

THE HISTORIC MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL TRIBUTE TO THE BATTLE OF EXERCISE TIGER MONDAY APRIL 22ND 2024



&

THE 36TH NATIONAL CEREMONY SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 2024



*In The Historic
Thomas Hart Benton Room*

AT THE MISSOURI EXERCISE TIGER ARMY & NAVY ANCHOR MEMORIAL

AUDRAIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Commemorative Program Book



175th MP BN,
MOARNG
Columbia Army



Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to honor US Military Veterans of all wars and conflicts, active duty, National Guard and reserve forces, by ceremonies and presentations of awards, citations and medals to veterans and active duty personnel. To honor Military Working Dogs and Combat K-9's for their service. To annually serve as the foundation to commemorate the forgotten battle of WW II, the naval **"Battle of Exercise Tiger"** every April 28th. Since 1989 the USTF has become one of the nation's premier foundations recognizing citizens, communities, VA staff, elected officials and others for their positive and patriotic actions. The USTF is a non-profit veterans organization as set forth in IRS codes and guidelines and meets criteria of 501 c (19). Its IRS # is 50717400. The USTF exists under the generosity of donors, grants, crowd sourcing, and fund-raising. If you can donate or assist with any funding, please see Susan the National Director, Bill or Walt.

The USTF Auxiliary Rank



The USTF members of the National Office & Staff wear USCG Aux. rank (with permission) that reflect their positions in the national staff structure. The **A** denotes a non active duty rank.

Exercise Tiger "80" Events....

"The MO State Capitol Tribute"

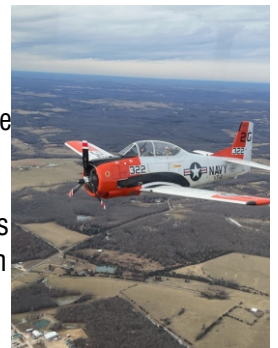
April 22, 2024

Today marks the first time in history that an official ceremony to honor the men and memory of those who fought in the Battle of Exercise Tiger will take place at and in a State Capitol of the United States. Further Mike Kehoe will become the nation's first Lt. Governor to ever take part and to "Declare" Exercise Tiger Day in Missouri on the 28th of April. Also, SECNAVY, SECARMY reps are in attendance as are members of the MOARNG's 175th MP BN, and senior leadership from Ike Skelton. Veterans from WW II to Afghanistan will be honored. Rennie Davis & Family will represent their uncle Lowell Renner, US Army, 3206th QM who died this week 80 years ago. The senior staff of US Army Engineers, Army North, Region 7 are attending as is the Navy's NTAG from St. Louis.

"The National Ceremony"

April 28th, 2024 Audrain County Courthouse

This is the 80th Anniversary Ceremony and will feature a "Flyover" by US Navy T 28 Navy Trojan Trainer over the Missouri Exercise Tiger Army & Navy Anchor Memorial. Guest speakers will present remarks from SECNAV, a USCG Admiral, and Lt Gov proclamation. Commemorative flags have been flown by the 442nd FW and souvenir t-shirts will be available. The ceremony will conclude with a 21 gun salute by the MOANG followed by a "Red Carpet" landing at the Mexico Airport where the Awards and Reception will take place.



THE USTF'S NATIONAL OFFICE

The new home of the USTF was dedicated on December 30th 2019 with fanfare and news. "The West Wing" is occupied by the USTF and came just in time to serve as the HQ for the USTF's "Mask A Vet" statewide program housing over 100,000 masks at its peak. It also contains our "Hall of Presidents Letters", Governors Proclamations, along with letters from SECNAV, Army, Air Force & Coast Guard, & Boone County Proclamations
Note ~ The USTF Annex is at 25 N. 10th St.



The USTF State & National Office
The "Walnut Building"
1001 E. Walnut, Ste 200

USTF Senior Staff & Leadership

Susan Haines

CEO & State/National Executive Director & Co-Founder

Walt Domanski

Chief of Staff / PAO & Founder

Pat Acton

Executive Assistant To The "C" Suite

Bill Slama

Marketing & USTF Auxiliary Officer

Volunteers/Auxiliary; Melinda Jackson, Paula Ritchie, Linda Lightfoot



Veterans Board & USTF Auxiliary Staff

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Most recent USTF Programs & Honors & Mid-Mo State Tributes 2023~2024 In The News Media



COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE



COMO Mayor & USTF Dir. Susan Haines assisted by USN PO place Pearl Harbor wreath at Boone County Memorial. Left, Boone Commissioner Justin Aldred & State Rep./Veterans Chair Dave Griffith key speakers at Mid Mo Pearl Harbor Tribute.



96 yr old D-Day vet honored at USTF's D-Day ceremony in COMO. USTF Staff form "Sideboys" for Navy vet Felipe Regaldo.



Susan Haines presents blanket & MREs to native indian who was homeless this past winter.



The USTF's Blankets for Vets & Pets Program provided 300 blankets to area Mo homeless and shelters.



Free haircuts were given to veterans on Valentine's day, as a way of showing our respect and appreciation of their service. Veterans and their pets received "valentines"

donate.

A Sgt Rosie Community Program

USTF's Blanket For Vets & Families Program



BLANKETS FOR VETS



Extended To Jan. 25 2023

Sgt Rosie Says "Come Cuddle with Me Give A Vet or Family A Blanket"

BLANKET DROP OFF INFO

You may bring blanket donations to the USTF Office at 1001 E Walnut St, Suite 200, or to the Captains Quarters hair salon

A box will be set up to accept blankets and donations.

Thanks To the Mid-Mo community the USTF has received over 95 donations of blankets, jackets and monetary donations to help veterans & families. We have extended the drive until the end of the month due to inclement weather. Please

573-356-0529 Call For More Info

These two Programs alone helped provide over 300 blankets, 200 Lifejackets and 23 k-9 Lifejackets to Missouri Veterans, Families in 2023/24 That's 523 souls helped by the USTF! Since the inception of these two programs 3 years ago, the USTF has provided over 500 blankets, 395 Lifejackets, 32 K-9 Lifejackets and this past feb 50 MRE's to those in need.

Present's **OPERATION SGT.ROSIE'S LIFEJACKETS**

"Sgt. Rosie Says" "Invest In a Veteran This Summer, Get A Lifeset"

Sgt Rosie, Worlds 1st "Cockalier Spaniel" Therapy Dog Honored By US Army's Famed 94th K9 Unit in 2022

2 PLACES, SAME DAY

FREE LIFEJACKET'S TO VET'S & PETS

3RD ANNUAL

PIERPONT GENERAL STORE

Saturday July 1st 8-11 AM

Provided FREE To The Mid-Mo Veterans Community For a Safe Summer by The United States Exercise Tiger Foundation www.exercisetiger.org

USCG Approved For Dogs & Humans

The USTF is a Registered Non Profit with The Secretary of State

Media Partner **MISSOURIAN** COLUMBIAN MORNING NEWSPAPER

Saturday July 1st 3-5 PM

COOPERS Landing Est. 1989

For More Info: Contact USTF Duty Phone 573-356-0529 ustf.org@gmail.com

MSHP Marine Div. & Troop F - Water & Boating Safety Partners With USTF.

1 Lifejacket per Veteran/Guardsman/or family Household Lifejackets are USCG Approved for persons 90 Lbs and above. Lifesets/jackets will be given out first come/first serve until supply lasts. Limited supply of K-9 lifejackets for small to Large Dogs.



Covid And The USTF ~ Statewide Mask Campaign To Help Vets Only One of its Kind in Nation



During Covid, the USTF provided FREE 194,000 masks to Missouri Veterans, Guard members, families. 54,000 veterans were helped. 20,000 masks went to the under served Black Veterans of KC! This was part of the Gov. support of vets during Covid. USTF worked with DHSS and MSHP.



COMO Police stop traffic as the first of over 200,000 masks arrive from SEMA at USTF State & National Office.

USTF By the Numbers last 5 yrs
 Veterans Helped - 75,000
 Veterans Grants Utility Bills - 126
 Veterans Food For Pets - 3000lbs +
 Active Duty Troops Honored - 165
 Families helped - 202
 Homeless helped - 150
 Veterans Honored w medals 702

USTF's Annual Adopt A Warrior



US Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler places USTF Medal on BG Spindler US Army at a prior *Adopt A Warrior Banquet*

Public Service Announcement on KMIZ



MG Larry Warren & USTF State & National Director Susan Haines on a screenshot from KMIZ TV and the NEW USTF PSA now airing April 2024




Fallen Warrior Memorial
Honoring Missourians Lost In Afghanistan

The USTF is making available this 36 inch stone casting of a "Warrior" carrying a fallen warrior. For a future Columbia, Boone County or state memorial located in Mid-Missouri on a Missouri Granite or Limestone base.

Annual "Battle of Exercise Tiger" Ceremony



Battle of Exercise Tiger family member, Rennie Davis assists placing wreath with US Navy officer and state official at the Mo Army & Navy Anchor Memorial in Mexico Mo.

The USTF is Ranked # 1



In Missouri and # 8

Nationally *
 Among ALL Veterans Orgs

* April 5th, 2024 



The 80 Anniversary WWII Battle of Exercise Tiger
"National Ring of Honor Wreath Tribute" Coordinated by The USTF
Conducted by USCG Motor Life Boat Stations
April 28th, 2024

USCG Boats Coordinated With National Ceremony At The Missouri Army & Navy LST Anchor Memorial At Audrain County Courthouse, Mexico Missouri



USCG Barnegat Light, NJ
 Host Site 36th straight year
 of Wreath Laying
 & USCG Stations
 Circumnavigating the United States
 The 14th year of the USCG
 MLB Stations "Ring of Honor"
The Only Wreath laying of Its Type In The World!

USCG Motor Lifeboat Stations
47 Ft. MLB
The Worlds Finest Coast Guard
And The Worlds Finest At Sea Rescue Boat