

## Joseph Greene

I spent 4-years in the U.S. Air Force in the Strategic Air Command nuclear bomb wing working on the Boeing B-47 Stratofortress bomber. That bomber was the country's first swept-wing multi-engine bomber which began a revolution in aircraft design. Every large jet aircraft today is a descendant of the B-47. Near the end of my time in the service I was associated with the B-52 bomber.

After service I eventually ended up in Oregon where my family had arrived in 1839. I planned further studies in fisheries science. However, a job with the newly formed Environmental Protection Agency was offered. I worked there until my retirement, as a research biologist, in 2002. During that time I held a courtesy faculty appointment at Oregon State University. For 7-years I was an adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering.

I began suction dredge mining in the early 1970's and have continued to be involved in the mining industry since that time. I became involved in the political and legal fight to defend miners rights to work in about 2004. At that time **we** wrote the first legal declaration, using science, to defeat the first Karuk Indian Tribe's attack on the USFS and mining in California. From that point on I have been involved, in some capacity, in that fight.

After years of involvement in the legal process to defend mining rights and 6-months working with elected officials in the Oregon State Legislature I realized that justice was dead in the legal system and democracy was dead in the legislative system.

I looked into the Minerals And Mining Advisory Council and concluded that this approach makes sense. That is why I am here today working for MMAC principles.