

Tribute to America & Armed Forces- 2 minutes to National Anthem

ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REMINDED OVER THE PAST YEARS THAT THE COST OF FREEDOM AND ITS PRESERVATION HAS NEVER BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT GREAT SACRIFICE. TODAY, MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL SERVICES, ARE CALLED UPON TO FULFILL THEIR DUTY OF DEFENDING OUR REPUBLIC FROM THOSE WHO WISH TO HARM US. WE ARE FREE BECAUSE OF THE PRICE THAT MANY HAVE PAID TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY

BRIGADIER GENERAL SCOTT VANDER HAMM, COMMANDER OF THE 509TH BOMB WING FROM WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE,

REPRESENTING THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD IS BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN D. COTTER, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, MISSOURI AIR NATIONAL GUARD, and

COLONEL GREGORY S. CHAMPAGNE, 131ST BOMB WING COMMANDER FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, and

COLONEL ALAN TEAUSEAU (pronounced - two so) MISSION SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER FOR THE 442ND FIGHTER WING, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE, WHITEMAN AIRFORCE BASE,

AND WITH THEM ARE REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE R-O-T-C UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY

OF MISSOURI... NAVY AND MARINE CORP CAPTAIN MICHAEL VIZCARRA,

ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT S. BOONE AND AIR

FORCE LIETENANT COLONEL WAYNE DOHERTY,

AND SPECIAL WWII EXERCISE TIGER VETERAN DAVID TROYER, FROM SOUTH HUTCHESON, KANSAS.

AND PRESENTING THE MILITARY SERVICE WREATH ARE THIS YEAR'S

EXERCISE TIGER FOUNDATION'S ADOPTED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN,

Senior Master Sergeant Jerry Blankenship is a member 131st Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri Air National Guard and serves as an Explosive Safety Manager. During this past year Senior Master Sergeant Blankenship deployed with Missouri's Agribusiness Development Team in a Mission to teach Afghan farmers to be self-reliant in their business which brings stability to a nation that was a hot bed for terrorist influence. While deployed Senior Master Sergeant Blankenship received the Bronze Star leading this 62 man team. He is the epitome of a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer.

Senior Master Sergeant Rodney L. Kennedy serves as the senior logistician in the 442nd Fighter Wing United States Air Force Reserve at Whiteman Air Force Base where he successfully prepares and deploys volunteers and mobilizations from across the wing, including GSU's and Total Force Integration units to locations worldwide. He received the bronze star for his efforts while deployed supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While deployed to the Middle East, his professional skills were instrumental in the successful establishment of two austere/critical locations supporting twelve A-10s and 250 personnel while under enemy fire. His outstanding service has earned him Senior Enlisted Member of the Year, Community Service Award of the Year, Airman of the Year, Non Commissioned Officer of the Year and the John Levitow Award.

Master Sergeant Carla Hampton: is a First Sergeant for the 131st Medical Group, 131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard. She was deployed with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan as 1st Sergeant for the 455th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron, the Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron and the Expeditionary Mission Support Group. While deployed she was the key advisor to two Commanders on Enlisted Issues and provided counsel on welfare, morale and discipline for over 800 Joint Expeditionary Airmen. Master Sergeant Hampton was a key member to the mission's success.

Gunny Sergeant Abel Peralta, United States Marine Corps, is currently the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at University of Missouri Naval ROTC. In over sixteen years of enlisted service, Gunny Sergeant Peralta has had a significant impact on the current and future Marine Corps as a Drill

Instructor, instilling discipline, mental and physical toughness, and strong morals and values into Marine Corps recruits and officer candidates. In 2003, Gunny Sergeant Peralta deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He assisted in the reception and buildup of essential equipment and supplies from Naval ships that ground forces used during combat operations in Iraq. Gunny Sergeant Peralta's professional leadership is an inspiration to those who serve alongside him

Petty Officer First Class William J. Richter is attached to the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron ELEVEN Detachment Delta of the United States Navy. Petty Officer Richter created and executed a curriculum for the Opposition Force for the MESRON Command Training Team enabling quality baseline training across the entire Security Department. Petty Officer Richter Deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom where he received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal along with his Expeditionary Warfare Device. Not only does he serve his country, he serves his community as a Kansas City Missouri Police Officer.

Technical Sergeant Shannon G. Kennedy is an Installation Personnel Readiness technician attached to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base. She provides outstanding support for the largest A-10 Air Force Wing, supporting four geographically separated units in four different states, with endless hours of coordinating complex deployment actions for over 100 troops. Technical Sergeant Kennedy also serves as the Wright Flight liaison, a hallmark wing outreach program; recruits fellow members to be teachers and mentors inner city schools, targeting at-risk youth to set and achieve attainable goals by teaching aviation history. A truly recognized expert in her field.

Chief Petty Officer (Select) Beyonava R. Kendall is attached to the United States Navy. She is currently enrolled in the Seaman to Admiral Century 21 program at the University of Missouri and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. While deployed with Marine Control Squadron One Detachment Alpha to Al Asad, Iraq, her team conducted over 545,000 incident free operation providing radar and non-radar services to Multi National Forces in the Western Al Anbar Province. She was recognized as the Navy and Marine Corps Air Traffic Controller of the Year after

providing emergency control procedures that potential saved three MV-22 aircraft and aircrew by diverting them around life threatening weather.

Staff Sergeant Cass Vaughn serves with the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base. He was chosen as the 2010 United States Air Forces' "Cleveland L. Parker" non commissioned officer of the year. Staff Sergeant Vaughn distinguished himself by being the Air Expeditionary Wings NCO of the year. During his deployment he aided forty NATO nations with medical support. He was influential in new treatment standards that saved the Department of Defense over thirty million dollars. He personally trained medics and oversaw thousands of medical charts while deployed, which resulted in quality of life and survival.

Staff Sergeant Jon Tygart is a member of the 131st Security Forces Squadron, 131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard, St Louis, Mo. Staff Sergeant Tygart deployed with the Missouri Agriculture Development Team to Afghanistan in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During the 365 day + deployment Staff Sergeant Tygart maintained combat security escort duty for mission teammates. His superior expertise and knowledge in his career field enabled the team to complete the 365 day deployment with a zero causality rate. Staff Sergeant Tygart is a mentor to all and was also selected as the 2009 Airman of the Year for the 131st Mission Support Group.

Staff Sergeant Archie Randolph is a Security Forces Member assigned as an Assistant Flight Chief with the 139th Security Forces Squadron, 139th Air Wing, Rosecrans Municipal Airport, Missouri Air National Guard, St. Joseph, Missouri. SSgt Randolph deployed to Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While deployed Staff Sergeant Randolph performed security operations as a Vehicle Commander, in direct support of the Missouri Agricultural Development Team for over 12 months. His dedication and drive is evident why he lives by the Core Values of the Air Force: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all He Does.

Staff Sergeant Jeremy Neece is a senior medic assigned to the 1141st Engineer Company (SAPPER), Department of the Army, Missouri National Guard. During his three overseas deployments he received a Bronze Star

Medal and the Combat Action Badge for his service in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Second, he received the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Afghanistan, and third, in what is the most important test for a Combat Medic, he never lost a single soldier or civilian – whether treating for concussive injuries or removing bullets or shrapnel, he kept his patients alive; an accomplishment for which there is no measure. On the home front, he served with the Task Force Phoenix to help manage the Disaster Relief Job program in Joplin, MO. He is a soldier and citizen of the highest caliber.

THE MILITARY SERVICE WREATH, PROVIDED BY THE EXERCISE TIGER FOUNDATION, WILL REMAIN ON DISPLAY AT THE MEMORIAL UNION ON CAMPUS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM, PLEASE STAND AND OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. (6 second pause)

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLAYING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED TODAY BY MARCHING MIZZOU UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DOCTOR TOM O'NEAL.

B2 Flyover!
