



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 observed 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. Terri Nealon (daughter), Gerald Hunter and Joyce Hunter (formerly Joyce Maisey), Jeffrey Hunter (son), and Reginald Victor Maisey Hunter, (referred to as Reg III). Eagle Chapter later sponsored a Pentagon Luncheon for the family)



50th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony

At the Eagle Chapter's sponsored event, Maisey family members were honored at the 50th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony held at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington DC.

(Pictured above starting from the left):

Terri Nealon (daughter),
Gerald Hunter and Joyce Hunter (formerly Joyce Maisey),
Jeffrey Hunter (son), and
Reginald Victor Maisey Hunter, (referred to as Reg III)
(The chapter later sponsored a Pentagon Luncheon for the family)

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 already covered by Wreaths Across America. For more information contact chairman@afspaeagle.com or visit our website www.afspaeagle.com/



Captain Reginald V. Maisey, JR

Air Force District of Washington Wing
Air Force Security Forces Association
Eagle Chapter's Wreath Laying Ceremony

In Memory of the 56th Observance of
Captain Maisey's ultimate Sacrifice on January 31, 1968
Memorial at the Captain R.V. Maisey JR. Building
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Washington, DC



January 31st, 2024



Summary of Keynote Speaker's Biography



Lt. Col. Nicholas J. Mercurio is the commander, 11th Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C. In this role, he leads more than 200 elite Defenders providing mission critical airbase ground defense and full spectrum Law Enforcement and Security Operations to the 11th Wing and its 74 mission partners. As the Defense Force Commander, he serves as the enterprise lead for Integrated Defense and directs all assigned and activated ID forces for the installation while also serving as the 11th Wing Antiterrorism Officer.

Lt. Col. Mercurio entered the Air Force in 2008 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. He has held positions at the squadron, wing, Numbered Air Force, and Headquarters Air Force levels. Prior to taking command he served as Commander, 316th Security Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air and Space Achievement Medal with Valor and two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Army Combat Action Badge, Armed Forces Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Nuclear Deterrence Operations, Service Medal NATO Medal, Air and Space Recognition Ribbon

ASSIGNMENTS

1. **August 2008 – September 2009**, Public Affairs Officer, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
2. **September 2009 – September 2011**, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan. (July 2010 – July 2011, Director of Public Affairs, Provincial Reconstruction Team Kunar, Task Force Bastogne, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division)
3. **September 2011 – October 2013**, Combat Photography Flight Commander, 1st Combat Camera Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
4. **October 2013 – September 2014**, Combat Broadcast Flight Commander, 1st Combat Camera Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
5. **September 2014 – July 2017**, Director, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) and Joint Functional Component Command for Space Public Affairs, Vandenberg
6. **July 2017 – December 2018**, Student, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.
7. **December 2018 – July 2019**, Press Desk Officer, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. **July 2019 – June 2020**, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. **June 2020 – June 2022**, Public Affairs Advisor to the Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters United States Space Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. **June 2022 – June 2023**, Commander, 316th Security Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
11. **June 2023 – present**, Commander, 11th Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017 Air Force Association Gill Robb Wilson Award, Air Force Space Command
- 2018 Lt. Col. William Schroeder Memorial Award for Excellence in Strategic Communication, George Mason University
- 2020 Human Capital Innovation Award, Air Command and Staff College
- 2020 Commandant's Award for Academic Achievement, Air Command and Staff College
- 2021 Special Military Assistant to the 59th Presidential Inauguration
- 2021 Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Field Grade Officer of the Year



Captain R.V. Maisey Jr. Building Sign Upgrade

In March of 2018 Eagle Chapter, Air Force of District Washington (AFDW), Air Force Security Forces Association initiated an effort to upgrade the sign which was missing the JR. after the Maisey name and was worn due to weather. After much coordination the new upgraded sign was completed in May 2019.



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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 command the positions of his forces, coordinate air support, and maintain radio communications with the Alternate Central Security Control/Law Enforcement Desk as the primary had been temporarily knocked off-line due to electrical power disruption during the attack. 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.

Source: Vietnam Security Police Assn

<http://www.vspa.com/bhbattle-bunker-hill-10-68.html>



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

PLAN OF EVENTS

Welcome and Guest Introductions

Ian Caldwell, Vice Chairman, Maryland Wing and Deputy Vice Chair, Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) Wing, Eagle Chapter, AF Security Forces Association

Today's Host Remarks

Mr. Ruben Rios, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force, Rapid Capabilities Office

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: MSgt (ret) Willie Squires, Security Forces Vietnam War Veteran, Life Member Eagle Chapter AFSFA, and Life Member Vietnam Security Police Association

Invocation

Chaplain, Capt Zarzana, Joint Base-Anacostia Bolling (JBAB)

Speaker Introduction

Lee Chambers, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Eagle Chapter AF Security Forces Association

Speaker Remarks

Lt. Col. Nicholas J. Mercurio, Commander, 11th Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling

56th Annual Commemoration Wreath Laying Wreath Laying Party

Closing Comments

Ian Caldwell

Thanks to our host, Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Mr. William Bailey (SES), Mr. Toney Talley, and staff, the 11th Security Forces Squadron and our corporate sponsor, BlinkinCo Security Consultants, without their support this event would not be possible
***Please join us for refreshments and fellowship**



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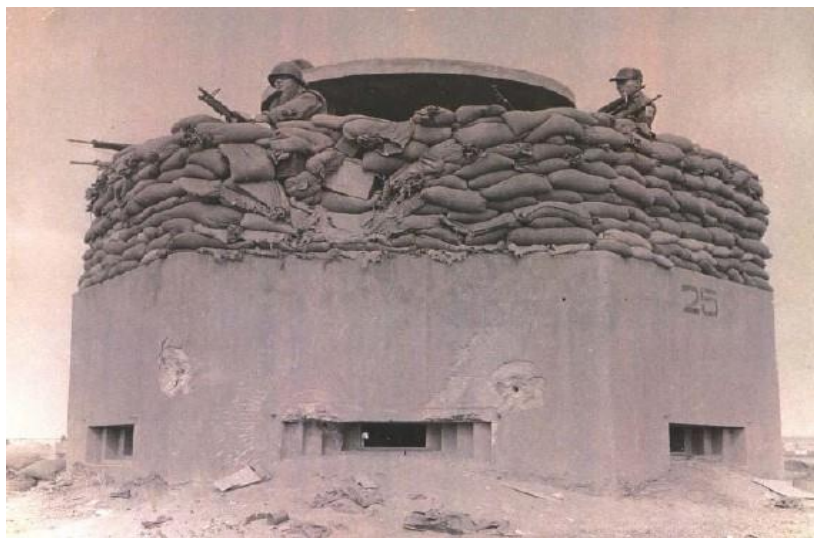
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The biggest test of Air Force ground combat effectiveness came at 0300 on 31 January 1968. The Vietnamese lunar holiday known as Tet, was to be the most important holiday in the country. Instead, on this day, the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet 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 the 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, outposts reinforced, when the attack on Bien Hoa came.



Bunker Hill 10 - Bien Hoa Air Base



In the photo above, General Nazzaro, Commander-In-Chief Pacific Air Force (CINC PACAF) awarded the Maisey family with the Air Force Cross, Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star (his third). Below is a list of the family members pictured with General Joseph J. Nazzaro.

Joyce (Capt Maisey's Wife, who was 27 years old),
Reginald Victor Maisey III (who was almost 9),
Terri Lyn Maisey (who was almost 7),
Jeffrey Lee Maisey (who was almost 9)

Capt Maisey's family was awarded Captain Maisey's medals in the above picture which includes:

The Air Force Cross
The Purple Heart
The Bronze Star (his third award)