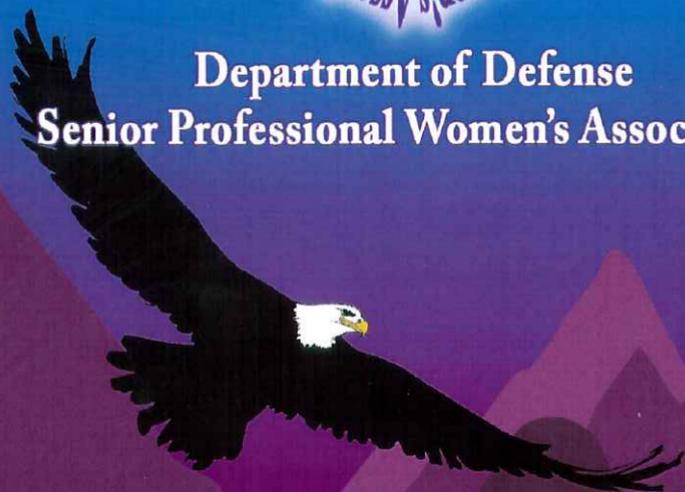




Department of Defense
Senior Professional Women's Association



Excellence in Leadership
Recognition Ceremony & Social

Leadership is Action – Not Just a Position

July 10, 2007

5:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fort McNair Officers' Club

Program Participants



Honorable Claude M. Kicklighter

LTG (Ret) Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter was sworn in as the DoD Inspector General on April 30, 2007. He is the sixth Senate-confirmed DoD Inspector General. LTG (Ret) Kicklighter has served his country for over 50 years, first as an Army officer for 35 years, followed by more than 15 years as a distinguished public servant. His leadership was sought out by the Secretaries of Defense and State to establish and direct the Iraq/Afghanistan Joint Transition Planning Group to address transition challenges in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also headed the DoD Iraq Transition Team that, together with Department of State's Iraq Transition Team, planned the transition from Coalition Provisional Authority to the U.S. Mission in Baghdad. Prior to this, he served in Senate-confirmed positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs, senior leadership positions with the Army, and as Director of the nation's activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of World War II, honoring those who served and those who supported America's war effort. During his more than 35 year military career, LTG (Ret) Kicklighter led units from platoon to Army Division and in a broader role as Commander, US Army Pacific.

Michael Peterson

Loved for such country music chart toppers as "Drink Swear Steal & Lie" and "From Here To Eternity," this multiple Grammy and CMA award nominee has moved sold out audiences all over the globe for nearly a decade. More than a "celebrity recording artist," Michael Peterson is a proven "people mover" whose consistent commitment to purposes greater than himself has caused organizations as diverse as Special Olympics, Selective Service, Ronald McDonald House, the USO, St Jude Children's Hospital and the Army Vice Chief Of Staff to seek him out as a voice for messages that matter. Over the last 18 months, he has accompanied the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his Senior Enlisted Advisor on troop visits around the world and has volunteered his performance talents in over 25 military venues. With the U.S. Army as his sponsor, Michael will begin a nation-wide "Answer The Call" tour in January 2008. The tour brings together the power of hit songs, community events, and school assemblies to help close the gap between public education, civilians and the military.

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Excellence in Leadership Recognition Ceremony*

“Leadership is Action – Not Just a Position”

Social – Refreshments – Fort McNair Officers' Club

Opening Remarks

SPWA President Regina Meiners

Special Guest Presentation

Michael Peterson

“Don't Lead a Karaoke Life”

Keynote Address

Honorable Claude M. Kicklighter

Department of Defense Inspector General

Presentation

SPWA 2007 Excellence in Leadership Award

Ms. Elaine B. Rogers

Remarks

Ms. Elaine B. Rogers

Closing Comments

SPWA President Regina Meiners

Social – Refreshments – Networking

SPWA Objectives

To expand opportunities for professional development, training, and education for all DoD employees and to increase the number of women in mid- and senior-level positions in the DoD.

Reach Out! Grow! Give Back!



2007 Recipient
of the DoD SPWA
Excellence in Leadership Award
Ms. Elaine B. Rogers

Graduating from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974, Ms. Rogers embarked upon a lifelong career in social services. Starting as a Red Cross volunteer at Indiantown Gap, PA, she later became the Operations Director for that Vietnamese and Cambodian refugee relocation camp. Beginning work at USO-Metro in 1976, she quickly proved herself and became President in 1977. In the nearly three decades since, under Ms. Rogers' leadership, USO-Metro is the model for a charity changing with the times.

USO-Metro today is the largest USO affiliate in the world. At nine locations in the greater metropolitan Washington and Baltimore area, USO-Metro provides vital human services to the military and their families -- especially for the junior enlisted military with the greatest economic needs. The programs and services Ms. Rogers has implemented during her tenure are numerous and varied, efficiently matching limited resources to unmet needs. Among others these include: emergency housing, family outreach centers, food assistance and quarterly job fairs.

Funded solely by private and corporate donations, Ms. Rogers has tirelessly worked to swell the USO-Metro volunteer roster from 50 to over 1,500 and to grow annual donations to keep pace with needed programs and service -- from \$100,000 to over \$11,000,000 a year in cash, goods and services. Under Ms. Rogers' leadership, USO-Metro limits spending such that 93 cents of every donated dollar goes to programs and services.

In her public service and her stature as a role model and mentor, Elaine Rogers has broken long-standing barriers, paving the way for other women to excel. Her legacy of service continues to be passed on to women every day -- not just those the USO reaches to assist but within the innumerable organizations that reach out to the USO looking for opportunities to give back to the nation and finding a larger purpose for themselves in the process.

*DoD SPWA Excellence in Leadership Award Eligibility: Individuals
with an extensive and distinguished record that demonstrates:*

- Active recruitment and management of women in developmental assignments;
- Strategic vision in redefining women's roles and expectations;
- Advocacy in breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for women;
- A legacy of service enabling new prospects for achievement of women in the future.