



Operation Eagle's Nest



A Fundraising Initiative of the Military Affairs Committees of Clarksville, Oak Grove, and Hopkinsville
to assist Soldiers and Families of Soldiers assigned to the
101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and other units at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO "OPERATION EAGLE'S NEST" IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE

By the **STATE OF KENTUCKY SENATOR, HON. JIM BUNNING**

On Tuesday, March 4, 2003, Mr. Bunning, Kentucky's State Senator acknowledged Operation Eagle's Nest in the United States of America Senate Floor as he spoke:

Mr. President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to "Operation Eagle's Nest." The Military Affairs Committees of Hopkinsville, and Oak Grove, Kentucky and Clarksville, Tennessee created this Fund-raising initiative to help the families of deployed soldiers from Fort Campbell.

The communities surrounding Fort Campbell have a long tradition of supporting the more than twenty thousand soldiers and their families of the 101st Airborne Division and the other units stationed at Fort Campbell. Troops from Fort Campbell have played a vital role in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and around the world.

As thousands of troops and tons of machinery and equipment depart Fort Campbell for the Middle East, it is important that Americans not forget the sacrifices of the families that the men and women of our Armed Forces leave behind.

Local businesses and citizens in Kentucky and Tennessee founded "Operation Eagle's Nest" with the goal of raising at least one million dollars as a contingency fund to be used as needed at the base. The local citizens are excited about the initiative and the opportunity to once again show our soldiers and their families how much they appreciate the sacrifices they make for our great nation. The Fort Campbell soldiers deployed in the Middle East feel at ease with the confidence that their families are supported by local citizens.

Fort Campbell Division Commander Major General David Petraeus recently praised "not just the monetary support but the symbolism of our communities coming together for the families." He is absolutely correct. The soldiers of Fort Campbell are heroically doing their part in the war on terror and the local citizens of Hopkinsville, Oak Grove, and Clarksville are graciously doing theirs.

This is exactly what President Bush meant when he stated that all Americans must do their part in the War on Terror.