

Rep. Kent Lambert, R-Colorado Springs

State Rep. Kent Lambert retired from the United States Air Force in 2004 as a Colonel. His varied career included tours as a B-52 instructor, a senior scientific analyst in the Pentagon, the Air and Defense Attaché in Jordan and Sweden, the Deputy Defense Intelligence Officer for Europe in the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Deputy Director of the Air Force Space Command Space Analysis Division.

Lambert demonstrated his leadership skills at the United States Air Force Academy by serving on the Cadet Wing Staff in one of only two positions elected by the cadets themselves, the Chairman of the Cadet Professional Ethics Committee. He was commissioned from the Academy in 1974, and has had a diverse career in Air Force operations, scientific analysis, and international affairs, receiving many awards and medals.

As an instructor pilot, he proved his leadership, management, teaching, and team building ability. He led other wing instructors to teach in-flight B-52 combat tactics. As a Wing Staff Officer, he led wing planning, flight scheduling, and served as director of the battle staff for an entire B-52 wing.

His analytical talents were developed through eight years of highly successful work as a Scientific Analyst, Branch Chief, and Division Chief at the Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency, where he was recognized as their top field grade officer in 1995. He was instrumental in high profile studies that helped determine final government policies on major military systems, the structure of all U.S. bomber and ICBM forces, and reprioritized money for systems that directly affected our success in Afghanistan and Iraq.

As an Attaché and International Security Assistance Officer, Colonel Lambert's diplomatic skills were instrumental in re-establishing the professional military relationships between the United States and Jordan following Desert Storm. These actions contributed significantly to the political and military isolation of the Government of Iraq. He received special national citations three years in a row for his work in this position. In Sweden, he established the first office of defense cooperation on bilateral trade, and Baltic and Scandinavian regional security issues. He was assigned to Air Force Space Command in 2001, where he led the initial standup of the command's Space Analysis Division and led many studies that examined all its mission areas, including support for the Space Shuttle Columbia accident investigation.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he ran for the Colorado State House of Representatives, and served as Legislative Aide to two state Representatives. He also was instrumental in forming and organizing the Republican Study Committee of Colorado, where he served as the Executive Director until the end of 2005. In that capacity, he provided direct support to a broad range of Republican legislative activities.

Following his election to the Colorado General Assembly in 2006, Representative Lambert was also elected as Chairman of the Republican Study Committee of Colorado (RSCC). He has also been appointed as the Commander of the Colorado Legislative Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Kent Lambert is married to the former Gretchen Ann Simpich of Colorado Springs (daughter of Bob and Jan Simpich). They have three children, Christopher (29), Michael (27), and Melissa (13), and three grandsons.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Military History, United States Air Force Academy

M.A., International Relations (Strategic Studies), University of Southern California

M.S., Strategic and Tactical Sciences (Operations Research), Air Force Institute of Technology

Graduate Studies Certificate in Command, Control, and Communications, Air Force Institute of Technology

Graduate, Air War College

Graduate, Leadership Program of the Rockies

Memberships and Associations

Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Life Member, Military Officers Association of America

Life Member, USAF Academy Association of Graduates

Life Member, National Eagle Scout Association

Life Member, Disabled American Veterans

Life Member, The American Legion

Member, Order of Daedalians (Military Pilots' Association)

Member, Association of Old Crows (Military Electronic Warfare Association)

Member, State Legislators for Legal Immigration

Squadron Commander, Capitol Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

Member, Leaders of Colorado

Member, The Heritage Foundation

Member, Colorado Union of Taxpayers

Member, Colorado Club for Growth

Member, The Independence Institute

Member, Minuteman Civil Defense Corps

Member, Pikes Peak Firearms Association

Member, National Rifle Association

Member, Rocky Mountain Gun Owners

Member, First Presbyterian Church

Former Elder-Deacon, and many other church leadership positions

Twenty five year Sunday School/small group teacher

Member, Officer Christian Fellowship