

## **DELRAY F. SHULTZ**

Delray F. "Lucky" Shultz is a 1966 graduate of Herculaneum High School. He was a member of Student Council and National Honor Society, and was 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State in Blackcat Football as an outstanding lineman. He received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. While at the Academy, he was on the Dean's List, Commandant's List, and Superintendent's List, sang in the Cadet Choral, and played Division I football for Air Force. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management in 1970.

Upon graduation from the Academy, Lucky served in the US Air Force from 1970-1981. During his service, he was an instructor and evaluator navigator for a C-130 squadron, ensuring that all newly assigned navigators met Alaskan Air Command's requirements. In 1978, Captain Shultz had earned a Master of Science degree in Logistics and Facilities Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology/Air University Ohio. He became Section Chief—Air Force Plant Representative Office, Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, California and managed staff with responsibility for over 1,000 Department of Defense contracts worth billions of dollars. He was nominated as Air Force Systems Command Officer of the Year.

In 1981, Lucky was hired to develop, write and implement procedures for the newly formed Contracts Department of Sohio Alaska Petroleum Company, which was subsequently fully acquired by British Petroleum and renamed BP Exploration Alaska. As a Contracts Engineer, he developed and administered labor and equipment contracts in support of BP's Alaskan North Slope Oilfields. Lucky oversaw the consolidation of the project construction contracts departments into one cohesive unit in Anchorage, with field personnel in place on the North Slope. He continued to work for BP Alaska as its Manager of Purchasing, improving staff morale, reducing the department budget, and improving delivery of materials to North Slope oil fields.

After taking early retirement in 1992, Lucky was recalled by BP Exploration Alaska and loaned to BP Colombia, South America to develop a materials organization to support BP's Colombian oil field development projects.

Throughout the 1990's, Lucky worked for Alaska Petroleum Contractors and Natchiq, Inc., both of Anchorage. He did consulting work for Alaska Petroleum with regards to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. His consultant work for Natchiq helped to more than double the workforce and raise net income ten-fold.

In the past decade, Lucky has served as a legislative aide and advisor to Alaskan State Senator Fred Dyson. He evaluated and advised the Senator on bills going through the Finance Committee, evaluated budgets, and lobbied for an amendment to the Alaska Constitution for a budgetary spending limit.

In 2000, he became owner-partner of Pathways to Leadership, a consulting firm in Lynnwood, Washington, providing services to small businesses; he formed Lucky Shultz and Associates in 2003 base in Anchorage, Alaska. He has been married to his wife, Catherine, for more than 41 years. They have three grown sons and seven grandchildren.