legion Post 22 where he served as Post Commander, County Commander, Area Vice Commander. He served on the Board of Directors of American Legion Post 22 as President and board member. Vern was just elected the American Legionnaire of the Year for Post 22. He is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Vern is past Chef DeGare of Voiture 658 of the 40 & 8. He has held numerous local office as well as State offices in the 40 & 8, including Grand Chef de Gare (State President or Commander). He is currently the Nurses Training Director for the Grand du South Dakota. Vern has worked with other veterans to keep the Voiture 658 going in an effort to assist other veterans and their families.