



**Dave Millet** has worked at Eastern Washington University since 2005 and currently serves as the Director for the Veterans Resource Center. He spent 25 years on active duty in the U.S. Army as an Infantry officer ending his career as Chair of the Military Science Department at EWU. Dave is a graduate of Seattle University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology and later received a master's in human resource management from Troy University. Dave is married with three children and enjoys outdoor activities and reading non-fiction.



Nolan Gruver is the Executive Director of Continuing Education & Corporate Training for the Center for Workforce & Continuing Education (CWCE) at the Community Colleges of Spokane. He is the chief corporate training contract negotiator for the Community Colleges of Spokane. He received his B.A. in International Affairs and M.S. in Communications from Eastern Washington University and is an alumni of the Washington State Workforce Deans' Academy. A veteran of the United States military, Nolan served 6 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve where he performed two tours of duty during the Iraq War. It was in using his Post 9/11 GI Bill after his tours of service while also working in EWU's Veterans' Services Unit that he developed a passion for helping others through education and training. This eventually led to his role in instruction at Eastern Washington University, and then his appointment as Campus Center Director for Park University on Fairchild Air Force Base prior to joining CCS. His professional interests include workforce continuing education, regional economic development, corporate training design and management, business operations management, and communications/marketing. Nolan lives with his wife and two children in Spokane.



**Pete Lineberger** Pete Lineberger's early life was in Ohio; he later attended private school and college in Massachusetts. He worked during the summers of 1961 through 1966 on a dude ranch in western Montana, which brought him to the great northern Rockies and the Northwest. He went into officer candidate training in Annapolis, Maryland and Newport, Rhode Island in the late 1960s, and twice deployed on destroyers as a junior officer to the South China Sea and Tonkin Gulf from 1970 through October 1972. Pete attended Gonzaga University School of Law, clerked for the Montana Supreme Court for one year, and engaged in private law practice from 1976 until his retirement in 2016-17. Throughout his career he was a leader in many volunteer activities to serve the indigent and improve the practice of law. Since early in the creation of the Spokane Veterans Forum in 2010, Pete has served as a mentor to combat veterans of the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Veterans Forum is an important and unique complement to the Spokane County and Municipal Veterans Courts.



**Ryan Smith** was commissioned in 2000 as an DMG Engineer Officer from Washington State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Science. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science in Geology and Geophysics from Missouri S&T, and is a certified Project Management Professional. LTC Smith currently serves as Battalion Commander, 321st Engineer Battalion. LTC Smith served 8 years on Active Duty, and transferred to the Reserves in 2009. His combat deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom II (2003), Operation Iraq Freedom IV (2005), and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) 2012. In his civilian employment, LTC Smith assists Army National Guard Brigade

Combat Teams in planning and training to meet readiness criteria to assume FORSCOM ready-brigade missions.



**Rufus Hoefler** graduated from the University of Wyoming, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the Army Medical Service Corps. He served as a Company Commander in a Medical Battalion in Germany then on to various schools and hospital assignments. This included a tour with the 2d Surgical Hospital, Chu-Lai, Vietnam from 1967-68. He returned to get his Master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University, and more hospital assignments. He served as the Executive Officer (Administrator) of the US Army Hospital, West Berlin and retired after two years at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1984. Rufus serves as a Governor's appointee to the Washington State Department of Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee and is active in the Spokane Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.



Charles Lightwalker was born in Grass Valley California, served in the US Army 1969-1970, as a medic. He went to San Mateo College, Sonoma State College and ULC Seminary with a masters in Chaplaincy, and then graduated with a PhD.-Religious Studies from Newport University. He is also a Certified Religious Counselor, and a Certified Veterans Peer Corps Mentor. He enjoys serving fellow Veterans, and currently works with Integrative Healthcare and Veterans Education, to bring complimentary care to Veterans who seek healing, and wellbeing in their life. Charles also has additional training in various healing art modalities; Sound Healing, Reiki, and Shamanic Healing.

Don McDowell retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service in 1996. Don flew countless hours on B-52 and KC-135 aircraft to various parts of the globe. He began the Quality Improvement Journey in January of 1988 and later became the Director of Quality for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group, and later selected as the Quality Improvement/Training Coordinator for Spokane County, later known as the Employee Development Coordinator where Don was responsible for training for over 1900 county employees. Don retired from Spokane County in 2016. Don is a 2006 graduate of Eastern WA University with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in Communication.



Brian Newberry is the CEO of Girl Scouts, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Our council serves an area comprised of 19 counties in central and eastern Washington, and 10 counties in northern Idaho for a total of 29 counties covering 65,000 square miles. Prior to his CEO appointment, Brian led as Executive Director another outstanding leadership organization in the region, Leadership Spokane, founded in 1982. He is a current Spokane Public School Board member helping serve the second largest school district in the state with over 29,000 students. From 2012 to 2014, Colonel Brian M. Newberry was the Commander, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. The Wing provides global reach airpower and deploys expeditionary forces in support of worldwide combat, contingency, and humanitarian requirements. It operated 35 KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft performing air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation missions. He also has commanded an Expeditionary Operations Group and an airlift squadron. He is a 1991 USAF Academy distinguished graduate. Colonel Newberry was a

command pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours and 397 combat hours in the C-17A, KC-135R/T, EC-135C, T-38 and T-37.