

Jeff Barnes - NVRHA Clinician and Judge - Biography

In Jeff's youth, he was unable to enlist in our country's military due to health issue. Barnes always wanted to do his share to defend the freedom and liberty of the United States of America. Every time he is present when the flag is raised and the National Anthem plays, his eyes water!



Jeff has 35 years of active horse experience which includes 15 years outfitting back country expeditions in New Mexico wilderness, hunting bear and mountain lion and 20 years riding Ranch horses- cutting, roping and performing other ranch activities.

Barnes is a "founding member" of the early Ranch Horse program in the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Assn. He won the 2003 RMQHA Rookie of the Year Award, and earned the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association "Ranch Horse Champion" in 2004 in his second year of competition.

Barnes achieved the coveted National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Supreme Champion Award in 2005 and successfully exhibited against two AQHA Ranch Horse World Champions.

Jeff is sought after as a Clinician and Judge at NVRHA events in cattle classes.

Barnes' focused Horsemanship Philosophy is to:

- ❖ Develop a relationship between horse and rider which optimizes performance achievement.
- ❖ Focus on behavior, understanding and establish excellent communication by listening to the horse and speaking his language.
- ❖ Develop a positive attitude through rewarding excellence.