



From: EZ Speechwriters

To: Colonel Patrick Morgan

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Thank you for the opportunity to earn your business.

Please note:

Regular black ink font color is your speech.

Purple ink font color are notes from the speechwriter.

**Green font the addition you requested regarding faith.**

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Colonel: You are probably well versed in speaking before a group. Here are a few suggestions to assist your presentation.

Once you take the stage or are introduced, pause for the audience to become quiet. Wait, they will focus on you. Bring the microphone to you, do not bend into it. It has adjustments on the pole and/or microphone head. Do not rush, do not tap the microphone. Do not bend into your written pages, nor bring them up covering your face. Make a copy of your speech for practice notes. Practice your speech three times before presentation, with at least one of those rehearsals as close to the actual time as possible. Do not rush your words, take your time, speak slowly. As you reference Master Sergeant Burgess within the speech, look in her direction. The same for her husband John.

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Begin:

"Good Evening/Afternoon. I am Colonel Patrick Morgan, 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group Commander. Please allow me to extend a warm and proud welcome to everyone in the auditorium this day, as we recognize and acknowledge the retirement of a member of the 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group. The 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group as part of the 165<sup>th</sup>. Airlift Wing, one of four Combat Readiness Training Centers in The United States, where the finest military members in our Nation train and deploy in service to country, community, and the world.

Global military response, and relief preparedness, require men and women in uniform to be trained and ready. Beginning in 1946 as the 158<sup>th</sup>. Fighter Squadron, continuing through three quarters of a century, The 165<sup>th</sup>'s. role as a key element in The United States' military capabilities has been sustained by its people. Individuals who learn excellence, execute excellence, and train others to seek excellence. We're here this evening/afternoon, to recognize one such individual who has achieved those standards and more. An individual of honor, integrity, and allegiance to country:.....retiring Master Sergeant,.....Tammy Burgess."

Pause for any applause

"Master Sergeant Burgess is retiring after more than two decades of military service. She is joined here today by her husband John, her family, her many, many friends, and her extended family, the 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group.

Master Sergeant Burgess joined The Georgia National Guard in 1983 as a member of the 283<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron. Returning to civilian life in 1987, she rejoined the Georgia Air National Guard in 2003, post 9-11, as a member of the 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group. With her sights focused on becoming a medic, Tammy cross trained in military finance, as she worked towards her ultimate goal, which she accomplished in 2013, becoming a 165<sup>th</sup>. Medical Group Military Medic.

The 165<sup>th</sup>. Airlift Wing serves with pride, professionalism, and dignity. Our mission: '*Maintain Exceptional Airmen*', our vision: '*America's Best Team-World's Best Airlift*', and our guiding principles: '*Our Strength is Our People*,

*Culture, and Community'*, are the core of our military and humanitarian beliefs. Master Sergeant Burgess is the embodiment of each of these ideals.

Master Sergeant Burgess is an individual who has represented the military at the highest level of commitment, duty, and service. Master Sergeant Burgess is a kind and courteous individual, softspoken yet with a strong resolve to develop and execute strategies that accomplish the mission.

**There have been times though when Master Sergeant Burgess' life's missions were challenged by some very difficult obstacles. She turned to her religious convictions for comfort and guidance through those troubling times, and as such was and is an inspiration to all of us in the power of faith.**

The Air Force will miss her, her ability to lead, to inspire, and instill in others the meaning of empathy and care.

More times than not, in conflict or natural disaster humanitarian responses, the first on-scene medics set the tone and direction of physical and emotional recovery. Master Sergeant Burgess is an example of how people and victims should be treated when injured or during extreme distress. It is challenging enough to treat the sick and injured within a dedicated hospital campus. Yet medics have exponentials beyond the norm, when they must render critical care in a tent rocked by 40 knot winds, or in a C-130 as it climbs steeply to avoid hostile groundfire.

The most critical time for a seriously injured man or woman is the Golden Hour. The first sixty minutes when military Medics pack deep wounds, set tourniquets in precise locations, or do chest compressions for however long it may take. There is no greater service than to help another person survive. That is what Airforce Medics do, that is why they wear the uniform, and that is why they run towards the noise. We thank Master Sergeant Burgess for being a member of that worldwide, lifesaving community."

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Colonel; here is the place to insert anything that you may want to add regarding the recent Tonga tsunami, if in fact The 165<sup>th</sup>. is involved, or your counterparts at Hickam Field.

The Volcano is called: *Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai.*

It is pronounced: 'HUNG-AH TONG-AH HUNG-AH HAH-AH-BY'.

Or email me, (email below), and I will add what you tell me regarding the relief efforts.

If not, then please proceed.

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“To develop and foster effective results, an individual must possess supervisory, managerial, and leadership skills, then implement each in a balanced encouraging tone that inspires accomplishment. Master Sergeant Burgess not only possesses these attributes, but she instills them into others by example.

I have stood before similar gatherings. I have wished others well. I have spoken of careers. Today’s recognition will be one of my most memorable because Tammy believes in fair play, common sense, and above all else, doing the right thing. I am proud to know her, I am proud of the work she has done, and I look forward to her and John’s continued friendship for years to come. While Master Sergeant Burgess may be leaving the Air Force, I am confident Tammy will continue to achieve her goals through her strength of character and her overwhelming respect for human dignity. Wherever life takes you Master Sergeant Burgess, may you have wheels up with a positive rate of climb, through clear skies.

I thank everyone for joining us here today, .....and **thank you** Master Sergeant, (look directly at the Master Sergeant), for the life you’ve dedicated to serving humanity, community, and The United States Air Force.

Pause

Everyone,..... please have a safe trip to your destinations today,  
.....and THANK YOU.”

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Step Back from the podium, turn, and either leave the platform/stage, or return to your seat.

Thank You Colonel Morgan,

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