



Kevin Kelly of Sipcam Agro Solutions Honored During New Orleans Saints “Military Moment”

September 27, 2024 (Waynesboro, MS) — Several weeks ago, Kevin Kelly, Production Manager for Sipcam Agro Solutions in Waynesboro, MS, a subsidiary of Durham, NC-based Sipcam Agro USA, received an email from the New Orleans Saints football team marketing department with a huge surprise announcement. The message said that Kevin’s wife, Nicole, had nominated him to be honored as the “Military Moment” Veteran before one of the Saint’s upcoming games. The marketing staff selects one person per game to be recognized for military service and dedication at the Ceasars Superdome in New Orleans, LA. Kevin’s date was scheduled for Week 3, Sunday, September 22, 2024, against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Kevin served for 27 years in the United States Army, and with the bio that Nichol Kelly submitted, it’s not hard to see why Kevin was chosen:

Command Sergeant Major Kevin Kelly

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Kevin Kelly began his military career in June 1986 when enlisted into the MS Army National Guard between his Junior and Senior year in high school. He followed in the steps of his father and brother who both served with honor and between them, they have served over 97 years of cumulative service. He originally enlisted as a Combat Engineer in Union, MS. He was mobilized in support of Desert Storm in 1990 and served his country with honor. After this deployment, he returned to school to complete his college degree.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science at Ole Miss, he transferred to active duty as an Airborne Light Infantryman. For the next 24 years, CSM Kelly served in every Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer leadership position from Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and ultimately as Command Sergeant Major. During his lengthy service he served in numerous mobilization and deployments to include Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Haiti, Ukraine, Iraq, Sinai Peninsula, Panama, Uzbekistan, and other locations not mentioned. After nearly 30 years of distinguished military service, CSM Kelly retired in July of 2017.

His military education includes The Sergeants Major Academy, First Sergeant Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course, First Sergeant Course, National Defense University Reserve Component National Security Course, Battle Staff Course, Army Recruiter Course, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Jungle Warfare Course in Panama and Winter Warfare Course in Alaska. He culminated his civilian education during his service and was awarded a Master of Education in 2015.

His awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7th Award), Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Army Presidential Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, Outstanding Volunteer Service, Army NCO Professional Development (4), Army Overseas Service,

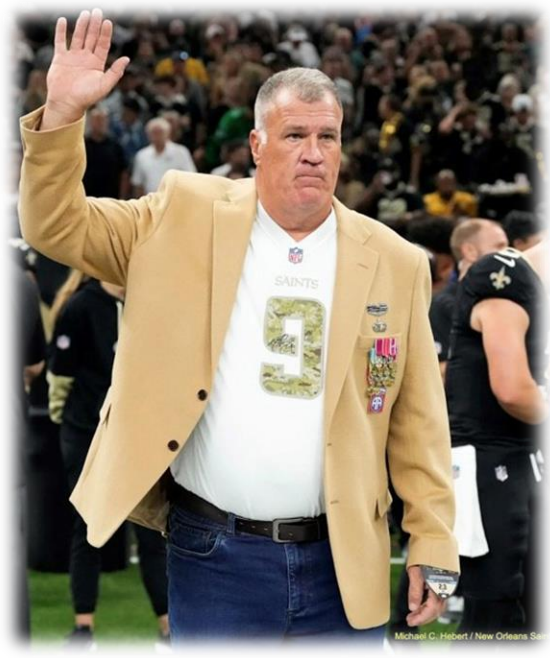
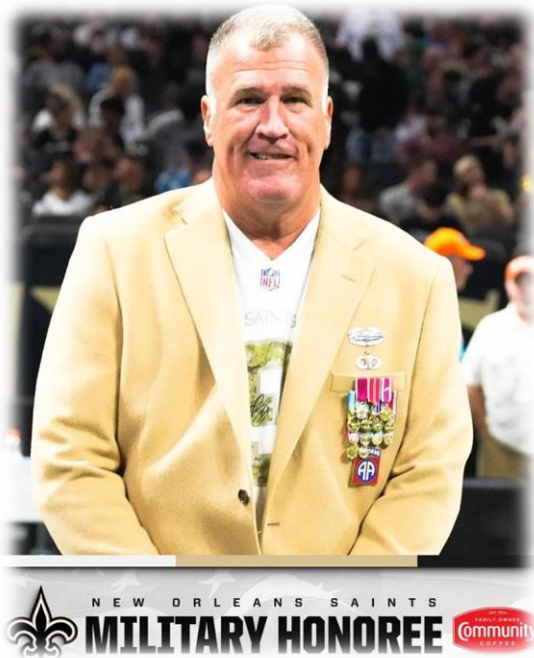
MS Magnolia Cross, MS Magnolia Medal (3rd Award), MS Commendation Medal (4th Award), Mississippi War Medal, MS Emergency Service Medal (3rd Award), MS Service School Medal, MS Longevity Medal, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Basic, Senior and Master Parachutist Badge and Gold Recruiter Badge with 3 Sapphire Stars. He is also a recipient of the Infantry Order of Saint Maurice Medal and the Engineer De Fleury Medal.

Kevin said the experience, due to the outstanding efforts of his wife, was a first-class experience from start to finish. “They gave us access to the luxury box and another private room where my wife and I got to meet many former players, actors and the owner,” added Kelly. “On this day, I got Drew Brees to sign his jersey, the one I was wearing. We also had drinks and lunch with Wendell Pierce, the actor who played on Suits, Treme, Jack Ryan, and Waiting to Exhale.”

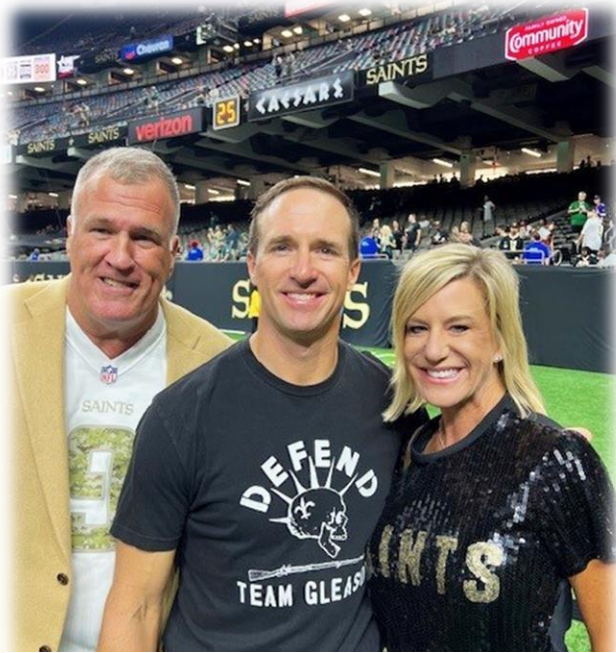
Kevin currently resides in Laurel, MS, with his wife Nichole Bush Kelly and they have a son, Walker Kelly, a daughter Willa Read Pitts, and daughter-in-law Macy Lott Kelly. In his civilian career, he is currently a City Councilman in Laurel, MS, and the Production Manager for Sipcam Agro Solutions in Waynesboro, MS.

“Ever since I had my first interview with Sipcam Agro, they have always thanked me for my service and I always feel it is truly sincere, and not just being cordial,” said Kelly. “I wish more companies would have the same respect that Sipcam Agro showed for military appreciation.”

Our thanks to Kevin Kelly and so many other dedicated veterans. Thank you for your service and congratulations on this extraordinary honor!



Kevin Kelly, Production Manager for Sipcam Agro Solutions, on the field as a New Orleans Saints “Military Moment” Honoree on Sunday, September 22, 2024.



Kevin Kelly, left, with former New Orleans Saints quarterback, Drew Brees, and Kevin's wife, Nicole.



Kevin, left, wife Nicole and actor Wendell Pierce, a New Orleans native.

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