



*The Museum of the
Western Prairie
presents*

**ATLAS:
The First Generation ICBM**

*Saturday, March 20, 2004
2:00 pm*



Program

*Altus Air Force Base "Living Legends"
and "Blue Knights" Honor Guard*

Introduction

Bart McClenny, Museum Director

History of the Atlas ICBM

TSgt. Rich Guinan, AAFB Historian

Atlas' Impact in Altus

Altus Mayor T. L. Gramling

Featured Guest Speaker

Samuel A. Jones, Jr.,

Former 577th SMS Missile Facilities Specialist

Recognition of Exhibit Contributors

Katherine C. Potter, Assistant Curator

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Museum Open House

*Following the program, the Western Trail Historical
Society will be hosting a reception in the Francis Herron
Room of the Southwest Technical Center, located at
711 W. Tamarack Rd.*



Featured Speaker
Samuel A. Jones, Jr.

Samuel A. Jones, Jr. was born and raised in Dillon, South Carolina. The eldest of four sons, his mother and father are both deceased. After graduating from high school, Mr. Jones attended North Carolina Agriculture & Technical University in Greensboro, North Carolina, majoring in electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics.

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Upon enlistment in the United States Air Force, Mr. Jones was chosen to attend the Atlas F Missile Facilities Specialist technical school at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas. After completing seven months of intensive training, he was assigned to Altus AFB in Altus, Oklahoma. While stationed in Altus, he received orders to report to Vandenburg Air Force Base in California for Combat Crew Training. Following training, Mr. Jones returned to Altus AFB to serve on a five-man missile combat crew. He served in this capacity for the remainder of his tour of duty and was honorably discharged from the Air Force.

Mr. Jones began his civilian career at the Bendis Corporation in Tereboro, New Jersey. As a Field Service Support Engineer in the Navigation & Control Division, he was responsible for the ASN-66 Navigation Computer on the U-2 reconnaissance airplane. Later, Mr. Jones worked at Taylor Instrument Company in Asheville, North Carolina. There, he received further training and certification in Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering. Currently, he serves as an engineering consultant to companies in New Jersey and Georgia, and is active in numerous civic organizations.

A resident of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Samuel Jones is married to Celeste Snow, and they have three children.

The Oklahoma Historical Society's Museum of the Western Prairie is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No entry after 4:30 pm. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays, and state holidays.

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