

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

JEFFREY "JEFF" SVENTEK

Inducted 2010



Jeff Sventek was born March 31, 1954 in Corry and moved to Sherman in 1961. He graduated from Sherman Central School in 1972. Following graduation, Jeff enlisted in the United States Air Force and spent the next thirty-four years in the Air Force, retiring in 2006 at the rank of Colonel. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a Master of Science in Physiology from Rutgers University. Jeff is board-certified in Aerospace Physiology and is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. During his Air Force career, Jeff served as an AF Aerospace Physiologist and was selected by the Air Force Surgeon General as the first-ever Lieutenant Colonel to serve as the Chief of AF Aerospace Physiology. Jeff held a number of command and leadership positions from 1999 until he retired from the Air Force in 2006 as the Deputy Command Surgeon for the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson AFB, in Ohio and as 14th Chief of the AF Biomedical Sciences Corps.

Following his retirement, Jeff served in various government-contractor positions providing human performance expertise for the Department of Defense. In January 2010, Jeff assumed his role as the eighth Executive Director of the Aerospace Medical Association in Alexandria, Virginia, the first non-physician to hold this prestigious position.

Jeff is the son of Joseph and Shirley Sventek of Sherman and is married to Debra S. Jostand of Taylor Ridge, Illinois. Jeff and Debra have a son, Andrew, and daughter, Meagan, as well as four grandchildren.