



### LANTZ DAHLKE

Cold Case Investigator in Fairbanks (2013)  
 Alaska State Trooper/Alaska Wildlife Trooper (1986-2013)  
 U.S. Army (1974-1979)  
 Dahlke joined the army during Vietnam War because “I couldn’t afford to go to college and they had a whopping \$10,000 educational benefit program.” The requirement was to enlist for three years and since he volunteered to serve, he got to pick his job and first duty station. He signed up to become a military policeman because he wanted to be a game warden after he got out of the Army. He completed basic at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. and attended the military police academy at Fort McClellan, Ala. He picked Alaska for his first duty assignment because his father was stationed here between World War II and Korea. He told stories about the hunting and fishing and his son knew it was the place for him. While attending the MP academy, one of Dahlke’s sergeants had been stationed at Fort Greely and convinced him to go there. It was a remote hardship tour when Dahlke first got here. He instantly loved Alaska and started trapping and hunting as soon as he could. After he got caught skinning a fox in his barracks room, his room was fumigated because of the fear of a flea infestation in the dorms. After that, Dahlke’s commanding officer figured he should be the game warden because of his outdoor activities. He became the game warden in 1976 and stayed in that position until he got out in 1979. This was all during the building of the pipeline. Military police would do town patrols in Delta Junction and he spent quite a bit of time with the troopers. This experience of working with troopers convinced him he should stay in Alaska and become an Alaska State Trooper. He joined the trooper ranks already seasoned from his involvement in death investigations concerning soldiers.



### STEVE BEAR

Alaska State Trooper/Alaska Wildlife Trooper since 1990  
 U.S. Army (1985-1989)  
 The Michigan native joined the Army and trained as a welder and wrecker driver, first serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division in Kirchgoens, Germany, then with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During his more than two years in Germany, he would spend two weeks a year training with foreign troops. The first year he and his fellow soldiers spent two weeks attached to a German Army unit along with a few French troops. Once they were done for the day, the American, French, and German troops would hang out together. Unlike American troops who discouraged fraternization between enlisted and officers, German troops often treated each other like regular people regardless of rank after the duty day was over. When asked what he did for those two weeks training with the German soldiers, his reply was “during the day we shot every German gun there was. In the evening we did what Germans are famous for.” The next year he spent two weeks in Holland training with NATO troops. Bear enjoyed his time in Germany and managed to travel a little around Europe. He spent New Year’s Eve going into 1987 in Paris and the following New Year in Amsterdam and he even spent some time one summer in Spain. After four years of active duty service, he went on inactive duty to round out the standard eight year commitment. During that time he voluntarily went back into service for two years with the 813<sup>th</sup> Engineers Reserve Unit headquartered at Fort Richardson after moving to Alaska in 1989. Forty-year trooper, Barry Ingalls, was his First Sergeant in the 813<sup>th</sup>.

