

JAMES M. TAFLAN

STATE ADVOCATE

A native of Northeastern Montana (Poplar and Wolf Point) Jim retired from the United States Air Force and the MT Air National Guard (24 years combined service ) in 2008 and is currently the Regional Technician for the Dallas Regional Census Center, assigned to Montana census area and stationed in Helena.

He has been an active member of the Montana State Bar Association for 35years in his capacity as an Air Force JAG officer in the US Air Force and in the MT Air National Guard as well in several federal and state governmental agencies.

He joined the Order in 2005, served as the council advocate for Helena Council #844 for several years prior to being elected to his current position as the State Advocate.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University –Bozeman, MT in Business Finance. He is also a graduate of Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington where he met his future bride and lifelong partner, Liz. He and Liz are parents to daughter Emily (Tom) and son Alan (Mallory) and have six wonderful grandchildren. He is a member of Our Lady of the Valley Church of the Helena valley where he supports the music ministry by playing his guitars. (instrumental).