

Veteran of the Month November 2009

Congratulations to Kristopher R. Brockel!



In partnership with the Veterans Coordination Commission, we are pleased to present the November, 2009 Veteran of the Month recognition to Kristopher R. Brockel.

Kristopher R. Brockel joined the United States Air Force in 1990, and was first assigned to Loadmaster school and later reassigned to Vehicle Operations where he remained until he was medically retired in 2008. Kris was assigned to various bases in the States as well as overseas, including Germany and Korea.

Kris completed the Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy. Technical Sergeant Brockel's awards and decorations include: the AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Good Conduct Medal w/5 OLC, National Defense Service Medal w/Service Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, AF Overseas Ribbon- Short Tour, AF Overseas Ribbon-Long Tour, AF Longevity Service Award w/3 OLC, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon w/1 OLC and the AF Training Ribbon.

One of Kris's greatest accomplishments and contributions happened in 1994 when he delivered a water recycler bladder to provide safe drinking water to hundreds of thousands of Rwanda inhabitants. He was appointed as Vehicle Fleet Manager responsible for over 60 million dollars worth of vehicles insuring availability of well maintained vehicles in emergency or hostile situations.

Kris is a member of the Retired Enlisted Association, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars and is currently Vice Chairman of the Veterans Council in Rapid City. He has personally raised over \$5,000 for the Beers and Ears Fundraiser.

Kris served a distinguished and rewarding career in the United States Air Force that was cut short for medical reasons. He has capitalized on this experience to better himself working for the AF Finance Center at Ellsworth AFB since his retirement. Kris and his wife, Jennifer Puryear have one daughter, Dakota.

Kris Brockel is truly dedicated to the ideals of the military retiree and is willing to donate his time wherever needed within the TREA organization. He is most proud of his military service record and service to his country, state, city and his family.