



I am an orthopedic surgeon in Casper. I went to the Air force Academy and Harvard Medical School on an Air Force sponsored scholarship. I served nine years in the Air Force as an orthopedic surgeon. I did hazardous duty/combat tours in both Haiti and Iraq. I think the commitment and dedication that I witnessed on these tours was the best part of military service. I was fortunate to have the Air Force support my education and received my MBA while on active duty.

I have served on the national board of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons for six years. I have been president of the board for one of the local hospitals. I am currently serving as president of the Jerry Behrens Foundation, which I was instrumental in starting six years ago. The foundation provides financial support to injured military service members, law enforcement and fire rescue personnel. It has always been a passion of mine to support first responders.

I am a member of the Lander Volunteer Fire Department Pipe Band and play the bagpipes across Wyoming to support veterans and first responders. I am also a commissioner for the Natrona County Zoning and Planning Board.

This past year I participated in the Wyoming Leaders in Medicine program. I enjoyed the experience and traveled around the state to learn about the practice of medicine in Wyoming. I would encourage others to apply and participate in the program.

I was in an employed position when I was in the Air Force and I am currently in private practice. I think I have gained a prospective from both. I think physicians will experience challenges as insurance

companies and hospitals consolidate. We are seeing changes in the practice of medicine in Wyoming with the entry of large outside corporations. I think we have a unique environment in Wyoming. I would be honored to serve in the position of open-trustee and eventually move on to president of the Wyoming Medical Society.