



## Tom Hayden Member



Tom Hayden is a professionally registered engineer in Colorado, and currently works for the US Department of Veterans Affairs as the Senior Resident Engineer on the \$800 million Denver Veterans Replacement Medical Center project. He graduated from the USAF Academy in 1974 and retired as an Air Force Colonel after serving for 34 years. During his Air Force career, he earned a Masters Degree in Construction Engineering at the University of Illinois; was the National level test director for Research and Development on MX missile silos; was a deployed commander in Southwest Asia for 3,000 – 5,000 troops; served on the Canadian AirStaff as the Chief of Construction Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Engineering in the U.S. Air Force-Canadian Forces Officer Exchange Program; and was a Fire Marshall at the Base and Major Command levels for a total of 11 years. As Chief of Engineering Operations, Loring AFB, ME, he managed Strategic Air Command's largest in-house facility upgrade. His snow removal team won "Best in SAC" honors for two years and was awarded the "Best in Air Force" Balchen Award by the US Association of Airport Executives in 1987.

As Director, Readiness Division, Directorate of Civil Engineering, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, HI, he was responsible for oversight of Air Force Disaster Preparedness and Nuclear-Biological-Chemical Warfare Defense programs, Homeland Security Preparedness, military engineer war-skill Training, all Construction Teams, Fire Protection and Airfield Crash Rescue, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, throughout the Pacific Theater.

He commanded units at the squadron and group command levels and has over 15 years experience in facility, infrastructure and aircraft flight-line support to a flying mission. He was the Base Engineer at Schriever AFB in Colorado, providing facility and utility support, engineering design and construction, and fire protection to Schriever and the world-wide satellite control network. His squadron won the prestigious AF SpaceCommand Curtin Award as the Best in the Command, 4 additional Command awards, and was awarded the USAF Outstanding Unit Award.

He was Base Engineer at Sacramento Air Logistics Center in California from 1996-1999 where he commanded the 77th Civil Engineer Group. He was responsible for repair, maintenance, design and construction to Base and Industrial Plant operations and support to over \$3.1 billion in real property assets, a large active airfield for large-frame aircraft, fire protection/crash rescue, a multitude of aircraft industrial-manufacturing base shops, aircraft hangars and warehouses, and personnel housing operations, supporting 13,000 assigned civilian and military personnel. He was also responsible for providing base support to the Western Region Coast Guard Rescue

operations center flying rescue sorties along the California coast. During this period his efforts resulted in the base winning the Department of Defense Installation Excellence award.

He completed his Air Force career as the Command Engineer at the United States Air Force Academy, where he led the base engineering support to the Academy's 18,443-acre physical plant and campus. He was responsible for over 1,100 facilities, aircraft flight-line maintenance, fire protection and aircraft crash response, 1,241 housing units, and the planning, programming, design, construction, repair and maintenance of over \$3.5 billion in real property assets. He managed a yearly operating budget of \$99.6 million, and a \$173 million construction project program.

At both of these large bases, he supervised over 1,000 government civilian, military, and contract personnel in engineering planning and design, contracts management, budget planning-development-execution, project planning, programming and budgeting, utility plant operations and maintenance, facility and infrastructure maintenance and repair, capital project construction, environmental protection, regulatory submissions and remediation projects, fire departments, emergency management, disaster response, vehicle fleet management, forestry and wildlife management, and housing operations and maintenance.

Since retiring from the USAF, he has been a major account business manager for a Fortune 500 company, deployed as a contractor project manager for reconstruction of Keelser AFB in Biloxi after it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, been a design-build project manager on a large historic building renovation, and is a private consultant for engineering and business. He has served on the Colorado Springs Gazette Community Advisory Board, on the Bylaws committee for the National Association of Graduates, Air Force Academy, is a National Fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers, and is Vice President of the local Air Force Academy Graduate chapter. He is a published author on airfield snow removal operations and personnel empowerment.