1. **To what size group will the speech be delivered?**

 Medium (50 to 100) people

1. **The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**

Mostly military personnel and family members

1. **Where will the event be held?**

 In an auditorium at my military unit

1. **What kind of speech do you want?**

Combination of funny, professional and heart warming

1. **Is there a key persons(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their names and a little about his/her personality.**

I will be giving the speech since I am the one retiring. I would like to recognize important people in my life that supported me throughout my career in the military

* FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK MY WIFE TAMMY FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING and giving me strength DURING MY DEPLOYMENTS AND TDY’S. SHE HAS ALWAYS ADJUSTED TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN WHILE I HAVE BEEN AWAY and knowing that everything was good at home so I could focus on my job. Without you I would not have been able to do all the things I did.
* My parents Bill and Beth that supported me through each deployment. My dad 34 years ago for Father’s Day wanted me to join the service. So as a Father’s day gift I joined the Air force and 34 years later the gift is finally paid off … Another thing with my Dad is that he said don’t volunteer for anything I guess he thought that the draft was still in effect. I volunteered for everything. Another thing he said was not to pick up wooden nickels and to this day I still don’t know what that means.
* To my family THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND YOUR SUPPORT ALL THESE YEARS AND THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN ME
* Mentors throughout my career: Col Frank Dominguez (peoples person), Col Kimberly Rizo(serious and peoples person), Col Larry Werbisky (great sense of humor), Col Jimenez (serious), Chief Maxie (peoples person), Chief Lee Brasher (peoples person) and SMSgt Ricky Steen (longtime friend and oldest mentor, knowledge based, funny and serious)
1. **Please share information about the event or memories you have that you would like mentioned in the speech.**

Wingman, MSgt Fernandez (very dedicated and committed to the mission), the most important calling in my career was working at the US Embassy in Kubal, Afghanistan in the middle of winter after contractors tore up 14 fiber optic cables with an excavator. With MSgt Fernandez’s quick-thinking on-site engineering and a 4 man team we restored temp service in 5 days to the US Embassy and safe houses throughout Afghanistan. John thank you for asking me be part of that I will never forget it.

1. **What do you want you’re audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

Uplifted and enthused

1. **Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

Continue to be the best unit and continue to do great things

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 272D. IT HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE HONOR AND A PRIVILAGE TO SERVE WITH YOU. I HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU PAST AND PRESENT WHICH HAS MADE ME A BETTER MAN. ALL OF YOU ARE PART OF THE BEST E&I UNIT IN THE COUNTRY, DON’T EVER FORGET THAT AND I KNOW THAT YOU ALL WILL CONTINUE TO DO GREAT THINGS

1. **What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**

The retirement ceremony is 3Dec2022. I would like to have the speech ready to go no later than 25Nov2022 so I have time to practice the speech and to relax know that this is taken care of

1. Attached