

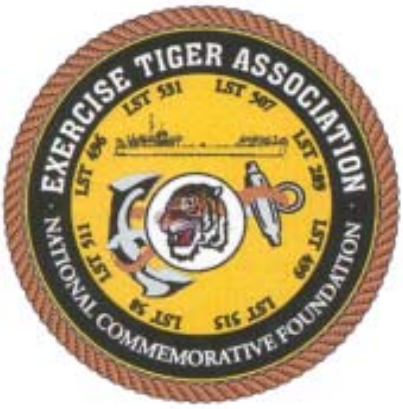


We Remember April 28, 1944

Mexico, Missouri
April 28, 2004



Exercise Tiger Association



Adopt A Serviceman Banquet & Awards Presentation

Friday, November 5, 2004
Columbia Country Club
Columbia, Missouri

The Exercise Tiger Association's recognition programs began with awarding three plaques to veterans of the WWII Battle of Tiger in 1989. Since then, more than 15 separate categories have been established to honor all veterans. The association provides special recognition to active members of our armed forces and to those that provide support for our veterans and our active troops. Since 1989 more than 700 awards have been presented to veterans, elected officials, students, military units, journalists and others. Each recipient must be nominated and must meet the criteria for the award for which they have been nominated.



THE EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL ADOPT A SERVICEMAN PROGRAM

The "Adopt A Serviceman" Program is an annual event for the state of Missouri. It began in 1999 as the "Adopt An Airman" program and honored 4 airmen and NCOs as well as the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter from the USAF's Air Combat Command's 509th Bomb Wing. The program was met with outstanding support from Columbia and surrounding mid-Missouri communities. In 2000, the program was expanded to honor ALL branches of military service. As long as there is a need for our armed forces to serve, there is a need to honor those who are routinely placed in harm's way. It is truly an honor to recognize the individual efforts of enlisted NCOs and the personnel of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. The Association began to recognize those who serve and protect us here at home by including police officers and firefighters in 2001. In times of conflict and during peace, our military, police and firefighters are always there serving. The Missouri chapter of the Exercise Tiger Association is proud to sponsor this program.



We Remember the 60th Anniversary of The Battle of Exercise Tiger April 28, 1944 ~ April 28, 2004

Wednesday, April 28, 2004, the sound of a brass bell could be heard on the Mexico, Missouri, town square. The bell tolled in remembrance for the 749 American soldiers and sailors who had perished 60 years earlier during Exercise Tiger, a practice landing for D-Day.

Ten survivors of Exercise Tiger traveled from California, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Florida to participate in the ceremony and pay tribute to their fallen comrades. The National Exercise Tiger Association sponsored the event.

Mexico is the site of the Exercise Tiger Army & Navy Anchor Memorial. The residents of Audrain County welcomed the opportunity to erect the memorial on the lawn of their county courthouse.



The US Coast Guard laid a memorial wreath at sea off the coast of New Jersey at Barnegat Light.

More than 200 Missourians died during the tragedy with 8 of those from Audrain County.

Honored guests and speakers for the ceremony included First Lady Lori Hauser Holden, Secretary of State Matt Blunt, Brigadier General Michael Pace, the Missouri National Guard, and Rear Admiral Stanton Thompson, US Northern Command. Representatives from the offices of Senator Kit Bond and Congressman Kenny Hulshof made presentations honoring these veterans.

In addition to the ceremony held in Mexico, Missouri, a ceremony was held at the Exercise Tiger Memorial in Slapton Sands, England - the sight of the



LST 289 after the battle of Exercise Tiger

Photos on Back Cover

- 1 US Army Apache Helicopter - 135th Aviation Reg.
- 2 Exercise Tiger Veterans
- 3 Veteran Charles Griffey entering through ritual Sabre Arch
- 4 Veterans pay memorial tribute to lost friends and comrades
- 5 Distinguished guest speakers
- 6 Dedication of park bench to Audrain County in memory of Exercise Tiger
- 7 Memorial tributes to lost friends and loved ones.



THE EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE FOUNDATION

The New Jersey Exercise Tiger Association began in 1989 with two veterans of the battle, Bud Carey, LST 507, and Tom Glynn, LST 289. The executive director, Walter Domanski, Jr., is the son of the late "Tiger" vet Walter "Guns" Domanski, Sr., LST 496, and a former U.S. Navy Midshipman from the University of Missouri's NROTC unit. He was nicknamed "Guns" in 1993 out of respect for his father and because of his efforts on behalf of all Tiger vets. In 1996, with the creation of the Missouri chapter, the New Jersey Exercise Tiger Association was renamed The Exercise Tiger Association, National Commemorative Foundation. Since 1995 the national association has grown to include over 300 members as well as select honorary members. Ceremonies to commemorate Exercise Tiger have been conducted on the east coast and in the midwest; five at VFW Post 3729 on Long Beach Island, three at the Philadelphia Naval Base, one at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, the 1997 Midwest ceremony at VFW Post 280 in Columbia, Missouri. In 1996 the nuclear submarine USS Nebraska, SSBN 739, part of Sub Group 10 based in Kings Bay, Georgia, held the first ceremony by a US sub while underway. The 1998 tribute was held at Crowder Hall on the University of Missouri campus - the first ever ceremony hosted by a Navy ROTC unit at a college - and the USS Maine, SSBN 741, also part of Sub Group 10,

held the first tribute to "Tiger," with veterans of the battle, while at sea. In 1999 the Indiana Tiger Chapter held the first ceremony in Indiana at Indianapolis. Also in 1999, a stretch of US Highway 54 between I-70 and Mexico, Missouri was dedicated "The WWII Battle of Exercise Tiger Expressway" and construction was completed on the Missouri Exercise Tiger Memorial. In 2000, a ceremony dedicating The Missouri Exercise Tiger Army & Navy Anchor Memorial was conducted in Mexico, Missouri, on the lawn of the Audrain County Courthouse.

The Exercise Tiger Association is recognized by the Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs, the US Coast Guard, the Governors of Missouri and New Jersey, and by members of the Congress and Senate. In 1998, the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recognized the association. It continues to promote and educate communities, students and citizens about the historic battle of Exercise Tiger. The Association advocates and conducts annual ceremonies in honor of "Tiger" and furthers the cause for awards, by the military branches and by state and local governments, to honor the men and the memory of Exercise Tiger. The Foundation also serves to advocate and lobby for all veterans of the United States. The Exercise Tiger Association, National Commemorative Foundation is a non-profit organization, federal ID number 22-3273160.

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WE REMEMBER. . .

Servicemen and women, government officials, veterans, and civilians world-wide have gathered this year to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the WWII Battle of Exercise Tiger and the events of D-Day that signified the beginning of the liberation of occupied France and other European countries. It was through the brave, courageous and selfless acts of our armed forces that the spirit of "Tiger" was created.

It is in the spirit of "Tiger" that we have come here tonight to honor and remember true American heroes - our armed forces of today. These men and women are routinely placed in harm's way because they have chosen to protect and defend the rights and freedoms that we enjoy every day as American citizens. They place God and country first.

The planned weekend events display a minute amount of our total appreciation for our troops, recognizing all of the sacrifices that they and their families make for us each and every day. It was extremely difficult to select just a few to be honored here tonight. If possible, we would honor all of the members of our armed forces in this manner.

The Exercise Tiger Association recognizes elected officials, veterans, journalists, military units, community leaders, students and everyday citizens that support our military during times of peace and of war. They support the efforts of the Exercise Tiger Association, National Commemorative Foundation, as it strives to advocate for and bring recognition to all veterans of the United States.

To each of you here tonight, *Thank You* for your service to our great country. As we recognize these servicemen and women, we want to also remember those who are with us in spirit; those who have served, and continue to serve, in all conflicts, whether it be WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, the Cold War, the Gulf War, Iraq...everywhere that freedom and basic human rights are jeopardized.



EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION AWARDS



Captain Gregory G. Faughner Trophy for Excellence

Named in honor of CPT Gregory G. Faughner, USAF ret. CPT Faughner began his 28 year military career in 1968 as a US marine serving in the Republic of Vietnam. He received 5 medals including the Bronze Star. In 1970 he moved to the United States Air Force where his career included stops at Tyndall, Lowry, and MacDill AFB's. He taught at the prestigious Air Force Academy and made his final stop as the Missile Launch Officer of the 321st Strategic Missile Wing at Grand Forks. In all, Faughner received more than 18 major medals and decorations, including two unit citations while at the 321st for unit readiness. He currently serves as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor in the Air Force JROTC program.

This award is presented to outstanding units, enlisted personnel and officers.

Sergeant Rudy Baginski Memorial Marine Corps Trophy for Outstanding Enlisted Excellence

Named in honor of Korean War veteran Sgt. Rudy Baginski, USMC. In 1943 a 17 year-old boy dreamed of being the best. Too young for the Marines in WWII, he made a deal with the Navy to be assigned to the famed 2nd Division as a Navy Combat Corpsman. Baginski made a journey that would take him from the blood-soaked beaches of Saipan in 1944 to the bloody hills of Korea in 1952. As a corpsman with Marine Assault Group 53, 2nd Marine Division, Rudy not only treated Marines, but fought as one. On July 7, 1944, history's first Bonzai charge was made with 4,000 Japanese soldiers attacking the 2nd Div. The marines lost 10,000 men on Saipan. Rudy and his unit received the Presidential Unit Citation. By 1952 Rudy was a US Marine with the 1st Marine Division. On July 21, 1952, Rudy's 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, Anti-Tank Company engaged communist Chinese forces less than 60 miles from Seoul. The marines, along with the 1st Cav US Army and the heralded 27th British Brigade, bore the brunt of the attack. Sgt Baginski's unit was virtually destroyed before help could arrive. Wounded, Rudy continued firing his 75mm gun. For his actions, he received the Distinguished Service Medal and Bronze Star. In all, Rudy received more than 22 medals and ribbons.

This award is presented to Navy Corpsman, enlisted Marines and NCOs.

Petty Officer Walter Domanski, Sr. Memorial Trophy The Naval Petty Officer Achievement Award

Named in honor of Gunners Mate 3rd Class Walter "Guns" Domanski, Sr. Domanski served in the US Navy during WWII and until 1947. During the now famous Battle of Exercise Tiger on April 28, 1944, "Guns" and his crew on board LST 496, began firing back at the attacking German Navy "E" boats. The LST combat during the battle of "Tiger" was regarded by SECNAV Dalton "the LST's finest hour". On June 11, 1944 (D-Day plus 5), LST 496, having survived the "Tiger" battle, struck a mine only hundreds of yard off the Normandy coast. "Guns" was critical with a broken back and lacerations and was the city of Trenton's [NJ] first D-Day casualty and made AP news as one of the first



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Columbia Police Officer's Association
The Officers and Staff of the 442nd FW
Officers and Staff of the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB
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Navy casualties of D-Day. Petty Officer Domanski also served aboard the DE USS Keith and the Destroyer DeHaven. He saw combat in the North Atlantic, the Pacific and the Mediterranean. He participated in three major amphibious operations and received 10 awards and ribbons, including the Purple Heart.

This award is presented to Petty Officers and CPOs.

Sergeant Charles Griffey Trophy for Army Achievement

Named in honor of Sgt. Charles Griffey, Independence, Missouri. While serving in WWII, SGT Griffey was assigned to the 478th US Army Combat Truck Company, US 1st Div. His first baptism by fire was during the Battle of Exercise Tiger when his LST was attacked. During D-Day, June 6, 1944, Griffey ferried troops from the beaches over the flooded marshes and into the hedge country of France. Griffey and the 478th fought German troops all the while transporting 1st Div. Army soldiers and supplies into Northern France. Griffey received more than 8 medals and ribbons, including 3 major battle stars and the Rhienland Campaign and Croix De Guerre with Palm medals.

This award is presented to Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserves enlisted and NCOs.

Master Sergeant Lee A. Messina Trophy for Outstanding Enlisted Achievement

Named for retired MSgt. Lee A. Messina, a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force. In 1980, MSgt. Messina was selected to teach Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB. While there, he received the famed Air Force Blue Rope as Master Military Training Instructor. MSgt. Messina has been awarded more than 6 major medals and decorations. MSgt. Messina received the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Award for Outstanding Instructor in the Nation in 1983. He currently serves as an Aerospace Science Instructor with the 931st NJ Air Force JROTC. His drill team has been named national champions 3 out of 6 years.

This award is presented to outstanding airmen and enlisted personnel

Major William D. Hobbs Trophy for Outstanding Public Affairs

Named in honor of Missouri's own Bill Hobbs, Major, USAF(r). During a career spanning 31 years, Maj. Hobbs made stops at McCord and Ramstein AFB's. His career as a Public Affairs Officer began in 1954 and ended in 1992 following service at the Ike Skelton Missouri National Guard HQ. Maj. Hobbs has received more than 11 major medals and decorations. Having survived a guerilla attack in Africa, he has lectured on his experiences and survival tactics. Highlights of his career as a PAO include his work on the TV show *Bold Journey* and on the Armed Forces Radio and TV. He is a past editor of the Missouri National Guard publication *Bear Facts*. He continues to write articles for *Bear Facts* as well as for *The Air Force Times* newspaper. He is a member of the Exercise Tiger Association and has served as MC for many of the association's past programs.

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding public relations to military officers or units or to civilians.

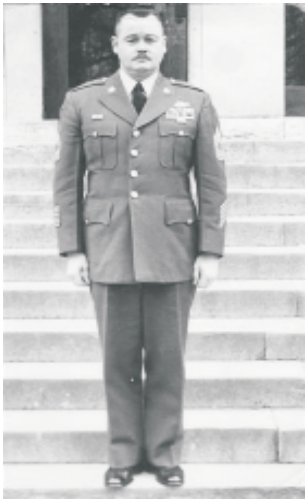
Introduction of Career Achievement Award

The MSGt William E. Jackson Trophy



With great pride, William E. Jackson entered the United States Army 1 August 1943. During his first tour of duty in WWII, he was captured in Germany on 18 January 1945 and remained a POW until General Patton liberated the camp where he was being held 29 April 1945. During his service in WWII from 1943 to 1949, Jackson received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Army Commendation-European Theatre, Army of Occupation-European Theater, WWII American Theatre, and the WWII Victory medals. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge.

Jackson's second tour of duty was during the Korean War. It was during this time that Jackson earned the rank of Master Sergeant, which at that time, was the highest enlisted rank in the US Army. During this tour of duty from 1950 to 1956, he received numerous medals including two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, Army of Occupation-European Theatre, Korean Theatre, Korean National Defense, and the Korean Conflict (with three Campaign Battle Stars). MSG Jackson was awarded the Combat Infantry badge, two Presidential Unit Citations and a Korean Presidential Citation, 23rd Infantry. Jackson was awarded a Battlefield commission in December 1950; however he was wounded in action the day before the presentation of that award and could not attend the ceremony. During his career in the US Army, MSG Jackson was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal seven times.



Jackson's final tour of duty was in Vietnam (three rotations) as a civilian working for the Department of Defense, during which he received the Army Commendation medal.

Jackson retired from the Army in August 1964. Following retirement he worked for the Department of Defense as an Ordinance Technician. He dedicated his life to the service of God, becoming a Baptist Preacher. Four of his sons have served this country as members of the armed forces; Bill in the Army; James in the Navy; Ralph was inducted into the Green Berets; and Robert (Bob) enlisted in the US Air Force 6 April 1981 and is currently serving in the US Air Force Reserves with the 442nd

Fighter Wing. Two of Robert's sons, Joshua Pettet and Jared have continued this strong family tradition of service - Joshua in the US Marine Corps and Jared in the USAF (currently stationed in England). Bob and Joshua were concurrently deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Other volunteer duties include:

- Military training instructor- hand to hand combat
- Military Advisor- Saudi Arabia- Instructed Infantry tactics
- Education instructor ROTC- Indiana University-trained officers-military education
- Integrated Armored Infantry (mechanized) instructor.



The Battle of Exercise Tiger



What began as a top secret naval operation, to prepare US Army and Naval forces for the June 6 D-Day invasion, would end with one of the highest losses ever suffered in combat by the US Army and Navy in WWII.

At 0135 on the morning of April 28, 1944, eight Tank Landing Ships (LSTs) and their lone escort, the British corvette HMS AZALEA, were en route to the landing area. Slapton Sands was selected because its beach looked every bit like the beaches at Normandy that would be code named Utah and Omaha by the allies.

The eight LSTs of LST Group 32 formed convoy T-4. They were the support group for elements of the 4th and 29th Infantry, 82nd Airborne and 188th Field Artillery Group already ashore at Slapton Sands.

The LSTs were carrying the 1st Engineer Special Brigade, the 3206th Quartermaster Company from Missouri, the 3207th Company and 462nd combat truck support companies as well as other elements of the US Army's engineer, signal, medical and chemical corps, and some infantry.

Miles south in the mouth of Lyme bay, lay the bulk of the Tiger naval force. This portion of the force was protected by the cruiser USSAUGUSTA and the new British "O" class destroyers HMS ONSLOW and HMS OBEDIENT, as well as

the Tribal Class destroyer HMS ASHANTI, and a covering force of motor torpedo boats. Anchored along with LSTs 55 and 382, they would be of no help to the ambushed LST force of T-4.

Attacking in the pitch black night, 9 German Navy "E" boats (torpedo) struck without warning, quickly and decisively. LST 507 was torpedoed first. Explosions and flames lit the night. At 0217 LST 531 was torpedoed; it sank in six minutes and 424 of the 496 soldiers and sailors on her died. It was on this ship that the state of Missouri lost some 201 of its boys of the 3206th.

LST 289 tried to evade the fast German "E" boats but was hit in the stern. LSTs 496, 515, and 511 all began firing at their attackers. LST 289 joined in, returning fire while lowering landing craft to pull it out of harm's way.

At 0225 LST 499 radioed for help. Minutes later the lead ship, LST 515, sent out an urgent and chilling message: " 'E' boat attack." Radio stations along the coast picked up the dramatic calls for help; unaware of the top secret operation underway, the calls go unanswered. Only after an alert radio operator heard the words "T-4" did the Naval Command realize that the calls were from "Tiger" and sent help.

By 0240, the horror was slowly realized - two LSTs sunk, a third lay crippled. Of the 4,000 man force, nearly a quarter of

those were dead or missing. Official Dept. of Defense records confirmed 749 dead; 551 US Army and 198 US Navy. The death toll made "Tiger" the costliest battle to US forces at that point in the war, after Pearl Harbor.

On April 28, 1944, the LSTs darkest, yet finest, hour occurred. For one hour, the men and ships of Convoy T-4 fought the greatest naval battle ever faced by an LST force in history. Against superior enemy warships, the Tiger amphibious force held its own.

The German attack did not stop Exercise Tiger. Landing operations resumed later that day. To the credit of the tenacity and determination of the soldiers and sailors involved in Exercise Tiger, the D-Day invasion at Normandy occurred as planned.

The events surrounding Exercise Tiger were officially declassified in early August, 1944; two months after the Normandy Invasion. On April 28, 1996, Secretary of the Navy, John Dalton, stated in his remarks "Tiger. . . was the LSTs' finest hour."



This history was assembled by the NJ/MO Tiger Assoc. and based on Navy reports, DOD reports, and eye witness accounts.

Adopt A Serviceman 2004 Awards Presentations



SGT Michael Thomas, MOANG
1221st Transportation Company
The Sgt. Charles Griffey Trophy

YN1 (SS) Scott Young, USNR
Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114
The Walter Domanski, Sr. Memorial Trophy

GySgt. Cortez L. Pree, USMC
The Sgt. Rudy Baginski Memorial Trophy

TSgt. Norman D. Clair, Jr., USAF
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
The MSgt. Lee A. Messina Trophy

MSG William E. Jackson
US Army (RET)

*The MSgt William E. Jackson Trophy
for Career Achievement*

SMSgt. Jonathan D. Lowe, USAFR
442nd OSF/IN
The MSgt. Lee A. Messina Trophy

TSgt. Regina L. Brewer, USAFR
442nd Maintenance Squadron
The MSgt. Lee A. Messina Trophy

Maj. Mark B. Pye, USAF
509th Bomb Wing
The Capt. Gregory Faughner Trophy

Capt. Dan R. Diercks, USAFR
442nd SFS/SF
The Capt. Gregory Faughner Trophy

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*The MAJ William D. Hobbs Trophy
for Outstanding Public Affairs*



Cadet Leadership Award
~ Cadet Alan West
Washington Univ Army ROTC

Spirit of Patriotism Award
~ Stacy Vega

~ Mexico Elks Lodge
~ VFW Post 3772 - Mexico, Missouri
~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Julian
~ Trish Vincent, Deputy Secretary of State
~ Maj. Travis Grigg - Washington Univ. Army ROTC

Spirit of Tiger Award
~ Laura Kerr

~ Tim Freeman, Director of Military Affairs
~ CMSgt. David Isaacson
~ Anna Shawver, Joe Machens Ford
~ Frank Cuervo, UMC Athletics Dept.

Military Community Relations Award
~ Pat Wilson, Columbia Military Support Group

Police Cadet Leadership Award
~ Umama Khenissi

Outstanding MO Educators in Aviation
~ Col. George Dewayne Burgess, Vice President
Wright Flight of MO, Inc.
~ Col. Pat Bielby, President
Wright Flight of MO, Inc.

Journalism Award
KRCG TV 13, Jefferson City
KOMU TV 8, Columbia

Spirit of Tiger Cert. of Appreciation
~ Congressman Kenny Hulshof
~ Jack Calegari, US Army, Korean War Vet
~ Ernie Williams, US Navy, WWII Vet
~ Leonard Bruns, US Army, WWII Vet
~ William Hobbs, USAF, Korean War Vet
~ MSgt. Robert Jackson, USAFR

Note: Some awards have been presented prior to this program

Tiger Unit Awards

~ Washington University Army ROTC
~ University of Missouri Air Force ROTC
~ University of Missouri Army ROTC
~ University of Missouri Navy ROTC
~ 175th Military Police Battalion, MOARNG
~ US Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light

~ Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114
~ 442nd Fighter Wing, USAFR
~ 135th Aviation Regiment, MOARNG
~ 509th Bomb Wing, USAF
~ 205th Medical Unit MOARNG
~ Joint Forces Headquarters Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program

2004 Award Honorees



TSgt. Regina L. Brewer

442nd Fighter Wing, US Air Force Reserves

~ Volunteered for activation and deployment to support OIF to two former Iraqi Air Force bases where she quickly secured space for all spare engines to ensure serviceability in severe environmental conditions; directly contributed to the successful completion of over 700 combat sorties ~

TSgt. Norman D. Clair, Jr.

509th Bomb Wing, US Air Force

~ In support of OLO, maintained vehicles and equipment valued at \$4.9M; facilitated the issue of fuel to several hundred US/Coalition helicopters and 60K vehicles; trained personnel on 14 different vehicle types to provide qualified operators for FARP/ROM missions ~

SMSgt. Jonathan D. Lowe

442nd Fighter Wing, US Air Force Reserves

~ One of the first members of 303rd Fighter Squadron to volunteer for deployment for OIF; was first on site to prepare several forward operating locations for arrival of the squadron; deployed with the 74th Fighter Squadron in support of OSW and OEF and assumed role of Intelligence Superintendent for 332nd Air Expeditionary Group ~

GySgt Cortez L. Pree

US Marine Corps

~ Earned a Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V for heroism while emplacing the Marines of his platoon while exposed to arms and rocket fire during fire fight in Iraq; conducted amphibious operation in support of Task Force Liberia in 2003; awarded the Combat Action Ribbon ~

SGT Michael Thomas

1221st Transportation Company, MO Army National Guard

~ During deployment in OIF as convoy commander led numerous convoys hauling equipment and supplies throughout the hostile territories of Iraq and Kuwait ~

Petty Officer YN1 (SS) Scott Young

Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114, US Navy Reserves

~ Recommended for his leadership and technical expertise as the anchor for the Unit during its mobilization and deployment to Iraq and Kuwait. Selected Command Sailor of the Year for 2002, 2003 and 2004 ~

Capt. Dan R. Diercks

442nd Fighter Wing, US Air Force Reserves

~ In OIF, Security Operations Officer responsible for advising the Minister of Electricity and Senior Advisor; coordination point for coalition forces and the Ministry of Electricity; as conduit for Joint Operations Center, resolved critical problems requiring coordination between coalition and ministry security forces ~

Maj. Mark B. Pye

509th Bomb Wing, US Air Force

~ Provided critical leadership during OIF, the B-2's first combat deployment, mission commander/formation lead on two 16- to 26-hour combat missions; personally revamped 509th BW plan for dropping live weapons at the Utah Testing & Training Range ~





The Exercise Tiger Association's ADOPT A SERVICEMAN PROGRAM

~ SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ~

~ Social Hour ~

Cash Bar

Musical Selections

Laura Kerr, Vocalist
Kansas City, Missouri

Introduction of VIP's and Honored Guests

Cadet Alan West
US Army ROTC Sabre Arch Honors Detail
Washington University Army ROTC
University of Missouri Army ROTC
University of Missouri Navy ROTC
University of Missouri Air Force ROTC

Welcome to Columbia

Invocation

Philip C. Dooley, Pastor
Open Door Church
Columbia, Missouri

~ Banquet ~

~ Awards, Recognition and Remarks ~

Master of Ceremonies

Susan Haines, National Associate Director
Exercise Tiger Association
Columbia, Missouri

Selection Committee

Jack Calegari, Chairman
Kansas City, Missouri

We Remember. . . Military Achievement

MSG. William E. Jackson, US Army(r)
Ozark, Missouri

Columbia Police Department

Sgt. Danny Grant, Community Relations

Recognition by Missouri Governor Robert Holden

Recognition by Secretary of State Matt Blunt

Trish Vincent, Deputy Secretary of State

509th Bomb Wing, USAF

Col. Constance Davis, Commander, 509th Mission Support Group

Naval Science ROTC - UMC

CAPT John Basil Read, III, Professor of Naval Science

442nd Fighter Wing, USAFR

Col. George Michael Madelen, Vice Commander

Recognition and Remarks by Exercise Tiger Association

MSgt.. Don Daly, USAFR(r), Missouri State Chapter Director
Lees's Summit, Missouri

~ Presentation of Tiger Awards ~

Recognition by US Congressman Kenny Hulshof

Tim Freeman, Director of Military Affairs

Recognition by US Senator Christopher Bond

Missouri Army National Guard

The Adjutant General - Brig. General Dennis Shull
Missouri Army National Guard

Remarks from President George W. Bush

Benediction

Philip C. Dooley, Pastor

Special Recognition Awards

Legislator of the Year

Senator
Christopher "Kit" Bond

Distinguished Missouri Legislator of the Year

Secretary of State
Matt Blunt

Missouri Director's Award

MSgt Robert Jackson, 442nd FW USAFR
Sgt. Danny Grant, Columbia Police Dept.
Jack Calegari, Chairman - Selection Committee