



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

FY22 Board of Directors

President - RF Smith

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Robert "RF" Smith is a resident of Monument, Colorado. A 27-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Colonel Smith held command and leadership positions at all levels of the Air Force including the Air Staff. He is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours in trainer and fighter aircraft. After retiring from the Air Force in 2000, Colonel Smith held positions with Midwest Airlines and Lockheed Martin before retiring again in 2010. Since that time, Colonel Smith has been a member and President of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club and a member and President of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation. Colonel Smith and his wife Ann have two children, both graduates of Lewis-Palmer High School. Their daughter Hilary is a 2000 graduate of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference and a former counselor.

Vice President - Thomas Csrnko

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Major General Csrnko retired from the Army in 2010, after 36 years of distinguished service. MG Csrnko's final assignment was Commanding General United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS). From 2006-2008, MG Csrnko was the Commanding General, United States Army Special Forces Command which oversaw all U.S. Army Special Forces operational commands stationed in the United States and overseas. From 2003-2006, MG Csrnko was Commander, Special Operations Command Europe, the Special Operations component command under United States European Command. From 2001-2003, MG Csrnko served as the Chief, Office of Military Cooperation - Kuwait acting as the Secretary of Defense Representative to the U.S. Ambassador. During this time, MG Csrnko, working with United States Central Command, U.S. Embassy Kuwait, and the Kuwait Defense Forces, assisted with the preparations and execution of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon retirement, MG Csrnko was a Senior Mentor with the Mission Command Training Program, TRADOC from 2011-2013. From 2014-2020, MG Csrnko was a Founding Partner and CEO/President of Veterans Squaring Away Veterans, a 501(c) 3 Colorado Springs-based non-profit helping Veterans and their Families with transition challenges and assisting with the integration into our communities.

Treasurer - Jonathan Cole

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Jonathan W. Cole is an award winning Real Estate Broker with RE/MAX Advantage in Colorado Springs who is in the RE/MAX Hall of Fame. Jonathan has been active in his community as a baseball coach for Academy Little League and as a long time soccer coach with Pride Soccer and Victory FC2 Soccer Club. Jonathan has served on the Board for a nonprofit that provided help and encouragement for soldiers with PTSD. Jonathan is a big proponent of Leadership and has served in various capacities in the arena of youth development, including Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership as their Treasurer. Jonathan and his wife, Mary Therese, have 3 children with one in college and 2 in high school.

Secretary - Miriam Shambach

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Miriam Shambach is a retired Speech-Language Pathologist, having worked with multiply handicapped children as well as birth to five and school age children with speech and language delays off and on over the past 35 years. She has also been a military spouse volunteer for 12 years, working alongside her husband during a portion of his 30-year career in the United States Army. Currently, Miriam is actively involved at her church as a monthly usher and mentoring numerous young Mothers within a Bible study format. She also assists in organizing and leading a neighborhood Bible study as well. Miriam volunteers with the Officer Christian Fellowship, primarily at the OCF Spring Canyon Retreat Center in Buena Vista, CO. She volunteers in dining room and kitchen duties as well as being a member of the Spring Canyon Advisory Council.

Director, RMYLC - Steve Shambach

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Stephen A. Shambach, a native of Lockport, New York, attended the State University of New York at Albany and then graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. Commissioned in the Infantry, he has served in staff and command positions in 6 different Divisions in the US, Korea and Germany. Key assignments include commanding an 850-man Bradley Fighting Vehicle-equipped Infantry Battalion in the 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Carson, CO; Battalion Garrison Command in Germany and Brigade Garrison Command at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was assigned to the Pentagon as the Army Chief of Base Realignment and Closure Office (BRAC). He holds a MA in Organizational Psychology and a MEd in Counseling Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. He subsequently taught Leadership at West Point and Strategic Leadership at the Army War College. Retiring from the Army as a Colonel in 2004, Steve moved to Colorado Springs, CO where he was employed by ANSER (Analytic Services Inc.). He was team leader of a study of character and leader development at the US Air Force Academy (USAFA) for the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. In 2007, he began employment at USAFA in his as Senior Character Development Program Analyst. In April 2016, he was assigned to be the Professional Development Integration Director in the Center for Character and Leadership Development. His primary responsibility was to integrate professional development efforts at USAFA with faculty and staff, as well as cadets, and with external military and civilian organizations. He retired as an Air Force Civilian employee in May, 2018.

Director, Marketing - Warren Gerig

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Warren C. Gerig II, Vice President, RMYLF. Warren is a resident of Gleneagle, Colorado. He is a 37 year veteran of United Airlines. Mr. Gerig was the International General Manager of South East Asia. He also served in the U.S. Army Special Forces, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) during the Vietnam Era. Mr. Gerig has been a member of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club and Secretary of the Monument Hill Foundation (3yrs) since 2006 after returning from Thailand. While in Thailand Mr. Gerig served as the President of the American Chamber Commerce of Thailand for two terms and was appointed by the American Ambassador to Thailand to the position of Director of the Thai- American Fulbright Program. He assisted and helped raise funds for Father Joe Maier of the Mercy Center for Human Development Foundation Thailand. He was recognized in October 2005 by His Holiness Pope John II as a Knight Commander of The Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great. Since retirement he has served as President of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, Rocky Mountain Chapter for eight years. At present he is an inactive Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs and continues to serve the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation.

Director, Development - Anja Wynne

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Anja Wynne, PhD, is a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado. A retired Air Force Personnel & Manpower Officer, Dr. Wynne also served as a US Army Logistics Officer, worked with the IT industry in Europe, the pharmaceutical industry in the US and as the Chief Human Resources Officer at the University of Colorado. She is currently a Culture & Organizational Leadership Consultant focusing on providing global solutions to local organizations by applying her research in the field of cultural intelligence and cross-cultural competencies. These experiences lead to her successful completion of the Global Professional Human Resource (GPHR) certification and she shares this knowledge to her students as an adjunct faculty member in the university's School of Public Affairs.

Director, Recruiting

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