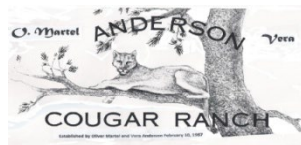


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## 2026-2027 ACR COUGAR RANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Our Bios

We would like to get to know you and for you to know who you have elected for this next year. So here is a Intro to your Board!



### Julie Ann Anderson

Daughter of Vernon and Peggy Anderson. I have one younger brother, Vernon Martel Anderson and one older sister, Jamie Anderson Baker.

Wife of Brian Steenblik, we have been married 22 years. Brian and I have one son Brian Martel Steenblik, and I have two stepdaughters, Kylie Steenblik and Krystal Steenblik Bovero, married to Skylar Bovero.

I have one granddaughter, born on 17 July 2026, Blakely Bovero. We are super thrilled to be Oma and Opa (dutch for grandma and grandpa) to our new little granddaughter.

My husband's family is Dutch and owned a dairy in Rose Park. All the Steenblik in Utah are from the same family. They have a park named after the Steenblik in Rose Park.

I joined the Utah Air National guard at 17 years old. My dad signed for me to get in. My mom and Gram were mad at my dad for signing for me to join the military. I went to basic training and my tech school and worked full-time at the Air Guard. After 5 years (my rank was Staff Sergeant) I earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a minor in Business Management. I went to officer training and earned a commission in the Utah Air National Guard. I was the Transportation officer, Management & Systems Officer, and Chief of Supply. I moved to the Installation Deployment officer one year prior to 9/11. I deployed millions of tons of cargo and thousands of people all around the world. During 9/11 we deployed to Cyprus. During this time I earned "Field Grade Officer of the Year" for the State of Utah. After 9/11 I became the 151st Logistic Readiness Squadron Commander. After four years the Adjutant General of the Utah Air National Guard asked me to be the Inspector General for the Utah National Guard (both Army and Air). After three years, I was promoted to Colonel (O-6) and became the 151st Mission Support Group Commander. In that position I was in charge of seven squadrons with over 600 air guardsmen. After four years I was selected as the Vice Wing Commander (first non-flyer, and first non flyer female). I retired from the Utah Air National Guard in 2018, with 32 years and 10 months of service. During my career I deployed 19 times. I am very proud of my military service.

Currently I am a contractor at Hill Air Force Base. I have worked for BAE Systems for eight years. I have worked on both Sentinel (next iteration of MMIII) and Minuteman III - U.S. Land-Based ICBM. I am an ICBM Program Manager III - Technical expert. In my spare time I work in the Syracuse Utah Temple and love to golf, read, swim, and spend time with my family. Brian and I have lived in Syracuse Utah for 20 years. We are currently building a new home in Layton, Utah. Our new home should be completed in late October to November 2026.

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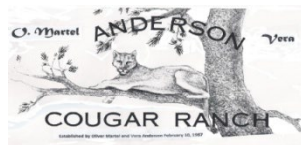


### Brandon Anderson

Brandon is the oldest son of Randy Anderson. Randy was the youngest child of Grandad and Gram. Brandon lives in St. George and has for many years. He went to Pine View High School and studied at Utah Valley University. He is from Junction, Utah. Brandon likes to do all things outdoors and hang with his daughters. Brandon is our "go to" person when we [his cousins] need help with anything wrong at the Cougar Ranch. We so appreciate his kindness and work he puts in to keeping the family property working. [contributed by Joan Keller]

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## Meridee [Dede] Anderson

Hi Family! My name is Dede Anderson (or Meridee if you're formal..) I'm Uncle Robert and Aunt Nikki's third daughter. I lived in Junction, Orem and Genola when I was growing up and currently live in Pleasant Grove. I am the self-proclaimed favorite aunt of my many nieces and nephews and am definitely bringing that aunt energy to the board! I've spent most of my career in Human Resources and call center workforce management, helping companies manage scheduling, staffing forecasts, workload allocation and phone systems. This work has taught me a lot about organizing complicated projects, balancing competing needs and getting different groups to work toward the same goal. I'll bring those skills to this

assignment and will help foster the communication and collaboration our family needs as we work through this rebuilding period.

Over the past month or so, as I've shared what happened with friends and coworkers, I've spent a lot of time thinking about what the Cougar Ranch really means to me. I've realized that, more than anything, it's about how connected I feel to the people in our family when I'm there. When I see the names engraved in the cement of the pavilion, the benches around the fire pit or that little bathtub we used to keep watermelons in – I remember our family. And I think that's what Grandad always wanted – a place for us to remember each other.

I'm excited for the chance to be a part of this first phase of rebuilding by honoring what Grandad and the generations before us built, preserving the things that make the Cougar Ranch *ours* and helping create a place that future generations will love and remember, too.

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## Craig Slack

Here is a little bit about me:

I grew up as an Anderson grandchild, living in Junction during the summers and spending a lot of time at the farm and Cougar Ranch helping Grandpa and the family move cows and fix fences. I have a deep love for the Cougar Ranch, having spent most of my childhood there.

I look forward to keeping Grandpa and Grandma's vision alive by ensuring it remains a place where all family members can come and enjoy our slice of heaven.

Love, Craig

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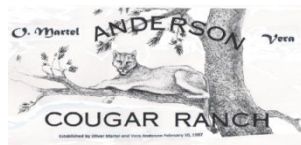
## Joan Bailey Keller

Hello all: I am the granddaughter of Oliver Martel and Vera K Anderson. I am the daughter of Sonja Anderson Bailey; she is the 7<sup>th</sup> of 11 children of Grandad and Gram. I am Sonja's first child. I am also the first granddaughter of Grandad and Gram.

I have lived in Junction, San Diego, Rose Park, Crescent, Sandy, Farmington and I currently live in Centerville, Utah. I have six children. They are Rebecca, Rachelle, Ryan, Jennifer, Juliana, and Jalene. Rebecca is married with 2 children and lives in Okinawa, Japan. Rachelle is married with 3 children and lives in Centerville, Utah. Ryan is married with 5 children and lives in St. George, Utah. Jennifer is married and has 3 children and lives in Bountiful, Utah. Juliana is married and has 2 children and lives in Bountiful, Utah. Jalene is married and has 1 child and lives in Bountiful.

I have 16 grandchildren.

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I work for the State of Utah and have worked for the State for 29 years. I am currently at the Utah Supreme Court. I am a paralegal and senior appellate assistant to the seven Supreme Court Justices. I love the law and I love working in the Appellate courts. I have been with the courts for 18 years. Before the Judiciary, I worked for the Utah Department of Public Safety. I was an office assistant to the DUI squad, K9 units, Drug Interdiction team and the Swat team for 12 years. I was also the evidence technician for the team and also worked with the Bureau of Criminal Identification for a year.

I went to college and received an English and Communications associate degree with a minor in Paralegal. I was a stay-at-home mom until my kids were all out 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then went back to school and work.

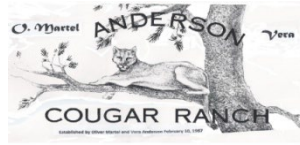
Favorite memories of my Grandparents and the Cougar ranch include:

- shearing the sheep and stuffing their wool in 8-foot-high big round bags off the back of the sheds at the house down the Junction lane where Grandad lived and worked. To pack it in tightly we had a rope tied around our waist, then they [Robert, Randy, Vernon] would throw us [grandkids helping] down into the bag and we would stomp on it to pack the wool tight, then they would pull us up [dirty stinky important chore].
- Gatherings eggs for Gram in the chicken coop. Help her pluck the chickens feathers. Later, pick her fourth acre garden and eating all the peas as fast as I could pick them until I was sick and felt like barfing but did not want to waste the peas. Going up the dark, scary, skinny, steep stairs and making the children beds up there for her. And bring down the dirty clothes for upstairs to wash in the old ringer washer and hang them out to dry on the clothes line.
- And of course, helping make pancakes, canning all her food, washing dishes, and throwing the soapy water outside.
- Walking along the irrigation ditch looking for asparagus for dinner meal – which was at about noon.
- Going up to the Ponderosa for dutch oven dinner with all the family.
- Every Memorial day weekend and Labor day weekend, Mike and I would ride the horses, Star and Buddy, and help drive the cows up from the pastures to the 10-mile mountain above the cougar ranch to stay for the summer and the cows had to come home in the fall. You breathe and eat a lot of dirt riding behind that many cows. Robert and Randy got to ride on the sides of the herd and did not have to eat dust!
- Staying in the sheep herding trailer up on the mountain overnight to watch out for cougars. Mike would not let me hold the rifle though. [Mike Haskie was a Navajo who grew up with Grandad and Gram and was a year younger than me]
- I remember helping with building the Pavilion, Grandads Cabin, and my mom's family restored the floor and roof of the old Bay cabin. Of course, I was very young and that was probably where I learned to Snoopervise. [haha]
- For 3 years, Buddy and I entered the Piute County Rodeo and I won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Barrel racing competition.
- Riding Big Red and Cyclone. Petting the Blind bull grandad had and leading him to water and the food trough. You could even sit on him if grandad was around and held the bull for you.
- I am the oldest grandchild that is still kicking around the reunions this year! [no comment from the cousin gallery]

The Ponderosa/Cougar Ranch are very important to me because of these memories and a lot more. But mostly it was Grandad and Gram's love of the land, love of the Ponderosa Ranch, and their Greatest Love of their family that influenced me the most and is still held strongly in my heart always. My mom used to tell us kids we did not need friends because we had family and we would go to visit them most weekends or they came to our house. I am glad to help, serve, and be involved with all my cousins [all 43 of them.] I have served on the BOD as Secretary/Treasurer for last 14 years. And I will keep going as long as needed and help in whatever way I can. This is the Way!

Well, that is about me and about some of my memories. You can always contact me at [joanbkeller1@gmail.com](mailto:joanbkeller1@gmail.com) or [cougar.ranch.corporation@gmail.com](mailto:cougar.ranch.corporation@gmail.com).

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