



**Staff Sergeant Jason A. Kimberling
United States Air Force**



Staff Sergeant Jason Kimberling is a seventeen year veteran of the United States Air Force and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. He has recently returned from an assignment in Afghanistan and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

SSgt Kimberling returned from a deployment to Qalat, Afghanistan in April 2007, where he was assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Provincial Reconstruction Team as a provincial police training and assistance team member. In this role, SSgt Kimberling supervised and trained the Afghan national police (ANP); provided convoy security for an estimated 545 missions over 32,000 miles; and served as the non-commissioned officer in charge of protected over 1400 assigned and deployed personnel in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Kimberling is currently assigned to the 366th Security Forces Command, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho as an installation patrolman. He is currently responsible for providing police services for a community of 12,300 personnel and their families as well as providing resource protection for 11 fund facilities, 8 weapons/munitions facilities and 32 controlled areas Patrols within the confines of the installation.

SSgt Kimberling is originally Carmel, California and graduated from Salinas High School in 1988. He joined the United States Air Force in December 1991, as an aircraft maintainer. His reasons for joining the military were simple – he wanted a better life and an opportunity to see the world.

Kimberling's decorations include the Bronze Star with Valor; Air Force Achievement Medal (3); Air Force Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal (2); Air Force Combat Action Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device; Combat Readiness Medal; and the NATO Aerospace Trophy.