Hollis Haws joined the US Air Force the day after he graduated from Uintah High School in 1954. He went to Texas for Basic Training, at Lachlan AFB. After basic Hollis went to Cheyanne, Francis C. Warren AFB. He served there for about 8 months. At that time he received a new set of orders to go overseas. He was assigned to Ekane AFB, France.

His mother was really sick and so he took a leave. Once he returned home from Ekane, he was reassigned to Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah.

After things settled down there, he received orders to go to Istanbul, Turkey. He was there for 2 years and then he came back to the US. He was then assigned to ENT AFB in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hollis got married while serving there. He was married in Kansas. He served there for 18 months, during his time there was when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Then he was assigned to Denton AFB Texas for about 2 years. He transferred to Massowa, Japan AFB, and he served there for 3 years. He spent some time visiting Korea, during the Korean Conflict.

Alamogordo AFB in New Mexico where he served for 2 years. After New Mexico Hollis was assigned to a base in Taiwan. While he was there he had the opportunity to visit Viet Nam on several missions.

From there he was assign to Luke AFB in Phoenix AZ, where he served for 3 years. He was Honorably Discharged in 1974 as a Tech Sergeant.

He had decided to fight the Dinosaurs here in Vernal, Utah and came back home. Hollis said he would do it all again in a heartbeat, if he had a chance to do it!

Hollis has spent the past 30 years teaching and training each Chamber Director on the right way to submit an application for the annual 4th of July Parade Flyover. This has been a treat for the Basin to have the Air Force fly their aircraft over our parade each year. We have been spoiled to have Hollis help us each year with the extensive application process that it takes. It is no easy feat to get the flyover, while we have to reach out to the FAA, Hill AFB and the final app process is the Pentagon. Hollis has been selfless in his time in getting this done for our community.

On behalf of the Freedom Fest Committee, we want to recognize Hollis Haws for his extraordinary service to our Community and to our Country.