



40th Anniversary Re-dedication Memorial Shadow Box Dedication. At the Eagle Chapter co-sponsored event, Maisey family members, Reginald V. Maisey III (left) with his son, Blake (Captain Maisey's grandson), and Captain Maisey's brother, Terry Maisey observe the unveiling of the shadow box at a luncheon held in their honor at the then Bolling Air Force Base Washington DC. The chapter later sponsored a dinner in the family's honor after the family visited Captain Maisey's grave at Arlington National Cemetery.

Captain RV Maisey's Internment at Arlington National Cemetery. Each Memorial Day, Eagle Chapter places a Defensor Fortis flag alongside the American flag. The chapter again visits his grave during Christmas to lay a wreath if his grave is not covered by Wreaths Across America. For more information contact - chairman@afspaeagle.com or visit our website - <http://www.afspaeagle.com>



Captain Reginald V. Maisey, JR

Air Force District of Washington - Air Force Security Forces Association Wreath Laying Commemorating the 50th Observance of Captain Maisey's Death
January 31, 1968
at the

Captain RV Maisey Building
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling
Washington, DC - February 1, 2018



The biggest test of Air Force ground combat effectiveness came at 0300 on 31 January 1968. This day, the Vietnamese lunar holiday known as Tet, was to be the most important holiday in the country.

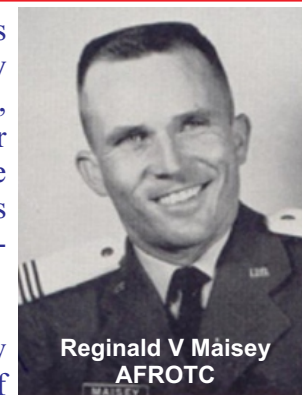
Instead, on this day, the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong forces launched an offensive. A hundred cities and more than 20 Air Bases were attacked simultaneously by 84,000 enemy troops in violation of a 36-hour truce for celebration of the Vietnamese New Year. Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, was a prime target.

To capture Saigon, enemy forces had to neutralize the two great Air Bases--Bien Hoa (pronounced Ben Wha) and Tan Son Nhut--near the city. Two infantry battalions and a reinforced infantry company were assigned the task of penetrating Bien Hoa's defenses and destroying US and VNAF aircraft and facilities. Their carefully planned surprise attack was to follow a heavy barrage of rocket and mortar fire. But surprise was not to be. Gen. William Momyer, commander of Seventh Air Force, doubted that North Vietnam would honor the truce. All his units were on alert, with outposts reinforced, when the attack on Bien Hoa came.



Bunker Hill 10 - Bien Hoa Air Base

At Bien Hoa, Captain Reginald Maisey was the Operations Officer of the 3rd Security Police Squadron. As the attack unfolded, Captain Maisey was five miles from Bunker 10, the cornerstone of the base defenses. He raced directly to the bunker and rallied his forces to maintain the position, facing near-continuous assaults from three directions.



Captain Maisey repeatedly left the safety of the bunker to command the positions of

his forces, coordinate air support, and maintain radio communications with the base command center. An hour and a half after the start of the attack, Captain Maisey's life was taken by a rocket propelled grenade.

Although several aircraft were destroyed or damaged by rockets, enemy infantry and sappers never penetrated the base beyond Bunker Hill 10. The Tet offensive was soundly defeated at Bien Hoa and throughout South Vietnam. Of the 84,000 enemy troops thrown into that failed gamble, some 45,000 are believed to have been killed and another 24,000 wounded.*

As a result of his gallant actions while under fire, Captain Maisey was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross, the second highest military award for valor.



Bien Hoa AB: TET 0300, 31 Jan 1968. Incoming Rockets.

* Source: Vietnam Security Police Association - <http://www.vspa.com/bh-battle-bunker-hill-10-1968.html>



Summary of Keynote Speaker's Biography

Col. Kevin M. Eastland is dual-hatted as the Vice Commander of the Air Force District of Washington and the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. AFDW is the Air Force component to the Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region and is responsible for organizing, training and equipping combat forces for aerospace expeditionary forces, homeland operations, civil support, national special security events and ceremonial events. AFDW also provides major-command-level support for 60,000 military and civilian personnel assigned worldwide.

Colonel Eastland received his commission as a graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp program in 1994. He has served in a variety of staff positions at the squadron, group, wing, and Numbered Air Force level. He commanded the 15th Operations Support Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and served as the Director, Congressional and Interagency Affairs, U.S. Transportation Command, Washington D.C. office. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Vice Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia.

Colonel Eastland is a Command Pilot with more than 3,100 flying hours in various aircraft including the C-17A, C-14B, and KC-10.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994 – August 1998, A-10/F-111 Systems Engineer and Executive Officer, Aircraft Management Directorate, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan AFB.
2. September – March 1999, Chief, Group Inspection Plans, 463d Airlift Group, Little Rock.
3. March 1999 – April 2000, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
4. September 2000 – February 2001, C-141 Pilot, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB.
5. March 2001 – April 2002, C-17A Pilot and Executive Officer, 7th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
6. May 2002 – May 2003, Wing Scheduler/Assistant Flight Commander, 10th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
7. June 2003 – April 2004, Instructor Pilot/Flight Commander, 10th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, NJ.
8. May 2004 – May 2005, Assistant Director of Operations, 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire AFB, NJ.
9. June 2005 – April 2006, Chief, Wing Tactics, 305th Operations Support Squadron, McGuire AFB, Wash.
10. May 2006 – May 2007, Wing Executive Officer, 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB,
11. Jun 2007 – June 2008, Student, Advanced Studies of Air Mobility, Ft Dix, N.J.
12. Jun 2008 – July 2009, Director, 13th Air Force Commander's Action Group, Hickam
13. August 2009 – October 2009, Chief, Operational Assessment Team, Strategy Division, 613th Air Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
14. November 2009 – July 2010, Director of Operations, 535th Airlift Squadron, Hickam
15. August 2010 – May 2011, Chief of Wing Safety, 15th Wing, Hickam AFB
16. June 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 15th Operations Support Squadron, JBPHH,
17. July 2013 – June 2014, Student, National War College, Washington, D.C.
18. July 2014 – July 2016, Director, Legislative and Interagency Affairs, USTRANSCOM, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2016 – July 2017, Vice Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
20. August 2017 – Present, Vice Commander, Air Force District Washington.

Arrival of the Official Party

Welcome and Guest Introductions

Karl Blinkinsop - Eagle Chapter - Vice Chairman,
Air Force District of Washington

Presentation of the Colors

USAF Honor Guard

National Anthem

TSgt Jilian McGreen, USAF Honor Guard

Invocation

Chaplain (Maj) Von Almen

Speaker Introductions

Karl Blinkinsop

Remarks

Jim Saulnier - Vice President, Air Force Security Forces
Association

Timothy A. Gerald, Chief, Security Forces Division
Headquarters Air Force District of Washington

CAPT Jose L Rodriguez (USN) - Commanding Officer Joint
Base Anacostia-Bolling

Key Note Speaker

Col Kevin Eastland, Vice Commander, Air Force District
Washington

Wreath-laying

USAF Honor Guard

Taps

MSgt Joshua Lies, USAF Band Bugler

Departure of the Official Party

Thank-you Maisey family for attending this event