Thank you Sir!

I am humbled and honored to be with you tonight and to have the chance to introduce our guest speaker Colonel (Ret.) Eric Steidl.

**Colonel** (Ret.) Eric **Steidl** is a Colorado native, Steidl Graduated from the University of Washington and joined the United States Marine Corps through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1986 and proudly served as a CH-46E aviator.

Our guest speaker “Eric Steidl” recently retired after serving in the Marine Corps for 28 years and I had the pleasure of working alongside him and his staff when he was the Director of Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group.

Colonel Steidl was always infatuated with technology, more specifically, his cell phone, Colonel Steidl would talk about his love for In-n-Out Burger. He has the In-n-Out app on his phone and anytime he traveled, he would check the app to see where the closet In-n-Out burger was located and always went straight there. Which explains why he owns/operates Blue Sky Farm near Windsor, CO.

Additionally, he is also just a fascinating person and we’re all in for a treat tonight. Not only was Colonel Steidl a remarkable leader, but also a great friend. Without further ado, please join me in welcoming Col (Ret.) Eric Steidl.