

Star's Hometown 4th of July



Celebration

HOMETOWN PARADE

GRAND MARSHALL

Veteran of the Year—Jon (JT) Turnipseed

Jon Turnipseed enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as an 18-year-old in 1966 and worked in underground ICBM silos for four years. He then completed college, was awarded the Outstanding ROTC Graduate, and returned to the Air force as a commissioned officer. JT's assignments include: Missile Combat Crew Commander, Launch Director and Countdown Control Officer for missile and space launches, Nuclear Surety (security and safety) and headquarters staff officer. His decorations include: four Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, and two Combat Readiness Medals. He retired as a Major in 1989.

After his Air Force retirement, he utilized his Air Force Safety Engineering experience on a variety of aerospace programs including the Deep Space Communication System, the Space Shuttle and the Virgin Galactic Spaceship Two. Jon has twice testified before Congressional Safety and Health Committees.

JT has utilized his safety expertise in his community by volunteering to perform safety audits of local facilities such as the Star Food Bank and the Boise Burning Man art collective building. Jon is a regular participant in the Star City Council activities. He is currently active in his neighborhood, Pinewood Lakes, where he serves as Vice President of the Homeowners Association.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Iowa, a Master's Degree in Industrial Safety from Central Missouri State University, and was credentialed as a Certified Safety Professional.

Congratulations and thank you for serving your country and your community!