

## Toastmasters Treasures...Profiles in Performance

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Roads are sometimes so arduous that those infamous machines - Hummers - were built for troops to traverse them. Of course, in the military, assignments materialize with a "no excuses" attitude for definitive, executable action. Being ready at all times is THE expectation and if it takes a "Hummer," then so be it! "A love of competition," being ready for whatever AND the satisfaction of getting the job done permeates every cell of this current Toastmasters Treasure!



District 22's **Kellie Hewitt** found that while in the United States Air Force her position required that she be ready to brief dignitaries, as needed. At that time in her young life she had very little public speaking experience. A Senior Officer saw our similar TREASURE in her "potential" and suggested she try Toastmasters with

its on-base monthly club meetings.

Kellie LEAPed at the advice and became an ever-ready, adept speaker. Her squadron dubbed her their "spokes model." In fact, back then she was "usually, hand-picked to give briefings and speeches." Sometimes she appeared with a couple of others for a "tag-team" approach to Q and A or delivery of whatever the necessary information of the day was. The topics might have ranged anywhere "from mission briefings to awards briefings to Master of Ceremonies for military events." Kellie was on her way to a public speaking career! As a result of her increasingly honed speaking skills, Kellie was selected to manage the Quality Office. In that position, she wrote and conducted various "quality" courses for the military. Due to constantly changing assignments, she was, however, unable to get to the monthly Toastmasters club meet-

ings. Unfortunately, Kellie had to let Toastmasters go before achieving her CTM.

Though the road was rather arduous once again, after experiencing a ten year hiatus from Toastmasters meetings, the Hummer was no longer needed returning from military to civilian life, a career and Toastmasters! No matter how winding that road to CTM may have been, Kellie Hewitt found her way on it with a position at Sprint. There she is an Analyst for Service Delivery, Long Distance Division. A year and a half ago she rejoined TI with **NetworkMasters** where she quickly achieved her coveted CTM and then the CL. Of course, driven and competitive with her background, Kellie didn't stop there and once again, LEAPed into a second membership a year ago with **SprintMasters** - and additional goals! Kellie will be achieving ATM Bronze by year's end! The desire to achieve, compete and WIN permeates Kellie's attitude! She has been a past VP Education for both clubs. Plus she is unstoppable with her ATM Silver scheduled for next year and her quest for Gold in 2005!

Currently retired from twelve years ACTIVE Duty Air Force, this Indiana native, reared in Colorado, joined the Air Force RESERVES seven years ago. With a "Finally!" Kellie is happy to confront military retirement upcoming about the same time she reaches ATM-Gold! The words "busy, busy, busy" are such a reality for Kellie Hewitt - she will not "rest" after this second retirement!

"While it is not just the satisfaction I receive from delivering speeches, but I also get great satisfaction from watching shy, soft spoken speakers find themselves and their voice." Kellie plans to use her ever-evolving and increasingly finely-tuned Toastmasters skills holding workshops like YOU and Speechcraft geared for youth - seventh through twelve graders. (There may be other young people faced with becoming quick but sharp spokespersons!)

By the way, Kellie also finds time to be active in her church where she is currently on the search committee for a new minister AND to shower love and affection on her daughter, Grace, and husband, Jason. No Hummer needed here but we, at District 22, are delighted with the manner in which this GEM in our midst is "humming" right along with our ever-present goal of developing future Toastmasters! Please join me in applauding her efforts and feel free to contact Kellie Hewitt, CL, at [ksuhewitts@aol.com](mailto:ksuhewitts@aol.com) to hear more!