NEWS RELEASE   IMMEDIATE RELEASE - FEB 28th (#2)

WHAT: Press Conference & Medals of Valor Pick Up By USAFR
WHERE: USTF National Office, (in Lobby) Stephens Bldg, 1005 Cherry St
WHEN: Thursday, March 1st, 10:30 AM
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MEDIA: Send TV Crew/Reporters/Photographers to Cover Event

Operation Intrepid Eagle, The Medals Of Valor Flight To Florida
Begins On Thursday with USAF Pick Up of Medals In Downtown Columbia
Historic USAF Honor Mission to Fallen 3 Cadets In Florida Shooting

Columbia Mo. - On Thursday at 10:30 AM the journey of 3 Medals of Combat Valor along
with MCV Citation Plaques will begin a journey from the Midwest to the United States
Southeast coast. A 40lb box unlike no other, will be picked up by members of the United States
Air Force at the USTF National Office at the Stephens Bldg in Downtown Columbia.

“We are calling it “Operation Intrepid Eagle, The Medals of Valor Flight To Florida” said
Susan Haines, the USTF Executive Director. “The name refers to the Marjory Stoneman
Douglas High School JROTC “Eagle Battalion” which lost the three cadets which we are
honoring. “Intrepid comes from the ‘intrepid’ spirit that those cadets acted with bravery and
courage that day. And Operation as this is now a USAF mission of honor. It is also historic. A
nationally recognized honors foundation and distinguished combat unit from the heart of the
Midwest have teamed up to honor 3 fallen cadets in the Florida shooting. What is essentially a
USAF Honors Detail will take possession of the medals and box and stay with it until it reaches
the MS Douglas High School JROTC unit in Florida.

“When courage counted most, those three JROTC Cadets, Peter Wang, Alaina Petty and
Martin Duque answered that call. We can do no less than to honor their sacrifice” said Haines.

That honor begins on Thursday

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