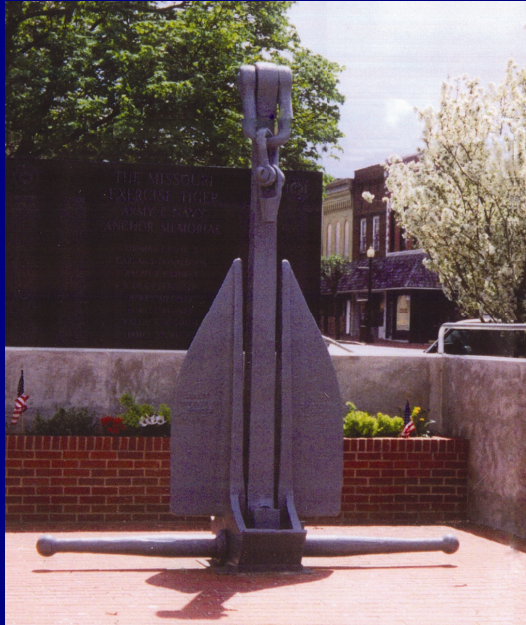


Walking the beautiful town square of downtown Mexico, Missouri, visitors are surprised to come upon a ship's anchor permanently mounted on display at the northwest corner of the grounds of the Audrain County Courthouse. This anchor is the foundation of the Exercise Tiger Army & Navy Anchor Memorial and serves as a reminder of the sacrifices that more than 200 Missourians and their families, 8 from Audrain County, made during World War II as American soldiers and sailors prepared to help liberate France from the Germans.



Exercise Tiger
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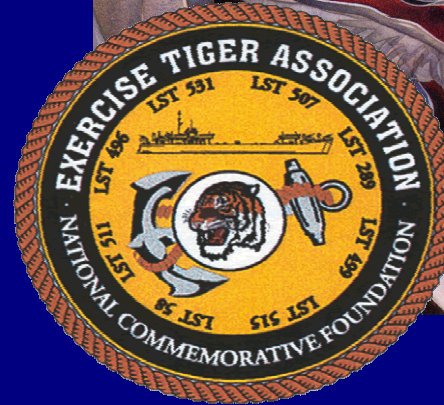


LST 289 after the battle of
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THE EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION'S

ADOPTED SERVICEMEN & WOMEN 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 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 exemplifies the spirit of "Tiger".

It is in the spirit of "Tiger" that we have come here this evening, 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 and to place God and country above all else. The events of this weekend are only one small way that we, as citizens, can let these vigilant guards of our God-given right to freedom know that we recognize all of the sacrifices that they, as well as their families, make for us each and every day. It was extremely difficult to select just a few of them honored here today. If possible, we would honor all of the members of our armed forces in this manner.

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. We also honor their support of 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 today, **"Thank you"** for your service to our country. As we honor these servicemen and women that are here with us today, we also remember those who are here with us in spirit; those who have served, or continue to serve, in both world wars, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq and other places in this world where freedom and basic human rights are in jeopardy.

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THE BATTLE OF EXERCISE TIGER

Col. Jack Jackson, (r) USMC

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 USS AUGUSTA and the new British "O" class destroyers HMS ONSLOW and HMS OBE-DIENT, 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 quickly and decisively without warning. 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 were missing or killed. 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 on the 28th. 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.



Jack Jackson was born in Sullivan, Indiana and grew up on a small farm near Crown Point. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree at Purdue University. Jack later went on to earn a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management at Pepperdine University.

After graduating from Purdue University, Jack worked for a brief period at General Motors. However, Jack felt the call of his country and joined the United States Marine Corps, where he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. Jack then went off to flight training to become a Marine Aviator.

Jack's tenacity and courage were quickly demonstrated as a combat aviator in Vietnam. Arriving in November 1968, Jack flew over 600 combat missions. A highly decorated veteran, Jack is the recipient of four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 33 Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal (with combat V), a host of campaign medals and, most recently, the Legion of Merit for Service to His Country.

Returning from Vietnam, Jack attended the United States Naval Test Pilot School, testing aircraft for the United States military. Subsequently, he was the aide-de-camp for a Two Star General. He left active duty as a Marine Captain in 1977. Jack remained active in the service of his country by staying in the Marine Corps Reserves and achieved the rank of Colonel. He was called back to active duty for Desert Shield where he served as a Harrier Instructor Pilot.

Jack continued to play an important role in the defense of his country as a key person in the Boeing Company (previously McDonnell Douglas). Jack became a test pilot at Boeing Company in January 1978. He tested virtually every type of U.S. fighter aircraft as well as two Russian fighters, accumulating over 10,000 flight hours. He is also the nation's most experienced VSTOL pilot. In January 2004, he retired from his position as Chief Pilot-Production Test with Boeing Company where he was responsible for all production activities.

Jack is actively involved in his church where he is a deacon. He is a member of Character Plus. He was the parliamentarian for the Second Congressional District Caucus in 1996 and 2008. He is also a member of the following organizations: V.F.W.; American Legion; Chamber of Commerce; National Aeronautical Association; Farm Bureau; Association of Naval Aviation; Marine Corps League; Gideons; Naval League; Lions and Rotary Clubs; Vietnam Veterans; Missouri Pilots Association; National Association of Parliamentarians, and the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. Jack was also on the Boeing Management Club Board of Directors.

Jack was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002. He served as president of the largest Freshman class in the history of the state of Missouri. He was Chairman of the Veterans Committee, Chairman of the Joint Committee On Terrorism, Bioterrorism, and Homeland Security; and he was a member of the Appropriations—Public Safety and Corrections and Ways and Means Committees.

Jack has been married for 41 years to the former Arleen Henderlong. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Jack is the recipient of the National Aeronautic Association's "Elder Statesman of Aviation for 2004" Award. He received the Aviation Week and Space Technology 1999 Laurels Award. He also received the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the Missouri Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in June 2003, 2005 and 2006, and the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the American Legion in 2004. He received the 2006 Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award. He received the National Aide-de-Camp award from the National Commander of the National VFW.

EXERCISE TIGER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Captain Gregory G. Faughner Trophy for Excellence

Named in honor of CPT Gregory G. Faughner, USAF (r). 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. 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. Faughner served as a Senior Aerospace Science Instructor in the Air Force JROTC program.

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

Sergeant Rudy Baginski 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, he made a deal with the Navy to be assigned to the famed 2nd Division as a Navy Combat Corpsman beginning a journey that took 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 during which his unit was virtually destroyed before help could arrive. Wounded, Rudy continued firing with his 75mm gun. For his actions, he received the DSM and Bronze Star. In all, Rudy received more than 22 medals and ribbons.

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. 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 yard 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.

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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 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.

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 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. 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

Major William D. Hobbs Trophy for Outstanding Public Affairs

Named in honor of Missouri's own Bill Hobbs, Major, USAF (ret). During a 39 year career of active, reserve, and national guard service, Hobbs made stops in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Hawaii, Panama, and Honduras, as well as several stateside bases. He served in various Public Affairs assignments both as an enlisted man and as an officer. One of his most unusual assignments was as manager of the only television station in Saudi Arabia at the time. During the French-Algerian War, as a civilian photo-journalist, his party was ambushed by Arab guerrillas. His two companions were killed and Hobbs, shot twice, survived by playing dead. He continues to write free lance articles for such publications as Army Aviation, Air Force Times, National Guard, and Family. Hobbs is a member of the Exercise Tiger Association and has served as MC for several of the association's past programs.

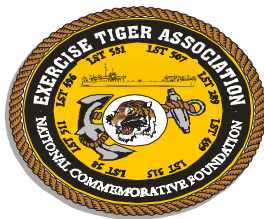
Award is presented in recognition of outstanding public relations to military officers or units or to civilians.

Chief Officer Ronald McCready Trophy The Coast Guard Achievement Award

Named in honor and recognition of Chief Officer Ronald McCready, US Coast Guard, who has been demonstrative for more than ten years coordinating the Exercise Tiger Association's Wreath Laying at Sea Ceremonies. Chief McCready has demonstrated great determination, leadership, and dedication to continually respect and recognize those who have served this great country on the seas from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. He personally escorted WWII Exercise Tiger Veterans and members of the Exercise Tiger Association out on to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for laying of the memorial wreaths honoring those who have served, those who are currently serving, and those who have gone before us.

Award is presented to US Coast Guard enlisted personnel, NCOs, and officers

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, LST289. 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. 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 mid-west; 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, part of Sub Group 10 based in Kings Bay, Georgia, held the first ceremony by a US sub while underway. The 1998 tribute was hosted by the Navy ROTC and held at Crowder Hall on the University of Missouri campus and the USS Maine, 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 and a stretch

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of US Highway 54 between I-70 and Mexico, Missouri was dedicated "The WWII Battle of Exercise Tiger Expressway". Construction was completed on the Missouri Exercise Tiger Army & Navy Anchor Memorial and dedication ceremonies were held in 2000 in Mexico, Missouri, at the Audrain County Courthouse. The memorial was the site of the national commemoration of both the 60th and 65th anniversary of the Battle of Exercise Tiger on April 28, 2004 & 2009.

Each year, the Barnegat Light, NJ Coast Guard Station, has laid a wreath in the Atlantic Ocean to commemorate the Battle of Exercise Tiger. In 2006, through coordination between Barnegat Light and Bodega Bay Coast Guard Station, CA, memorial wreaths were laid simultaneously in the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. For the 65th Anniversary wreaths were laid in the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coast. The Exercise Tiger Assn. 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, by members of the Congress and Senate, and, in 1998, by the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It continues to promote and educate Americans about the historic battle of Exercise Tiger, advocates and conducts annual ceremonies in honor of the men and the memory of Exercise Tiger, and 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 # 22-3273160.



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Former President Ronald Reagan sums it up quite eloquently when he said. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

2010 marks the twenty first anniversary for the Exercise Tiger Association, and as the next generation, we want to express our sincere gratitude to all who have supported us. We especially remember John Andrew Toth, who encouraged us to design the Toth Scholarship in memory of his family, especially his five brothers who served during and after WWII. These were hard working pioneer men who were first generation Americans, believed in their freedom, and helped to fashion our lives and the world in which we live.

And General Douglas MacArthur reminds us, "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."

- 2010 ADOPTED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN -

CAPTAIN DANIEL KNERL

Captain Knerl is assigned to the 13TH BOMB SQUADRON stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base. He is a chief of Nuclear Operation and a B-2 Bomber Aircraft Commander in the 13th Bomb Squadron. While deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, he helped to provide combat presence world wide, providing outstanding leadership in the skies with the B-2 bomber.

MASTER SERGEANT GARY CHAMBERS

MSGT. CHAMBERS is a First Sergeant of the Year 2010 for the state of Missouri, with the 139th Air Wing, Missouri Air National Guard. He was deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, where he managed personnel comprised of four separate Air National Guard units. He is the epitome of a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer with the goals and successful accomplishment of the unit's mission.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT THOMAS HAGER

TSgt. HAGER is an A-10 Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technician for the 442nd Fighter Wing Specialist Aircraft Maintenance Flight. While under threat of hostile fire, he showed extraordinary heroism and courage utilizing superior technical skill to coordinate critical repairs to A-10 fleet while deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq. He assisted in completing A-10 aircraft phase inspections in record time, thereby quickly returning aircraft to battle capable status for immediate use. TSgt. Hager's efforts have saved the 442nd Fighter Wing more than \$2.4 million over the past 13 years.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT SPENCER OBERG

TSgt. OBERG is an Interface Control Technician of the Combat Operations Division of the 157th Air Operations Group, Missouri Air National Guard. He supervised the entire data link team at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, ultimately ensuring effective data link management and continuous coverage for over 1 million square miles of operational coverage. His capabilities increased the efficiency and utilization of geospatial communications systems capabilities for the United States military. TSgt Oberg is a former MU graduate.

STAFF SERGEANT TARAE DAY

SSGT. DAY is an Outbound Freight Supervisor for the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base. While deployed to Bagram Air Base he was most effective with the Air Mobility Command, Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron with arms, ammunition and explosives safe guarding \$4 million highly sensitive assets and cargo. SSgt. Day is a Hazmat expert and takes great pride in his capabilities to train his subordinates.

STAFF SERGEANT SARIETHIA LEMOS

SSgt. Lemos is a Training Specialist for the Mission Support Flight Ancillary training program with the 442nd Fighter Wing, at Whiteman Air Force Base. SSgt. Lemos monitors the 442nd Mission Support Flight's ancillary training program requirements and updates ArcNet to reflect unit's compliance with mobility training, ensuring mission readiness. Her never ending drive for knowledge and training is a testament to her dedication to the Air Force Core Value of 'excellence in all we do'.

SERGEANT STEPHEN M. WAITE –

Sgt. Waite is enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He completed combat deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently enrolled in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Financial Planning at the University of Missouri. As Midshipmen Battalion Logistics Officer, Sgt. Waite manages the finances for the battalion and is responsible for event planning. He also trains and mentors midshipmen in basic martial arts techniques and warrior procedures.

OFFICER CANDIDATE CHARLES HIETT –

Officer Candidate Hiett is attached to the United States Navy. He is currently enrolled in the Seaman to Admiral Century 21 program at the University of Missouri and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. While serving as Work-Center Supervisor onboard both the USS MUSTIN and USS VANDEGRIFT, OC Hiett was the resident expert on all electronic warfare systems, while being directly responsible for the planning and scheduling of maintenance for equipment. He uses his warfare expertise during Naval ROTC training which directly contributes to the operational readiness of newly commissioned ensigns entering the fleet.



The Exercise Tiger Association's
~ 2010 Adopted Servicemen and Women Awards Banquet Sequence ~

~Music~
Boonslick Chordbusters

~Opening~
Introduction of VIP's and Honored Guests
ROTC Saber Arch Ritual Entry
University of Missouri US Army ROTC
University of Missouri US Navy ROTC
University of Missouri US Air Force ROTC

~Posting of Colors~
University of Missouri ROTC
US Army, Navy, Air Force & Marines

~Welcome~
Mr. Bob McDavid, Mayor
City of Columbia

~The Lord's Prayer~
Boonslick Chordbusters

~Missing Man's Table~
University of Missouri ROTC
US Army, Navy, Air Force & Marines

~Invocation~
Reverend John Kerr
Jefferson City, MO

~Dinner~

~Music~
This Is Our Country
Boonslick Chordbusters

~Ceremony Facilitators ~
Susan C. Haines, National Associate Director
MSgt. Don Daly, USAFR(r) Missouri State Director

~Recognition by Columbia Police Department~
Officer Steve Wilmoth

~Recognition by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon Representative
Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director, Missouri Veterans Commission

~Recognition by US Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer Representative~
Lori Boyken

~Recognition by Lt.Gen. Charles Stenner, Chief of Air Force Reserve~
Col. Alan C. Teauseau, Commander USAFR 442 MSG/CC

~Recognition of Secretary of the U.S. Navy~
Captain Michael Vizcarra (USN)

~Presentation of Tiger Awards~
Adopted Servicemen and Women Trophies
Columbia Police Cadet
Toth Scholarship Award
Outstanding Educators' Awards ~ Wright Flight
Missouri Director's Award
Sponsorship Award
Spirit of Tiger Unit Awards
Legislator of the Year Award
Governor of the Year Award

~Key Note Speaker~

**Col. Jack Jackson, United States Marine Corps (r),
Vietnam Veteran and former Missouri State Representative**

~Benediction~
Reverend John Kerr

~Closing Song~
America the Beautiful
Everyone Join Singing with the Boonslick Chordbusters

