

Pat Scully – Hero, veteran and journalist

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Retired Col. Pat Scully is a true hero, patriot, veteran, and journalist who has spent his life giving back to his community, state and country.

The 71-year old Col. Scully is a retired Army Colonel who served in Vietnam and dedicated 38-years of his life to the service of others. He is a lifelong Oklahoma who hails from Henreyetta and is now living out his retirement with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He is a 15-year member of American Legion Post 73 and is also a member of the VFW and Guard Dogs. He also was a founding member of the Legion Color Guard which began in 2016.

While his career primarily played out in the military his true passion is for journalism. At the age of 14, he was working in the back of the local newspaper printing papers, set-



Retired Army Col. Pat Scully PHOTO PROVIDED

ting lines, and running papers to their destination.

In 1969, he was drafted into the US Army to go off and fight in Vietnam. While in Vietnam he worked as a field artilleryman. Vietnam was the only

war Scully was deployed for.

After returning home from the war Scully left the Army for about two years but would soon return. This is when he began working on a degree in journalism. He successfully graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Central Oklahoma.

When Scully rejoined the Army he worked as a Public Affairs Officer for the remainder of his military career. Later in his carrier, he went to officer candidate school where he became a second lieutenant.

As a journalist, he has worked for the Okmulgee County news, and Henreyetta daily Freelance primarily reporting on sports and local news while also being an advertising salesman.

In 1973 Scully opened his paper called the Choctaw Suburban which ran for about five years. He eventually sold it to a Senator by the name of John McScelly, whose family then sold it to the Midwest City Sun.

After selling the paper Scully went

to work full time as a Public Affairs Officer for the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Most notably he and several other guardsmen were deployed in 2005 to help with recovery efforts after Katrina.

In his military career, he has been at Ft. Sill and several other army bases. Along with being sent to Panama, Honduras, Germany, and Japan.

“It was the best time of my life. It’s a career that I enjoyed. While I was in I got to help many people. It was a job that we had good times and bad times. It was very rewarding to me. If I had to do it all again I’d do it the same way,” said Scully.

Col. Scully is an excellent example of one giving of themselves to others. He dedicated his life both in the military and as a journalist to serving the lives of others above his own. He continues to give of himself by being very active in the many services provided by veterans organizations.

George Hall

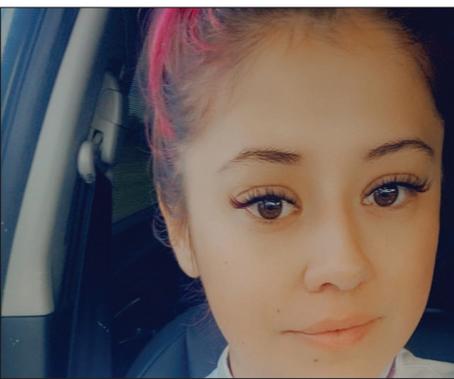
Brigadier Gen. George Hall, an Oklahoma State University graduate, served as Staff Supply Officer at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., Supply Officer for the 314th Air Division, Osan Air Base, South Korea, Fuels Supply Officer, 19th Bombardment Wing, Homestead AFB, FI. His unit was award the Presidential Unit Citation for its support to the Tactical Air Command during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. During Hall’s Air Force Reserve career, he

serve as Supply Officer at Tinker AFB, Operations Officer at Area Reconstruction Site, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Supply Management Officer for the KC-135, Staff Officer Supply Management in Resources Management Mobilization, Assistant to the Director of Distribution and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB.

Hall moved to Mustang in 1974 because of the excellent school system and served on the Mustang School Board for 16 years.

Alicia Killman

Alicia Killman, 30, of Tuttle, served as a 92G in the U.S. Army. She is originally from Chicago and has lived in Oklahoma since 2010.







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