



BG DeBlick, US Army 103rd ESG receives Medal of Combat Valor winter ball, 2012



Mo Submarine Group at "Tiger Memorial" Mexico, MO



BW1 Jason Agar & USCG mascot receives "Blue Tiger" Award

The Historic United States Coast Guard "National Ring of Honor" Wreath Laying Tribute by USCG Motor Life Boat Stations April 28th, 2013



US Coast Guard Ring of Honor w/ 23 USCG Stations participating Honoring WWII Exercise Tiger, KW60 & 3 USCG Cutters Historic First in Persian Gulf by USCG Cutter "Adak" honoring USCG PO Nathan Bruckenthal, KIA Iraq + Boston Marathon Bombing,



Assemblywoman Dianne Gove, NJ Commander Jay Greiner, USCG Barnegat Light Susan Haines, Exec. Dir. "Tiger" Assn. lay memorial wreath at sea 28 April 2013



US Submarine Assn. participate in memorial wreath laying ceremony 28 April 2012 ~ NJ

Department of Defense Honors "Tiger" Assn. for hosting KW60 Commemorative Ceremony 28 April 2013



CMD Jay Greiner, USCG Station Barnegat Light; COL David Clark, KW60 XO, Comm. Com. Boston; Susan Haines, 'Tiger' Exec Dir.; CMD John O'Brien DoD KW60 Commem. Com. Pentagon participating at "Tiger" National Annual Ceremony ~ 28 April 2013 USCG Station Barnegat Light, NJ



MSgt. Bob Jackson, USAF Ret, U.S. Coast Guard Station Upper Mississippi River Laying Wreath in participation with the United States Coast Guard "Ring of Honor" Commemorating Around the United States to Honor 60th Anniversary of WWII Exercise Tiger and Korean War 60th Anniversary Anniversaries and in Memory of P.O. Nathan Bruckenthal and Boston Marathon Bombing Victims April 28, 2013

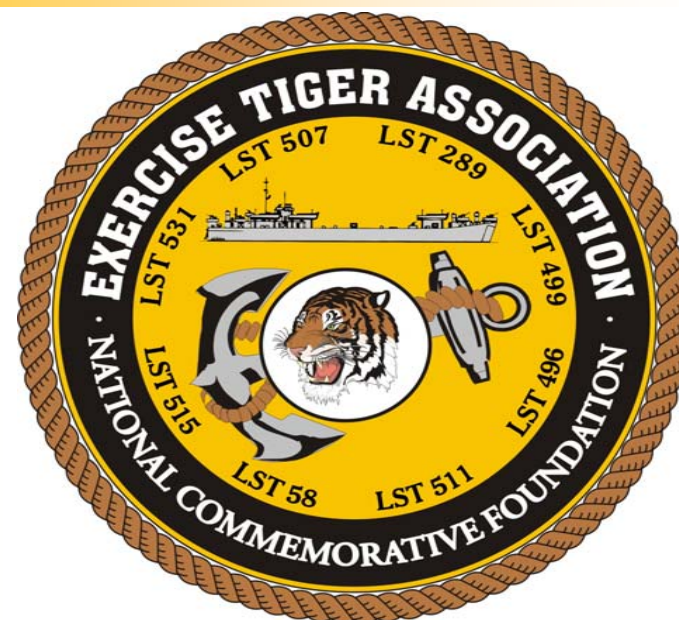


ADOPT A WARRIOR

AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET

August 30, 2013

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60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice



THE EXERCISE TIGER FOUNDATION'S "ADOPT A WARRIOR" RECOGNITION PROGRAM

OUR 15TH YEAR OF HONORING OUR NATIONS HEROES

The "Adopt A Warrior" 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 and 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 and businesses. In 2000, the program was expanded to honor ALL branches of military service. In 2013, an executive board decision was made to rename the program from "Adopt A Serviceman" to "Adopt A Warrior" in keeping with the role our military as asked to embrace. 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 U.S. Exercise Tiger Commemorative Foundation is proud to sponsor this 15th annual program.

We are a team. We share a common mission. We must build a common future. This concept captures the spirit of cooperation and brings individuals together from across the entire Armed Forces, whether active duty, Reserve, Guard, or civilian, joining efforts towards achieving a common objective. This spirit of cooperation, along with the courageous and selfless acts of our American military men and women and Military Working Dogs exemplifies the spirit of "Tiger".

We honor our elected officials, veterans, journalists, military units, community leaders, students and everyday citizens that support our military during times of peace and times of war.

To each of you here today, "**Thank you**" for your service to our country. As we honor these servicemen and women that are here, we also pause to remember those who are here with us in spirit.

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"HOPE"

"Hope" 'is our theme' for 2013, and is emblematic of those being honored tonight as they span the 'generations' from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Some here have faced death in combat, and others, the loved ones, have faced death in the loss of their sons and daughters. But no matter the war or conflict, the date or year, all gathered here tonight experienced 'hope' that the war would soon be over. Hope to be home soon. Hope that our loved ones would be coming home. Hope for peace.

The Exercise Tiger Foundation is named after a WWII Navy Task Force of 8 LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks) that one April night in 1944 faced the far superior warships of the German Navy. The hour plus long battle, made heroes of ordinary men who just were fighting to survive. Despite their losses, they carried on their mission, and 6 weeks later, lessons learned from "Tiger" saved thousands of lives on D-Day. Several of you honored here tonight have faced enemy fire in combat in Iraq, Afghanistan, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and other conflicts. The true test of heroes lie not in the combat or event itself but in the way a few men and women and even military K9 face and conquer their crises. All in this room have faced a crisis and won with hope in our hearts.

Tonight several will be presented the Medal of Combat Valor. This is the highest honor that we have ever bestowed. Some of the recipients are our "Adopted" honorees, others are being honored for their valor on the battle front. All nominated had to meet criteria and have been in a combat action with an enemy of the United States, "That Others May be Honored"

We've partnered with the Department of Defense to recognize and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. We are honored to have several Korean War veterans with us this evening, who will receive KW60 signed citations from the Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, presented by Capt. James Steinbaugh, US Navy SEAL TEAM ONE, (r) and the "Tiger" Medals of Combat Valor.

The Combat K-9 Award or Military Order of the Blue Tiger is in its third year as an award for the military working dog and handler. For the 3rd time in history, a K-9 from the USAF will be honored.

Tonight's Keynote Speaker

Captain James Steinbaugh, USN (retired)

After high school graduation in Phoenix, AZ he enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and reported to boot camp (Naval Training Center, San Diego). Then Seaman Apprentice Steinbaugh reported to UDTRA Naval Amphibious School, NAB Coronado in April 1967 and formed up with class 41. He graduated July 1967 and reported for duty with Underwater Demolition Team TWELVE and served with UDT-12 for two tours in Vietnam. Rising to the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer, he qualified as a diving supervisor, cartographer and demolitions handling supervisor. He received a Navy Commendation Medal (w/ combat V) for his work on an extensive demolition operation near the Laotian border. Petty Officer Steinbaugh was discharged at end of his enlistment and enrolled in college eventually earning a BA and MA from San Diego State University.

In January 1977 he reported to Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island. While receiving training there he was appointed Company Commander, Papa Company which under his leadership received Color Company honors.

Upon receiving his commission, Ensign Steinbaugh was first assigned to UDT-12 with subsequent tours of duty with SEAL Team ONE, Special Boat Unit ELEVEN (as Ops Off) and Special Boat Unit TWENTY TWO (as Commanding Officer). He had staff assignments at Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE, Naval Special Warfare Group ONE, U.S. Special Operations Command and the Secretary of Defense's staff.

Capt. Steinbaugh retired from active service in September 2003 after serving as the Director of the Navy Hotline under the Inspector General of the Navy, Washington, DC. He has taught the NJROTC program with positions in NJ and Delaware for the last ten years. As a Naval Science Instructor he has coached nationally ranked Cadet air rifle teams and mentored numerous Cadets pursuing ROTC scholarships and service academy nominations.

Captain Steinbaugh currently is the president of First Line Leaders, a leadership consulting and training firm focused on the improvement of first level leaders within the service and retail industries and the development of the next generation of the nation's leaders.

The Captain's significant personal awards include; Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Defense Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Commendation Medal (4 awards, 1 with combat "V"), Good Conduct Medal and Navy Combat Action Ribbon.

Capt. Steinbaugh is married to the former Kathleen Wetton, Temple City, CA. They have two children; Jennifer, a health counselor and Jason, a musician and publishing executive. They have one grandchild, Atticus who is their greatest joy.



The U.S. Exercise Tiger Association is Proud to Recognize this Year's Program Sponsors

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EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Sergeant Charles Griffey Trophy for Army Achievement

Named in honor of SGT Charles Griffey, Independence, MO. While serving in WWII, SGT Griffey was assigned to the 478th US Army combat Truck CO, 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 Rhineland Campaign and Croix De Guerre with palm medals.

Award is presented to Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserves enlisted, NCOs and officers.

Master Sergeant Lee A. Messina Trophy for Outstanding Enlisted Achievement

Named for retired MSGT Lee A. Messina, a 20-year veteran of the USAF. 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. As an Aerospace Science Instructor with the 931st NJ Air Force JROTC, his drill team was named national champions 3 out of 6 years.

Award is presented to outstanding airmen and enlisted personnel, senior NCO's and units.

Award is presented to outstanding units, enlisted personnel and officers.



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Sergeant Charles Griffey Trophy for Army Achievement

Captain Paul Caldwell serves as the Commander for the 206th Area Support Medical Company and full time as the Administrative Officer for the 229th Multifunctional Medical Battalion in the Missouri Army National Guard. During this past year Captain Caldwell was chosen to additionally serve as the Administrative Officer for the 835th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion while multiple units were forward deployed in Egypt and Qatar. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his meritorious service during this time of increased operational tempo. In 2003, Captain Caldwell deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as the Evacuation Officer overseeing 1600 medical evacuations. He will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation's Medal of Combat Valor.

Petty Officer Walter Domanski, Sr. Memorial Trophy

The Naval Petty Officer Achievement Award

Operations Specialists 1st Class Petty Officer Robert Patterson is an outstanding and highly professional leader assigned to the United States Navy Coastal Riverine Squadron ELEVEN, Company A, 2nd Platoon at Whiteman AFB. He was deployed from 2006 until 2007 in Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and on active duty most of 2012 CONUS in support of Operation New Dawn. His performance is underscored by dedication, improvements and accomplishments of junior sailors. He is responsible for the supervision, planning, and development of training sailors. He supervised man-hours during the "short fused" move to accommodate the cohabitation of operational facilities at Whiteman AFB. He is the Command Career Counselor managing personnel data along with managing the NMCI secure/unsecure network. OS1 Patterson's skilled leadership and genuine concern for junior personnel make obvious his extensive capacity to serve as a Chief Petty Officer. He will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation's Medal of Combat Valor.

Master Sergeant Lee A. Messina Trophy for Outstanding Enlisted Achievement

Staff Sergeant Stephanie Mundwiller is assigned to the Maintenance Operations Flight, 131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard, as a maintenance analyst. She provides special duties as Unit Deployment Manager, is a CPR Instructor and manages personal readiness for members of the Maintenance Operations Flight. As a CPR instructor for the Maintenance Group, she teaches crucial lifesaving measures to Maintenance personnel and 131st BW members. Her position requires her to stay current with American Heart Association CPR research and regulations. In 2011, Sergeant Mundwiller graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a minor in biological sciences. She attended Airman Leadership School in residence at Whiteman AFB and received the Academic Achievement and Distinguished Graduate awards.

Class of 2013 Honorees

Col. Roger G. “Top Gun” Disrud Distinguished Service Award

Major Tim Rezac is a B-2 pilot, assigned to the 110th Bomb Squadron, Missouri Air National Guard at the 131st Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base. His leadership was critical over the past several years to the planning and success of the wing passing their first initial nuclear surety inspection. This marks the first time in the history of the Guard that a bomb wing has been certified in the delivery of nuclear weapons. Maj Rezac’s monumental efforts brought to conclusion the wing’s six-year effort to complete the transition from the F-15 Eagle to a fully operationally capable B-2 unit. During his career, he has accumulated 1,000 hours in the B-2 to become one of a small select and elite group of premier instructors and evaluators. He has over 190 combat flight hours in Afghanistan in support of ground operations. For that, he was awarded the Aerial Achievement Medal. He will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation’s Medal of Combat Valor.

Col. Michael J. O’Toole Award For Distinguished Service Award

TSgt. Pierre O. Cress is a production manager for A-10C Avionics and Electronics in flight line maintenance assigned to the 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base. While deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, he facilitated the generation of 489 combat missions and 9,280 flying hours in support of MQ-1B combat operations. His expertise was critical when he launched an MQ-1B aircraft as part of a United States led drug interdiction operation, resulting in the arrest of six terrorists and the seizure of 3.6 million dollars worth of hashish. He also directed the restoration of radar warning system integrity for twenty-one A-10C aircraft in preparation for an upcoming combat deployment involving the first A-10C Total Force Integration unit. Finally, he recently answered the call for help when he volunteered sixteen hours to remove debris and restore living quarters following a natural disaster. Sergeant Cress reflects the epitome of dedication and service, both on and off duty. He will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation’s Medal of Combat Valor.

Col. Michael J. O’Toole Award For Distinguished Service Award

Petty Officer Kyrie Slade is a Columbia College student and a member of the MIZ-ZOU Navy ROTC Unit. 2008 through 2010 she was stationed with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One and deployed 5 times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn with the United States Navy. Her job was Electronic Warfare Operator responsible for detecting, identifying and analyzing electronic emissions. 2010 through 2013 she was stationed with Fleet Logistics support squadron five-one and deployed 3 times to the Middle East in direct support of Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. Her job was Instructor Load Master responsible for aircraft weight and balance, cargo loading, passenger movement, check rides, and introduction rides for the new load masters. She became a crew chief trainee, responsible for aircraft maintenance, fueling and safety. Due to her outstanding performance and leadership she demonstrated during her enlisted time, she applied for and was selected to become an Officer Candidate. In 2 years she’ll be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. She will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation’s Medal of Combat Valor.

EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Col. Roger G. “Top Gun” Disrud Distinguished Service

Named in honor and recognition of Col. Roger G. Disrud, United States Air Force Reserve, who has been an outstanding role model for all military pilots. Col. Disrud won the distinct honor of “Top Gun” in the Air Forces’ Gunsmoke ‘91 Worldwide Fighter Competition at Nellis Air Force Base, NV. He accomplished this by outscoring 55 other pilots who were flying A-10, F-16, F-15, F-111 and A-7 aircraft in this biennial fighter aircraft competition. He made Gunsmoke history by being the first pilot ever to fly two out of three perfect profile missions in this prestigious competition. He was responsible for manning, training and combat readiness as the Wing Commander of the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO. He was a command pilot with more than 6,250 flying hours in the F-100, A-37 and A-10, with 2,950 hours in the A-10 alone. After retiring from the USAFR, Col. Disrud continued to instill successful flying skills through his mentoring of challenged youth in the Wright Flight program.

This Award is given to USAF, USAFR Units and personnel

Col. Michael J. O’Toole Award For Distinguished Service

Named in honor of the former Wing Commander of the 190th Air Refueling Wing based at Forbes Field Topeka Kansas. His 30 plus year career spanned numerous assignments and leadership positions within the USAF/USAFR structure. Under his direction the 190th conducted refueling missions in support of the Global Strike Command Force of B-2 bombers. His unit kept them flying. Among his many accomplishments was his rise to Chief of Operations, and Vice Wing Commander. He has some 15 Major Awards and Decorations which include Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was the 2nd Vice President of the board of Directors, National Guard Association of KS and a recipient of the KS National Guard Association Distinguished Service Award.

Award is presented in recognition of Distinguished Service by USAF, USAFR, Air Guard, Army Aviation and Naval Aviation Units and/or personnel.

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. 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. On June 11, 1944 (D-Day plus 5), LST 496 struck a mine only hundreds of yards off the Normandy coast. “Guns” was critical with a broken back and lacerations and made AP news as one of the first 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.

Award is presented to Petty Officers and CPOs.

~Exercise Tiger Awards ~

Medal of Combat Valor Award

This is the second year for this award given for

- 1) Notable act of bravery or valor under direct combat condition
- 2) Commendable performance of duty while under enemy fire or in combat conditions
- 3) Notable performance by an enlisted member, NCO, or officer while providing support to the "unit" under fire or in combat conditions
- 4) Exceptional or commendable performance by a Medic, Corpsman, RN, or doctor while under enemy fire or in combat conditions, or in support of friendly or NATO forces engaged in combat

Unit Award – For Combat Valor by any unit, platoon, squad, etc. that had commendable performance while engaged in combat actions or in direct support of a unit engaged in 'combat' with the enemy

The Military Order of The Blue Tiger

This award is being given to Military Working Dog "Mina" USAF. This is the nations 3rd such award to be given out. The new program "CATS for CANINES" is introducing this award hoping that in the future it will be a DOD Award for ALL combat K-9's and MWD's. Designated for the four legged warriors who are our "ultimate service dogs".

Korean War 60th Anniversary Citations

2013 marks the 60th year since the signing of the Korean War Armistice.

We join the Department of Defense in recognizing Korean War veterans across the nation. And are proud to host a KW60 recognition ceremony in conjunction with our annual Adopt A Warrior (new name for 2013) honors recognition ceremony.

Exercise Tiger Distinguished Service Award

Presented to Officer Anthony Ash. Officer Tony Ash has been a Columbia Police Officer for 8 years. His current full-time assignment is a School Resource Officer at Columbia's alternative school for children unable to succeed in a traditional classroom. He does a remarkable job working with the kids who are the most challenging. He is an active member of the Forensic Evidence Team, the CPD Honor Guard and the Crisis Intervention Team. Officer Ash has been a member of the Missouri Army National Guard for the past 8 1/2 years. He holds the rank of SSG (E-6) and is currently assigned to the 140th RTI where he serves as a MP instructor. Officer Ash was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010, NCOIC where his responsibilities were conducting detainee operations at the detention facility.

Class of 2013 Honorees

MSGT Lee A. Messina Outstanding Enlisted Achievement

SSgt Amanda L. Cabbage is assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, 509th Bomb Wing Whiteman Air Force Base where she assumes duties as an Explosive Detector Dog handler and is assigned to Military Working Dog "Mina" P308.. Upon graduation of Basic Military Training she entered the Security Forces Academy at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she attended the Law Enforcement Specialist Course. After graduation she was assigned to the 39th Security Forces Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, where she worked as a Security Forces Member and Armoror. SSgt Cabbage was assigned to the 633rd Security Forces Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, from March 2010 to May 2011, where she worked as a Response Force Member. In January 2011 SSgt Cabbage was accepted to attend the Military Working Dog Handlers Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Military Order of The Blue Tiger

Military Working Dog Mina P308 is a Tan Belgian Malinois Dog. She was accepted into the Air Force in January of 2010 and entered the Explosive Detection Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Mina was certified and graduated the Explosive Detection Course in September of 2010. Mina was assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. While at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mina underwent extensive patrol training and was certified as a Patrol Explosive Detector Dog in February 2012. Mina is a cleared signals training dog and her reward for finding explosives is a kong.

Col. Michael J. O'Toole USAF Award For Distinguished Service

Technical Sergeant Candace T. Miller is the Unit Deployment Manager for the 509th Maintenance Squadron, 509th Maintenance Group, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri. She manages all squadron personnel and equipment deployment capabilities and movements for maintenance operations in support of B-2 bombers conducting both nuclear and conventional contingency missions. In 2004-05, she deployed to Al Udeid AB, Qatar, where she served as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight Servicing, and oversaw daily dispatch of over 1,200 pieces of maintenance support equipment for 8 airframes (C- 5, C-17, C-130, E-8, F-15, F-16, KC-135, RC-135). She received an Air Force Achievement Medal for meritorious service in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and HORN of AFRICA. She will be awarded the Exercise Tiger Foundation's Medal of Combat Valor.

- 2013 REMARKS ON BEHALF OF U.S. NAVY-

GREETINGS TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES OF THE 2013 NATIONAL ADOPT A WARRIOR RECOGNITION AND AWARDS BANQUET

On behalf of the Department of the Navy and a grateful Nation, I join you in honoring the Servicemen you have chosen for this year's "Adopt a Warrior" recognition.

The Normandy invasion was one of the largest military undertakings in world history and marked the turning point in World War II. The invasion would not have been such a crucial success had it not been for the numerous rehearsal exercises leading up to the assault. The 749 Americans who lost their lives in the early hours of April 28, 1944, when the Exercise Tiger amphibious assault forces were unexpectedly attacked by the nine German E-boats, are a reminder of freedom's inestimable cost. While the loss of life was tragic, the lessons learned from Exercise Tiger ensured the success of the Normandy invasion.

I commend each of you gathered at this very important ceremony in the cause of keeping this important event fresh in the minds of our countrymen while you honor the "Adopt a Warrior" awardees. Know that your service and sacrifice continue to leave an indelible mark, just like those who served during Exercise Tiger. Our collective efforts to recognize these sacrifices so many years apart will ensure future generations do not take our liberties for granted. Allow me to join you in honoring the awardees of the "Adopt a Warrior" program, as well as honoring all members of the Exercise Tiger Association.

God Bless America and God Bless the Exercise Tiger Association.


Michael A. Vizcarra
Captain, U.S. Navy

Class of 2013 Honorees

Master Sergeant Lee A. Messina Trophy for Outstanding Enlisted Achievement

Senior Master Sergeant Cesar P. Ortiz is assigned to the 442d Force Support Squadron as squadron superintendant at Whiteman Air Force Base. Sergeant Ortiz deployed in support of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He led the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations night operations team. He oversaw actions accounting for 5,400 personnel at Bagram and 57 forward operating bases. Sergeant Ortiz processed 89 casualty reports, including a time-sensitive "Killed in Action" message. Because of his leadership, professionalism and attention to detail, his section was recognized as "best in the area of operations" by the Air Force Personnel Center's Deployment Cell. He also received accolades for his coordination efforts with Group Control Centers during 10 indirect fire attacks where he promptly ensured 100% accountability. During his off-duty time, Sergeant Ortiz volunteered over 50 hours managing the 455th Expeditionary Medical Groups hospital Chapel Mart. His unselfish actions were a morale boost for deployed members and a testament to his "service before self" approach to serving his country. He will receive the Exercise Tiger Foundation's Medal of Combat Valor.

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The United States Exercise Tiger Foundation

~ 2013 National “Adopt A Warrior” Awards Banquet Sequence ~

**Arrival of “Adopted Warriors”, Military Officers,
Elected Officials and Guests at Columbia Country Club
Music provided by Mary Beth Ming & Colleen Ostercamp**

~ Opening ~

**~Master Of Ceremonies For Military Honors~
UMC ROTC Cadet**

**Introduction of VIP’s and Honored Guests
University of Missouri AFROTC/NROTC
Saber Arch Entry**

**~Posting of Colors~
University of Missouri ROTC**

**~Missing Man’s Table~
University of Missouri ROTC**

**~The Lord’s Prayer~
Mary Beth Ming & Colleen Ostercamp**

**~Invocation~
Reverend John Kerr**

**~ Dinner ~
Music by Mary Beth Ming & Colleen Ostercamp**

**~Master Of Ceremonies~
Susan Haines, National Exec. Director, Exercise Tiger Foundation
Assisted by John McClane, Volunteer Coordinator**

**~ Welcome ~
City of Columbia
Michael Trapp, 2nd Ward Councilman**

**~Recognition by Columbia Police Department~
Captain Jill Schlude**

**~Recognition By Missouri Governor Jay Nixon~
Colonel Michael Francis
~Missouri Air National Guard~**

**~Key Note Speaker~
Captain James Steinbaugh, US Navy SEAL TEAM ONE (r)**

**~Presentation Of Awards~
Korean War KW60 Citations
The Medals of Combat Valor**

**Recognition by US Senator Roy Blunt,
Ray Bozarth**

**Presentation of “Tiger“ Fall Awards~
Columbia Police Explorer
Toth Scholarship Award
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Distinguished Service Award
Distinguished Unit Awards
Legislator of the Year Award**

**Adopted Servicemen and Women Trophies
Recognition by State Representative Billy Long
Pat Rowe Kerr, Deputy Coordinator of Volunteer Services**

**~Benediction~
Reverend John Kerr**

**~Closing Song~
Star Spangled Banner
Everyone Join in Singing**

**~ Retiring Of The Colors~
University Of Missouri Color Guard**